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OPPLAN 1-68 (Reaction Plan for Bn TAOR)

REFERENCE: Map, RVN, 1:50,000, Series L7014, Sheet 6739I and 6739 IV

Task Org: No Change

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces current INTSUM

b. Friendly forces

(1) CLDC continues defense of Chu Lai Air Base

(2) 198th Bde continues operation in TAOR.

(3) 14th Avn Bn provides airlift support.

(4) 3-18, GS Americal Division

(5) 3-16 Arty, Reinf Americal Division.

(6) 1-14 Arty, DS 198th Bde.

c. Attachments and Detachments: None

d. Assumptions

(1) That sufficient troops will be available for immediate response.

(2) That sufficient aircraft will be available to lift one platoon within 30 minutes, and a company within one hour.

2. Mission:

1st Bn 52d Inf, 198th Inf Bde provides tactical reaction force to company base camps, CAP teams, and RD/PF units within TAOR.

3. Execution:

a. Concept of operation: Annex A Operation Overlay. Each company will be responsible for a platoon size ready reaction force prepared to move as reinforcement to any US, CAP, or GVN units in the Battalion TAOR that is under threat of attack or under attack. On order ready reaction force moves by helicopter or foot and executes the action necessary to relieve the unit under threat of attack or actual attack. Gunships support as required. C Story 1-14 Arty will provide artillery support as required. Bn B fire support.

b. Co A: On order provide one (1) platoon as a reaction force for OP Black, CAP L-5 refugee camp vic Phuoc Thuan (1) (7197); CAP L-3.

c. Co B: On order provide one (1) platoon as a reaction force within the Bn TAOR on a as required basis.

d. Co C: On order provide one (1) platoon as a reaction force within the Bn TAOR on a as required basis.

e. Co D: On order provide one (1) platoon as a reaction force within the Bn.

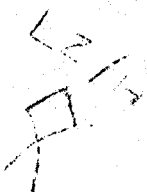
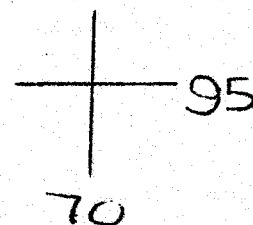
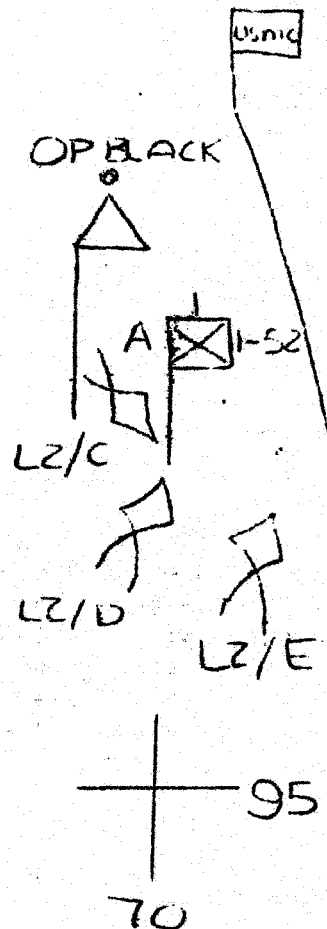
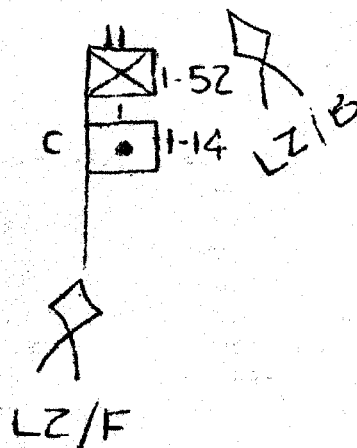
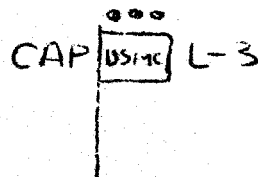
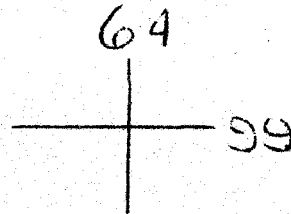
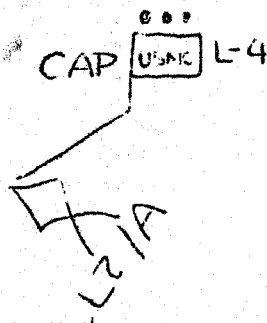
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(1) Platoon reaction force will consist of at least 25 personnel.

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LZ B BS 666984 CAP L4

LZ C BS 689722 CAP L4

LZ D BS 700976 Co A; CAP L5

LZ E BS 708972 CAP I5; Refugee Camp Phuoc Thuan

LZ F BS 655961 Bn Fire Base (LZ ANN)

LZ G BS 644916 New Life Hamlet, Phuoc Tho (3)

LZ H BS 644938 New Life Hamlet, Dong Phuoc (2)

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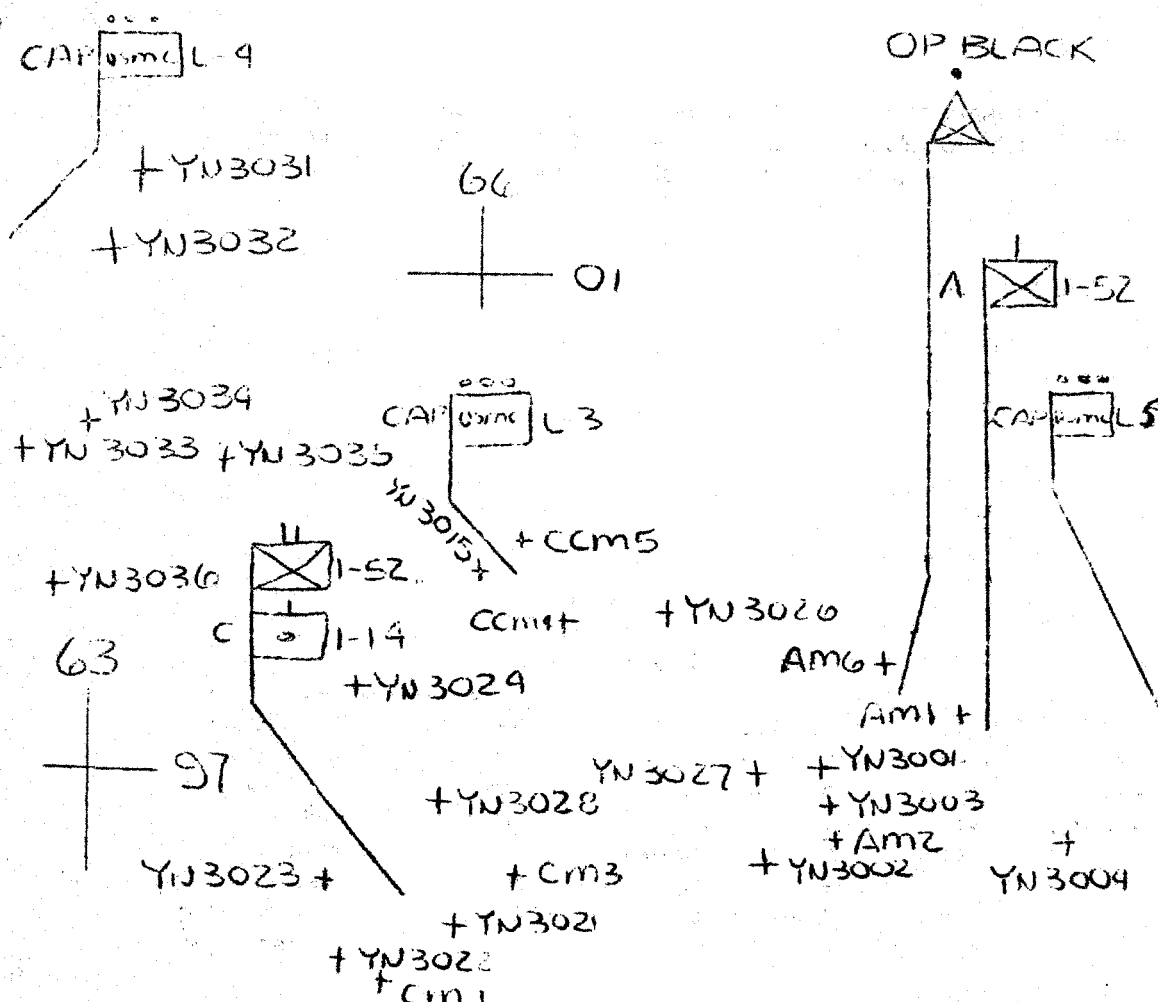
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AM 6	69309800	10	Trail	
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CM 3	66409630	0	Trail	

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ANNEX B (Fire Support Plan) to OPLAN 1-68)

1. Boundaries, LZ, Axis of Advance, concentrations planned -- see overlays.

2. Scheduled Fires:

a. Counter-mortar program. Fire open sheaf, center range, shell HE, first volley VT (Firecracker if possible, VT, PD for effect).

b. Assembly areas or suspected assembly areas - open sheaf VT & PD.

c. Illumination - on call, and can be used for marking LZ with 20 meter height of burst.

d. Escape routes - heavy Arty will fire if available. 4.2 & 105 for H&I if possible.

3. Aircraft:

a. Tac Air - air will be used ASAP. Check fire will be given at commander's or Arty LNO's request.

b. Helicopter gunships will be used as soon as possible - will orbit 1500 meters away from target until cleared to enter target area. Will come in off Gun-Target line until 500 meters away from target, at which time Arty will check fire - command to be given by commander or Arty LNO.

4. 4.2 Mortars will be used as soon as possible by ground commander. Arty will be used in close proximity of friendlies.

5. Emergency check fire - Green Star Cluster.

6. Bridge.

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APPENDIXES:

1. Target Concentrations for CAP 131, CAP 137, Binh Son Dist Hq, Chau-O, Chi-Van, Thong My, An Chau, Vinh Xuan (1), (2), (3), My Yen
2. Target Concentrations for CAP 132, CAP 134, Son Tra, River Boat South
3. Target Concentrations for CAP 133, CAP 135, LZ Paradise, Phuoc Tien, Son Hoa
4. Target Concentrations for CAP 136, CAP 138, Phu Le (3), Tien Dao, Binh Son Bridge
5. Target Concentrations for LZ Dottie, Lien Tri
6. Target Concentrations for LZ Bayonet
7. Target Concentrations for LZ Gator, Nuoc Mau

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ANNEX D (CAP 133 and Thuan-Hoa Refugee Center Reaction Plan) to OPLAN 1-68

Reference: Map, Vietnam 1:50,000, Series L7014, Sheet 6739 I, CAP 133 - BS663985, Thuan-Hoa - BS661981.

1. GENERAL: An attack on CAP 133 or the Thuan-Hoa Refugee Center (RS) will initially be countered by Arty and ground reaction forces from CAP 134 and River Boat South from the northwest, LZ Paradise and if necessary CAP 135 from the southeast, by air assault, sea-landed forces and armored cavalry forces.

2. EXECUTION:

a. LZ Paradise, CAP 134 and CAP 135 reaction forces will move to designated blocking positions immediately upon identification of the direction, strength and nature of the enemy attack, on order.

b. Establish designated blocking positions as shown in Appendix 1 (Operations Overlay).

c. Prepare to reestablish the defensive perimeter of CAP 133 and/or restore the refugee center by ground attack or combat assault.

d. Be prepared to secure and mark Landing Zones in vicinity of the objective area.

3. BATTALION REACTION FORCES:

a. Be prepared to conduct day/night combat assault into selected LZ's, gain and maintain contact with and destroy enemy forces in the area of contact.

b. Be prepared to conduct beachlanding from Swift Boats.

4. B Trp, 17th Cav(-):

a. Be prepared to move elements to ferry at BT616016, cross the Tra Bong River and move southeast in conjunction with or independent of friendly forces in that area.

b. On order, occupy blocking positions as designated by the ground commander.

c. Be prepared to conduct coordinated assaults with Infantry or support by fire Infantry assaults to restore CAP 133 or enemy concentrations in the area of contact.

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d. Be prepared to move Cav elements from positions south of the Binh Son Bridge northeast of Highway #1 to interdict enemy routes of withdrawal, engage and destroy enemy forces by fire and close combat, or restore and secure the Thuan-Hoa Refugee Center and CAP 133 Post.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

a. Commander of troops at LZ Paradise prepare to assume Opcon of all reaction forces in the objective area.

b. All reaction forces prepare to conduct joint operations with Armored Cav in the objective area.

c. Hamlets shown in the Operations Overlay will not be engaged by small arms or indirect fire without prior approval from Battalion Commander.

d. See battalion current enemy mine field and booby trap overlay.

e. All reaction forces monitor Battalion Command Frequency initially.

6. COMMAND: For planning on receipt. Execution on order.

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Appendix 1 (Operations Overlay)

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Appendix 1 (Operations Overlay) to ANNEX D (CAP 133 and Thuan-Hoa Refugee Center Reaction Plan) to OPLAN 1-68

Son Tra Refugee Center

River Boat South

CAP 134

Swift Boat

LZ Paradise

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Occupied Hamlets



CAP 133



Thuan-Hoa Refugee Center



Cav Trp (-)

Landing Zones

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LZ Ann (BS655960), RVN
161400 Jan 68

Reference: Map, RVN, Chu Lia, Sheet 6339 I

Task Organization:

E/1-52 Inf (-)
2/C/1-52 Inf

Bn Con
C/1-14 Arty (DS)

1. Situation

a. Enemy force: Current Intsum

b. Friendly force:

- (1) 198th Inf Bde continues OPNS in TAOR
- (2) 1-6 Inf, 1-46 Inf continues OPNS in AO
- (3) 1-14 Arty, DS 198th Bde

c. Attachments & Detachments - Task Org

2. Mission

1-52 Inf conducts morning raid of Thoung Hoa (1), Thoung Hoa (2) to kill/or capture VC in the area, and capture wpns, and equip and documents.

3. Execution

a. Concept of Operation: Annex A, operation overlay. Co E (-) makes an early morning raid on Thoung Hoa (1) & (2) 170630 with C26 setting up blocking position to the north and west along enemy avenues of withdrawal. C/1-14 Arty provides artillery support.

b. Co E (-) moves from CP location BT 622013 at 170500 to village of Thoung Hoa (1). At 0630 hrs conducts raid of village conducting detailed search. Continue extensive search operations vicinity of village until relieved of mission.

c. C26 moves from Co E CP location BT 622013 at 170500 to blocking position north and west of Thoung Hoa (1) vic BS 625975, BS 626972. On order return to LZ Ann.

4. Administration & Logistics: All resupply directly controlled by S4.

5. Command & Signal:

a. Signal:

- (1) Current SOI in effect.
- (2) Maintain commo checks hourly on the half hour.

b. Command: CO remains with Co E (-).

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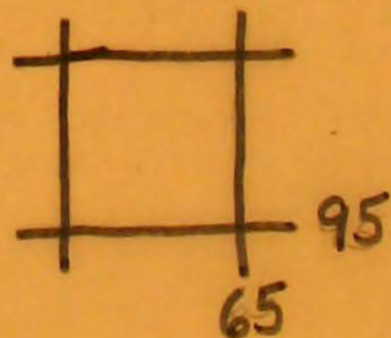
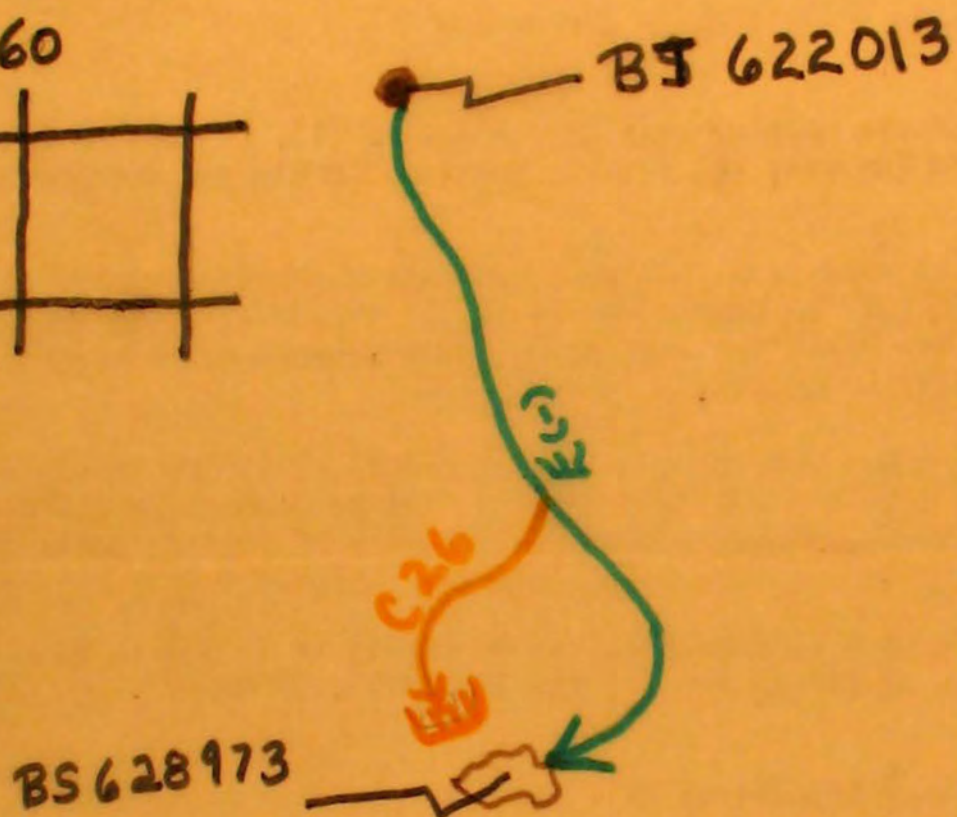
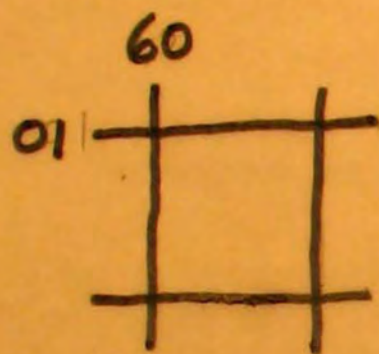
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LZ Ann (BS 655960), RVN
111200 Jan 68

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Reference: Map RVN, Chu Lai, Sheet 6339 I

Task Organization:

Hq 1-52 Inf
B 1-52 Inf
3/A 1-52 Inf

1. Situation

- a. Enemy forces: Current Intsum, 95th Company operating vic Nam Yen (3) Lac Son (1) Grid BS6891.
- b. Friendly forces:
 - (1) 198th Inf Bde continues OPNS in TAOR
 - (2) 1-46 Inf, 1-6 Inf continue OPNS in AO
 - (3) C 1-14 Arty DS LZ Ann
 - (4) 176th AVN Co DS.
- c. Attachments & Detachments: None

2. Mission

1-52 Inf conducts search & destroy operation during period 111200 - 151800 Jan 68 in order to destroy an enemy company vic Nam Yen (3), Lac Son (1) Grid BS 6891.

3. Execution:

- a. Concept of Operation: OPNS Overlay; 1-52 Inf moves on routes Alpha & Bravo. A36 S&C 121200 Jan from BC BS 700975 south, nite of 13 Jan NDP BS 694937. Co B (-) S&C south & east from LZ Ann 111400. Day of 13 Jan defense perimeter BS 670910. 131800 Co B (-) moves into 5 blocking positions south of Lac Son (1), 140700 (Decoy CA) Arty prep BS 705930, BS 688925. Muskets, 176th AVN Co. gunship prep 0712 hrs. On order A36 sweep from NDP through Nam Yen (3) Lac Son (1) forcing enemy south into Co B (-) blocking positions. C 1-14 direct support on call from LZ Ann.
- b. 3 A 1-52 on order return to base camp.
- c. Co B (-) on order conduct search operations Grid BS 6891, BS 6892.
- d. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) Take CA, LZ BS 705930, BS 688925. Arty prep 0700, gunship prep 0712 hrs.
 - (2) Rigid control of all fire by Bn Cmds.
 - (3) Musket controlled by C&C ship.
 - (4) Artillery fire cleared by all maneuver elements prior to employment.

4. Administration & Logistics:

All resupply directly controlled by S4

5. Command & Signal:

- a. Signal: Maintain commo check periodically during operation
- b. Command: Bn Cmds.

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OPLAN 1-68 (Reaction Plan for Bn TAOR)

REFERENCE: Map, RVN, 1:50,000, Series L7014, Sheet 6739I and 6739 IV

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c. Co B: On order provide one (1) platoon as a reaction force within the Bn TAOR on a as required basis.

d. Co C: On order provide one (1) platoon as a reaction force within the Bn TAOR on a as required basis.

e. Co E: On order provide one (1) platoon as a reaction force within the Bn.

f. Coordination

(1) Platoon reaction force will consist of at least 25 psnl.

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(2) The company which provides the platoon reaction force will be prepared to reinforce with the Co (-).

(3) The reaction force will be prepared to control gunships supporting the action.

4. Administration and Logistics: Same as OPORD 2-67.

5. Command and Signal:

(a) Signal: Current SOL/SSI in effect.

(b) Command: CP remains at LZ Ann vic BS 655961.

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Annex B Fire Support

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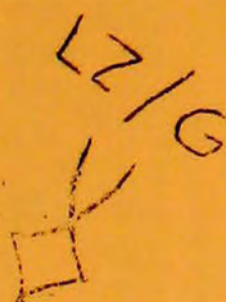
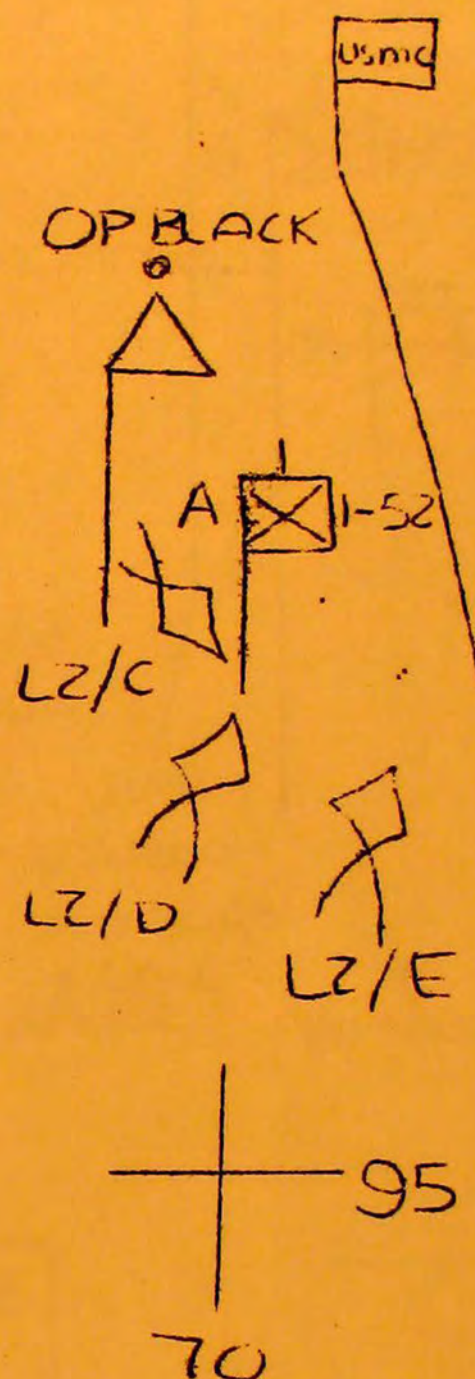
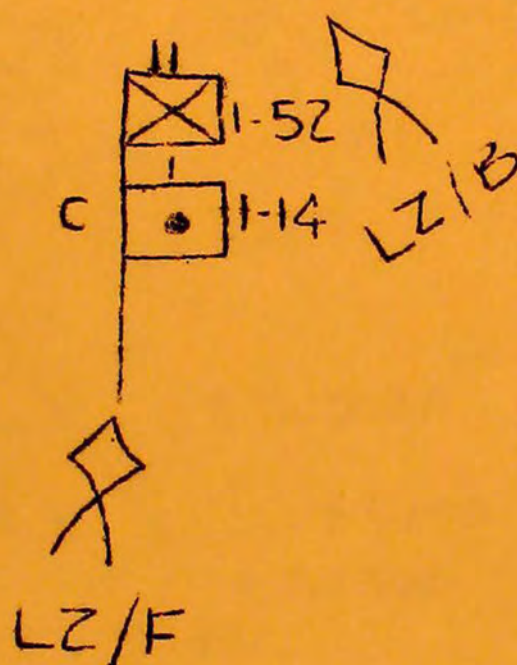
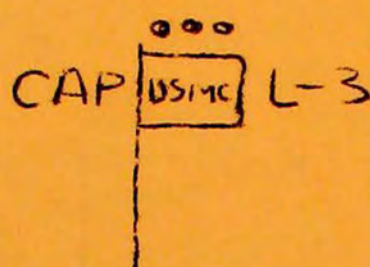
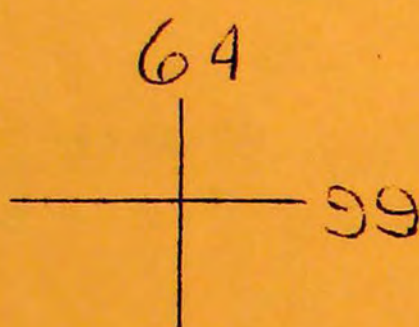
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LZ B BS 666984 CAP L4

LZ C BS 698977 Co A

LZ D BS 700976 Co A; CAP L5

LZ E BS 708972 CAP L5; Refugee Camp Phuoc Thuan

LZ F BS 655961 Bn Fire Base (LZ ANN)

LZ G BS 643916 New Life Hamlet, Phuoc Tho (3)

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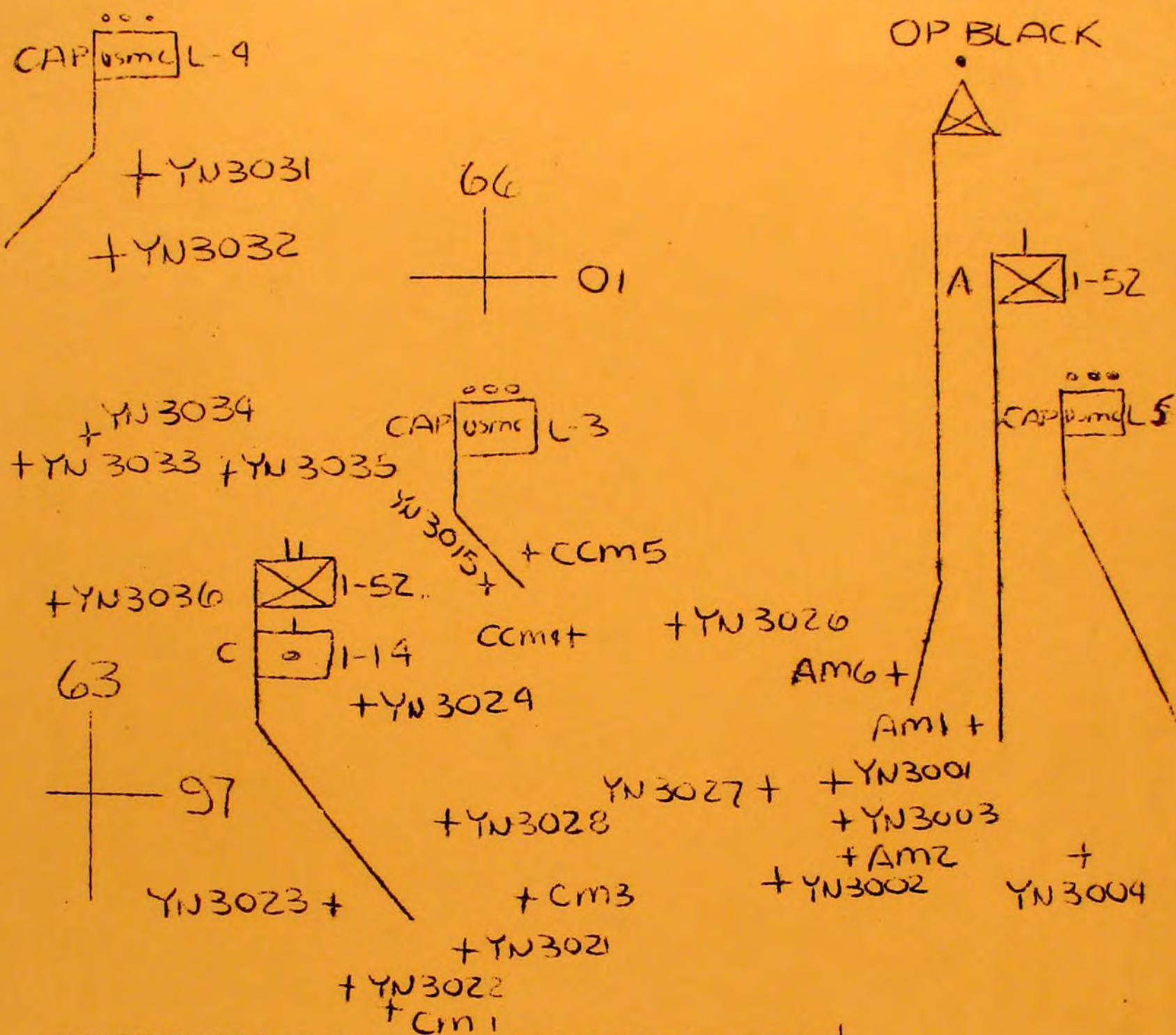
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ANNEX B (Fire Support Plan) to OPLAN 1-68)

1. Boundaries, LZ, Axis of Advance, concentrations planned -- see overlays.
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 - b. Assembly areas or suspected assembly areas - open sheaf VT & PD.
 - c. Illumination - on call, and can be used for marking LZ with 20 meter height of burst.
 - d. Escape routes - heavy Arty will fire if available. 4.2 & 105 for H&I if possible.
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 - a. Tac Air - air will be used ASAP. Check fire will be given at commander's or Arty LNO's request.
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 4. 4.2 Mortars will be used as soon as possible by ground commander. Arty will be used in close proximity of friendlies.
 5. Emergency check fire - Green Star Cluster.
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APPENDIXES:

1. Target Concentrations for CAP 131, CAP 137, Binh Son Dist Hq, Chau-O, Ma-Van, Thong My, An Chau, Vinh Xuan (1), (2), (3), My Yen
2. Target Concentrations for CAP 132, CAP 134, Son Tra, River Boat South
3. Target Concentrations for CAP 133, CAP 135, LZ Paradise, Phuoc Tien, Phuoc Hoa
4. Target Concentrations for CAP 136, CAP 138, Phu Le (3), Tien Dao, Binh Son Bridge
5. Target Concentrations for LZ Dottie, Lien Tri
6. Target Concentrations for LZ Bayonet
7. Target Concentrations for LZ Gator, Nuoc Mau

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2. EXECUTION:

a. LZ Paradise, CAP 134 and CAP 135 reaction forces will move to designated blocking positions immediately upon identification of the direction, strength and nature of the enemy attack, on order.

b. Establish designated blocking positions as shown in Appendix 1 (Operations Overlay).

c. Prepare to reestablish the defensive perimeter of CAP 133 and/or restore the refugee center by ground attack or combat assault.

d. Be prepared to secure and mark Landing Zones in vicinity of the objective area.

3. BATTALION REACTION FORCES:

a. Be prepared to conduct day/night combat assault into selected LZ's, gain and maintain contact with and destroy enemy forces in the area of contact.

b. Be prepared to conduct beachlanding from Swift Boats.

4. H Trp, 17th Cav(-):

a. Be prepared to move elements to ferry at BT616016, cross the Tra Bong River and move southeast in conjunction with or independent of friendly forces in that area.

b. On order, occupy blocking positions as designated by the ground commander.

c. Be prepared to conduct coordinated assaults with Infantry or support by fire Infantry assaults to restore CAP 133 or enemy concentrations in the area of contact.

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d. Be prepared to move Cav elements from positions south of the Binh Son Bridge northeast of Highway #1 to interdict enemy routes of withdrawal, engage and destroy enemy forces by fire and close combat, or restore and secure the Thuan-Hoa Refugee Center and CAP 133 Post.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

a. Commander of troops at LZ Paradise prepare to assume Opcon of all reaction forces in the objective area.

b. All reaction forces prepare to conduct joint operations with Armored Cav in the objective area.

c. Hamlets shown in the Operations Overlay will not be engaged by small arms or indirect fire without prior approval from Battalion Commander.

d. See battalion current enemy mine field and booby trap overlay.

e. All reaction forces monitor Battalion Command Frequency initially.

6. COMMAND: For planning on receipt. Execution on order.

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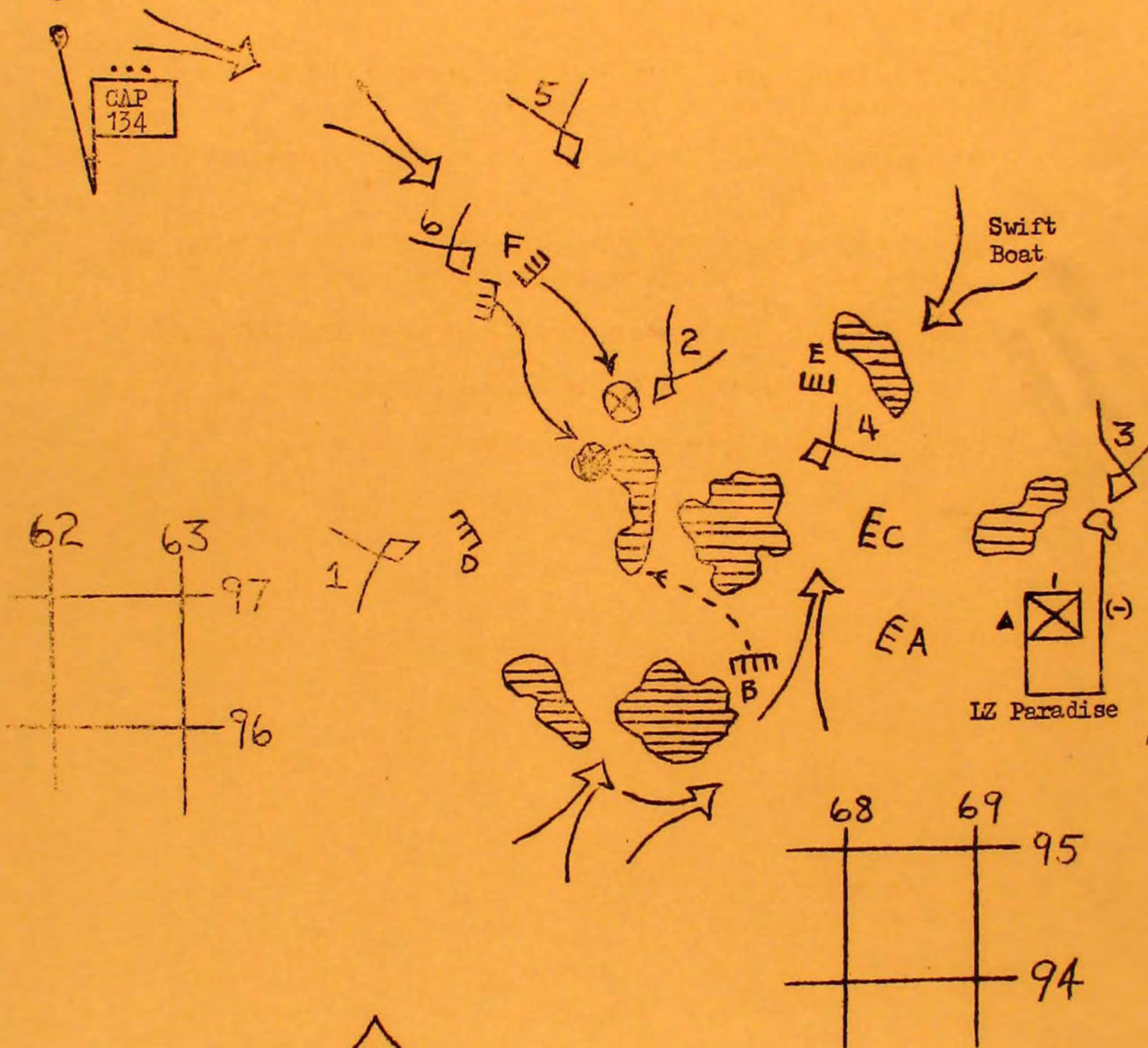
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 Son Tra Refugee Center

 River Boat South



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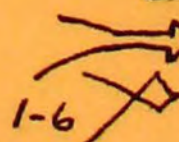
Occupied Hamlets



CAP 133



Thuan-Hoa Refugee Center



Cav Trp (-)



Landing Zones

Group - 4
Downgraded At 3 Yr Intervals
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Hq, 1st Bn, 52d Inf
LZ Ann (BS 655960), RVN
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OPERATION MIRAGE:

FRAG 01, OPORD 1-68

REFERENCE: Map RVN, Chu Lai, Sheet 6379I

Task Organization:

A 1-52 (-)
B 1-52 (-)

Bn Com
C 1-14 Arty (DS)

1. SITUATION:

- a. Enemy force: Current Intsum
- b. Friendly force
 - (1) 198th Inf Bde continues OPNS in TAOR.
 - (2) 1-6 Inf, 1-46 Inf continues OPNS in Bde TAOR.
 - (3) 1-14 Arty, DS 198th Bde
 - (4) 176th AVN Co, DS 198th Bde
- c. Attachments & Detachments: Task organization

2. MISSION:

1-52 Inf (-) conducts a combined cordon and search operation with 1-14 Inf on An Thinh (1) & (2) 170630. to kill or capture VC in the area and capture or destroy enemy supplies and equipment.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: Annex A Operations Overlay. Bn (-) conducts operations with Co A initially making a CA vic An Cuong (1) BS 717923. Co B conducts S&C operations from vic Lac Son (1) BS 684915 southeast to vic An Thinh (1) BS 725896. On order B (-) conducts cordon and search of An Thinh (1) & (2) in conjunction with 1-14 Inf. Arty support on call.

b. A 1-52 (-) conducts CA 151305 to LZ north and LZ south BS 714924, BS 719917. Elements at LZ north sweep south through village of An Cuong (1) joining southern blocking force. On call Arty blocking fire at BS 710920, BS 710924, BS 710926, BS 712931 and gunship suppressive fires. On order Co A (-) sweep south to establish blocking positions vic BS 727903, BS 725900. On order conduct further operations.

c. B 1-52 (-) conducts detail search vic Lac Son (1) BS 684915. On order moves southeast to blocking positions vic BS 718897, BS 719895. Continue movement into An Thinh (1) BS 725895 conducting detail search. On order conduct further operations.

d. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Rigid control of all fires by Bn Cdr.
- (2) Rocket controlled by C & C ship.
- (3) Artillery fires cleared by all maneuver elements prior to employment.
- (4) Close liaison and coordination will be conducted prior to operation by 1-52 Inf and 1-14 Arty.
- (5) All maneuver elements maintain close coordination to prevent firing on each other.

4. ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS:
SOP

5. COMMAND & SIGNAL:

- a. Signal:
 - (1) Current SOI in effect
 - (2) Hourly sitreps will be submitted each hour on the half hour.
- b. Command: Co's locations as required.

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AN THINH (1)