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Hqs, 4th Bn, 31st Inf
IZ WEST, AT 990251
012300H August 1969
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OPORD 5-69

References: Map, 1:50,000, Series L7014, sheets 6640 III, 6640 II, 6640 IV, and 6640 I

Task Organization: ~~Some periodic blocking fires in eastern portion~~

TM ECHO	Move to PT 0200 as directed on 03 Aug and attack in zone
3/C/4-31 Inf	Co A/4-31 Inf
Recon/4-31 Inf	Co B/4-31 Inf
Co C/4-31 Inf	Co D/4-31 Inf

Bn Control	RF/PF/QUE SON
E(-)/4-31 Inf	
Btry C/3-82 Arty (DS)	
Quad 50/G(-)/55 Arty (DS)	
Searchlight/G(-)/29 Arty (DS)	
Btry D/3-82 Arty (DS)	

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM.

b. Friendly Forces:

- (1) 196th Inf Bde continues current operations in zone.
- (2) 3-21 Inf Bn continues current operations in zone.
- (3) 5th ARVN continues current operations in zone.
- (4) Attachments and Detachments: Task Organization.

2. MISSION: 4-31 Inf continues current operations in zone, and conducts a phased detailed search and clear of ridgeline 441, vic BT 000287 thru BT 940293, from 031700H Aug to 041800H Aug 1969 with 4 companies (-).

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation

(1) Maneuver

(a) Phase I: ANNEX A, Operations Overlay, Bn (-) continues current operations in zone; A, B, D, TF ECHO, RF/PF THANG BIEN elements move to respective Phase Lines RED, WHITE, and BLUE and block in zone, not before 031600H Aug and NLT 031800H Aug 1969.

(b) Phase II: ANNEX A, Operations Overlay, Bn (-) continues current operations in zone; A, B, D, TF ECHO, RF/PF THANG BIEN elements attack on a broad front toward, but not beyond free fire zone on A-Hour, 04 Aug 1969.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>REPORTED OR CALLED</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>NATURE OF TGT</u>	<u>SHOT BY</u>	<u>ROUNDS</u>
0023	Mortars West (1LT Brandon)	AT 952242	Service Practice	Mortars West	15 1500 4.2
0415	Bunker 10	Illumination	1st Quad	Mortars West	2
0545	Liaison (CPT Wolfe)	CS TOT	Sus En Location	105's Siberia	48
0545	"	"	"	Mortars West	168
0605	"	YQ 6012 6013 AT 940294 AT 940289	Sus En Location	105's Siberia	20
0606	"	AT 958285	"	155's West	13
0620	Co A FO	AT 947287 AT 959284	"	105's Siberia	24
0730	W 76 (LZ Center)	HT 056257 HT 054255	D T's	155's West	12
1035	Liaison	AT 941297 AT 940294 AT 940289	Blocking Fires	"	18
1200	"	AT 942295	Sus En Location	105's Siberia	18
1310	Co C FO	AT 981293	Sus En Location	NOT FIRED	
1325	Mortars West	HT 014222	Registration	Mortars West	3
1400	Co B FO	AT 956296	Navigation	105's Siberia	1
1429	Co A FO	AT 957284	Sus En Location	"	6
1800	Co A FO	AT 978218 AT 973212 AT 981220 AT 945169	Max Sniffer Readings	"	24
1957	C M R	AT 952242-	Service Practice	Mortars West	3
2000	"	AT 952242	Illumination Movement	155's West	1

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ANNEX A (Operations Overlay) to Frag Order 2a

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Frag Order 2 to OPORD 5-69

1. Co A: Conduct plat size search and clear operations in assigned areas A1, A2, and A3 (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).
2. Co B: Continue to secure LZ WEST; conduct squad size sweep along assigned route and plat size search and clear operations in assigned area (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).
3. Co C: Continue to secure LZ SIBERIA; make improvements on the LZ.
4. Co D: Conduct search and clear operations in assigned area (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).
5. Recon Plat: Continue to assist in securing LZ WEST.

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ANNEX A (Operations Overlay)

Distribution:

Co A/4-31 Inf
Co B/4-31 Inf
Co C/4-31 Inf
Co D/4-31 Inf
Recon Plat/4-31 Inf
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1. Go 1: Continue to secure 2D area; conduct platoon size search and destroy operations in assigned area and squad size sweep along assigned area (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).

2. Go 2: Conduct search and destroy operations in assigned area (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).

3. Go 3: Continue to secure 2D area; conduct search and destroy operations in assigned area (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).

4. Go 4: Conduct search and destroy operations in assigned area (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).

5. Recon Platoon: Continue to assist in securing 2D area.

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ANNEX A (Operations Overlay)

DESCRIPTION

Go A/4-31 Inf
Go A/2-31 Inf
Go C/4-31 Inf
Go D/4-31 Inf
Recon Platoon/3-31 Inf
120 MM MP Gun
Go A-31 Inf
B3 T-66
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a. Continue to secure BZ 00000, conduct joint base search and destroy operations in assigned area and squad wise sweep above assigned area (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).

b. Go 2: Conduct search and destroy operations in assigned area (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).

c. Go 3: Continue to secure BZ 00000, conduct search and destroy operations in assigned area (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).

d. Go 4: Conduct search and destroy operations in assigned area (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).

5. Recon Platoon: Continue to assist in securing BZ 00000.

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ANNEX A (Operations Overlay)

Participation:

Go A/4-31 Inf
Go B/2-31 Inf
Go C/2-31 Inf
Go D/2-31 Inf
Recon Platoon/4-31 Inf
LAO RHP 200
Go E-31 Inf
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Frag Order 11 to OPORD 5-69

1. Co A: Continue to secure LZ WEST; conduct plat size search and clear operations in assigned areas A1 and A2 (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay); local security at night from LZ WEST.
2. Co B: Conduct plat size search and clear operations in assigned areas B1, B2, B3, C3, and D3 (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay); continue OPCON of 1 plat/Co C and 1 plat/Co D; conduct plat size night security operations in assigned areas B1, B2, B3, C1 and D1 with squad ambush from Co D in designated box and with reinforced squad ambush from Co C within assigned areas in addition to plat (-) OP/LP established on LZ O'CONNOR (ANNEX B, Operations Overlay-Night Activities).
3. Co C: Co (-) continue to secure LZ SIBERIA; conduct plat size search and clear operations in assigned area C1 and squad size sweep along assigned route C2 (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay); local security at night with Co (-) from LZ SIBERIA; 1 plat/Co C remains under OPCON of Co B.
4. Co D: Co (-) continue to assist in securing LZ WEST; conduct plat size search and clear operations in assigned areas D1 and D2 with Destroyer 6 having night ambush for night of 14 Aug 69 vic AT 976250 (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay); local security at night from LZ WEST with Co (-); 1 plat/Co D remains under OPCON of Co B.
5. Recon Plat: Continue to assist in securing LZ WEST; conduct sweep operations within assigned area (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay); local security at night from LZ WEST.

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ANNEX A (Operations Overlay)
ANNEX B (Operations Overlay-Night Activities)

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ANNEX A (Operations Overlay) to Frag Order 13.

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Frag Order 13 to OPORD 5-69

1. Co A: Continue to secure LZ WEST; conduct detailed search operations in assigned areas A1 and A2 (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).
2. Co B: Conduct search and destroy operations (day) in area B1 along routes 1, 2, and 3 beginning at 170530H Aug 1969 paying particular attention to circled area where numerous reports state there are 3 OP's built up high and camouflaged; conduct night activities in areas B2, B3, B4 (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).
3. Co C: Continue to secure LZ SIBERIA with one plat; Co (-) continue day and night operations in assigned area (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).
4. Co D: Continue day and night operations in assigned area (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).
5. Recon Plat: Continue day and night operations in assigned area (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).

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ANNEX A (Operations Overlay)

Distribution:

Co A/4-31 Inf
Co B/4-31 Inf
Co C/4-31 Inf
Co D/4-31 Inf
Recon Plat/4-31 Inf
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1. Co A: Continue to secure LZ WEST; conduct plat size search and clear operations in assigned area (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).
2. Co B: Conduct search and clear operations in assigned area to find cave and rice cache reported by Chieu Hoi; coordinate with Hqs, 4-31, for acceptance of Chieu Hoi and National Police on morning of the 18th to accompany the search; see ANNEX A, Operations Overlay.
3. Co C: Continue to secure LZ SIBERIA; Co (-) conduct search and clear operations in assigned area (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).
4. Co D: Continue to conduct search and clear operations in assigned area (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).
5. Recon Plat: Continue to conduct search and clear operations in assigned area (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).

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ANNEX A (Operations Overlay)

Distribution:

Co A/4-31 Inf
Co B/4-31 Inf
Co C/4-31 Inf
Co D/4-31 Inf
Recon Plat/4-31 Inf
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Frag Order 15 to OPORD 5-69

1. Co A: Continue to secure LZ WEST; conduct search and destroy operations in assigned area (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).
2. Co B: Attack in zone from generally West to East to PL BLUE; direct coordination is authorized and directed with Co C/4-31 in order to move "on line" and to facilitate artillery support; upon completion of attack to PL BLUE (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay) move back to area of night defensive activities (ANNEX B, Night Activities).
3. Co C: Co (-) attack in zone from generally West to East to PL BLUE; direct coordination is authorized and directed with Co B/4-31 in order to move "on line" and to facilitate artillery support; upon completion of attack to PL BLUE (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay) move back to area of night defensive activities (ANNEX B, Night Activities); 1 plat/Co C upon release from defense of LZ SIBERIA, airlift to HIEP DUC Soccer Field and proceed to attack and secure OBJ X (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay), and link up with parent unit upon return of Co (-) to night defensive positions.
4. Co D: Continue to attack in zone to the Northwest to secure OBJ B (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay); be prepared to be released to OPCON of 3-21 Inf upon their CA to area East of PL RED.
5. Co C/2-1 Inf: Continue attack to secure OBJ A (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay); be prepared to go OPCON to 3-21 Inf upon their CA to area East of PL RED.
6. Recon Plat: Assist in defense of LZ WEST.
7. Co 1-46 Inf: Become OPCON to 4-31 Inf effective upon airlift to LZ SIBERIA; defend LZ SIBERIA with platoon sweeps during the day and local security on LZ SIBERIA at night (specific verbal instructions to follow).
8. Coordinating Instructions:
 - a. Fires
 - (1) 81mm Mortar at LZ WEST priority to Co A/4-31.
 - (2) 4.2 in Mortar at LZ WEST to Co D/4-31 and Co C/2-1 in direct coordination between the two (priority to 3-21 Inf during CA).
 - (3) 105mm Howitzer at LZ SIBERIA, 3 tubes to Co B/4-31 and 3 tubes to Co C (-).

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1. Co A/4-31: Conduct airlift from PZ (LZ WEST) to LZ Y at time TBA and in conjunction with Co C/2-1, sweep along assigned route to secure OBJ A (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).
2. Co C/2-1: Support by fire link up of Co A/4-31 with Co C/2-1, and in conjunction with Co A/4-31, sweep along assigned route to secure OBJ B (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).
3. Co B/4-31: Secure LZ SIBERIA with local security.
4. Co B/1-46: In conjunction with Co C/4-31, sweep along assigned route to secure OBJ M (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).
5. Co C/4-31: In conjunction with Co B/1-46, sweep along assigned route to secure OBJ N (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).
6. Co B/2-1: Co (-) move along assigned route to NDP of Co B/1-46 and Co C/4-31 to support and secure the NDP (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay); be prepared to reinforce and assist the two attacking companies.
7. Co D/4-31: Conduct airlift from PZ/LZ Y to LZ WEST at a time TBA and assume the responsibility for the defense of LZ WEST upon arrival (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).
8. Recon Plat: Ghost Blue remains OPCON of Recon Plat and upon completion of river crossing security operation, return to LZ WEST along assigned route and assist in the security of LZ WEST (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).

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ANNEX A (Operations Overlay)

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1. Co A/4-31: Under OPCON of 3-21 Inf.

2. Co C/2-1: Under OPCON of 3-21 Inf.

3. Task Force 4-31: TF consisting of Co B/1-46, Co B/2-1 and Co C/4-31 attack from SW to NE to find, fix, and destroy the enemy in zone (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay). *TASK*

4. Co D/1-46: Assume defense of HIEP DUC CFZ with plat locations and maximum dispersion to intercept any enemy infiltration; conduct local patrols within 1 Kilo of perifery of CFZ.

5. Co B/4-31: Continue to secure IZ SIBERIA; conduct local patrols.

6. Co D/4-31: Continue to secure IZ WEST.

7. Recon Plat: Under OPCON of Co D/4-31.

8. Blue Ghost Platoon: Under OPCON of Co D/4-31.

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Frag Order 20 to OPORD 5-69

1. Co A/4-31: Conduct detailed search operations in assigned area A1 (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).
2. Co A/2-1: Conduct detailed search and destroy operations in assigned area A2 (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay); establish squad OP on LZ O'CONNOR (AT 933243).
3. Co B/4-31: Released to the OPCON of 1-46 Inf.
4. Co B/2-1: Conduct detailed search in assigned area B (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).
5. Co C/4-31: Continue to secure LZ WEST; conduct plat size sweep along assigned route C to search and destroy along route; additionally, to search for Co D's body lost from helicopter (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).
6. Co D/4-31: Conduct detailed search operations in area D (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).
7. Recon Plat: Continue to assist in securing LZ WEST; assist in police and reconstruction on LZ.
8. Coordinating Instructions: All VN personnel outside of the CFZ of HIEP DUC will be considered wither enemy or enemy sympathizers, and they will be detained, evacuated to HIEP DUC, or destroyed if they evade. NO ONE outside of HIEP DUC will be passed by. All buildings, houches, fortifications, and material will be evacuated or destroyed if outside the CFZ.

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