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FROM: CO, 1st Bn, 52d Inf, 198th Inf Bde (Lt)

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SUBJECT: FRAG ORD 3 to OPORD 2-68

1. (C) Mission:

a. 1-52 Inf assumes responsibility for OpCon Burlington Trails A0 eff 181500H Sep 68.

b. Provides fire spt and reaction forces for Tien Phuoc SF/CIDG Camp.

2. (C) A Co.

a. Air movement fr LZ Bayonet to LZ Bowman eff 171000H Sep 68. Became OpCon 5-46 Inf.

b. Released OpCon 5-46 Inf eff 181500H Sep 68. Cdt scty and base improvement opns vic LZ Bowman.

3. (C) B Co.

a. Air movement fr LZ Paradise/RBS/LZ Chippewa to LZ Young eff 171000H Sep 68. Became OpCon 5-46 Inf.

b. Released Opcon 5-46 Inf eff 181500H Sep 68. Cdt search fr LZ Young to vic BT159132 eff 181750H Sep 68.

4. (C) C Co.

a. Air movement fr LZ Bayonet to LZ Young eff 180930H Sep 68.

b. Cdt search fr LZ Young to vic BT172156 eff 181730H Sep 68.

5. (C) D Co.

a. Air movement fr LZ Dottie/LZ Buff to LZ Young eff 181500H Sep 68.

b. Cdt scty and base improvement opns vic LZ Young

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6. (C) E Co.

a. Air movement fr LZ Chippewa/CAP 133 to LZ Young eff 170730 Sep 68.
Became OpCon 5-46 Inf.

b. Released Opcon 5-46 Inf eff 181500H Sep 68. Cdts scty and base
improvement opns vic LZ Young.

c. 4.2 Mortar Plat cdts fire spt fr LZ Young in lieu of Arty Btry.

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OPORD 4-68

References: Maps VIETNAM: 1:50,000 Series 17014, Sheets 6639I, 6639IV, 6640III, 6640II, 6739I-IV, 6740III.

Task Organization: Annex A, Task Organization

1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces:

- (1) Annex C, Intelligence (TEP)
- (2) Current INTSUM.

b. Friendly Forces:

- (1) Americal Division conducts combat operations in assigned TAOR.
- (2) 196th Inf Bde continues combat operations in WHEELER/WALLONA AO.
- (3) 11th Inf Bde continues combat operations in DUC PHO AO.
- (4) 1st Combined Action group conduct operation with three combined action companies within CHU LAI TAOR.
- (5) 7th US Air Force provides air support.
- (6) 1st Marine Air Group provides additional tactical air support as requested.

c. Attachments and detachments: (Annex A, Task Organization).

2. (C) MISSION: 198th Inf Bde conducts combat operations in assigned AO to find, fix, and destroy the enemy in assigned area of operations. (See Annex M for specific assigned missions)

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations: (Annex B, Ops Overlay TDP)

- (1) Maneuver: 198th Inf Bde conducts combat operations in Chu Lai TAOR and Oregon AO orienting forces for defense of vital installations and for offensive operations as the situation indicates. Realigns forces with two Infantry Battalions and one Cavalry Troop in the Chu Lai TAOR and one Infantry Battalion in the Oregon AO to detect and block enemy movement into Tam Ky and Chu Lai areas. Prepares to defend/reinforce/relieve specific installations or areas on order. Specific missions for Infantry Battalions, Artillery Battalion, and Cavalry Troop are listed in Annex N thru P.

(2) Fires:

- (a) Artillery: Organic 105mm How Bn provides artillery fires on call. GS artillery (155mm, 8", 175mm) provided Div Arty on call.
- (b) TAC Air: TAC Air to include radar bombing, Arc Lights, fighter support, and "Spooky" available on request.
- (c) Naval Gunfire: Available when ship is on station.
- (d) Helicopter Gunships: Gunships available from Div, on call. F/8 Cavalry available on mission basis.

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- b. 1-6 Inf:
 - (1) Assume responsibility for northern portion of CHU LAI TAOR.
 - (2) Assume following missions as stated in Annex N to OPORD 4-68:
2, 3-10, 11b, 11d, 12-18, 19b, 20.
- c. 5-46 Inf:
 - (1) Assume responsibility for southern portion of CHU LAI TAOR.
 - (2) Assume following missions as stated in Annex N to OPORD 4-68:
2, 3, 5, 7-10, 11c, 12-16, 18, 20, 21.
- d. 1-52 Inf:
 - (1) Assume responsibility for Oregon AO.
 - (2) Assume following missions as stated in Annex N to OPORD 4-68:
2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 11a, 18, 19a.
- e. H-17 Cav: Assume missions 1-6 as stated in Annex O to OPORD 4-68.
- f. 1-14 Arty: Assume missions 1-9 as stated in Annex P to OPORD 4-68.
- g. 9th Spt Bn: Provide normal logistical support to Bde.
- h. B/26 Engr (DS): Provide combat engineer support to Bde within guidelines set forth by 26 Engr Bn and Americal Division.
- i. Coordinating Instructions:
 - (1) Current rules of engagement apply. (198th Inf Bde Reg 525-4, dtd 15 Aug 68).
 - (2) The final decision to destroy a group of dwellings or buildings will be directed by the Americal Division.
 - (3) Captured medical equipment will not be destroyed. If evacuation is impossible the equipment and supplies will be left in place.
 - (4) All units except LRRP will operate within range of supporting artillery.
 - (5) PZ and LZ times for airmobile assaults/lifts will be reported to BTOC upon completion.
 - (6) Units having OPCON of elements will provide logistical support to subordinate element unless otherwise directed by this Hq.
 - (7) Coordinate with GVN authorities for use of RF, PF, and PRU when available.
 - (8) Interdict known trails and market places to detain civilians assisting VC and for resources control.
 - (9) Outpost known and suspected routes and meeting places as determined by intelligence sources.
 - (10) Utilize GVN and NPFF to assist in interrogating detainees.
 - (11) Emphasis will be placed on night ops.
 - (12) Annex E to OPORD 2-68 will be withdrawn from OPORD 2-68 and changed with pen & ink to read Annex E, (ADMINO 4-68) to OPORD 4-68.
 - (13) Annex K to OPORD 2-68 will be withdrawn from OPORD 2-68 and changed with pen & ink to read Annex K, (Civil Affairs) to OPORD 4-68.
 - (14) The following OPLANS/OPORDS w/FRAG ORDERS may be destroyed except record copies which are maintained at this headquarters:
 - (a) OPORD 1-68 w/FRAG ORDERS 1-28.
 - (b) OPORD 2-68 w/FRAG ORDERS 1-24.
 - (c) TF COOKSEY OPLAN 1-68 w/FRAG ORD 1.
 - (d) TF COOKSEY OPORD 3-68 w/FRAG ORD 1-4.
 - (e) TF RONCH FRAG ORDERS 1-3.
 - (f) OPORD 9-67 w/FRAG ORDERS 1-26.
 - (g) OPORD 11-67 w/FRAG ORDERS 1-7.
 - (15) The following OPLANS are to be renumbered with pen & ink:
 - (a) OPLAN 10-67: Change to read OPLAN 6-68.
 - (b) OPLAN 12-67: Change to read OPLAN 7-68.

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- (16) The following 198th Inf Bde OPLANs are in effect:
 - (a) OPLAN 1-68: (Golden Valley).
 - (b) OPLAN 2-68: (Natural Disaster Relief Plan).
 - (c) OPLAN 4-68: (Tam Ky Contingency).
 - (d) OPLAN 6-68: (Defense Against Rocket and Mortar Attack).
 - (e) OPLAN 7-68: (CLDC Reaction Force).
- (17) Monitor tactical operations of combined action platoons (CP), Popular Forces (PF), Regional Forces (RF), National Police (NP), and Provisional Reconnaissance Units (PRU) operating in AO. BTOC will be informed of these operations and all night ambushes within AO NLT 1900 hours each day.
- (18) Protect Vietnamese Nationals against terrorist methods and reprisals.
- (19) Increase US/GVN influence over hamlet areas.
- (20) Conduct Civil Affairs and PSYOPS programs, support Revolutionary Development Cadre Teams as directed by CG, Americal Division.
- (21) Seek out and destroy VC Infrastructure.
- (22) Conduct operations to control resources (rice and salt) within AO.
- (23) Coordinate with appropriate GVN and District authorities to assist in training and support of RF/PF forces.
- (24) Assist Combined Action Platoons (Annex Q) as appropriate.

4. (c) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: (ADMINO 2-68 becomes ADMINO 4-68).

5. (c) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

- a. Signal: Current SOI in effect.
- b. Command: 198th Inf Bde CP remains LZ BISONET (BT549013).

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ANNEXES:

- A-Task Organization
- B-Operation Overlay (TBP)
- C-Intelligence (TBP)
- D-Fire Support - Omitted
- E-Administration & Logistics (ADMINO 2-68 becomes 4-68)
- F-J - Omitted
- K-Civil Affairs (Annex K to OPORD 2-68 becomes Annex K to OPORD 4-68)
- L-Signal - Omitted
- M-198th Inf Bde Missions
- N-Infantry Missions
- O-Cavalry Missions
- P-Artillery Missions
- Q-Combined Action Platoon & Mobile Training Teams Location & Strengths
- R-Y - Omitted
- Z- Distribution

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ANNEX A (Task Organization) to OPORD 4-68 (U)

1st Bn, 6th Infantry
Btry D (DS)

BRIGADE CONTROL

1st Bn, 14th Arty (-)

Trp H, 17th Cav

2d Plat, Co E, 51st Inf (-)
(two LRP Tms)

Sect 2 & Sect 3, Btry G
55th Artillery (DS)

3rd Plat, Btry G
29th Arty (SL) (DS)

Co B, 26th Engr Bn (DS)

HE Tm 8, HE Tm 8, Det 3 (-)
7th PSYOP Bn (DS)

5th Bn, 46th Infantry
Btry A (DS)
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ANNEX M (198th Inf Bde Missions) to OPCRD 4-68 (U)

198th Infantry Brigade (Lt)

MISSIONS

(C) Based on present guidance, existing orders and plans of Americal Division, the 198th Infantry Brigade has responsibility for the following missions:

1. Conduct combat operations to find, fix and destroy enemy forces in assigned areas of operation.
2. Be prepared to provide one reinforced infantry battalion for employment anywhere in South Vietnam on 12 hour notice, and remainder of the brigade in an additional 12 hours.
3. Provide tactical security for Highway #1 in the CHU LAI TAOR.
4. Provide convoy security in zone, as required.
5. Provide defense of CHU LAI TAOR.
6. Be prepared to provide a company size force for defense of CLDC on order.
7. Be prepared to provide one rifle company on two hours notice and a second rifle company on four hours notice for employment anywhere within the Americal Division TAORs.
8. Coordinate with appropriate GVN Province and District authorities to assist in the training and support of RF and PF Forces as directed by CG, Americal Division.
9. Be prepared to provide reaction forces for relief of LY TIN, BINH SON and SON TINH and to provide two infantry companies to 1st Sqdn, 1st Cav for use as reaction force in relief of TAM KY.
10. Provide logistical support, fire support and reaction forces for established and new CAP teams in assigned area of operations.
11. Conduct harassment and interdiction operations against approaches to CHU LAI TAOR and likely rocket and mortar firing sites threatening critical base area of CLDC.
12. Conduct denial and surveillance operations in the rocket belt.
13. Provide maximum support of Revolutionary Development (RD) Operations.

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14. Conduct counterinfiltration operations along coastal areas of CHU LAI TAOR.
15. Be prepared to conduct counterattack, reinforcement, relief or evacuation of SF/CIDG Camps as directed by CG, Americal Division (Golden Valley). (TIEN PHUOC, TRA BONG or HA THANH).
16. Conduct mobile and fixed checkpoint operations along land and water lines of communications in conjunction with ARVN Forces and Vietnamese National Police Forces (Haystack).
17. Conduct rice and salt denial operations in assigned areas of operations (Golden Fleece).
18. Be prepared to conduct emergency evacuation and relocation of non-combatant US and Third Country Nationals (TCN) in assigned zone as directed by CG, Americal Division.
19. Be prepared to conduct Natural Disaster Relief Operations in assigned zone as directed by CG, Americal Division.
20. Secure designated bridges in zone and continue coordination with local officials to effect eventual complete takeover of bridges.
21. Protect Vietnamese Nationals against enemy terrorist methods and reprisals.
22. Increase US/GVN influence over hamlet areas.
23. Conduct waterway patrols, within capability to deny the enemy use of waterways as lines of communications.
24. Be prepared to conduct Reconnaissance in Force operations as directed by CG, Americal Division.
25. Be prepared to counter enemy activity against quarry equipment vicinity BT5204.
26. Conduct Civil Affairs and PSYOPS programs in assigned area.

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ANNEX N (Missions for Infantry Units) to OIFORD 4-68.

1. Conduct combat operations in OREGON AO to find, fix, and destroy the enemy forces in AO.
2. Conduct combat operations in assigned portion of Chu Lai TAOR to find, fix, and destroy the enemy forces in AO.
3. Be prepared to deploy anywhere in South Vietnam on 12 hours notice.
4. Be prepared to move to any location within Div AO:
 - a. One company will be prepared to move within one hour of notification.
 - b. Remainder of Battalion will be prepared to move within two hours of notification.
5. Be prepared to provide a company size rapid reaction force for defense of CLDC in accordance with OPLAN 7-68.
6. Assume mission as primary reaction battalion for defense of CLDC. Be prepared to execute plan Orange, Black, or Green of counterattack Plan Brave. See Annex K to OPLAN 7-68 (CLDC Reaction Force).
7. Maintain up-to-date plans to provide a reaction force for the defense of all military and civilian installations within AO. Plans are to include all US base camps, CAP installations, District Headquarters, bridges, safe havens, and refugee camps. Submit plans or changes to plans to Bde S-3 in 3 copies.
8. Secure designated bridges in zone and continue coordination with local officials to effect eventual takeover of bridges by GVN forces.
9. Conduct Operation Golden Flecco (OIFORD 3-68) during rice harvest seasons as directed by this Headquarters.
10. Be prepared to conduct Natural Disaster Relief operations in assigned AO as directed. See OPLAN 2-68.
11. Be prepared to execute OPLAN 1-68 (GOLDEN VALLEY) on order to conduct counterattack, reinforcement, relief, or evacuation of SF/CIDG Camps.
 - a. Designated primary reaction battalion for Tien Thuoc SF/CIDG Camp.
 - b. Designated alternate reaction battalion for Tien Thuoc SF/CIDG Camp.
 - c. Designated primary reaction battalion for TRA BONG SF/CIDG Camp.
 - d. Designated alternate reaction battalion for TRA BONG SF/CIDG Camp.

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12. Coordinate with and lend assistance to PNC in "Haystack" operations and patrol inland waterways within AO. Provide boat operators and security force for River Boat bases as required.
13. Insure Highway #1 is available and usable for tactical and logistical movement with Bn AO.
14. Provide security forces as required for RMK-BRJ work parties and night security as necessary, for RMK-BRJ roadworking equipment until the project for the rehabilitation of Hwy #1 is completed. Coordinate with RMK-BRJ. (Phone Chu Lai 3406).
15. Maintain surveillance of rocket firing areas within Bn AO and deny use to the enemy as rocket launching sites. See OPLAN 6-68 (Defense Against Rocket or Mortar Attack).
16. Provide routine resupply of Class I, III, V for CAP's, CACO's and MTT's within AO, as required by Force Order 3121.4B, III MAF, dtd, 22 June 68. See Annex Q (CAP Strength and Locations).
17. Conduct night ambushes three (3) times a week south of LAM Site.
18. Be prepared to conduct emergency evacuation and relocation of noncombatants, US and Third Country Nationals (TCN) in assigned AO.
19. Be prepared to provide 2 rifle companies OPCON to 1-1 Cav for relief of Tam Ky. Coordinate with 1-1 Cav to up-date plans as required:
 - a. Designated primary reaction battalion.
 - b. Designated alternate reaction Bn.
20. Conduct counter-infiltration operations along costal areas within AO.
21. Be prepared to furnish one company to 11th Inf Bde for Quang Ngai Reaction Force.
22. Assume responsibility as Primary Reaction Force for the relief of Tam Ky.

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ANNEX O (Cavalry Missions) to OPORD 4-68 (U)

MISSIONS

1. Provide support to elements of the brigade as directed.
2. Be prepared for deployment anywhere in South Vietnam on 12 hours notice.
3. Provide a reaction of two M-113 APC's to counter enemy activity against quarry equipment vicinity BT5204.
4. Prepare to provide one platoon in defense of CLDC on order. See OPLAN 7-68 (CLDC Reaction Force).
5. Be prepared to support Natural Disaster Relief operations as directed. See OPLAN 2-68 (Natural Disaster Relief Plan).
6. Provide maximum support of Civic Action Program.

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ANNEX P (Artillery Missions) to OPORD 4-68 (U)

MISSIONS

1. Provide direct support artillery to the brigade.
2. Be prepared for deployment anywhere in South Vietnam on 12 hours notice.
3. Maintain aggressive counterrocket/countermortar program in defense of CLDC.
4. Provide political clearance liaison teams to SON TINH, BINH SON and LY TIN District Headquarters as directed. Obtain political clearances for TIEN PHUOC SF/CIDG Camp to support Bde operations in area.
5. Prepare to execute OPLAN 1-68 GOLDEN VALLEY on order. Designate primary and alternate reaction batteries.
6. Be prepared to relinquish OPCON of one artillery battery to 11th Lt Inf Bde to be employed in defense of QUANG NGAI City and Airfield. Coordinate w/6-11th Arty.
7. Be prepared to support Natural Disaster Relief Operations as directed. See OPLAN 2-68 (Natural Disaster Relief Plan).
8. Provide maximum support of Civic Action Program.
9. Be prepared to commit one Arty Btry to any location within Div AO. Btry will be prepared to move within 90 minutes of notification.

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ANNEX Q (CAP Strengths and Locations) to OPORD 4-68 (U)

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>HF</u>	<u>LOCATIONS</u>
CAG HQ	5	47	4	0	BT530113
CACO 1-1	1	6	0	0	BT305228
1-1-1 PF Plat QT 52	0	16	1	29	BT342190
1-1-2 PF Plat QT 62	0	14	1	23	BT331177
*1-1-3 PF Plat QT 66	0	16	1	28	BT325181
1-1-4 PF Plat QT 2	0	14	1	26	BT265277
*1-1-7	0	15	1	0	BT342273
MTT 1-1	0	15	1	20	BT303186
CACO 1-2	1	19	1	30	BT468080
#1-2-1 PF Plat QT 82 & 83	0	15	1	30	BT476145
1-2-2 PF Plat QT 130	0	15	1	26	BT393163
1-2-3 PF Plat QT 80	0	16	1	33	BT488102
#1-2-4 PF Plat QT 76 & 77	0	18	1	120	BT468080
1-2-5 PF Plat QT 81	0	17	1	50	BT413126
1-2-7	0	14	1	30	BT454053
MTT 1-2	0	15	1	20	BT599919
CACO 1-3	1	4	0	0	BS561967
1-3-1 PF Plat QN 12	0	14	1	20	BS610950
1-3-2 PF Plat QN 16	0	14	1	33	BS571906
1-3-3 PF Plat QN 22	0	15	1	33	BS663985
1-3-4 PF Plat QN 19	0	14	1	24	BS622013
1-3-5 PF Plat QN 132	0	14	1	60	BS714973
1-3-6 PF Plat QN 2	0	13	1	25	BS572938
1-3-7 PF Plat QN 11	0	15	1	23	BS610940
1-3-8 PF Plat QN 8	0	15	1	25	BS578922

*CACO's 1-1-3 and 1-1-7 are designated double CAP.

#PF Platoons alternate on positions. Average 28 men per night.

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3-8	Americal Division
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13	S2, 198th Inf Bde
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20	S4, 198th Inf Bde
21	S5, 198th Inf Bde
22	Sig O, 198th Inf Bde
23	Cmcl O, 198th Inf Bde
24	PMO, 198th Inf Bde
25	CO, HHC, 198th Inf Bde
26-27	CO, 1-6 Inf
28-29	CO, 1-46 Inf
30-31	CO, 5-46 Inf
32-33	CO, 1-52 Inf
34-35	CO, 1-14 Arty
36	CO, 9th Spt Bn
37	CO, H Trp, 17th Cav
38	CO, B Co, 26th Engr
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Annex C (Intel) to OP Order 4-68

1. References Map RVN, 1:50,000, series 17014 sheets 6639 I, 6639 IV, 6640 III, 6640 II, 6739 IV, 6740 III.

2. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces: Chu Lai Defense Command (CLDC), Fire Support Bases (FSB), District Headquarters, SF/CIDG Camps and isolated outposts are vulnerable to attacks by elements of the 2nd NVA Division currently operating in Southern Quan Tin and Northern Quan Ngai Provinces. In addition Bn and Co size VC Main Force, Local Forces and Sapper Units remain dispersed throughout the Brigade AO and District Hqs. It is unlikely that the enemy will launch a division of regimental size attack against a singular target, however, coordinated attacks against selected targets are likely since such attacks will enable the enemy to create the impression of sustained offensive activity throughout the Brigade AO and District Hqs. Throughout the Brigade AO, the enemy freedom of movement is curtailed by continuous air and ground Reconnaissances, Tactical Operations, LRRP's and SRRP utilization and the use of other intelligence gathering resources.

b. Enemy Disposition (See Appendix I, Order of Battle).

c. Enemy Capabilities.

- (1) Conduct a regimental or larger size attack against a selected target.
- (2) Attack by fire (Rocket and Mortar) and ground attacks supported by fire.
- (3) Terrorist and sabotage actions against populated areas and refugee camps.
- (4) Interdiction of LOC's by ambushes and mining.
- (5) Harassing operations against friendly forces (sniper fire, mortar fire, mining and booby trap).

(6) Psychological operations against military personnel and civilians by printed or audio means.

(7) Monitor all brigade F1 radio nets and react to intelligence gained by this action.

(8) Tap wire lines located outside secure areas.

(9) Release soldiers to become Hoi Chunks or Kit Carsons.

(10) Use anti-aircraft weapons.

d. Current Insum and Spot Reports.

3. EBI and OIR

a. EBI

- (1) What are the enemy dispositions?
- (2) Will the 2nd NVA Division launch a major attack in the near future against friendlies throughout the Brigade AO?
- (3) What friendly targets will the 2nd NVA Division, MF, LF and Sapper Units be targeted against?

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- (4) What are the enemy lines of communication?
- (5) What are the sources of enemy supply?

b. OIR

- (1) Location and caliber of AA positions?
- (2) Location of any rockets or mortar positions within Brigade A0?
- (3) To what extent is the local populace supporting the enemy?
- (4) What are the likely enemy routes of approach and withdrawal?
- (5) What are likely enemy ambush sites?

4. INTELLIGENCE ACQUISITION TASKS

- (a) Orders to attached and subordinate units.

- 1. Enemy Contacts
- 2. Anti-aircraft Fires
- 3. Mines and Booby Traps
- 4. Enemy Equipment Captured
- 5. Sniper Fire
- 6. Significant Sightings
- 7. Enemy KIA's and CIA's

- (b) 601ST RRD: Provides continuous intel input to the Commander.

- (c) Amorical Division MID.

- (1) Provides IPW personnel to process brigade detainees and PW's.

(2) Provides CI teams for liaison w/Tam Ky, Binh Son, Ly Tin, Tien Phouc, and other districts in operations against VCI and to conduct normal CI functions w/in the brigade.

- (d) Amorical Division is requested to furnish information on the following:

- (1) Location and disposition of enemy within the 198th Brigade A0.
- (2) Indications of enemy posture.

5. MISCELLANEOUS:

PW's and detainees will be delivered to the Bde Collection Point without delay. They will be properly tagged by capturing unit w/complete circumstances of capture.

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1. Order of Battle

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APPENDIX 1, ANNEX C (Intel) to OPORD 4-68

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NVA UNITS

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STRENGHT</u>	<u>LOC</u>
2D NVA DIV HQS	160	BS0595
1ST NVA RGMT	900	BT2221
3RD NVA RGMT	900	BT9912

MF UNITS

70TH MF BN	200	BT2411
74TH MF BN	300	BT1918
409TH MF BN (SAPPER)	250	BS4598

LF UNITS

72D LF BN	150	BT1511
48TH LF BN	240	BS6886
V-13 LF CO	70	BT1612
V-14 LF CO	70	BT3010
P-31 LF CO	60	BT6992
95TH LF CO	80	BS6993

NOTE: Strength of units are based on PW, AR, RTNCE Rpts, and are estimated.

Location: Unit locations are as listed by 198th Bde and Americal Div OB's.

Units are known to operate within a 10km radius from loc above stated.

Addresses may make OB changes as information becomes available.

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ANNEX R (Defense Against Rocket or Mortar Attack) to OPORD 4-68

1. (C) Purpose: The purpose of this annex is to provide current intelligence on the enemy's use of rockets and mortars and general guidance on methods which will aid in defending critical installations against rocket or mortar attacks.
2. (C) General defensive methods against rocket or mortar attacks:
 - a. Aggressive combat opns in the form of patrols and ambushes in known areas from which rocket or mortar attacks may be launched.
 - b. Extensive employment of air and ground surveillance.
 - c. Increased control of land and water movement routes.
 - d. Immediate firing of countermortar, counter-rocket fires.
 - e. Attacking enemy mortar or rocket positions with combat reaction forces.
 - f. Make arrangements for marking friendly locations at night.
3. (C) Perimeter defense considerations: Perimeter defense personnel should be instructed to immediately report the azimuth and estimated range to the sound or flash of rockets or mortar firing. This may be facilitated by placing in each bunker a card with known azimuth and ranges to various reference points in front of each bunker. This information should be immediately reported through artillery channels.
4. (C) Division Assets: Division Aviation Officers will arrange for a UH-1 with crew and artillery observer to be on strip alert from 1830 hrs daily. In addition, two gunships will be on strip alert from 1830 hrs to 0630 hrs, (Eagle watch).
5. (C) Infantry Battalions will be prepared to establish cordons around enemy mortar or rocket launch sites and be familiar with the plan for defense of CLDC. Each Bn will have a company size reaction force which may be employed within one hour of notification.
6. (U) This Annex supercedes OPLAN 6-68 which may be destroyed except for record copy maintained at this Headquarters.

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APPENDICES:

1. Intelligence
2. Fire Support Plan
3. Rocket/Mortar Alert Procedures

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APPENDIX 1 (Intelligence) to Annex R to OPORD 4-68

Reference: Maps RVM; 1:50,000 series L7014; sheets 6654 I, 6640 II; 6739 I, IV; 6740 III, 6738 I, IV; 6838 III, IV.

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

- a. The Chu Lai Defense Command, (CLDC), Landing Zones (LZ's) and Fire Support Bases (FSB's) within the Chu Lai area are vulnerable to rocket attacks by elements of the 2d NVA Division, currently operating in Southern Quan Tin and Northern Quan Ngai Provinces. There is no reliable information indicating that VC units are equipped with rocket artillery, however, such possibility should be considered due to the infiltration of NVA soldiers into Main Forces, Local Forces and Sapper Units.
- b. Current INTSUMS and PERINTMEPS.

2. EEI's and OIR's:

- a. EEI:
 - (1) Will the VC/NVA launch rockets against targets in the Chu Lai Area? If so, when, where, how and what type?
 - (2) What are the VC/NVA routes of ingress and egress from the rocket belt?
 - (3) Where are probable launch areas? Within launch areas, where are the most probable launching sites?
- b. OIR:
 - (1) Are suspected personnel moving into probable launch areas within the rocket belt?
 - (2) Are there reports of enemy or suspected personnel carrying long cylindrical tubes, resembling stovepipes or canvas cases approximately four (4) to eight (8) feet long?
 - (3) Are there any sightings of shallow holes or trenches with piled dirt mounds and possibly stakes driven into the ground? (Stakes are used for aiming stakes and dirt mounds for launch ramps)
 - (4) Are there any reports or sightings of personnel trimming tree tops or tree limbs within the rocket belt?
 - (5) Are there any indications of heavy trail activity within the rocket belt?

3. Orders and Requests for Information:

- a. Orders to attached and subordinate units:
 - (1) All Units report as obtained:
 - (a) Unusual personnel activity within the rocket belt area.
 - (b) Sightings of suspected personnel or capture of enemy or civilians carrying components of the 122mm or 140mm Rockets, launchers or other unknown type rockets.
 - (c) Sightings of new trails or heavy activity or used trails within the rocket belt.
 - (d) Sightings of oxcarts, water-buffalos, bicycles, vehicles, or watercrafts carrying what could be a rocket, or any of its components.

4. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Likely friendly targets for rocket attacks in Chu Lai Area:
 - (1) Chu Lai Air Base Runways - BT548063.

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- (2) Aircraft, equipment and storage areas (Hangars) - BT553041.
- (3) POL Facilities - BT548063.
- (4) Ammo Storage - BT558045.
- (5) 23d Division (Americal) Hqs - BT5310.
- (6) Artillery Pieces and Mechanized Units.

b. Rockets Characteristics and Employment:

- (1) 140mm Soviet Rocket.

(a) Characteristics:

- 1 Rocket, fin stabilized.
 - a Length, overall with fuse - 42.3 inches.
 - b Weight with fuse - 90 pounds.
 - c Range - 10,000 meters.
 - d Warhead - 9.5 pounds explosive.
 - e Fuse - instantaneous or delay.
- 2 Launcher tube:
 - a Length overall - 45 inches.
 - b Weight single tube - 22 pounds.

(b) Employment:

- 1 The 140mm rocket has been used extensively against all types of friendly installations throughout the RVN. However, only 4 attacks with this type of rocket has been reported within the Chu Lai area. Launching positions for the 140mm Rocket are usually prepared after dark with minimum effort by scooping shallow holes and piling the dirt forward to provide launching ramps of the desired elevation. The rocket could be launched from launcher tubes mounted on wooden boards approximately four feet long. However, the rockets can be fired without the benefit of launcher tubes by merely laying them on the dirt piles and firing them.
- 2 Small aiming stakes are placed at the front or sides of the rockets to provide directional reference. When surveying is conducted, probably during daylight hours, the only indication before a rocket attack would be nothing more than the emplaced stakes to indicate where the launchers or rockets are to be positioned.
- 3 The consistency of the number of 140mm Rocket launchers employed against a given target is unknown, however, on 27 Feb 67, as many as 134 launches were employed in the Da Nang attack. In other cases there will be as few as two or three launchers emplaced and fired.

- (2) 122mm Soviet Rocket:

(a) Characteristics:

- 1 Rocket, fin stabilized.
 - a Length - 6.2 feet.
 - b Weight - 101 pounds.
 - c Maximum range - 11,000 meters (elevation 45°).
 - d Minimum range - 4,000 meters (elevation 10°).
 - e Warhead - 15 pounds explosive.
 - f Fuse - instantaneous or delay.
- 2 Launcher:
 - a Length - 8.1 feet.
 - b Weight - 55 pounds.

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(b) Employment:

- 1 The 122mm Rocket was first introduced into South Vietnam with an attack on Camp Carroll, adjacent to the DMZ, in early May 1967. Since that time, the 122mm Rocket has been used for attacks against installations and cities throughout the RVN. The first 122mm Rocket attack against CLDC, was on 31 January 1968, when fifty (50) rockets were fired.
- 2 The 122mm Rocket when fired from the 122mm launching system is extremely accurate. This accuracy is achieved primarily due to the sophisticated instruments used to initially survey the site. A type theodolite or transit, mounted on a tripod, is used to determine the correct firing data. This survey, in conjunction with the spin/fin guidance system, the emplaced sighting system, and the tripod mount provides the weapon with a high degree of accuracy. (See Tab B).
- 3 Experience has shown that the 122mm Rocket can be fired also from unsophisticated launchers. Three 122mm Rockets have been captured in the firing position, laying or resting on a dirt pile mount, from where three other rockets were fired against CLDC.
- 4 Attacks, by 122mm Rockets are normally greater in duration than those by 140mm Rockets or others. This greater period is evidenced by the fact that the rocket launchers can be reloaded during the attack, with each launcher probably capable of firing three to five rockets, with two to four minutes preparation for each rocket.
- 5 When the tripod mounted launcher is used to fire rockets, holes are dug approximately six inches deep and five to eight feet apart to emplace the tripod legs. Also, a shallow hole could be dug behind each launcher to facilitate reloading, and trenches beside the launchers to protect the crews during firing and against retaliatory fires.

c. Defensive measures:

(1) Denial:

- (a) It is a known fact that the optimum method of preventing rocket attacks is to deny the enemy the opportunity to occupy launching positions. Therefore, consideration must be given to finding means and ways of detecting and destroying the enemy before an attack can be launched. Such considerations should include, but not be limited to:
 - 1 Frequent aerial and ground reconnaissance of suspected rocket infiltration routes, with emphasis of the area adjacent and within the rocket belt.
 - 2 Conduct of Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols.
 - 3 Establishment of night ambush sites in areas suitable for launching sites.
 - 4 Continuous intelligence gathering and exploitation of information pertaining to a units movement, capabilities, size and armament operating within or adjacent to the rocket belt.
 - 5 Use of anti-intrusion devices along possible or suspected routes into the rocket belt and in possible/probable launching areas.

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6. An effective system of counter battery and H & I program, on likely launch sites and avenues of approach.
7. Establishment of LP's and Observation Posts in areas where good visual surveillance of avenues of approach or probable launching sites is obtained.
8. Patrols of waterways on possible infiltration of rockets and personnel by water.

(b) Rocket Belt is considered that area located within a 12,000 meter arc surrounding the CLDC. Surveillance of potential rocket sites and avenues of approach should be continuous, with emphasis placed on early morning and late evening hours and during the dark phase of the moon. (See TAB 1 overlay)

d. Post Attack Actions:

- (1) Areas of impact and launch sites should be inspected by EOD Personnel and other personnel with knowledge on rocket characteristics.
- (2) Inspections of impact areas could provide information of intelligence value, to include type of rocket fired, use of new rockets and type of fuses used.
- (3) Inspection of launch sites provides information as to:
 - (a) Location of launch sites.
 - (b) Type of launcher used.
 - (c) Number of launch sites used.
 - (d) Effectiveness of countermeasures, which can be evidenced when the enemy is unable to fire rockets that are found in the launch site or its vicinity.
- (4) Caution should be observed by personnel when rockets are discovered since the enemy sometimes booby traps items or rockets left unfired in the launching area, or the area itself may be booby trapped.
- (5) EOD personnel should be summoned to the launching site when rockets are discovered.
- (6) Pictures of launching sites should be taken when appropriate.

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A - Probable Launch Areas

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APPENDIX 2 (Fire Support Plan) to ANNEX R to OPORD 4-68

References: Maps, Vietnam, 1:50,000 - series L7014, sheets 6634 I, 6640 II, 6739 I, & IV 6740 III, 6738I & IV, 6838 III & IV.

1. Situation

2. Mission

3. (C) Execution

- a. Concept of operations. 1st Bn, 14th Arty fires suppressive fires in defense of Chu Lai Base.
- b. Fires:
 - (1) Organization:
 - (a) 1st Bn, 14th Arty: 105 How TD-DS 198th LIB.
 - (b) B Btry, 1st Bn, 82d Arty: 4 ea 155 How TD-GS Reinforcing.
 - (c) A Btry, 3rd Bn, 18th Arty, 2 ea 8" SP; 2 ea 175 How SP, GS, Reinforcing.
 - (d) 3d Bn, 18th Arty provides flash information which generates location of point of impact or point of origin by muzzle flash.
 - (2) Preplanned counter battery targets. (Tab A, Target Lists.)
 - (3) An/MPQ 4 Radar located grid 51582, 03992 on primary search 4800 M and alternate 2150 M. Radar operational 1800-0700 hours daily.
 - (4) Counter battery observation post and searchlight locations. Appendix 2, observation posts.
 - (5) Quand 50 locations, Tab B.
 - (6) Vital areas of most probable attack are located at coordinates:
 - (a) BT532074 to BT547057.
 - (b) BT543063.
 - (c) BT542052.
 - (d) BT553045.
- (7) Coordination Instructions: 1st Bn, 14th Arty will plan counter battery suppressive fires and interdiction fires on a daily basis.

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TAB A - Target List

TAB B - Unit Locations

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TAB A (Target List) to Appendix 2 (Fire Support Plan) to Annex R to OPORD 4-68.

Counterbattery targets to be fired on w/shell HE

<u>TGT NO</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>ALT</u>
CR 1	461 999	440
CR 2	439 022	10
CR 3	444 027	10
CR 4	449 032	10
CR 5	438 046	10
CR 6	441 046	10
CR 7	438 051	10
CR 8	493 107	30
CR 9	414 987	400
CR 10	438 996	480
CR 11	466 011	360
CR 12	480 999	140
CR 13	417 067	20
CR 14	459 000	460
CR 15	435 053	10
CR 16	430 037	10

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TAB B (Flash OP's, CLDC Towers, Searchlights, Quad 50 Locations) to Appendix 2 (Fire Support Plan) to Annex R to OPORD 4-68

FLASH OP'S

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>GRID</u>
LZ Gator	1	BT5666796128
LZ Bayonet	3	BT5419301276
Arty Hill	4	BT5120203835
Hill 69	5	BT4677506805
Fat City	6	BT4352607799
Hill 54	7	BT3955214437
Hill 76	8	BT4520803856

TOWER

Tower	11	BT52991110
Tower	12	BT52521239
Tower	21	BT52341055
Tower	22	BT52160961
Tower	31	BT53490956
Tower	33	BT52380894
Tower	41	BT52400715
Tower	42	BT54590643
Tower	51	BT57460275
Tower	52	BT57740323
Tower	53	BT57060232
Tower	61	BT56240163
Tower	72	BT51630637

SEARCHLIGHTS

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>GRID</u>
Hill 54	395144
Hill 69	467068
Hill 76	452038

QUAD 50'S

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>GRID</u>
Hill 54	2	395144
Hill 76	1	452038
Hill 69	1	467068
Fat City	2	435077

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APPENDIX 3 (Rocket/Mortar Alert Procedures) to Annex R (Defense Against Rocket or Mortar Attack) to OPORD 4-68

1. (C) The purpose of this appendix is to establish definite procedures to be followed during alerts or actual rocket attacks against CLDC. Speed and accuracy of reports will result in a more effective counterattack/mortar fires. All rocket/mortar shellreps will be preceded by the codeword BLACKBIRD. All 198th LIB radio nets and switchboards will give Flash precedence to all BLACKBIRD calls. Information will be reported as it becomes available.
2. (C) Reporting Units Action:
 - a. Notify BTOC using rocket/mortar shellrep format found at Tab A.
 - b. Notify nearest element on the ground in proximity to suspected launch area.
 - c. Ground units will not move to suspected area without approval of BTOC duty officer.
3. (C) Actions to be taken by BTOC (in priority):
 - a. Notify CLDC: S-3 or Asst S-3.
 - b. Notify Base Defense SWB. Base Defense SWB will immediately notify sub units as to possible launch location.
 - c. Notify 1-14 FSC: FSC relays information to FDC for counterrocket fires.
 - d. Notify Inf Bns: Inf Bns will alert subordinate units to observe for rocket launchings. Sightings by Bns will be reported thru fire direction nets to FDC or to FSC by VHF hot line.
 - e. Notify Avn sect and USAF liaison teams: Sections will contact airborne personnel in vicinity of launch areas to VR areas for launch sites.
 - f. Notify DTOC: Request airborne artillery observer and gunships for possible scramble. Aircraft will report in on 198th Inf Bde Cmd net for further instructions.
4. (C) Aircraft will call "SAVIOR" for hazards and remain outside the counter rocket fires. Arty will not be check fired until it is determined that aircraft will be the most effective means of engaging suspected target.
5. (C) All information passed to BTOC concerning suspected rocket launch sites will be immediately passed to FSC, who will relay to the Arty FDC.

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TAB A - Rocket/Mortar Shellrep

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TAB A to APPENDIX 3 to ANNEX R to OPORD 4-68

ROCKET/MORTAR SHELL REP

BLACKBIRD ALERT

Line 1: Reporting Unit

Line 2: Unit Location (Coord)

Line 3: Time

Line 4: Azimuth and range to launch site or grid coord

Line 5: How sighted (Visual, sound or radar)