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HEADQUARTERS
4TH BATTALION, 3D INFANTRY
11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE
AMERICAL DIVISION
APO 96217

XIRD-OP

02 January 1968

SUBJECT: RF and PF Operation.

TO: All units to include those units under OPCON to the 4th Bn, 3d Inf. ✓

1. RF and PF troops will be conducting an operation in AO vic coord 8637, 8635, 8535, 8534, 8834, 8837 on 3 January 1968.

2. RF and PF will be coming thru CARENTAN by truck between 0330-0400 hrs on 3 January 1968. They will dismount vicinity coord 854374; conduct an operation in the AO and return to dismount point for transportation at approximately 031200 Jan 68.

3. All personnel are cautioned not to fire at these individuals. All targets will be positively identified before firing.

4. Illumination and HE in PF/RF AO will not be fired between 0330-1200 hours unless cleared by this headquarters.

This message was received at this headquarters at 02 1330 hours Jan 1968. Message was from LTC Barker, 11th Bde S-3.

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MAJ, Infantry
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HHC 4-3 _____
A Co 4-3 _____
B Co 4-3 _____
C Co 4-3 _____
D Co 4-3 _____
E Co 4-3 _____

HHC 11th Bde _____
TROOP E _____
6th Spt Bn _____
Recon Plat _____
GS Plat _____

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Hq, 4th Bn 3d Inf
CARENTAN (843371) SVN
092300 H Jan 68
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References: Maps, S Vietnam 1:50,000: Sheets, Binh Son (6739I); Quang Ngai (6739II); Son Ha (6739III); Tra Bong (6739IV).

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A; Road Movement Table

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy forces: Current INTSUM.

b. Friendly forces:

(1) 11th Bde remains in present AO.

(2) 3-1 Inf continues operations in assigned AO.

(3) 1-20 Inf relieves 4-3 Inf from present commitments in assigned AO.

c. Attachments and detachments: Co B 6th Spt Bn provides transportation for motor movement.

2. MISSION.

4-3 Inf w/ B battery, 6-11 Arty move by motor and air commencing H hour Jan 68 to assembly area vic 3d Marine Provisional Artillery (BT 630852) and to LZ SUE (BT 565877).

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operation: 4-3 Inf moves by motor and air in 3 march units and 6 CH-47 helicopter chinks; first march unit SP H-hour 10 Jan and last march unit closing new area by H+3 hours and 35 min. Co B 4-3 Inf moves by CH-47 helicopter from LZ Living End (BS 849372) to LZ Sue, PZ time

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TM. Artillery fire support from LZ Liz and LZ Dragon on call. Two (2) gunships from 17th Aviation Co provide air cover for march units.

- b. March unit 1.
- c. March unit 2.
- d. March unit 3.
- e. CH-47 chalk 1-6 (See Annex C, Air Movement Table).
- f. Coordinating instructions:

(1) Quartering party will move by UH-1B helicopter from LZ Living End (DS 849372) at 10 0730 H Jan 68. Party will consist of S-3, S-4, LNO, and DS Artillery Battery Commander.

(2) All units moving by vehicle will be assembled and loaded on vehicles NLT 10 0830 H Jan 68 vic 6th Spt Trains area (Air strip coord 843371).

(3) Co B 4-3 Inf will be assembled by chalk vic LZ Living End NLT 10 0700 H Jan 68.

(4) MP Platoon, HHC, 11th Inf Bde provides escort and establishes TCPs along route to vic bridge north of Quang Ngai (BT 642748).

(5) MPs, 198th Inf Bde provide escort and establish TCPs from bridge north of Quang Ngai to RP.

(6) Vehicle commanders are responsible for briefing drivers and occupants on 4-3 Inf motor convoy SOPs.

(7) March unit commanders will establish radio communications within march unit for control.

(8) Formation: Closed column (50 meters between vehicles).

(9) Column gap: March units---15 minutes.

(10) Annex A, Road Movement Table

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(11) Annex B, Route Overlay.

(12) Annex C, Air Movement Table.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supply.

(1) Class I.

(a) 2 meals carried by convoy personnel.

(b) 7 meals per man (140 men) helilifted to Fire Base Sue
NLT H+4.

(2) Class II & IV: Minimum essential equipment. Sandbags in
trains available D+1.

(3) Class III: Vehicles fuel prior to H-2. Refuel location
assembly area vic coord 650852.

(4) Class V.

(a) Co B carries double basic load.

(b) Remaining Units and Bn ASP carry present loads.

(5) Water.

(a) 3 quarts carried by all individuals.

(b) 2000 gallons in trains.

(c) 500 gallons helilifted to LZ Sue NLT H+5.

b. Transportation.

(1) Troop lift, organic and Co B, 6th Spt Bn 34 each 2½ tons w/1½
ton trailers (cargo)(water).

(2) Cargo lift, organic and Co B, 6th Spt Bn 11 each 2½ tons w/1½
ton trailers (cargo).

(3) Bn maintenance mechanic in last 2½ ton vehicle, 3d march unit.

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(4) HMC 4-3 Inf furnish truck guides for attached transportation at 100800 H Jan 68 at 4-3 Inf motor pool area.

c. Miscellaneous.

(1) PZ Co B in LZ Living End.

(2) CH-47 helicopter (31 men or 7000 lbs cargo) after 0700 H Jan 68.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. Signal:

(1) Current SOI in effect.

(2) Communications checks NLT 100830 H Jan 68 with Hallmark 65.

b. Command: Serial commander moves initially with march unit 2.

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Annexes: A - Road Movement Table
B - Route Overlay
C - Air Movement Table

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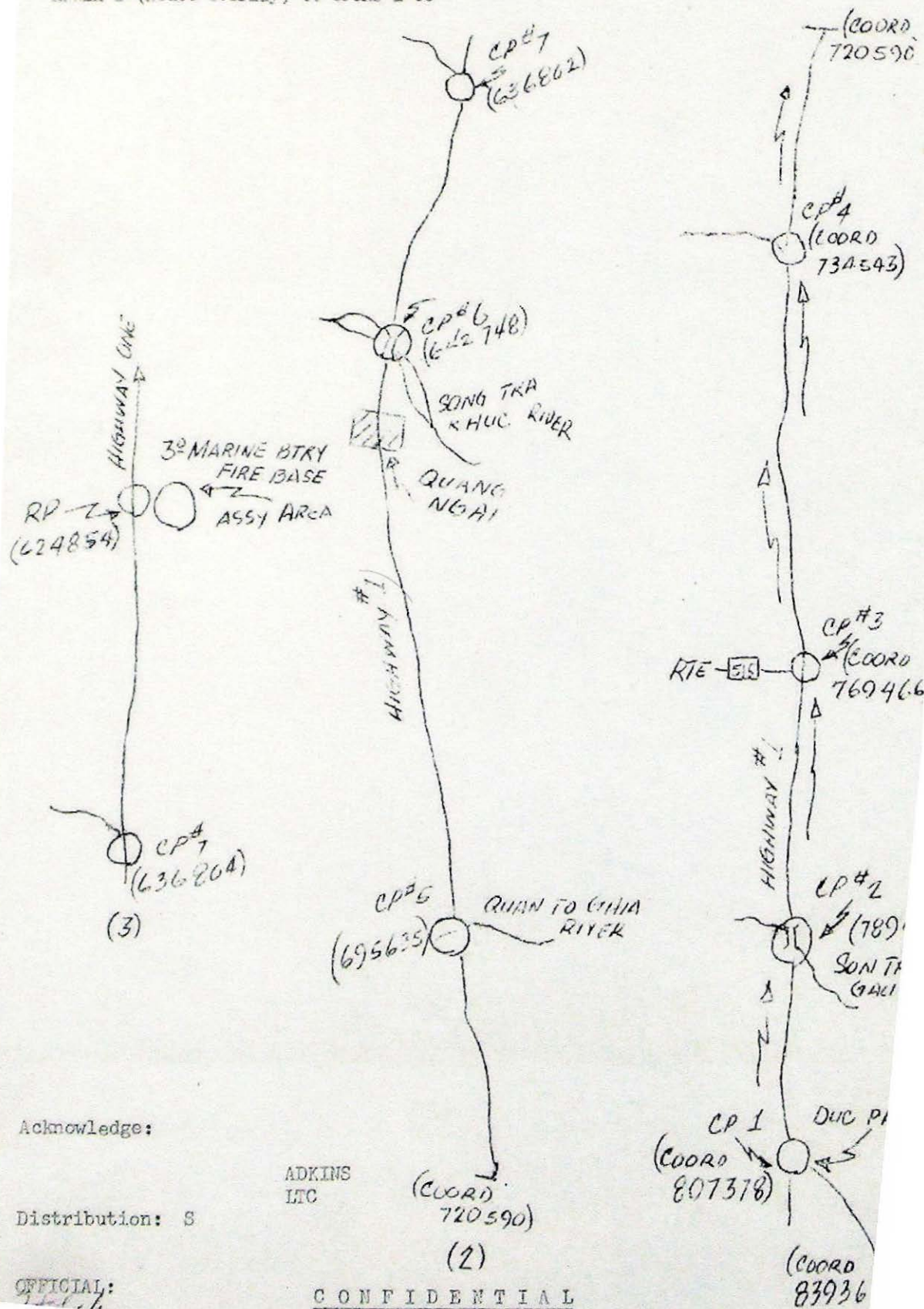
ANNEX A (Road Movement Table) to OPORD 1-68

References: Maps, S Vietnam 1:50,000: Sheets, Binh Son (6739I); Quang Ngai (6739II); Son Ha (6739III); Tra Bong (6739IV).

1. Average Speed: 20 MPH
2. Catch up Speed: 25 MPH
3. Halts: None
4. Route GUARD:
 - a. LZ CARENTAN BRIDGE, BEACH ROAD (BS 848363) (Start Point)
 - b. DUC PHO (BS 807378) (Highway 1)
 - c. XUAN YEN TAY (2) (BS 624854) (Release Point)
5. Critical Points:
 - a. Start point all march units: Bridge (BS 848363)
 - b. Intersection of Beach Road and Highway 1 (BS 807378)
 - c. Release point all march units: Intersection of Highway 1 and road leading to marshalling area (3d Provisional Marine Battery Fire Base) (BS 624854)
6. March Units:

SERIAL OR MARCH UNIT	DATE	ORGANIZATION AND COMMANDER (Serial Cmdr LTC ADKINS)	NO OF VEHICLES	SP	RP	REMARKS
March Unit 1	10 Jan	Co C	8 (2½ T) 1 (¼ T)	H hr	H + 3 hrs	
		B Btry	13 (2½ T)			
		6-11 Arty	2 (3/4 T) 3 (¼ T)			
		Comd Grp	3 (¼ T)			
		Co E (-) (Recon Plat & G.S. Sec)	3 (2½ T) 3 (¼ T)			
			1 FIA			
		CPT Hendrix	TOTAL 37 Vehicles			

ANNEX B (Route Overlay) to OPORD 1-68



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SERIAL OR MARCH UNIT	DATE	ORGANIZATION AND COMMANDER	NO OF VEHICLES	SP	RP	REMARKS
March Unit 2	10 Jan	Co D	8 (2½ T)	H-hr + 15 min	H + 3 hrs 15 mins	
		HHC (-)	1 (2½ T)			Includes Arty INC ¼ T
		(Med Plat (-),	1 (FLA)			
		Comm Plat	4 (¼ T)			
		Bn Hqs Sec (-)				
		Bn Tns	11 (2½ T) 2 (¼ T)			
		CPT Six	TOTAL 27 Vehicles			
March Unit 3	10 Jan	Co A	8 (2½ T)	H Hr +	H + 3	
			1 (¼ T)	30 mins	Hrs 30 mins	
		Hvy Mort Plat	6 (3/4T)			
			1 (FLA)			
		CPT Campbell	TOTAL 16 Vehicles			

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ANNEX C (Air Movement Table) to OPORD 1-68

AMFTC	Cpt Michles B 4-3	SEQUENTIAL AIRLIFT SCHEDULE				MISSION COORDINATOR		Cpt Henderson	11th Inf Bde		
I T E M	UNIT	PZ TIME	PZ COORD	PZ CONTACT	LZ TIME	LZ COORD	LZ CONTACT	LZ PREP TYPE	PREP TIME	A/C REQ	PAX
1	B 4-3	100700 H	BS049372	Hallmark B6 51.60	100725 H	BS565877	2-35 Inf Air/Ground Frequency	N/A	N/A	1	31
2	B 4-3	100750 H	"	Hallmark B5 51.60	100815 H	"	Hallmark B6 51.60	"	"	1	32
3	B 4-3	100850 H	"	(10 min refueling time) " 100915 H	"	"	"	"	"	1	31
4	B 4-3	100940 H	"	" 101005 H	"	"	"	"	"	1	31
5	B 4-3	101040 H	"	(10 min refueling time) " 101105 H	"	"	"	"	"	7000 lbs ext. cgo	—
6	B 4-3	101130 H	"	" 101155 H	"	"	"	"	"	7000 lbs ext. cgo	

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LZ SUE (BS567878) SVN
231000 Jan 68

SUBJECT: Air movement instructions for operations 23 Jan 68.

FROM: S-3 Air, 4-3 Inf

1. Sequence of events:

a. 1230H - Pilot briefing LZ SUE by Bn S-3 (Air).

b. 1300H - Pick up 1st lift of B 4-3 Inf on secure PZ (BS528888). Ground contact BLUEBEARD B6; Freq 51.60.

c. Airlift 1st lift B 4-3 Inf to LZ UPTIGHT (BS730849). Ground contact DRAGON D6; Freq 46.70.

d. At LZ UPTIGHT pick up 1st lift of D 1-14 Inf and airlift them to LZ (BS630855). Ground contact DRAGON A6; Freq 46.70.

e. Drop off 1st lift D 1-14 Inf and proceed to PZ (BS528888) and pick up 2d lift of B 4-3 Inf. Ground contact BLUEBEARD B6; Freq 51.60.

f. Airlift 2d lift of B 4-3 Inf to LZ UPTIGHT (BS630855). Ground contact BLUEBEARD B46; Freq 51.60.

g. At LZ UPTIGHT pick up 2d lift of D 1-14 Inf and airlift them to LZ vic (BS630855). Ground contact DRAGON AG; Freq 46.70.

h. Drop off 2d lift D 1-14 Inf and proceed to PZ (BS528888) and pick up 3d lift B 4-3 Inf. Ground contact BLUEBEARD B6; Freq 51.60.

i. Airlift 3d lift B 4-3 Inf to LZ UPTIGHT (BS730849). Ground contact BLUEBEARD B46; Freq 51.60.

j. Pick up 3d lift D 1-14 Inf at LZ UPTIGHT (BS730849) and airlift them to LZ (BS630855). Ground contact DRAGON AG; Freq 46.70.

k. If any further lifts are required, follow the above outlined sequence and then proceed as in the following paragraph.

1. Proceed to PZ (BS693823) and pick up 1st lift C 1-14 Inf. Ground contact DRAGON CG; Freq 46.70.

m. Airlift 1st lift C 1-14 Inf to LZ (BS630855). Ground contact DRAGON AG; Freq 46.70.

n. Drop off 1st lift C 1-14 Inf and return to LZ (BS693823) and continue to airlift remaining elements of C 1-14 Inf to LZ (BS630855).

o. When above airlift is completed, contact RED BARON (3d Bde, 4th Inf Div S-3 Air) for further instructions; Freq 45.80.

p. If no instructions are forthcoming, return to scheduled support missions (C&C or Resupply).

2. Contact BLUEBEARD 8 (Bn S3 Air) on either A/G Freq, 51.60, or Bn Cmd Freq, 64.15, in event of any deviation from scheduled plan or breakdown of communications on PZs or LZs.

3. Destroy this document upon completion of mission.

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