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OPLAN #7-72 (Charger Rescue II) (U)

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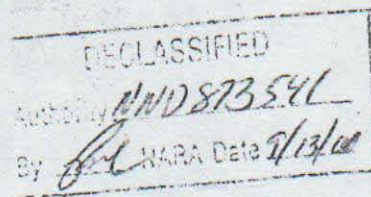
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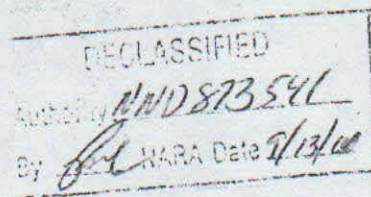
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2. (C) MISSION: 1-46th continues current operations; be prepared to assume responsibilities for entire Bde AO; be prepared to displace Bn for security missions as required.

3. (C) EXECUTION: a. Concept of Operations: Annex A, Operations Overlay. 1-46th prepares to assume responsibilities for missions assigned in accordance with current location and mission assignment.

b. Northern AO: (1) Units continue security missions.

(2) Be prepared on one hour notice to be extracted to a rear location for further redeployment by C-130 or CH-47 to an assembly area on PHU BAI airfield.

(3) On order, relinquish tactical responsibility for assigned AO to Inf Bn in southern AO.

(4) Security Force (rear detachment) on LZ MAUDE OPCON to Inf Bn in southern AO, commanded by a field-grade officer. LZ MAUDE will operate radios on command frequency of Inf Bn in southern AO and render reports to TAC CP located on LZ LINDA as required.

(5) Maintain one Inf Co OPCON CO, PHU BAI Combat Base (PBCB). B Co designated as initial security company, on order.

c. Southern AO: (1) Units continue current security operations.

(2) On order, assume tactical responsibilities for LZ MAUDE and entire Brigade AO, maintaining one company in northern AO. C Company is designated unit to conduct operations in northern AO, on order.

(3) On order, D Company designated DA NANG Reaction Force and will remain in vicinity of a field pick-up zone for extraction on one-hour notice.

(4) Inf Bn on Brigade Ridge provides two (2) 81mm Sections with FDC capability OPCON to 1-46th Mortar Platoon for employment on LZ MAUDE.

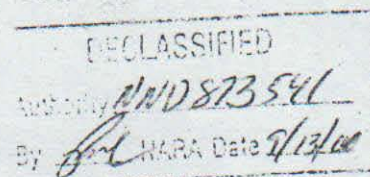
d. Brigade Ridge: (1) Continue current security operations with C Company reinforced by Recon Plt securing Brigade Ridge, B Co (-) provides DA NANG Reaction Force, and D Company providing Special Security forces as required at designated installations in the DA NANG area.

(2) On order, B Company provides one platoon to secure Camp Faulkner.

(3) On order, Mortar Platoon releases OPCON of two (2) 81mm Sections with FDC capability OPCON to Inf Bn in southern AO for employment on LZ MAUDE.

e. 3-82 Arty attaches one battery to Bn deploying to PHU BAI Combat Base.

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f. Bde Avn Plt provides daily; one (1) C&C UH-1H to Bn CO for reconnaissance and control, and one (1) UH-1H for resupply, if deployed to PHU BAI Combat Base.

g. Coordinating Instructions: (1) Direct coordination authorized.

(2) Coord group to PHU BAI includes representatives from Inf Bn, Arty Btry, Bde S3, Bde S4, and Bde Signal Office. 1-46th Inf Bn coordination group includes Bn CO, S3, Arty LNO, Bn Commo Officer, Bn S4, and Hqs CMDT.

(3) This plan effective for planning on receipt, execution on order.

4. (C) SERVICE SUPPORT: a. Material and Services:

(1) Supply: Per Combat SOP. If deployed to PHU BAI, see OPLAN 2-72.

(2) Transportation: OPLAN 2-72.

(3) Resupply: OPLAN 2-72.

b. Medical Evacuation and Hospitalization:

(1) Med support coordinated through 8th Field Station, PHU BAI, if deployed.

(2) Evacuation by dustoff to 95th Evac, DA NANG.

5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL: a. Signal: Current SSI in effect except as listed below:

(1) Special SOI will be supplied by Battalion Signal Officer at time of deployment to PHU BAI.

(2) At PHU BAI, one secure teletype circuit plus one voice and one additional secure voice circuit will be established if conditions warrant.

(3) Internal commo requirements for Inf Bn and attached Arty Btry will be provided by organic equipment.

(4) If conditions allow, Defense Commo Systems Circuits will be established between Charger SB and Bn Tackle SB.

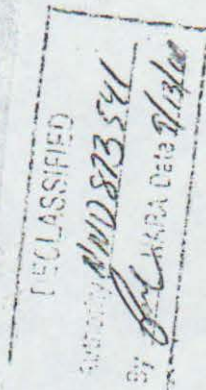
b. Command: (1) Deployed Bn OPCON, CO PBCB.

(2) PBCB CP located at YD 88221400.

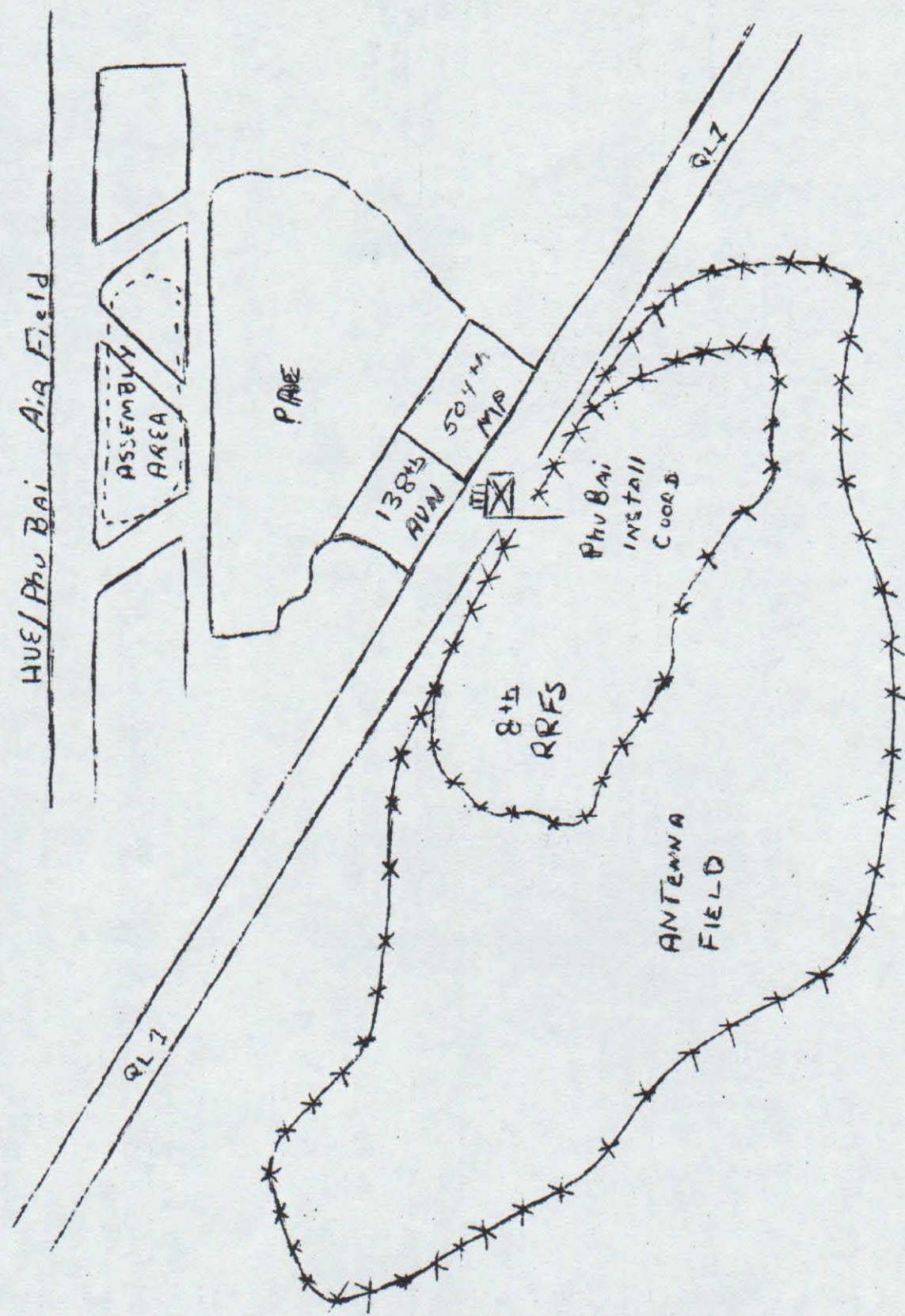
(3) Bde CP remains at Camp Charger (AT 959749).

(4) Bn rear CP remains at Camp Crescenzo.

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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to OPLAN #7-72 (Charger Rescue II) (U)



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