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OPPLAN 3-68

References: Maps Viet Nam, Sheets: 6640-I, II, III & IV

1. SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces: Current Intsums
- b. Friendly Forces:
 - (1) 196th Inf Bde continues tactical operations in TAOR.
 - (2) 1st Marine Division and 2/1 Inf continues tactical operations on West (Left Flank)
 - (3) 1-1 Cav continues tactical operations on East (Right Flank)
 - (4) 2nd ROK Marine Brigade continues tactical operations on North 1-52 AO
 - (5) 3-21 Inf continues tactical operations South of 1-52 AO.
 - (6) D 3-82nd Artillery DS 1-52 Infantry.
- c. Attachments and Detachments:
 - (1) Sector Charlie, Charger Hill Defense Command 1900-0700 daily.
 - (2) Rifle Platoon 196th LIB for further OPCON to 1-52 Sector Alpha 1900-0700 daily.
- d. Assumptions:
 - (1) The 196th LIB will provide necessary personnel and equipment OPCON to 1-52 Infantry for the defense of Sector Charlie
 - (2) The 196th LIB will provide the required communication and engineer assistance necessary for the Charger Hill Defense.

2. MISSION: 1-52 Infantry defends LZ Charger Hill effective immediately until relieved by CO 196th LIB, to repel, counterattack and destroy attacking local/main Force Viet Cong or North Vietnamese Army units.

3. EXECUTION:

- a. Concept of Operations (Annex A) 1-52 Inf with attached 196th LIB units defends LZ Charger Hill by occupying approximately 50 defensive bunkers and 2 outposts. The perimeter is divided into three (3) lettered sector defense commands subordinate to the Charger Hill Command (1-52 Inf). D 3-82nd Arty, 4.2 mortar section F-17th Cav and 81mm mortar platoon E 1-52 Inf support by fire from LZ Charger Hill and LZ Colt.
- b. Sector Alpha: Commanded by CO of 1-52 Infantry company, assigned to Charger Hill defense. Occupy and defend assigned bunkers during period 1900 - 0700 daily. CO, BHC, 196th LIB will OPCON one rifle platoon to sector Alpha to defend assigned bunkers. 1-52 Inf company will OPCON one rifle platoon to CO, E 1-52 for Charger Hill Reaction Force 1900 - 0700 daily. CO, E 1-52 will OPCON one 106 RR to Co D 1-52.
- c. Sector Bravo: Commanded by CO, 1-52 Inf or E 1-52 depending on troops available. Occupy and defend assigned bunkers during period 1900-0700 daily.
- d. Sector Charlie: Commanded by CO A-26th Eng. Occupy and defend assigned bunkers during the period 1900-0700 daily. A-26th Eng personnel defend assigned bunkers. CO, 3-82 Arty will OPCON sufficient personnel to CO A-26 Eng for the defense of bunkers. CO, FSA will OPCON sufficient personnel to CO A-26 th Eng to defend assigned bunkers.
- e. F Troop 17th Cav: (1) Provide one platoon OPCON to CO E 1-52 for Charger Hill reaction force during period 1900-0700 daily. (2) Provide 4.2 mortar section OPCON to Charger Hill during period 1900-0700 daily.
- f. E 1-52 Inf: (1) Activate Charger Hill Reaction Force during period 1900 - 0700 daily. Reaction force will consist of one rifle platoon and one Cavalry platoon. Reaction force will be centrally located, monitoring Charger Hill defense net and ready to react in 10 minutes from time of alert.
 - (2) Provide mortar platoon OPCON to Charger Hill Defense during period 1900-0700 daily.
 - (3) Provide one FO team to 1-52 Arty LNO for artillery observations at OR/4, during period 1900-0700 daily.

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time of alert.

(2) Provide mortar platoon OPCON to Charger Hill Defense during period 0900-0700 daily.

(3) Provide one FO team to 1-52 Arty LNO for artillery observation at CHM, during period 1900-0700 daily.

g. Coordination Instructions:

(1) All requests for direct or indirect fire support will be submitted to Charger Hill Defense Command (1-52 Inf TOC).

(2) Illumination devices will not be employed without prior approval of the Charger Hill Defense Command (1-52 Inf TOC).

(3) Sector Commanders will brief all bunker personnel NLT 1845 daily. The briefing will include the provisions of this order and attached annexes.

(4) Sector Commanders will appoint a bunker commander for each assigned bunker and will insure strict compliance with bunker instructions.

(ANNEX B)

(5) Sector commanders will direct an officer to conduct a minimum of two bunker line inspections of their sectors during the period 1900-0700 hours. Confirmation of completed bunker inspections will be submitted to the Charger Hill Defense Command (1-52 Inf TOC) NLT 2100 and 0400.

(6) Sector commanders are responsible for the issuance, storage and employment of Claymore mines. A minimum of four Claymore mines will be positioned by each bunker commander at dusk and removed NLT 0700.

A report of the positioning and removal of Claymore mines will be submitted to the Charger Hill Defense Command (1-52 Inf TOC) NLT 1930 and 0715. Claymore mines will not be stored or carried with blasting caps. An Officer or knowledgeable NCO will supervise the positioning and removal of Claymore mines.

(7) Sector commanders or the appointed Duty Officer will be on duty during the period 1900-0700.

(8) A minimum of three (3) personnel will be assigned to each bunker.

(9) Sector commanders are responsible for overhead cover for all personnel.

(10) Sector commanders will provide a minimum of two (2) sand bagged fighting positions for each bunker.

(11) Sector commanders are responsible for communications within and between bunkers. All bunkers have wire or radio communications.

(12) Sector commanders will insure that all bunker personnel are familiar with the employment of the Fougasse mines, parachute flares, and CS launchers located near their bunkers. Positive identification of the detonating devices for the above and for all claymore mines will be posted in each bunker.

(13) Sector commanders will report all their bunkers are occupied and and ready to be defended to the Charger Hill Defense Command NLT 1915 hours daily.

(14) Sector commanders will report the exact location of all crew served weapons and M-79 grenade launchers NLT 1915 daily.

(15) Sector commanders will insure that a range card is posted in each bunker.

(16) Sector commanders are responsible for a thorough police of their bunkers' areas to include latrines.

(17) Sector commanders will brief all personnel on safety measures NLT 1850 daily.

(18) Sector commanders are authorized to approve the firing of individual and crew served weapons. A report of each incident will be immediately submitted to Charger Hill Defense Command (1-52 Inf TOC).

(19) Sector commanders will insure that all personnel know the challenge and password and challenge and unauthorized personnel.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

a. Administration: Names of all bunker personnel in each sector will be submitted to the Charger Hill Defense Command NLT 2000 daily.

b. Logistics: Sector commanders will insure that all bunker personnel have a double bagged load of ammunition, and an emergency double load packed, stored, and labeled "EMERGENCY AMMO" within each bunker.

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COMLND and SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

- (1) 196th SOI, SSI in effect.
- (2) Emergency signal for employment of Boohive round RED and WHITE star cluster.
- (3) Emergency signal for friendly units entering perimeter, GREEN star cluster.
- (4) Emergency signal for enemy attack RED star cluster.

b. Command: Charger Hill Defense Command in 1-52 Inf TOC.

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ANNEXES: A - OPNS Overlay TBP
B - Bunker Instructions
C - Counter Attack Plan TBP
D - Fire Support Plan
E - Alert Notification Plan

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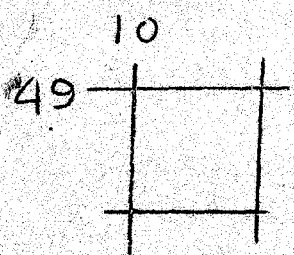
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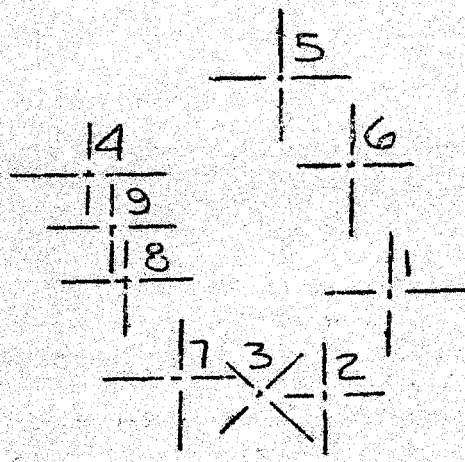
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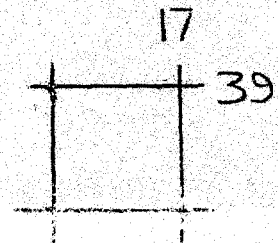


ANNEX D to CPLAN 3-68

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198th Inf Bde (IM)
CHARGER HILL (BT 132453)



TGT	GRID
1	142448
2	137440
3	132440
4	119457
5	134465
6	139458
7	126441
8	122449
9	121453



BUNKER REPORT ALPHAS

1. Check the bunker number of this bunker. Bunker signs are located outside of each bunker. You will know your bunker number.
2. One individual will be appointed as the bunker commander.
3. Check for wire or radio communication prior to 1930. All communication discrepancies will be reported to your next higher commander.
4. Request all indirect or direct support fire through your next higher commander by identifying your bunker number.
5. The employment of pyrotechnic devices and all illuminating projectiles will be controlled by the Charger Hill Defense Command. Do not ignite hand flares or trip flares without the approval of your next higher commander.
6. All bunkers will have a range card posted within the bunker. Bunker commanders will insure that all personnel are cognizant of the range card and will examine the provisions of the range card in detail.
7. Bunker commanders will maintain a 50% alert in bunkers occupied by four (4) or more personnel and a 33% alert in bunkers occupied by three (3) personnel. A 100% alert will be announced by the CO, 1-52 Infantry. All bunkers will be occupied by a minimum of three (3) personnel.
8. All bunker personnel will be equipped as follows:
 - A. Individual weapons with basic load.
 - B. Flak Jacket to be worn at all times.
 - C. Three trip flares to be used for Dust Off Control ONLY.
 - D. One man per bunker will have a compass.
 - E. Complete fatigue uniform, to include, steel helmet and web gear.
 - F. Individuals will have their field protective mask in bunker.
9. All bunkers will have range and aiming stakes emplaced to assist with final protective fires.
10. Bunker personnel will not move beyond the protective wire to the front of every bunker.
11. Four Claymores will be employed by each bunker. Claymores will be positioned at dusk and removed at first light. Claymores will be properly stored and blasting caps removed from the Claymores when not being used. The positioning of Claymores will be supervised by an officer or NCO.
12. Bunker commanders will report the positioning of Claymores to their next highest headquarters NLT 2000 daily and the removal of Claymores NLT 0700 daily. The report will include the status of blasting caps. **BLASTING CAPS WILL BE INSERTED ONLY WHEN THE CLAYMORE IS POSITIONED FOR THE NIGHT DEFENSE AND REMOVED WHEN THE CLAYMORE IS REMOVED FROM THE PERIMETER IN THE MORNING. CLAYMORES WILL NOT BE STORED WITH BLASTING CAPS.**
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13. All bunker personnel will know the location of the Claymore detonation devices. Each detonation device will be numbered. All bunker personnel will know the location of CS launchers, fougasse devices and aircraft flares and the location of the detonators for the devices.
14. Bunker commanders will insure that each bunker is thoroughly policed daily. This police includes a police of the area around the bunkers. Trash will be placed in the trash barrel located near each bunker.
15. All personnel will remain in the bunkers from 1900-0700 daily. Personnel may be permitted to leave the bunker and man fighting position or to use the latrine at the discretion of the bunker commander.
16. Bunker commanders will insure that unauthorized personnel entering the bunker area are challenged, ordered to advance and be recognized and display their identification cards.
17. All bunker personnel will be briefed by their next higher commander prior to 1850 daily. Bunker commanders who have not been briefed will call the S-3, 1st Bn, 52d Inf, (telephone TORNADO TCU) for bunker instructions.

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Alert Notification Plan

1. Telephonic Communication
 - a. 156th Signal
 - b. 51st C. A. Grp
 - c. 27th Chemical Detachment
 - d. 48th Set Dog PJ
2. Radio - monitored defense net
 - a. All units not listed above monitor the base net and simultaneously receive the alert notification with base defense sector units.
 - b. Units monitoring base defense net:
 - 1-52 Inf
 - 4/26th Engr
 - F Trp
 - 8th Spt
 - 3/82 Arty D Battery

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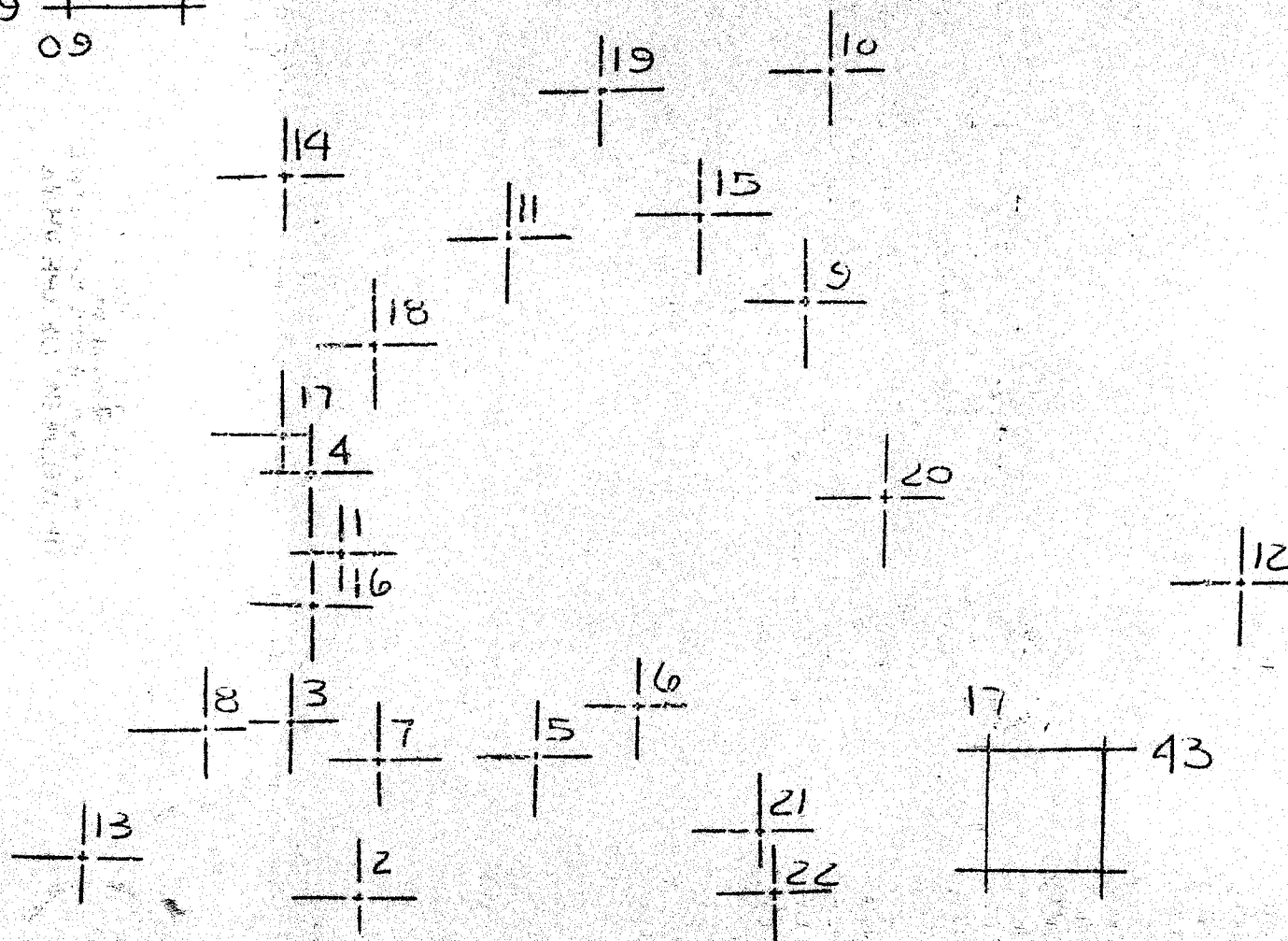
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Task Org

B 1-52	A 1-1 Cav (-)
C 1-52	Bn Com
D 1-52	Recon Plat
	2/A1-1
E 1-52 (-)	

1. SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces: Current 12500.
- b. Friendly Forces:
 - (1) 198th Inf Bde continues opns in TAOR.
 - (2) 1-1 Cav continues opns in TAOR.
 - (3) 2nd ROK Bn continues opns in TAOR.
 - (4) C 1-12 Arty (M).
 - (5) C 1-16 Arty (CS).
- c. Attachments and Detachments: Task Org.

2. MISSION: 1-52 Inf conducts search and destroy operations commencing 220800 Apr in vic Nhan Boi Chau (1552), Thi Lai (2) (1451) and An Lac (1551).

3. EXECUTION:

- a. Concept of operations: Opns Overlay: Co B conducts a combat assault 220800 Apr vic BT 162523; sweeps West and South toward Ap Ba (2) (1350). Recon Plat with 2nd Plat A 1-1 Cav departs LZ BALDY 220700 and conducts a sweep North establishing a blocking position vic BT 155616. Gunships support on call; Arty prep H-10 to H-2 from LZ BALDY (1345) and LZ ROSH (0234).
- b. Co B:
- c. Co C: 2nd Plat provides security for North Road Sweep along Hwy #1, upon reaching CP 3 (BT 113497), sweep West and establish blocking position vic BT 133500. Provide 1 Plat as Bn reaction force, on order.
- d. Co D: Secure LZ COLT; conducts local combat operations.
- e. Co E: Recon Plat OPCON to 2nd Plat A 1-1 Cav effective 220630; Co (-) assist in securing LZ BALDY.
- f. A 1-1 Cav: Provides one Plat as Bn reaction force, on order. Plat OPCON Co C, on order.
- g. Coordinating Instructions:
 - (1) Reaction force commanded by Company Commander, C Co.
 - (2) Reaction force assembles vic of night assembly area for reaction force LZ BALDY Defense, on order.
 - (3) All personnel will have armored vests and protective masks.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: SOP

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

- a. Signal
 - (1) Current SOI.
 - (2) Emergency signal for cease fire: Red Star Cluster.
 - (3) Emergency signal for designating locations: Smoke, any color except red or white, no green signal.
 - (4) Contact signal: Call on 11/12/13 freq.
- b. Follow-up: 1st AF Post Op: 1, 2nd AF Post Op: 1, 3rd AF Post Op: 1.

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