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OPLAN 1-69 to OPORD 5-69, HQ 4-3 Inf

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

Task Organization:

Perimeter Defense Company

One Rifle Company  
Recon Plat (if available)

Reaction Force #1

Commo Plat (-)  
Headquarters Sec (-)

Reaction Force #2

S-4 Section (-)  
Spt Platoon (-)

Reaction Force #3

Mess Section  
Hvy Mortar Sel Pers

Reaction Force #4

B/6-11 Arty (-)

Battalion Control

Hvy Mortar Plat (-)  
GS Section

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy: See OPORD 5-69 and current INTSUM.
- b. Friendly: Elements of the 11th Infantry Brigade are in positions to reinforce by fire and tactical operations. See current FCA.
- c. Attachments and detachments: Current task organization.
- d. Assumptions:
  - (1.) That the enemy will attack in reinforced battalion strength supported by mortars/rockers.
  - (2.) That one company of the 4/3 will be available on LZ San Juan for base defense.
  - (3.) That B Battery 6/11 Arty remains in position for defense of LZ San Juan.

2. MISSION.

The 4-3 Infantry conducts defensive/offensive operations on LZ San Juan to destroy attacking NVA/VC units.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of operation: 4-3 Infantry defends LZ San Juan employing one rifle company on perimeter defense, on order conducts offensive operations to pursue and destroy enemy (Annex D, Counter Attack Plan Killer). Reaction Force 1, 2, 3, and 4 are Battalion

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reserve located on Infantry Hill (#1), the Heli-pad (#2), Mess Hall (#3) and Arty Hill (#4). Priority of fires to rifle company on perimeter defense. Annex B, Fire Support.

- b. Rifle Company: Conduct perimeter defense utilizing all available weapons and fire support.
- c. Recon Platoon (if available): Defend assigned sector of perimeter defense utilizing all available weapons and fire support.
- d. Heavy Mortar Platoon: GS See Annex B, Fire Support. Be prepared to furnish 5 man squad to Mess Hall reaction force. Prepare and man one machine gun bunker vicinity of trash dump road.
- e. Commo Platoon: Form Reaction Force #1 on call, at Infantry Hill, vicinity of commo conex to be committed on order.
- f. Ground Surveillance Section: Attached to Reaction Force nearest location of operations.
- g. Headquarters Section: Provide security for inner perimeter entrances and TOC (S-2, S-3), form RF #2 (S-4 Sec (-)).
- h. Mess section: Form Reaction Force #3 vicinity of mess hall to be committed on order.
- i. B/6-11 Arty: Form Reaction Force #4, on order, vicinity of arty hill to be committed on order.
- j. Coordinating Instructions:
  - (1.) This order effective for planning on receipt, execution on order.
  - (2.) Annex D, Counter Attack Plan, KILLER.
  - (3.) Unit Cmdrs. conduct recon and minimum one daylight, one night rehearsal per week. Personnel to include squad leaders.
  - (4.) All personnel will have gas masks.
  - (5.) Tear gas cannisters fired on order of TOC only.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Administration.

b. Logistics:

- (1.) Emergency water point located on helipad.
- (2.) Ammo resupply points located at helipad, rifle company CP bunker, TOC, 4.2 platoon and arty battery.
- (3.) B/6-11, Heavy Mortar Platoon, and 81mm section will have flak jackets for all personnel.

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. Signal:

- (1.) Current SOI.
- (2.) Command frequency for all units/sections on LZ SAN JUAN is rifle company command net, RF #1, 2, 3 on A/L net.
- (3.) Emergency signals:
  - (a.) Green star-cluster--sappers in the wire.
  - (b.) Red star-cluster--medic needed ASAP.
  - (c.) Red and green star-clusters together--Arty will fire direct fire (beehive round).
- (4.) Siren:
  - (a.) 1 Long blast--mortar attack
  - (b.) 2 Short blasts--sappers
  - (c.) 3 Short blasts--reactionary force

b. Command:

- (1.) Command group located in TOC.
- (2.) TOC will control all units on LZ SAN JUAN.

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Annex A: Operations Overlay  
Annex B: Fire support  
Annex C: Intelligence Overlay  
Annex D: Counter Attack Plan Killer  
Annex E: Barrier Overlay

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ANNEX B (Fire Support) to OPLAN 1-69 to OPORD 5-69

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000: 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

Task Organization:

As in OPLAN 1-69 to OPORD 5-69.

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy: Current INTSUM.
- b. Friendly:

(1.) 4-3 Inf provide ground support for the defense of FSB SAN JUAN.  
(2.) 7th Air Force provides tactical air support.

2. MISSION.

As in OPLAN 1-69 to OPORD 5-69.

3. EXECUTION.

a. 4-3 Inf conducts defensive operations for FSB SAN JUAN and assumes the offensive as soon as possible after a ground attack.

b. Air Support: Requests for tactical air support will be submitted to the Bn S-3 Air.

c. Artillery Support:

(1.) B Btry, 6/11 Arty (105mm towed) will provide DS for the FSB SAN JUAN FCA.  
(2.) C Btry, 1/82 Arty (155mm towed) located on LZ LIZ will provide GSR.  
(3.) C Btry, 3/18 Arty (8"/175mm SP) located on SF Camp MINH LONG will provide GS.

d. Coordinating Instructions:

(1.) Rules of Engagement: Americal Regulation 525-4, Feb 69.  
(2.) Clearance of fires will be requested from Arty LNO.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

- a. Signal: Current SOI in effect.
- b. Command: No change.

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Appendix 1: Fire Support  
Appendix 2: Illumination  
Appendix 3: Countermortar/Counterbattery  
Appendix 4: Defensive Targets

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APPENDIX 1 (Fire Support) to ANNEX B to OPLAN 1-69 to OPORD 5-69

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

1. The artillery support for the defense of LZ SAN JUAN is composed of the following:

- a. 81 mm mortars - organic to line company on the LZ.
- b. 4.2 inch mortars - E Company, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry.
- c. 105mm howitzers- B Battery, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery.
- d. 155mm howitzers - C Battery, 1st Battalion, 82d Artillery.
- e. 8"/175mm howitzer/gun - C Battery, 3d Battalion, 18th Arty.

2. The types of artillery support available include illumination, countermortar/counterbattery, and defensive fires. All targets are permanent targets and are on call 24 hours a day. These targets can only be engaged by obtaining clearance through the artillery liaison personnel on duty in the TOC.

3. Illumination for LZ SAN JUAN will be on a scheduled basis. The amount of illumination to be shot will be in proportion to the amount of natural moonlight available. However, regardless of how much natural light is available if the bunkerline calls for specific illumination in a specific area, the 81mm mortar section will fire it immediately. If more is needed, the company CP will call the TOC and clear further illumination to be fired by other resources. The 4.2 inch mortar platoon and the 105mm howitzer battery will be prepared to furnish constant illumination for LZ SAN JUAN for a period of 30 minutes if called for.

4. The countermortar/counterbattery targets are also permanent grids and on call at all times. Before these grids can be engaged effectively, the personnel must be able to furnish an azimuth and range to the suspect mortar location. With these two items of information, the proper targets can be engaged. Speed is essential. Countermortar fires can normally be fired before the enemy has finished his shelling of the firebase.

5. The defensive targets for LZ SAN JUAN are planned on possible enemy assembly areas, routes of advance and withdrawal, and on weak areas of the perimeter where the enemy is most likely to breach the wire. These targets are subject to change but all units will be notified if and when changes are made. Targets for the 81mm mortar section will be fired in each time the line company changes over on the LZ. The forward observer with the company will fire in defensive targets that are scheduled for the 155mm howitzers located on LZ LIZ. This will also be accomplished each time a company changes over.

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APPENDIX 2 (Illumination) to ANNEX B to OPLAN 1-69 to OPORD 5-69

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

1. Illumination for FSB SAN JUAN will be provided during periods of reduced visibility on a scheduled basis. It will also be provided during mortar and ground attacks and when the personnel on the bunker-line call for it if they suspect movement on the perimeter.

2. Illumination support is available from 81mm mortars, 102 inch mortars, 105mm howitzers, and 155mm howitzers. The 102 platoon and 105mm howitzer will be prepared to furnish thirty minutes of continuous illumination.

3. All supporting agencies will be required to furnish additional illumination on order.

4. Weather data will be broadcast according to Battalion SOP.

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TAB A: Target list 1

TAB B: Target overlay 1

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TAB A (Illumination Target List 1) to APPENDIX 2 to ANNEX B to OPLAN  
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Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

<u>LINE</u> <u>NO</u>	<u>TGT</u> <u>NO</u>	<u>UNIT TO FIRE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1	1	81mm - LZSJ	BS639386
2	2	" "	BS629377
3	3	" "	BS642377
4	4	" "	BS626387
5	1	4.2 in-LZSJ	BS635105
6	2	" "	BS635355
7	3	" "	BS665380
8	4	" "	BS610380
9	1	105mm-LZSJ	BS63151100
10	2	" "	BS66183800
11	3	" "	BS63513500
12	4	" "	BS60173800

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APPENDIX 3 (Countermortar/Counterbattery) to ANNEX B to OPLAN 1-69  
to OPORD 5-69.

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

1. Countermortar/counterbattery fire will be fired in the event FSB SAN JUAN comes under enemy mortar or rocket attack. The company providing the defense of the LZ will ensure that if the FSB receives incoming, that personnel on the bunker line obtain an azimuth and range to the suspected enemy mortar position.
2. Countermortar/counterbattery fires will be delivered by 105mm howitzers, 155mm howitzers, 8" howitzers and 175mm guns.
3. The countermortar/counterbattery status is active.

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Tab A: Target List 1  
Tab B: Target Overlay 1

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TAB A (Countermortar/Counterbattery Target List) to APPENDIX 3 to  
ANNEX B to OPLAN 1-69 to OPORD 5-69

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

LINE NO	TGT NO	DESCRIPTION	UNIT TO FIRE	LOCATION
1	YF9100	Enemy Mortar Position	155mm - LIZ	BS626396
2	YF9101	" " "	" "	BS633398
3	YF9102	" " "	" "	BS633403
4	YF9103	" " "	" "	BS636407
5	YF9104	" " "	" "	BS652398
6	YF9105	" " "	" "	BS651389
7	YF9106	" " "	" "	BS659384
8	YF9107	" " "	" "	BS648370
9	YF9108	" " "	" "	BS637355
10	YF9109	" " "	" "	BS633364
11	YF9130	Enemy Mortar Position	105mm - LZSJ	BS609376
12	YF9131	" " "	" "	BS619369
13	YF9810	Enemy Artillery Position	105mm - LZSJ	BS7326240829
14	YF9811	" " "	" "	BS7251240309
15	YF9812	" " "	" "	BS7049937982
16	YF9813	" " "	" "	BS7261339719
17	YF9814	" " "	" "	BS7257239920
18	YF9815	" " "	" "	BS7002038710
19	YF9816	" " "	" "	BS7046338858
20	YF9817	" " "	" "	BS6727137816

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<u>LIN#</u>	<u>TGT NO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNIT TO FIRE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
21	YF9818	Enemy Artillery Position	105mm - LZSH	BS6734436444
22	YF9819	" " "	" "	BS6851135269
23	YF9820	" " "	" "	BS7266440049
24	YH824	Enemy Mortar Position	175mm- ML	BS615314
25	YH825	" " "	" "	BS641352
26	YH826	" " "	" "	BS617358
27	YH827	" " "	" "	BS603357
28	YH828	" " "	" "	BS597377
29	YH829	" " "	" "	BS615389
30	YH830	" " "	" "	BS617368
31	YH831	" " "	" "	BS618402
32	YH834	" " "	" "	BS612398
33	YH840	Enemy Mortar Position	8 in - ML	BS612398
34	YH841	" " "	" "	BS622382

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APPENDIX 4 (Defensive Targets) to ANNEX B to OPLAN 1-69 to OPORD 5-69

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

1. Defensive targets for support of FSB SAN JUAN are on call as permanent targets. These targets are plotted on suspect enemy locations, access routes, trails, and withdrawal routes.

2. Fire support for defensive targets is available from 81mm mortars, 4.2 inch mortars, 105mm howitzers, 155mm howitzers, 8" howitzers, and 175mm guns.

3. The forward observer with the company of the hill will periodically fire in the defensive targets for FSB SAN JUAN.

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Tab B: Target Overlay 1

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TAB A (Defensive Target List) to APPENDIX 4 to ANNEX B to OPLAN  
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Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

<u>LINe</u>	<u>TGT</u>	<u>UNIT TO FIRE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>		
1	1	81mm - LZSJW	BS634389
2	2	" "	BS633386
3	3	" "	BS634384
4	4	" "	BS634382
5	5	" "	BS635382
6	6	" "	BS637384
7	7	" "	BS639381
8	8	" "	BS639379
9	9	" "	BS638377
10	10	" "	BS636379
11	11	" "	BS635378
12	12	" "	BS634377
13	13	" "	BS633376
14	14	" "	BS632377
15	15	" "	BS631378
16	16	" "	BS632379
17	17	" "	BS630373
18	18	" "	BS627377
19	19	" "	BS633381
20	20	" "	BS633384

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<u>LINE</u>	<u>TGT</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>UNIT TO FIRE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
21	S1	4.2"	"	LZSJH	BS626356 - BS622358
22	S2	"	"	"	BS635355 - BS630357
23	S3	"	"	"	BS624367 - BS621372
24	S4	"	"	"	BS646365 - BS643362
25	W1	"	"	"	BS613373 - BS612380
26	W2	"	"	"	BS614385 - BS617392
27	N1	"	"	"	BS650392 - BS653387
28	N2	"	"	"	BS647390 - BS650386
29	E1	"	"	"	BS652377 - BS649370
30	E2	"	"	"	BS647376 - BS645370
31	YA1	"	"	"	BS642389
32	YA2	"	"	"	BS635395
33	YA3	"	"	"	BS624387
34	YA4	"	"	"	BS624380
35	YA5	"	"	"	BS639368
36	YA6	"	"	"	BS646374
37	YA7	"	"	"	BS652381
38	YA8	"	"	"	BS653390

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ANEX D (Counterattack Plan Killer) to OPLAN 1-69 to OPORD 5-69

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

Task Organization:

As in OPLAN 1-69 to OPORD 5-69.

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy: Current INTSUM.
- b. Friendly: As in OPLAN 1-69 to OPORD 5-69.
- c. Attachments and detachments: Current task organization.
- d. Assumptions:
  - (1.) Rifle company of perimeter defense contains enemy penetration.
  - (2.) RF 1,2,3, and 4 are available for counterattack.

2. MISSION.

Reaction Forces on Landing Zone San Juan counterattacks H Hour, D Day to seize portions of LZ SAN JUAN, reduce enemy penetrations and restore perimeter.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations: 4/3 Inf and 6/11 Arty reaction forces counterattack. RF #1 attacks to seize Objective 1 (4.2 Platoon area), be prepared to seize Obj 2,3, or 4 on order. RF #2 attacks to seize Objective 2 (Bunkers 1, 2 and aid station) be prepared Obj 1,3 or 4 on order. RF #3 attacks to seize Objective 3 (81mm mortar area), be prepared to seize Obj 1,2, or 4 on order. RF #4 attacks to seize Obj 4 (arty battery area).
- b. Rifle Company: Continue perimeter defense, prepare lateral reaction forces to seal off penetration.
- c. RF #1:
- d. RF #2:
- e. RF #3:
- f. RF #4:
- g. Recon platoon: (if available) continue perimeter defense.

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- h. Hvy mortar plat: Contain enemy penetration in Obj 1 area.
- i. All other sections: Continue assigned missions.
- j. Coordinating Instructions:
  - (1.) RF commanders conduct recon and minimum one daylight rehearsal a week to include squad leaders.
  - (2.) Effective for planning on receipt; for execution on order.
  - (3.) LD is IC for execution.
  - (4.) All personnel in Objective areas come under operational control of RF commander upon commitment of RF.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. Signal:

- (1.) RF 1, 2, and 3 on Admin/Log net.
- (2.) RF 4 on Rifle Company net.

b. Command: As in OPLAN 1-69 to OPORD 5-69.

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Appendix 1: Counterattack Overlay

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1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy: Current INTSUM.
- b. Friendly:

- (1.) 4-3 Inf provide ground support for the defense of FSB SAN JUAN.
- (2.) 7th Air Force provides tactical air support.

2. MISSION.

As in OPLAN 1-69 to OPORD 5-69.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. 4-3 Inf conducts defensive operations for FSB SAN JUAN and assumes the offensive as soon as possible after a ground attack.

- b. Air Support: Requests for tactical air support will be submitted to the Bn S-3 Air.

c. Artillery Support:

- (1.) B Btry, 6/11 Arty (105mm towed) will provide DS for the FSB SAN JUAN FCA.
- (2.) C Btry, 1/82 Arty (155mm towed) located on LZ LIZ will provide GSR.
- (3.) C Btry, 3/18 Arty (8"/175mm SP) located on SF Camp MINH LONG will provide GS.

d. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1.) Rules of Engagement: Americal Regulation 525-4, Feb 69.
- (2.) Clearance of fires will be requested from Arty LNO.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

- a. Signal: Current SOI in effect.
- b. Command: No change.

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Appendix 1: Fire Support  
Appendix 2: Illumination  
Appendix 3: Countermortar/Counterbattery  
Appendix 4: Defensive Targets

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1. The artillery support for the defense of LZ SAN JUAN is composed of the following:

- a. 81 mm mortars - organic to line company on the LZ.
- b. 4.2 inch mortars - E Company, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry.
- c. 105mm howitzers- B Battery, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery.
- d. 155mm howitzers - C Battery, 1st Battalion, 82d Artillery.
- e. 8"/175mm howitzer/gun - C Battery, 3d Battalion, 18th Arty.

2. The types of artillery support available include illumination, countermortar/counterbattery, and defensive fires. All targets are permanent targets and are on call 24 hours a day. These targets can only be engaged by obtaining clearance through the artillery liaison personnel on duty in the TOC.

3. Illumination for LZ SAN JUAN will be on a scheduled basis. The amount of illumination to be shot will be in proportion to the amount of natural moonlight available. However, regardless of how much natural light is available if the bunkerline calls for specific illumination in a specific area, the 81mm mortar section will fire it immediately. If more is needed, the company CP will call the TOC and clear further illumination to be fired by other resources. The 4.2 inch mortar platoon and the 105mm howitzer battery will be prepared to furnish constant illumination for LZ SAN JUAN for a period of 30 minutes if called for.

4. The countermortar/counterbattery targets are also permanent grids and on call at all times. Before these grids can be engaged effectively, the personnel must be able to furnish an azimuth and range to the suspect mortar location. With these two items of information, the proper targets can be engaged. Speed is essential. Countermortar fires can normally be fired before the enemy has finished his shelling of the firebase.

5. The defensive targets for LZ SAN JUAN are planned on possible enemy assembly areas, routes of advance and withdrawal, and on weak areas of the perimeter where the enemy is most likely to breach the wire. These targets are subject to change but all units will be notified if and when changes are made. Targets for the 81mm mortar section will be fired in each time the line company changes over on the LZ. The forward observer with the company will fire in defensive targets that are scheduled for the 155mm howitzers located on LZ LZ. This will also be accomplished each time a company changes over.

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APPENDIX 2 (Illumination) to ANNEX B to OPLAN 1-69 to OPORD 5-69

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

1. Illumination for FSB SAN JUAN will be provided during periods of reduced visibility on a scheduled basis. It will also be provided during mortar and ground attacks and when the personnel on the bunker-line call for it if they suspect movement on the perimeter.

2. Illumination support is available from 81mm mortars, 1.2 inch mortars, 105mm howitzers, and 155mm howitzers. The 1.2 platoon and 105mm howitzer will be prepared to furnish thirty minutes of continuous illumination.

3. All supporting agencies will be required to furnish additional illumination on order.

4. Weather data will be broadcast according to Battalion SOP.

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TAB B: Target overlay 1

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TAB A (Illumination Target List 1) to APPENDIX 2 to ANNEX B to OPLAN  
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Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

<u>LINE</u>	<u>TGT</u>	<u>UNIT TO FIRE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>		
1	1	81mm - LZSJ	BS639386
2	2	" "	BS629377
3	3	" "	BS642377
4	4	" "	BS626387
5	1	4.2 in-LZSJ	BS635405
6	2	" "	BS635355
7	3	" "	BS665380
8	4	" "	BS610380
9	1	105mm-LZSJ	BS63154100
10	2	" "	BS66483800
11	3	" "	BS63513500
12	4	" "	BS60473800

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APPENDIX 3 (Countermortar/Counterbattery) to ANNEX B to OPLAN 1-69  
to OPORD 5-69.

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

1. Countermortar/counterbattery fire will be fired in the event FSB SAN JUAN comes under enemy mortar or rocket attack. The company providing the defense of the LZ will ensure that if the FSB receives incoming, that personnel on the bunker line obtain an azimuth and range to the suspected enemy mortar position.
2. Countermortar/counterbattery fires will be delivered by 105mm howitzers, 155mm howitzers, 8" howitzers and 175mm guns.
3. The countermortar/counterbattery status is active.

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Tab B: Target Overlay 1

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ANNEX B to OPLAN 1-69 to OPORD 5-69

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

<u>LINE</u>	<u>TGT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNIT TO FIRE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>			
1	YF9100	Enemy Mortar Position	155mm - LIZ	BS626396
2	YF9101	" " "	" "	BS633398
3	YF9102	" " "	" "	BS633403
4	YF9103	" " "	" "	BS636407
5	YF9104	" " "	" "	BS652398
6	YF9105	" " "	" "	BS651389
7	YF9106	" " "	" "	BS659384
8	YF9107	" " "	" "	BS648370
9	YF9108	" " "	" "	BS637355
10	YF9109	" " "	" "	BS633364
11	YF9130	Enemy Mortar Position	105mm - LJSZ	BS609376
12	YF9131	" " "	" "	BS619369
13	YF9810	Enemy Artillery Position	105mm - LJSZ	BS7326240829
14	YF9811	" " "	" "	BS7251240309
15	YF9812	" " "	" "	BS7049937982
16	YF9813	" " "	" "	BS7261339719
17	YF9814	" " "	" "	BS7257239920
18	YF9815	" " "	" "	BS7002038710
19	YF9816	" " "	" "	BS7046338858
20	YF9817	" " "	" "	BS672713716

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<u>LIN#</u>	<u>TGT NO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNIT TO FIRE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
21	YF9818	Enemy Artillery Position	105mm - LZSH	BS6734436444
22	YF9819	" " "	" "	BS6851135269
23	YF9820	" " "	" "	BS7266140019
24	YH824	Enemy Mortar Position	175mm- ML	BS615314
25	YH825	" " "	" "	BS641352
26	YH826	" " "	" "	BS617358
27	YH827	" " "	" "	BS603357
28	YH828	" " "	" "	BS597377
29	YH829	" " "	" "	BS615389
30	YH830	" " "	" "	BS617368
31	YH831	" " "	" "	BS618402
32	YH834	" " "	" "	BS612398
33	YH840	Enemy Mortar Position	8 in - ML	BS612398
34	YH841	" " "	" "	BS622382

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APPENDIX 4 (Defensive Targets) to ANNEX B to O.L.F. 1-69 to OPORD 5-69

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

1. Defensive targets for support of FSB SAN JUAN are on call as permanent targets. These targets are plotted on suspect enemy locations, access routes, trails, and withdrawal routes.

2. Fire support for defensive targets is available from 81mm mortars, 6.2 inch mortars, 105mm howitzers, 155mm howitzers, 8" howitzers, and 175mm guns.

3. The forward observer with the company of the hill will periodically fire in the defensive targets for FSB SAN JUAN.

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<u>LINe</u>	<u>TGT</u>	<u>UNIT TO FIRE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>		
1	1	81mm - LZSJN	BS634389
2	2	" "	BS633386
3	3	" "	BS634384
4	4	" "	BS634382
5	5	" "	BS635382
6	6	" "	BS637384
7	7	" "	BS639381
8	8	" "	BS639379
9	9	" "	BS638377
10	10	" "	BS636379
11	11	" "	BS635378
12	12	" "	BS634377
13	13	" "	BS633376
14	14	" "	BS632377
15	15	" "	BS631378
16	16	" "	BS632379
17	17	" "	BS630373
18	18	" "	BS627377
19	19	" "	BS633381
20	20	" "	BS633384

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<u>LINE NO</u>	<u>TGT NO</u>	<u>UNIT TO FIRE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
21	S1	4.2" - LZSJH	BS626356 - BS622358
22	S2	" "	BS635355 - BS630357
23	S3	" "	BS624367 - BS621372
24	S4	" "	BS646365 - BS643362
25	W1	" "	BS613373 - BS612380
26	W2	" "	BS614385 - BS617392
27	N1	" "	BS650392 - BS653387
28	N2	" "	BS647390 - BS650386
29	E1	" "	BS652377 - BS649370
30	E2	" "	BS647376 - BS645370
31	YA1	" "	BS642389
32	YA2	" "	BS635395
33	YA3	" "	BS624387
34	YA4	" "	BS624380
35	YA5	" "	BS639368
36	YA6	" "	BS646374
37	YA7	" "	BS652381
38	YA8	" "	BS653390

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ANEX D (Counterattack Plan Killer) to OPLAN 1-69 to OPORD 5-69

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

Task Organization:

As in OPLAN 1-69 to OPORD 5-69.

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy: Current INTSUM.
- b. Friendly: As in OPLAN 1-69 to OPORD 5-69.
- c. Attachments and detachments: Current task organization.
- d. Assumptions:
  - (1.) Rifle company of perimeter defense contains enemy penetration.
  - (2.) RF 1,2,3, and 4 are available for counterattack.

2. MISSION.

Reaction Forces on Landing Zone San Juan counterattacks H Hour, D Day to seize portions of LZ SAN JUAN, reduce enemy penetrations and restore perimeter.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations: 4/3 Inf and 6/11 Arty reaction forces counterattack. RF #1 attacks to seize Objective 1 (4.2 Platoon area), be prepared to seize Obj 2,3, or 4 on order. RF #2 attacks to seize Objective 2 (Bunkers 1, 2 and aid station) be prepared Obj 1,3 or 4 on order. RF #3 attacks to seize Objective 3 (81mm mortar area), be prepared to seize Obj 1,2, or 4 on order. RF #4 attacks to seize Obj 4 (arty battery area).
- b. Rifle Company: Continue perimeter defense, prepare lateral reaction forces to seal off penetration.
- c. RF #1:
- d. RF #2:
- e. RF #3:
- f. RF #4:
- g. Recon platoon: (if available) continue perimeter defense.

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- h. Hvy mortar plat: Contain enemy penetration in Obj 1 area.
- i. All other sections: Continue assigned missions.
- j. Coordinating Instructions:
  - (1.) RF commanders conduct recon and minimum one daylight rehearsal a week to include squad leaders.
  - (2.) Effective for planning on receipt; for execution on order.
  - (3.) LD is IC for execution.
  - (4.) All personnel in Objective areas come under operational control of RF commander upon commitment of RF.

**4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.**

**5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.**

a. Signal:

- (1.) RF 1, 2, and 3 on Admin/Log net.
- (2.) RF 4 on Rifle Company net.

b. Command: As in OPLAN 1-69 to OPORD 5-69.

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Appendix 1: Counterattack Overlay

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## OPLAN 2-69 (Support of Expanded Pacification Program) (U)

REFERENCE: OPORD 9-68, HQ, Americal Division, 050800 Nov 68.

TASK ORGANIZATION: Current Task Organization

## 1. (C) SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces: Current Intsum.

b. Friendly Forces: 11th Infantry Brigade continues operations in zone in support of 1969 pacification program and the expansion of GVN control in the DUC PHO area.

c. Attachments and detachments: None.

d. Assumptions:

(1) That the 11th Brigade will remain in its present operational zone (CZ).

(2) That Vietnamese nationals and government officials at all levels will actively support the program.

(3) That DUC PHO District will be provided additional RF/PP forces.

(4) That the necessary material for defense of the new hamlets will be available either through GVN or US channels.

(5) That the enemy will continue in his present course of harassment and terrorism.

2. (C) MISSION: The 11th Brigade supports the 1969 GVN pacification program by conducting offensive operations and providing limited material and engineer support for the establishment of GVN control over contested or VC controlled hamlets.

## 3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations:

(1) GVN: DUC PHO District will expand gGVN control by establishing six (6) secure areas within the district (see Annex A) which are presently not under GVN control. Initially RF/PP platoons will establish small triangular security positions in each new area, followed by revolutionary development teams, and village and hamlet officials. The personnel will be

## OPLAN 3-69 (Continued)

housed in the security position and begin actions in the surrounding area to gain GVN control. Emphasis will be based on the following priorities: local security, identification and elimination of the VC infrastructure, revolutionary development programs, and civic action projects. Psychological operations will be emphasized during the entire operation.

(2) 11th Brigade: This headquarters will assist the program by conducting offensive operations vicinity each new area. Additionally, limited logistical and combat engineer support will be provided as required.

b. 3-1 Inf:

4-3 Inf:

1-20 Inf:

4-21 Inf:

(1) When new hamlet security operations are being conducted within your fire control area (FCA), maintain one company conducting offensive operations in that vicinity. Company should be capable of reinforcing overland in no less than two hours.

(2) Provide local security for US engineer personnel working in and around the security area.

(3) Assist in further hamlet security operations as required and directed by this headquarters.

c. E/1 Cav: Be prepared to reinforce each new area as required.

d. C/26 Engr: Provide combat engineer support as required.

e. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Dates for commencing operation in each new hamlet area TBA.

(2) Battalions involved in hamlet security operations will coordinate with DUC PNO District prior to beginning operation.

(3) An RF or PF platoon and an RDC team will be provided by DUC PNO District for each new hamlet.

(4) Coordination with RF/PF units will be effected through the mobile advisory team (MAT) DUC PNO District Headquarters.

4. (C) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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a. Material for the construction of the security positions will be provided through GVN channels.

b. US logistical support will be provided on a limited scale in the initial security area. Upon completion of the first area, all logistical support will be from the GVN.

5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL..

a. Signal.

(1) Current SOL/SSI in effect.

(2) Coordinate with DUC PHO District for call signs/frequencies of MAT personnel vicinity new security areas.

b. Command: The operation is based on the fact that this is a GVN program with US forces in a supporting role.

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Annex A - Proposed Secure Areas

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OPLAN 2-69 (Interdict), Hq 4-3 Inf

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam; 1:50,000; Series L7014; Sheets 6739I, 6739II, 6739III, and 6739IV.

(C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

Co A/4-3 Inf

Co E/4-3 Inf

Co B/4-3 Inf

HHC (-) 4-3 Inf

Tm VN National Police

Battalion Control

Tm PRU's

Co OPCON

Co C/4-3 Inf

or

Tm VN National Police

Recon Plat w/APC Plat attached

Tm PRU's

Co D/4-3 Inf

1. SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM. Call for units now in searching.
- b. Friendly Forces: TBA.
- c. Attachments: Task Org.
- d. Assumptions:

(1) 4-3 Inf continues to provide reaction company at CHIC.

(2) 4-3 Inf either receives additional company OPCON or a APC plat to arrive LZ BUFF NLT 191700H Feb 69.

2. MISSION: 4-3 Inf conducts CA on or about 210800H Feb 69 to cordon off and destroy enemy units vic grid 4178.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: Bn conducts CA into multiple LZ's with Co's B, C, and Company OPCON or Recon plat and H Trp 17th CAV moving overland from NDF position vic Nui Tron (BS517778) on morning '21 Feb 69 to seal off cordon area.

Fires: Arty prep of LZ's, TAC Air on call and gun ships on station. 105mm fire from LZ BUFF, 155mm and 8" fire from LZ DOTTIE. 175mm from Ha Ton.

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- b. Co A: Relieve Co C 20 Feb 69. Assume security of CHIC.
- c. Co B
- d. Co C
- e. Co D: Secure LZ BUFF. Be prepared to reinforce committed units on 30 minute notice.
- f. Co OPCON
- g. Co E:
  - (1) Recon Plat: Move with attached APC plat from vic Nui Tron on order to seal off Northern edge of cordon area.
  - (2) Hvy Mort Plat: GS LZ BUFF.
  - (3) GS Sec: GS LZ BUFF.
- h. Coordinating Instructions:
  - (1) Senior Company Commander on ground will control fires as cordon tightens.
  - (2) Swimmer boats available on call for units use in searching river edges.

4. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS: No change.

5. COMMAND and SIGNAL:

- a. Current SOI in effect.
- b. Radio relay team position 20 Feb 69 Nui Tron (BS517778).
- c. Bn CP airborne during CA, then LZ BUFF.

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Annex A: Sequential Airlift Schedule  
Annex B: Fire Support Plan

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REFERENCE: Map, VIETNAM; 1:50,000; Series, L7014; Sheets 6739 I, IV, III, IV, 6738 I, II, III, IV, 6838 IV, III.

TIME ZONE: Hotel.

Task Organization:

1-20 Inf	3-1 Inf	4-3 Inf	Bde Con
D/6-11 Arty(DS)	A/6-11 Arty(DS)	B/6-11 Arty(DS)	6-11 Arty(-)(DS)
			C/26 Engr(DS)
			E/1 Cav

1. (C) SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces:

(1) Current TENSIONS.

(2) Annex B, Intelligence (TBP).

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) American Division conducts extensive operations in zone to interdict enemy base areas and LOC's.

(2) 4th ARVN Regiment continues operations in zone and assumes increased responsibility for security of coastal plain.

(3) 7th U.S. Air Force and 1st MAW provide tactical air support as required.

(4) Current SITREPS.

c. Attachments and detachments: 4-21 Inf OPCON 198th Inf Bde effective on order.

d. Assumptions:

(1) That 2D ARVN Division will have completed their redistribution of forces within the 12th DFA by D-Day.

(2) That a three battalion 11th Brigade force will be adequate to control the Brigade OZ during the period of the operations.

(3) That the 11th Brigade will be relieved of reaction force responsibility for SF/CIDG camps in zone.

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2. (C) MISSION: On order the 11th Infantry Brigade assumes responsibility of new OZ, releases one battalion to OPCON 198th Infantry Brigade and continues operations to find, fix and destroy enemy main and local forces in zone.

3. (C) EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Maneuver: Annex A, Opn O/L. H-Hour, D-Day the 11th Infantry Brigade expands its operational zone (OZ) to the north. 4-21 Infantry is released to OPCON 198th Infantry Brigade and 1-20 Infantry is air moved to FSB STINSON (BS338816) to begin operations in the areas north of QUANG NGAI City. The move will necessitate realignment of fire base security and fire control areas. FSB JEFF will be closed, and 3-1 Infantry will assume responsibility for FSB LIZ as well as an increased FCA. 4-3 Infantry will remain on FSB SAN JUAN HILL. There will be no realignment of the 2D ARVN Division commensurate with the operation.

(2) FIRES: Annex C, Fire Support (TBP).

b. 1-20 Inf:

(1) Assume responsibility for new FCA, on order.

(2) Be prepared to air move to FSB STINSON and establish battalion FSB with D/6-11 Arty, on order.

(3) On order conduct a combat assault with one company into BATANGAN PENINSULA to provide security for local refugees, interdict and reduce VC infrastructure, and destroy VC main and local forces in the area.

(4) Provide security for RMK work party south of QUANG NGAI with minimum of 1 platoon.

(5) Coordinate with 6th ARVN Regiment reference combined operations in FCA.

(6) Coordinate with 1-32 Inf at FSB STINSON and 5-46 Inf at FSB GATOR (BS3385943) reference assumption of missions b(2) and b(3) above.

(7) Conduct combat sweep operations VIC FSB STINSON to find, fix, and destroy enemy forces in the area.

(8) Coordinate with District/Province officials and advisors as required.

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c. 3-1 Inf:

- (1) Assume responsibility for new FCA, on order.
- (2) Be prepared to secure FSB LIZ with one company, on order.
- (3) Continue to secure FSB DEBBIE with one company.
- (4) Secure LZ CHARLIE BROWN with 4.2 mortar platoon and one rifle platoon.
- (5) Continue to provide security for engineer mine sweep teams and upgrading work parties in FCA.

d. 4-3 Inf:

- (1) Assume responsibility for new FCA, on order.
- (2) Continue to predict enemy base camps and LOC's within FCA.

e. 4-21 Inf:

- (1) Be prepared to close FSB JEFF, on order.
- (2) OPCON 198th Infantry Brigade, effective on order.

f. 6-11 Arty: Annex C, Fire Support (IBP).

g. E/1 Cav:

h. C/26 Engr:

i. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) D-Day, H-Hour to be announced.
- (2) New FCA's effective on order.
- (3) Effective for planning on receipt, execution on order.
- (4) Direct coordination with commanders concerned is authorized and directed.

4. (B) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. 11th Brigade Admin 1-69.

5. (C) COMM/1 AND SIGNAL.

a. Signals: Current SOL/SSI in effect.

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b. Command: Brigade CP and the FOB PROJECT (85814300).

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APPENDIX

A - Operations G/L  
B - Intelligence (TBP)  
C - Fires Support (TBP)  
D - Psychological Operations (TBP)

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**TASK ORGANIZATION:**

Co A/4-3

Battalion Control

Co B/4-3

B Btry/6-11 Arty

1 Sqd, Recon Plat

Co C/4-3

Co D/4-3

1. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf conducts CA from present positions to AO vic LZ SAN JUAN.

2. (C) CONCEPT OF OPERATION:

a. At H-Hour D-Day 4-3 Inf CA's 3 companies from present AO to AO vic LZ SAN JUAN and vacates FSB 285. Annex A (Operations Overlay). Priority of fires to company conducting extraction on CA initially, to FSB 285 when CA is complete.

b. Co A:

(1) Continue to secure LZ SAN JUAN.

(2) Be prepared to assume Co B mission on D+4.

c. Co B:

(1) Conduct CA at TBA from PZ vic coord BS758250 to LZ vic BS630452.

Recon in Force AO Bravo.

(2) Be prepared to conduct extraction to LZ SAN JUAN and assume security for LZ SAN JUAN.

d. Co C:

(1) Conduct CA at TBA from PZ vic BS790246 to LZ BS702398. Recon in Force AO Charlie.

(2) Be prepared to move to east down 515 Valley to BS651407 on order.

(3) Assist in placement of sensor devices.

e. Co D:

(1) Conduct CA at TBA from PZ vic ~~BS762262~~ to LZ vic BS653370.

Recon in Force AO Delta.

(2) Be prepared to move to AO Charlie and conduct Recon in Force.

f. Recon Plat:

(1) Conduct airmove from FSB 285 to ~~BS~~ SAN JUAN <sup>hill</sup> on order.

(2) Be prepared to conduct airmove to Co B's location on order, OPCON Co B for Recon in Force of AO Bravo.

g. 4.2 Mort Plat:

(1) Section on FSB 285 conduct airmove to LZ SAN JUAN on order.

(2) GS.

h. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Annex B--Sequence of Events.

(2) This OPLAN effective for planning on receipt, execution on order.

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- (3) Airmoves conducted on A/G frequency 46.70.
- (4) Protective masks will be carried.
- (5) Elements will move into NDP's after dark or have overhead cover on all defensive positions.
- (6) Direct coordination between elements authorized and directed.

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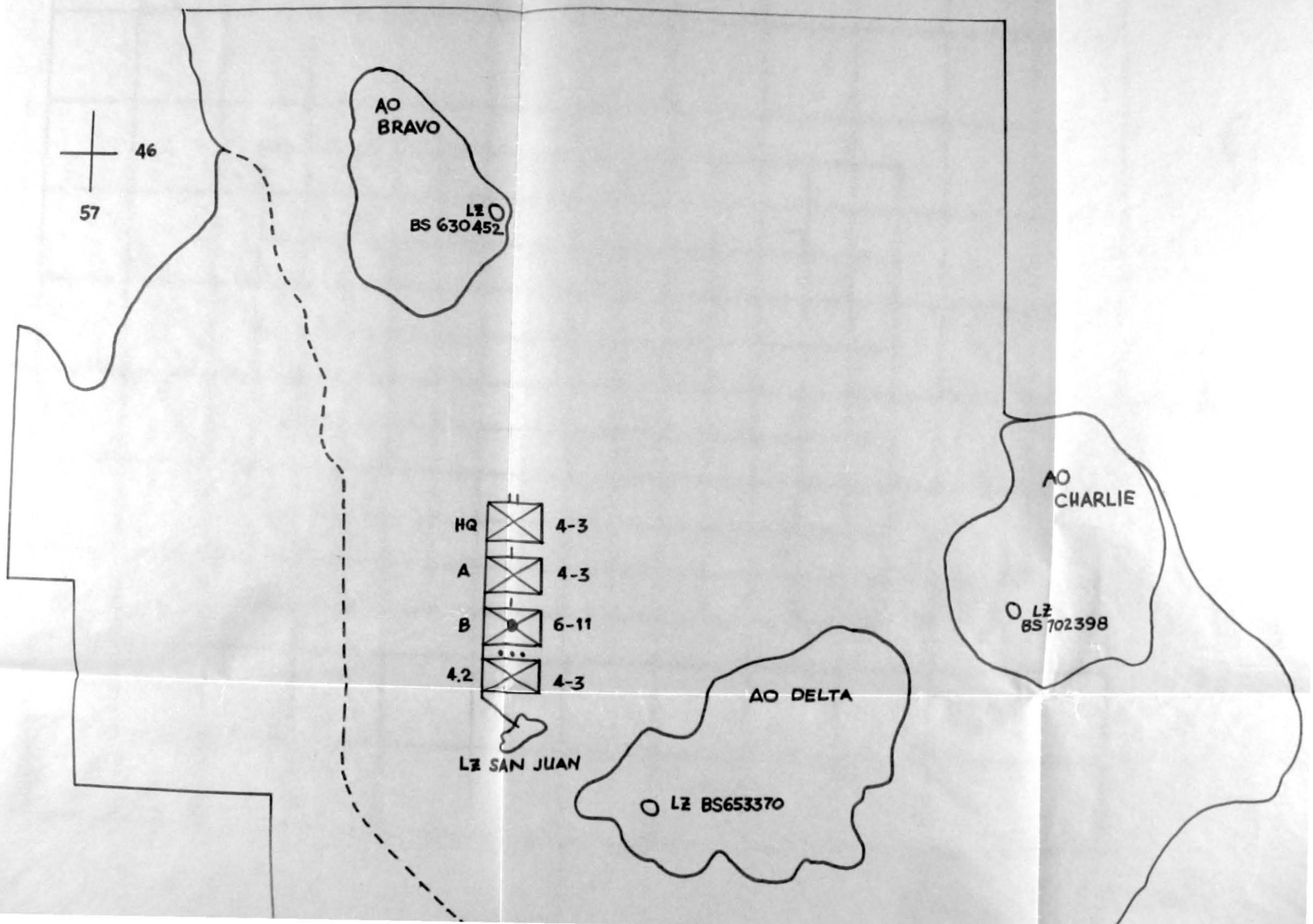
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ANNEX A (OPERATIONS OVERLAY) TO  
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Reference: Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000; Series L7014; Sheets 6738I, 6739II & III.

Time Zone: Hotel

Task Organization:

1-20 Inf	3-1 Inf	4-3 Inf	4-21 Inf	Bde Con
	Plat(-)E/1 Cav		Plat,E/1 Cav (Atch)	E(-)/1 Cav
			Plat,C/26 Engr(Atch)	C(-)/26 Engr
				6-11 Arty (US)

1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Annex C, Intelligence.

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) Americal Division continues present operations in zone to find, fix and destroy enemy main and local forces.

(2) 7th US Air Force provides tactical air support as requested.

(3) 11th Inf Bde continues present mission and establishes a joint fire support base west of QUANG NGAI.

(4) Current STIREPS.

c. Attachments and detachments: None.

2. (C) MISSION: 11th Inf Bde continues present missions, establishes joint US/ARVN fire support base, and prepares for battalion sized operations west of QUANG NGAI.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations:

(1) Maneuver: Annex A, Operation O/I. On D-Day (tentatively 15 May) 11th Inf Bde moves one company to BS539732 to begin joint fire support base. Upon its completion the battalion command and staff elements and one howitzer battery will be moved to that location. Two additional companies and the battalion reconnaissance platoon will then conduct multiple combat assaults and begin ground operations to find, fix and destroy enemy main and local forces in the area. The operation will be conducted in two phases:

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(a) Phase I: D(-)2 thru D+20. On D(-)2, 2D Battalion, 4th Regiment moves into and secures the new fire base to facilitate a joint ground reconnaissance. On D-Day one company from 4-21 Inf air moves to the fire base while one platoon each from E/1 Cav and C/26 Engr moves to the fire base along the axis road from QUANG NGAI. The construction period is planned for 21 days beginning D-Day. The road from QUANG NGAI to the fire base will be secured for seven continuous days by the 2D Battalion, 4th Regiment and local RF/FF forces so that ARVN resupply and barrier/bunker material can be moved to the fire base.

(b) Phase II: D+21 thru - 4-21 Inf command and staff elements and one battery 105 howitzers air move to the new fire base. With one company remaining on FSB JEFF to close that fire base, the remainder of the battalion conducts combat assaults and begins ground operations (see Annex A, Joint US/ARVN Fire Control Area). On closing FSB JKFF the final company will join the remainder of the battalion.

(2) Fires: Indirect fire support for the joint fire base provided by element of 1-14 Arty on FSB BUFF. Upon execution Phase II one battery 6-11 Arty will be moved to new joint FSB to support operations in new fire control areas.

b. 1-20 Inf:

(1) Continue present operations and missions.

(2) Upon execution phase II assume responsibility for new FCA (Annex B, DUC PHO/DA VACH MINS Fire Control Areas).

c. 3-1 Inf: Same as b(1) and b(2) above.

d. 4-3 Inf: Same as b(1) and b(2) above.

e. 4-21 Inf:

(1) One platoon C/26 Engr and one platoon E/1 Cav attached effective 1200 hrs D(-)1.

(2) Conduct air move of one company from present fire control area to new fire support base 0700 hrs D-Day. Landing Zone will be secured by 2D Battalion, 4th Regiment.

(3) Coordinate with 4th Regiment reference disposition of 2D Battalion, 4th Regiment, security of the road from QUANG NGAI to the new FSB, and any other coordination requirements.

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(4) Construct US portion of joint fire base, establish joint TOC with 2D Battalion, 4th Regiment, and assist artillery in establishing firing positions.

(5) Upon completion of US portion of fire base (tentatively 5 June) release attached engineers, air move command and staff elements to new CP, and conduct combat assaults into the new fire control zone insuring one company remains on FSB JEFF to close that fire support base.

(6) Upon closing FSB JEFF, move final company to new area of operations.

(7) Conduct extensive individual and combined operations with the co-located ARVN battalion to find, fix and destroy enemy main and local forces in the area.

(8) Direct coordination with QUANG NGAI Province is authorized.

f. E/1 Cav:

(1) Continue present operations.

(2) One platoon attached 4-21 Inf effective 1200 hrs D(-)1 for local fire base security.

g. C/26 Engr:

(1) Continue present missions.

(2) One platoon attached 4-21 Inf effective 1200 hrs D(-)1 for establishing fire base. Detached upon execution of Phase II.

h. 6-11 Arty:

(1) Maintain contact with D/1-14 at FSB BUFF for indirect fire support for the joint fire base.

(2) Prior to initiation of phase II, send artillery advance party to new fire base to establish fixing positions.

(3) Upon implementing Phase II, air move one battery to the new location in direct support of 4-21 Inf.

i. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) D-Day is 15 May 1969.

(2) Senior engineer representative will allocate building materials to

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ARVN and US forces during Phase I.

(3) Date for implementing Phase II is tentative; Phase II on order this headquarters.

(4) During Phase I no fire control area will be given to US forces as the entire element will be involved in building the fire base or providing local security.

(5) 2D Battalion, 4th Regiment will secure the access road for the first seven days of Phase I and thereafter conduct combat searches and security patrols vicinity new fire base.

(6) Date of attachment of platoon E/1 Cav to 4-21 Inf is contingent on tactical situation.

(7) New fire control areas effective upon execution of Phase II (tentatively 5 June).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

(a) Annex C (Logistics) to OPORD 2-69.

(b) All materials for the joint fire base will be provided by US forces and apportioned evenly between US and ARVN units.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

(a) Signal: In the event FSB JEFF cannot communicate with the new FSB, a radio relay may be established at FSB DRAGON. Coordinate with 4th Regiment for location and other administrative requirements.

(b) Command: Brigade CP located at BS816383.

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ANNEXES:

A-Joint US/ARVN Fire Control Areas

B-DUC PHO/DA VACH MTNS Fire Control Areas

C-Intelligence

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Order of Battle Summary of Enemy Situation vicinity BS4878, BS5878, BS4868, and BS5868.

1. (C) SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION:

a. Recent intelligence indicates that the enemy is not strong enough or willing enough to engage Allied Forces in sustained and large scale ground contacts and would be most likely to withdraw if he has sufficient warning of the approach of Free World Forces.

b. The enemy would prefer to avoid contact with large US forces unless he could obtain a sufficient enough advantage to inflict heavy losses and still maintain his fighting capabilities.

c. If deprived of an early warning of an approaching large US force he will most likely hastily deploy a covering force using harassment and delaying tactics to cover the withdrawal of the main force.

d. The enemy continues to have the capabilities to conduct attacks by fire and sapper against isolated outposts and installations. He is also capable of continuing to interdict LOC's and conduct sabotage and psychological activities to persuade the local populace to assist the VC/NVA.

e. The enemy has the capability of attacking QUANG NGAI CITY within 72 - 96 hours with forces equivalent to an understrength division with heavy weapons and sapper support.

f. OB currently holds the following units in this general vicinity:

UNIT	CATG	STRENGTH	LOCATION	SOURCE	DATE
107th NVA Hvy Wpns Bn	(C)	250	BS 4775	AR	07 May
526th LF Sapper Bn	(Prob)	200	BS 5076	PW/AR	08 May
81st LF Bn	(C)	200	BS 5780	AR	30 Apr

2. (U) WEATHER:

a. Precipitation: There is a slight chance of late afternoon or early evening thunder showers.

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b. Temperatures: The daily highs will be in the mid 90's and the lows in the upper 70's.

c. Visibility: Ceiling should normally be greater than 2000 feet and visibility unrestricted except for periods of thunder showers.

d. Nightly illumination will be 11% on the night of May 13 and gradually decrease to 0% on 16 May increasing to 9% by 31 May.

3. (U) TERRAIN:

a. The area of operations consists of flat land made up of rice paddies with occasional small rises approximately 20 feet in height.

b. Ground observation is limited by hedgerows throughout the area of operations. These obstacles are found mostly around hamlets and along trail networks.

4. (C) AVENUES OF APPROACH:

a. The primary avenue of approach is along the SONG TRA KHUC running west to east and forming the northern boundary of the area. A large well used trail network runs out of the mountains forming the western boundary.

b. Enemy knowledge of the terrain, prepared positions, and the large number of hedgerows provide the enemy with the capability of ambushes and rapid withdrawal.

c. The area is considered to be 100% VC/NVA dominated.

5. (C) ENEMY and OIR:

a. ENEMY:

(1) What are the enemy dispositions?

(2) Will the 526th Bn, 81st Bn, 107th NVA Bn, or elements of the 2d or 3d NVA Division launch major attacks on QUANG NGAI and when?

(3) What is the strength of 526th Bn, 81st Bn, 107th NVA Bn, and the 21st NVA Regt.

(4) What enemy installations are located in the AO?

(5) What are the enemy infiltration/exfiltration routes?

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b. OIR:

- (1) Location and caliber of AA weapons.
- (2) Are there any rocket and/or mortar positions located in the AO.
- (3) To what extent is the local populace supporting the enemy.

6. (U) ORDERS AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION:

a. Orders to subordinate units: All units report as obtained information answering EEL/OIR above.

b. Request to higher, adjacent and cooperating units:

(1) G2 Americal Division is requested to provide information selected to EEL/OIR as obtained.

(2) G2 Advisor, 2d ARVN Division is requested to provide information as obtained.

(3) CO SF Camp HA THIEN, MINH LONG, BA TO, requested to provide information as obtained.

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Task Organization:

1-20 Inf(-)	3-1 Inf	4-3 Inf	4-21 Inf	Bde Con
1 platoon(-), E/1 Cav		1 Co, 1-20 Inf		E/1 Cav(-)
		1 Co, 4th Regt		C/26 Engr
				6-11 Arty(DS)

1. (C) SITUATION: 11th Inf Bde continues operations in DA VACH MTNS and DUC PHO area and establishes a new fire support base west of BA TO to begin operations VIC BS4640.

2. (C) MISSIONS TO SUBORDINATE UNITS:

a. 1-20 Inf:

- (1) Continue present operations in assigned fire control area.
- (2) Be prepared to provide two companies for the defense of DUC PHO City and District Headquarters as required.
- (3) One company OPCON to 4-3 Inf on order. Company will move with all organic 82mm mortars.

b. 3-1 Inf:

- (1) Continue present operations.
- (2) Increase control and security measures on convoy movement vicinity BS910260.

c. 4-3 Inf:

- (1) Be prepared to assume OPCON one company from 4th AKVN Regiment and one company 1-20 Inf on order.
- (2) On D(-)1 move organic companies that will conduct combat assault to FSB SAN JUAN HILL.
- (3) Establish fire support base in new fire control area (Annex A, Opn O/L) with one 105mm battery on order. Insure new FSB is under 105 fire fan from SAN JUAN HILL.

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(4) Following establishment of FSB conduct combat assault with one company 4th ARVN Regt and 2 US companies into new fire control area.

(5) Coordinate with Aero-Scouts prior to combat assault and establish priorities in the five objective areas.

(6) Conduct combat search and clear operations in objectives 1 thru 5 with priority to most lucrative areas.

d. 4-21 Inf: Continue present missions.

e. C/26 Engr: Continue present missions.

f. E/1 Cav: Continue present missions.

3. (C) FIRES: 6-11 Arty moves C(-)/6-11 Arty to new 4-3 Inf FSB, on order. 6-11 Arty continues indirect fire support for remainder of brigade from existing FSB's.

4. (C) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

a. Direct coordination between Commanding Officer, 4-3 Inf, Commanding Officer, 4th ARVN Regt, and Commanding Officer, 1-20 Inf is authorized and directed.

b. All units conduct maximum saturation patrols and night ambushes.

c. H-Hour; D-Day to be announced.

d. All fire control areas remain unchanged.

e. Operation planned for three day duration; termination date on order this headquarters.

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Task Organization:

1-20 Inf(-)	3-1 Inf	4-3 Inf	6-21 Inf	Bde Con
1 plat(-), E/1 Cav	1 Co, 1-20 Inf	1 Co, 4th Regt	E/1 Cav(-)	C/26 Engr
				6-11 Arty(DS)

1. (C) SITUATION: 11th Inf Bde continues operations in DA VACH MTNS and DUC PHO area and establishes a new fire support base west of BA TO to begin operations VIC BS4640.

2. (C) MISSIONS TO SUBORDINATE UNITS:

a. 1-20 Inf:

- (1) Continue present operations in assigned fire control area.
- (2) Be prepared to provide two companies for the defense of DUC PHO City and District Headquarters as required.
- (3) One company OPCON to 4-3 Inf on order. Company will move with all organic 82mm mortars.

b. 3-1 Inf:

- (1) Continue present operations.
- (2) Increase control and security measures on convoy movement vicinity BS910260.

c. 4-3 Inf:

- (1) Be prepared to assume OPCON one company from 4th ARVN Regiment and one company 1-20 Inf on order.
- (2) On D(-)1 move organic companies that will conduct combat assault to FSB SAN JUAN HILL.
- (3) Establish fire support base in new fire control area (Annex A, Opn O/L) with one 105mm battery on order. Insure new FSB is under 105 fire fan from SAN JUAN HILL.

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(5) Coordinate with Aero-Scouts prior to combat assault and establish priorities in the five objective areas.

(6) Conduct combat search and clear operations in objectives 1 thru 5 with priority to most lucrative areas.

d. 4-21 Inf: Continue present missions.

e. C/26 Engr: Continue present missions.

f. E/1 Cav: Continue present missions.

3. (C) FIRES: 6-11 Arty moves C(-)/6-11 Arty to new 4-3 Inf FSB, on order. 6-11 Arty continues indirect fire support for remainder of brigade from existing FSB's.

4. (C) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

a. Direct coordination between Commanding Officer, 4-3 Inf, Commanding Officer, 4th ARVN Regt, and Commanding Officer, 1-20 Inf is authorized and directed.

b. All units conduct maximum saturation patrols and night ambushes.

c. H-Hour; D-Day to be announced.

d. All fire control areas remain unchanged.

e. Operation planned for three day duration; termination date on order this headquarters.

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4-3 Inf Bn  
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Task Organization:

1-20 Inf	3-1 Inf	4-3 Inf	4-21 Inf	Bde Con
1 Plat, E/1Cav	1 Plat(-)E/1Cav			Z/1Cav(-)
				C/26th Engr
				6-11 Arty(BS)

1. (C) SITUATION. 11th Infantry Brigade continues operations in DA VACH MOUNTAINS and DUC PRO area, assists in the pacification VIC BS786428 and conducts combined operations in the lowlands area with 4th ARVN Regiment.

2. (C) MISSIONS TO SUBORDINATE UNITS.

a. 1-20 Inf:

(1) Assume responsibility of new PCA (Annex A, Ops O/L).

(2) Assume OPCON of one platoon, Z/1 Cav, effective 241000 May 69.

(3) On 25 May combat assault B Company and Recon Plat VIC LZ shown on ops O/L and begin a coordinated combat sweep north. LZ time 0630.

(4) Establish a liaison team at FSB DRAGON consisting of at least an NCO and E2O.

(5) Continue pacification support operations VIC BS786428 with one company(-).

(6) Continue to secure bridge 402U with at least one rifle squad.

b. 3-1 Inf:

(1) Assume responsibility of new PCA (Annex A, Ops O/L).

(2) Continue to secure bridges 392 and 393 with two squads each.

(3) Continue to secure QL#1 in zone with particular emphasis VIC BS 910260.

c. 4-3 Inf:

(1) Assume responsibility of new PCA (Annex A, Ops O/L).

(2) Continue operations in DA VACH MOUNTAINS to interdict enemy base camps and LOC's.

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(3) Begin operations with two companies in eastern portion of FCA NLT 250800 May 69 to exploit intelligence received from LRRP VIE BS6937. Conduct combat assault of two companies into area east of SAN JUAN HILL. TZ time TBA.

d. 4-21 Inf:

- (1) Assume responsibility for new FCA (Annex A, Ops 0/L).
- (2) Insure one company conducts continual night operations in the lowlands area west of DUC PHO.
- (3) Continue operations in DA VACH MOUNTAINS to interdict enemy base areas and LOC's.

e. E/1 Cav:

- (1) One platoon OPCON 1/4 ARVN Regiment effective 241600 May 69. Platoon will move to FSB DEAGON NLT 241800 May 69 and will begin operations early the following day.
- (2) One platoon OPCON B Company, 1-20 Infantry effective 241800 May 69.
- (3) Continue OPCON of one platoon(-) to 3-1 Infantry.
- (4) Insure two trucks remain at FSB BRONCO to be employed as convoy security as required.

f. C/26th Regt: Continue present operations.

g. (C) FIRES. Normal indirect fire support continues from existing FSB's.

h. (C) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- a. Direct coordination between commanders concerned is authorized and directed.
- b. New fire control areas effective 250600 May 69.
- c. The combined operation is planned for three day duration; termination on order this headquarters and 6th ARVN Regiment.

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d. All units conduct maximum saturation patrols and night ambushes.

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Task Organization:

1-20 Inf 3-1 Inf 4-3 Inf 4-21 Inf  
1 Plat, E/1Cav 1 Plat(-)E/1Cav

Bde Con  
E/1Cav(-)  
C/26th Engr  
6-11 Arty(DS)

4-3 Inf Bn Forward  
FSB San Juan Hill

1. (C) SITUATION. 11th Infantry Brigade continues operations in DA VACH MOUNTAINS and DUC PRO area, assists in the pacification VIC BS786428 and conducts combined operations in the lowlands area with 4th ARVN Regiment.

2. (C) MISSIONS TO SUBORDINATE UNITS.

a. 1-20 Inf:

(1) Assume responsibility of new FCA (Annex A, Opn O/L).

(2) Assume OPCON of one platoon, E/1 Cav, effective 240000 May 69.

(3) On 25 May combat assault B Company and Recon Plat VIC LZ shown on opns O/L and begin a coordinated combat sweep north. PZ time 0630.

(4) Establish a liaison team at FSB DRAGON consisting of at least an NCO and RYO.

(5) Continue pacification support operations VIC BS786428 with one company(-).

(6) Continue to secure bridge 402U with at least one rifle squad.

b. 3-1 Inf:

(1) Assume responsibility of new FCA (Annex A, Opn O/L).

(2) Continue to secure bridges 392 and 393 with two squads each.

(3) Continue to secure QL#1 in area with particular emphasis VIC BS 910260.

c. 4-3 Inf:

(1) Assume responsibility of new FCA (Annex A, Opns O/L).

(2) Continue operations in DA VACH MOUNTAINS to interdict enemy base camps and LOC's.

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(3) Begin operations with two companies in eastern portion of FCA NLT 250000 May 69 to exploit intelligence received from LRRP VIC BS6937. Conduct combat assault of two companies into area east of SAN JUAN HILL. PZ time TBA.

d. 4-21 Inf:

(1) Assume responsibility for new FCA (Annex A, Opsn 0/L).

(2) Insure one company conducts continual night operations in the lowlands area west of BUC PHO.

(3) Continue operations in DA VACHE MOUNTAINS to interdict enemy base areas and LOC's.

e. B/1 Cav:

(1) One platoon OPCON 1/4 ARVN Regiment effective 241600 May 69. Platoon will move to FSB DRAGON NLT 241600 May 69 and will begin operations early the following day.

(2) One platoon OPCON B Company, 1-20 Infantry effective 241800 May 69.

(3) Continue OPCON of one platoon(+) to 3-1 Infantry.

(4) Insure two tracks remain at FSB BRONCO to be employed as convoy security as required.

f. C/26th Engr: Continue present operations.

3. (C) FIRES. Normal indirect fire support continues from existing FSB's.

4. (C) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

a. Direct coordination between commanders concerned is authorized and directed.

b. New fire control areas effective 250600 May 69.

c. The combined operation is planned for three day duration; termination on order this headquarters and 4th ARVN Regiment.

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d. All units conduct maximum saturation patrols and night ambushes.

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1. (C) SITUATION. The 11th Infantry Brigade continues security operations contiguous to QL41, combat operations in the remainder of DUC PHO area and DA VACH MTNS, and conducts combined operations with the 4th ARVN Regiment east of FSB JEFF beginning 31 May 69.

2. (C) TASKS TO SUBORDINATE UNITS.

a. 1-20 Inf:

b. 3-1 Inf:

c. 4-3 Inf:

d. 4-21 Inf:

e. E/1 Cav:

(1) Maintain one platoon for night security at FSB DRAGON beginning 301700 May 69.

(2) Coordinate with US advisors at FSB DRAGON reference positioning of tracks, location of platoon CP, and all other necessary coordination.

(3) Utilize two of the tracks securing FSB DRAGON for daily convoy security between FSB BRONCO and CHARLIE BROWN.

f. C/26 ENGR:

3. (C) FIRES: Two ARVN 105mm howitzers will be moved to FSB BRONCO on 30 May to support the ARVN operation. Normal fire support (indirect) will be available from existing fire support bases.

4. (C) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

a. The 3d Battalion, 4th ARVN Regiment and two 105mm howitzers will move overland to FSB BRONCO on 30 May 69 in preparation for the operation

b. The ARVN battalion will combat assault into its assigned FCA on 31 May 69. PZ location is the BRONCO Airstrip. PZ and LZ times TBA.

c. New FCA's effective 310600 May 69.

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d. All units conduct maximum saturation patrols and night ambushes.

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TEACORD 4-69 to 3-69

Task Organization: Current Task Organization.

1. (C) SITUATION: 11th Inf Bde continues operations in zone to find, fix and destroy NVA/VC main and local forces, secures engineer work parties south of DUC PHO, and begins security operations north of NO DUC for RMK work party.

2. (C) MISSIONS TO SUBORDINATE UNITS.

a. 1-20 Inf:

(1) Provide one rifle platoon consisting of no less than thirty men to secure RMK work party during paving operations from the QUANG NGAI Bridge (B8643747) to coordinates B5742520.

(2) Provide two (2) gun jeeps with radios to patrol paving train area. One jeep will escort several passenger vehicles to CHU LAI each night and return to the paving area with them each morning.

(3) Actively patrol the area vicinity the paving train during the paving operation.

(4) Secure the paving equipment and personnel on a 24-hour basis.

(5) Coordinate with TU NGHIA and NO DUC District Headquarters for possible motor pool locations.

(6) Coordinate as required with the Officer in Charge of Construction (OICC) - CHU LAI 3406.

(7) Insure adequate communications are continually maintained with security unit to facilitate rapid employment of reaction force in the event of enemy contact.

(8) Be prepared to commit one rifle platoon as a reaction force within thirty minutes of notification.

(9) Coordinate with B Battery, 1-82d Artillery at FSS SNOOPY for indirect fire support.

b. 3-1 Inf:

c. 4-3 Inf:

d. 4-21 Inf:

e. E/1 Cav:

f. C/26 Engr:

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3. (C) FIRES. Indirect fire support will be provided by two 155MM howitzers located at FSB SNOOPY (BS705610).

4. (C) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(a. Paving will begin 160700 June 1969 just south of the QUANG NGAI Bridge and will continue to MO DUC (BS742520). Estimated completion date is the first week in September.

b. Motor pool locations should be established relatively near the paving operation. As the operation moves south, the motor pool location should be changed. Possible motor pool locations: TU NGHIA District Headquarters, FSB SNOOPY, and MO DUC District Headquarters.

c. RMK paving capability is .3 to .4 of a mile per day.

d. RMK work party consists of one paver, two graders, three rollers, one water truck, one leadboy, and 40 personnel.

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FRACORD 5-69 to OPORD 3-69

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Task Organization:

1-20 Inf	3-1 Inf	4-3 Inf	4-21 Inf(-)	Bde Con
	Plat/E/1 Cav	B/4-21 Inf		6-11 Arty(DS)
				E/1 Cav(-)
				C/26 Engr(DS)

1. (C) SITUATION. 11th Infantry Brigade continues operations in zone to find, fix, and destroy NVA/VC main and local forces, secures engineer work parties south of DUC PHO, and conducts combined operation with 4th ARVN Regt.

2. (C) MISSIONS TO SUBORDINATE UNITS.

a. 1-20 Inf:

b. 3-1 Inf:

c. 4-3 Inf:

(1) Conduct combat assault of three companies into new fire control area (Annex A, Opn O/L) beginning 080630 June 1969.

(2) Assume OPCON B/4-21 Inf for security of FSB DON effective 071800 June 1969.

(3) Establish joint CP at FSB DON with participating battalion from 4th ARVN Regt.

(4) Conduct detailed combat search and sweep operations in assigned FCA to destroy elements of 3D NVA Division and main and local force VC located there.

d. 4-21 Inf: OPCON B Company to 4-3 Inf effective 071800 June 1969.

e. E/1 Cav:

f. C/26th Engr:

3. (C) FIRES. Two ARVN 105mm howitzers will be hooked to FSB DON on 07 June to support the ARVN portion of the operation. US 105's remain at FSB JNP and FDC moves from FSB JNP to FSB DON on 7 June.

4. (C) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

a. New FCA's effective 080600 June 69.

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- b. Annex A (Ops O/L) has already been distributed.
- c. ARVN battalion will combat assault into its FCA on 03 June 69.
- d. All units conduct maximum saturation patrols and night ambushes.
- e. Direct coordination between commanders concerned is authorized and directed.

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Task Organization. No change.

1. (C) SITUATION. 11th Infantry Brigade continues operations in the DUC PHO and DA VACH Mountain area, secures engineer work parties in zone, and conducts realignment to target against the 3d NVA Division.

2. (C) TASKS TO SUBORDINATE UNITS.

a. 1-20 Inf:

(1) Assume responsibility for new FCA (Annex A, Opn O/L). Direct support 105mm battery becomes D/6-11th Arty on or about 15 June and will be located at FSB MAX (BS758469).

(2) Continue security of engineer mine sweep and work parties in zone.

c. 4-3 Inf:

(1) Assume responsibility of new FCA (Annex A, Opns O/L).

(2) Combat assault/airmove A, B and D Companies to SAN JUAN HILL FCA on 14 June.

(3) Close FSB DGN 15 June. Insure fire base is completely clear of all equipment/material except for perimeter wire.

d. 4-21 Inf:

(1) Assume responsibility for new FCA (Annex A, Opn O/L).

(2) Close FSB JEFF and establish CP at FSB BRONCO on 13 June. Insure fire base is completely clear of all equipment/material except for perimeter wire.

(3) Be prepared to conduct operations in the lowlands area west of FSB BRONCO with combat engineer vehicle (CEV) to level hedgerows and eliminate enemy bunkers, trenches and individual fighting positions.

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(4) Maintain at least one company in the "rocket pocket" area vic BS7735 to BS8030.

(5) Conduct operations to preempt enemy ground attacks on DUC PHO and FSB BRONCO from the west.

e. E/1 Cav: Continue present missions.

f. C/26 Engr: Assist in the closing of FSB's JEFF and DON and the establishment of FSB MAX as required.

3. (C) FIRES: Effective 131800 June C/6-11 Arty at FSB BRONCO becomes the DS battery for 4-21 Inf and effective 151800 June D/6-11 Arty at FSB MAX becomes the DS battery for 1-20 Inf. All other DS and GS reinf arty remains unchanged.

4. (C) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) New FCA's effective <sup>13</sup> 10600 June.

(2) Due to criticality of aircraft availability all units plan maximum utilisation of allocated aircraft.

(3) All units conduct maximum saturation patrols and night ambushes.

(4) Direct coordination between commanders concerned is authorized and directed.

(5) B/4-21 released OPCON 4-3 Inf and returned control of 4-21 Inf upon closing FSB DON.

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Annex A - (Opm O/L)

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Reference: Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000, Series L7014, Sheets 6738I, 6739II, and 6739III.

Task Organization:

1-20 Inf	3-1 Inf	4-3 Inf	4-21 Inf	Bde Com
	Plat, E/1 Cav (on order)		Plat, E/1 Cav	E(-)/1 Cav
	Sq, C/26 Engr (on order)			C(-)/26 Engr
				6-11 Arty (BS)

1. (C) SITUATION. 11th Infantry Brigade continues present operations, exchanges two battalion fire control areas, and establishes a joint fire support base west of QUANG NGAI.

2. (C) TASKS TO SUBORDINATE UNITS.

a. 1-20 Inf: Continue present missions.

b. 3-1 Inf:

(1) Release OPCON of one company to 4-21 Inf from 30 June to 3 July 1969, and a second company from 3 July to 6 July 1969.

(2) Move battalion command post to FSB ERONCO and assume responsibility of present 4-21 Inf fire control area on 3 July (See operation overlay, FRACORD 6-69 to OPORD 3-69).

(3) Assume OPCON of one company from 4-21 Inf from 30 June to 3 July 1969.

(4) Be prepared to air move one company to via BS539732 to assist one battalion, 4th ARVN Regiment in establishing a joint fire support base to include a joint TAC on or about 5 July. One squad C/26 Engr and one platoon E/1 Cav OPCON effective 1200 hours the day prior to the airmove.

(5) Be prepared to combat assault battalion mines via the joint fire support base upon its completion. See Annex A (Opn 0/I) for battalion fire control area.

(6) Coordinate with CO, 4-21 Inf and CO, 4th Regiment reference engineer construction material and supplies already stockpiled at QUANG NGAI.

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c. 4-3 Inf: Continue present missions.

d. 4-21 Inf:

(1) Release OPCON of one company to 3-1 Inf from 30 June to 3 July 1969.

(2) Assume OPCON of one company 3-1 Inf from 30 June to 3 July, and a second company from 3 July to 6 July 1969.

(3) Move battalion command post to FSB DIBBIDE and assume responsibility of present 3-1 Inf fire control area on 3 July (See operations overlay, FRAGORD 6-69 to OPORD 3-69).

(4) Upon assumption of new FCA, secure engineer work parties and mine sweep teams on QL 1, and assume OPCON of A and D companies, 19th Engineer Battalion.

(5) Coordinate with DUC PHO District Headquarters and CO, 19th Engineer Battalion, reference operations in new FCA.

e. E/1 Cav:

(1) One platoon released from OPCON 3-1 Inf and OPCON to 4-21 Inf effective 1200 hours 3 July 1969.

(2) One platoon OPCON 3-1 Inf for security while establishing new joint fire support base vic BS539732 effective 1200 hours on or about 4 July 69.

f. C/26 Engr:

(1) One squad OPCON to 3-1 Inf to assist in establishing new joint fire support base vic BS539732 effective 1200 hours on or about 4 July 1969.

(2) Insure one officer accompanies squad. Officer will be responsible for apportioning engineer construction material between ARVN and US units.

g. 6-11 Arty:

(1) Maintain contact with D/1-11 Arty at FSB STINSON for indirect fire support for the joint fire base.

(2) Be prepared to airmove one battery to new joint fire support base in direct support of 3-1 Inf.

h. (C) FIRES. Indirect fire support continues from existing fire bases.

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4. (c) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

a. Exchange of fire control areas between 3-1 Inf and 4-21 Inf is effective 031200 July 1969.

b. Exact times for OPCON of companies between 3-1 Inf and 4-21 Inf will be coordinated between commanders concerned.

c. Coordination between commanders concerned is authorized and directed.

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FRAGORD 3-69 to OPORD 3-69

REFERENCE: Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000; Series L7014, Sheets 6738I, 6739II, and 6739III.

Task Organization:

1-20 Inf	3-1 Inf	4-3 Inf	4-21 Inf
C/6-11 Arty (DS)	D/6-11 Arty (DS)	B/6-11 Arty (DS)	A/6-11 Arty (DS)
Plat, E/1st Cav			Plat, E/1st Cav

Bde Com  
E(-)/1st Cav  
C/26th Engr  
6-11 Arty(-), (DS)  
C/3-82 Arty (GS)

1. (C) SITUATION. 11th Infantry Brigade conducts accelerated pacification operations, airmoves one battalion west of QUANG NGAI and continues combined operations with 4th ARVN Regiment and District Forces.

2. (C) TASKS TO SUBORDINATE UNITS.

a. 1-20 Infantry:

- (1) Plan and conduct combined operations with DUC PHO RF/PP Forces and PRU's.
- (2) Continue to interdict enemy movement to and from 515 Valley.
- (3) Continue security of RIMK work party upgrading QL 1.
- (4) Plan and conduct land clearing operations as engineer equipment becomes available.
- (5) Provide 82mm Mortar platoon for defense of FSB BRONCO effective 29 July 1969.

b. 3-1 Infantry:

- (1) Continue OPCON one platoon E/1st Cav for operations vic FSB 411. Platoon will revert to Bde control on order.
- (2) Release OPCON platoon C/26th Engr effective 310600 July 1969.
- (3) Airmove subordinate units in accordance with Annex B (Sequence of Events) to this FRAGORD.
- (4) Plan and conduct combined operations with TU NGHIA RF/PP Forces and PRU's.

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- (5) Assist in refugee resettlement as required.
- (6) Interdict enemy infiltration routes and staging areas within assigned FCA.
- (7) Released from requirement for mortar platoon on MONTEZUMA (BS812383) effective 29 July 1969.

c. 4-3 Infantry:

- (1) Conduct operations in lowlands area and foothills in eastern portion of FCA with not less than two companies.
- (2) Continue to interdict enemy movement in the SONG VE and 515 Valleys.
- (3) Plan and conduct combined operations with BA TO and MINH LONG CIDG Forces.

d. 4-21 Infantry:

- (1) Continue security of engineer work parties in assigned FCA.
- (2) Plan and conduct combined operations with DUC PHO RF/PF Forces and PRU's.
- (3) Assist DUC PHO District in the pacification effort via MY TRANG (1) (BS830335).
- (4) Continue OPCON one platoon E/1st Cav.

e. E/1st Cav:

- (1) One platoon remains OPCON 3-1 Infantry Battalion.
- (2) One platoon remains OPCON 4-21 Infantry Battalion.
- (3) Assist in security of FSB BRONCO with no less than three ACAV's.

f. C/26 Engr:

- (1) One platoon released OPCON 3-1 Inf Bn, effective 310600 July 1969.
- (2) Be prepared to continue land clearing operations in the lowlands of DUC PHO District.
- (3) Be prepared to release one platoon to OPCON 4-21 Inf Bn to upgrade security of FSB DEBBIE.

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- g. 6-11 Arty: Airmove D Battery to FSB 411 on 28 July 1969.
3. (C) FIRES: Indirect fire support continues from existing fire bases.
4. (C) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.
  - a. Annex A FCA's effective 261200 July 1969.
  - b. Annex A1 FCA's effective 290600 July 1969.
  - c. Maximum emphasis will be placed on the pacification effort and associated operations; i.e., refugee resettlement, cordon and search operations, civic action projects, etc.
  - d. 2 ARVN battalions from 4th Regiment combat assault into temporary FCA on 24 July 1969. On or about 30 July, one battalion will be extracted and one battalion assumes 3-1 Inf Bn's FCA west of DUC PHO. (See Annex A, OP O/L).
  - e. Units conduct maximum saturation patrols and night ambushes.
  - f. Direct coordination between commanders concerned is authorized and directed.

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B - Sequence of Events

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

28 July            D/3-1 Infantry - Airmove to FSB Bronco.  
                  D/6-11 Arty - Airmove to FSB Hill.

29 July            D/3-1 Infantry - Airmove to FSB Hill.  
                  A/3-1 Infantry - Begin operations SW of FSB Hill.  
                  B/3-3 Infantry - Airmove to FSB Bronco.  
                  4-3 Infantry - FAC extended; 2 CO's operate in lowlands.

30 July            B/3-1 Infantry - Airmove to FSB Hill and begin  
                  operations in the NW.  
                  ARVN Bn combat assault into new FGA west of Duc Pho.

31 July            RCN and C/3-1 Infantry - Airmove to FSB Hill and begin  
                  operations in new FGA.

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FRAGORD 11-69 to OPORD 2-69

Task Organization:

1-20 Inf  
Plt, E-1 Cav(on ord)  
Plt, C/26 Engr(on ord)

3-1 Inf

4-3 Inf  
Plt, C/26 Engr

4-21 Inf  
Plt, E-1 Cav(on ord)

Bde Con  
E-1 Cav  
C/26 Engr(DS)  
6-11 Arty(DS)

1. (C) SITUATION: 11th Inf Bde continues operations in the SONG VE Valley, establishes FSB SAN JUAN HILL, destroys VC built-up areas, secures engineer work parties along QL 1 and maintains FSB's CORK and AMY.

2. (C) MISSIONS TO SUBORDINATE UNITS:

a. 1-20 Inf:

(1) Conduct platoon size combat assault 120700H Apr 69 to secure SAN JUAN HILL (BS633380) for arrival of 4-3 Inf.

(2) Upon release by CO, 4-3 Inf coordinate return of platoon to 1-20 AO by CH-47 Chinook.

(3) Be prepared to conduct three-day company size operation vic VAN HA 1 (BS7538), on order.

(4) Provide two (2) liaison personnel to Landing Craft Utility (LCU) vic SA HUYNH (BS9222), on order.

(5) One Plt, E-1 Cav, one Plt C/26 Engr, one Combat Engr Veh (CEV) and two D7 Bulldozers attached, on order.

(6) Secure beach area vic BS800515 with one company and attached engineer and cav element, on order.

(7) Destroy VAN HA 1, on order.

(8) Retain one platoon(Reinf) at FSB CHARLIE BROWN and conduct reconnaissance in force and intensive night patrols and ambushes to cease all enemy harrassment of engineer work parties between FSB LOWBOY and FSB THUNDER

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b. 3-1 Inf:

- (1) Upon return of C Co from Standdown Area, plan and conduct company size operation utilizing saturation patrols within three (3) Km radius of FSB BRONCO.
- (2) Continue operations in southern portion of AO with remaining battalion resources with emphasis on eliminating/disrupting VC rice harvesting operations.

c. 4-3 Inf:

- (1) Establish FSB SAN JUAN HILL (BS633380) beginning 120830 Apr 69.
- (2) Upon establishment of own security, release Plt, 1-20 Inf.
- (3) Prepare to begin combat operations within AO NLT 14 Apr 69.
- (4) Interdict both by fire and ground operations VC/NVA lines of communications (LOC) within 515 Valley.
- (5) Provide liaison team consisting of no less than two (2) personnel at District Headquarters BATO (BS5533), effective 16 Apr 69.

d. 4-21 Inf:

- (1) Continue operations in SONG VE Valley.
- (2) Be prepared to conduct combat assault vic BS665475, on order.

e. E-1 Cav:

- (1) Continue present missions.
- (2) Be prepared to attach one Plt to 1-20 Inf for VAN HA 1 operations, on order.
- (3) Be prepared to conduct operations in SONG VE Valley, on order.

f. C/26 Engr:

- (1) Attach Plt(-) with D4 Bulldozer to 4-3 Inf beginning 12 Apr
- (2) Be prepared to attach one Plt, one CEV and two (2) D7 Bulldozers to 1-20 Inf, on order.
- (3) Be prepared to move above personnel and equipment to SA HUYNH (BS920220) for loading on LCU, on order.

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3. (C) ~~AMES~~: 105 Battery remains at MINH LONG for support of SONG VE Valley operation. On/about 13 Apr 69 one (1) battery 105 How released from FSB CORK and established at FSB SAN JUAN HILL. Other operations supported from existing FSB's.

4. (C) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

- a. Estimated arrival time of LCU at SA HUYNH for VAN HAA 1 operation is 131000H Apr 69.
- b. New AO's effective 120600H Apr 69, 1-20 Inf and 4-21 Inf AO extensions, on order.
- c. Direct coordination between commanders concerned is authorized and directed.
- d. All units conduct maximum saturation patrols and night ambushes.

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FRAGORD 12-69 to OPORD 2-69

Task Organization:

1-20 Inf	3-1 Inf	4-3 Inf (-)	4-21 Inf
Plt, E/1 Cav			Plt, E/1 Cav (on ord)
Plt, C/26 Engr			

Bde Con  
E/1 Cav (-)  
C/26 Engr (DS)  
6-11 Arty (DS)

1. (C) SITUATION: 11th Inf Bde continues operations in SONG VE VALLEY and area east of FSB SAN JUAN HILL, secures engineer work parties along QL 1 and maintain FSB's CORK and AMY.

2. (C) MISSIONS TO SUBORDINATE UNITS:

a. 1-20 Inf:

- (1) Execute extraction operation via RS603505 190800H Apr 69, with A Co (-).
- (2) Release OPORD engineer platoon and equipment upon completion of extraction.
- (3) Conduct combat sweep south with attached Cav platoon (Annex A, O/L), returning to FSB BRONCO MLT 201800H Apr 69.

(4) Relocate Cav Plt to Bde Con upon return FSB BRONCO.

(5) 210730H Apr execute combat assault via FSB LOWBOY (RS908150) with A Co (-) and conduct combat sweep north.

(6) A Co relieve C Co of all missions via FSB CHARLIE BROWN and continue operations in AO with C Co.

b. 3-1 Inf: Continue combat operations in AO (Annex A, O/L).

c. 4-3 Inf (-):

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(1) Provide liaison personnel at District HQ, BA TO (BS5533), MLT  
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(2) Continue combat operations as shown on O/L (Annex A, O/L).

(3) Maintain security, FSB SAN JUAN HILL.

d. 1-21 Inf:

(1) No change in AO.

(2) Continue operations in SONG VE VALLEY.

(3) Maintain one company as Brigade reaction force; prepare to conduct GA on one hour notice.

(4) Move Recon Plt to SW portion of AO (via BS6252) to support SF operation. Plt should be in that area on/about 200600H Apr to support sweep by 150 man SF/CIDG force.

(5) Direct coordination with BA TO SF is directed.

e. K/1 Cav:

(1) Continue present missions.

(2) Plt with 1-20 Inf released to Bde Com upon return to FSB BRONCO.

(3) Be prepared to assist 1-21 Inf in SONG VE, on order.

f. C/26 Engr:

(1) Plt with 1-20 Inf released to C/26 Engr upon completion of extraction.

(2) Be prepared to use Combat Engineer Vehicle (CEV) in support of combat sweep operation in Bde OZ.

3. (C) FIRES: Fire support continues from existing FSB's; 3-1 Inf insure operations remain under existing 105/155 fire fans.

4. (C) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) New AO's effective upon receipt this FRAGORD.

(2) Direct coordination between commanders concerned is authorized and directed.

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(3) All units conduct maximum saturation patrols and night ambushes.

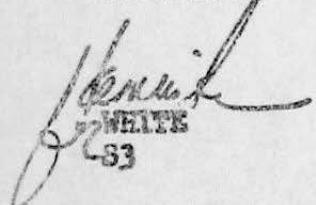
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FMARND 13-69 to OPORD 2-69

Task Organisation:

1-20 Inf 3-1 Inf 4-3 Inf 4-21 Inf  
Plt(-), E/1 Cav A/1-20 Inf (on order)

Bde Cen  
E/1 Cav(-)  
C/26 Engr(DS)  
6-11 Arty(DS)

1. (C) SITUATION: 11th Inf Bde relocates to orient on 2d NVA Regiment, opens new fire support base, conducts joint operation on southern boundary with 4th ARVN Regiment and BA TO Mike Force, and closes FSB's CORK and ANX.

2. (C) MISSIONS TO SUBORDINATE UNITS:

a. 1-20 Inf:

(1) Upon insertion one company 3-1 Inf to FSB DEBBIE, move B Co to FSB BRONCO, 21 Apr 69.

(2) Upon insertion one company 3-1 Inf to FSB CHARLIE BROWN, move C Co to FSB BRONCO, 21 Apr 69.

(3) Retain one mortar platoon on MONTEZUMA (BSN18384).

(4) Continue security of engineer work parties on QL 1 in zone.

(5) Continue to secure Bridge 402U (BS758154) with platoon(-).

(6) Release one company OPCON 4-21 Inf 211800 Apr.

(7) Interdict routes of egress east and of 515 Valley.

(8) Direct coordination with 4th ARVN Regiment (FSB DRAGON) reference joint operations along common boundary is directed.

(9) Coordinate with local Provincial Forces (PNV's RF and PP forces) concerning operations vic populated areas.

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(1a) Provide security for civilian population inside RD Zone in your fire control area.

b. 3-1 Inf:

(1) Extract three companies presently located SE of FSB SAN JUAN HILL on 21 Apr; extraction will follow combat assault of 4-3 Inf.

(2) Relieve 1-20 Inf on FSB's DEBBIE (BS872325) and CHARLIE BROWN, 21 Apr.

(3) Secure FSB DEBBIE with one company.

(4) Secure FSB CHARLIE BROWN with one rifle platoon plus 4.2" mortars.

(5) Secure Bridges 392 and 393 with platoon minus and two APC's on each bridge.

(6) Secure engineer work parties along QL 1 in zone.

(7) Coordinate with local Provincial Forces in zone concerning operations via populated areas.

(8) Provide security for civilian population via RD areas in zone.

(9) Begin backhaul and closing operation FSB CORK. Estimated closing date 1 May.

c. 4-3 Inf:

(1) Conduct combat assault from FSB BRONCO with two companies, 210730 Apr to LZ's south of FSB SAN JUAN HILL.

(2) Actively interdict enemy infiltration routes into SW portion of SONG VE VALLEY via BS6160.

(3) Direct coordination with BA TO Special Forces Camp for future joint operations is authorized.

d. 4-21 Inf:

(1) Continue operating in southern portion of SONG VE on 21 Apr.

(2) One company 1-20 Inf OPCON 211800 Apr.

(3) Secure fire support base via BS7030 with one company 220730 Apr.

(4) Following insertion one battery artillery on FSB, execute combat assault with two companies into southern portion of fire control area (FG.) (Annex A, O/L).

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(5) Be prepared to conduct joint operations in your FCA with 14th ARVN Regt and Mike Force from BA TO beginning 23 Apr.

3. (C) FIRES: Indirect fire support will be continued from existing FSB's. C Battery at FSB DRAGON will move to new 4-21 Inf FSB 22 Mar. Upon closing FSB's AMY, D Battery will move to new 4-21 Inf FSB and C Battery will return to FSB BRONCO.

4. (C) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

a. Closing operation of FSB's CORK and AMY will begin 23 Apr. Estimated completion date 07 May.

b. New fire control areas effective 210600 Apr.

c. Direct coordination between commanders concerned is authorized and directed.

d. All units conduct maximum saturation patrols and night ambushes.

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(C) Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf	HHC (-)/4-3 Inf
1st Plat H Trp, 17th CAV	Battalion Control
Co B/4-3 Inf	Co E (-)/4-3 Inf
2nd Plat H Trp, 17th CAV	4.2 Mortar Plat/4-3 Inf
Co C/4-3 Inf	Recon Plat/4-3 Inf
Co D/4-3 Inf	

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Current Intsum.

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 198th LIB and 6th Regt, 2nd ARVN Division realign boundaries, relocate tactical units, and establish GENEVA PARK OPERATIONAL ZONE (OZ), conduct unilateral and combined operations to find, fix, and destroy enemy Main Force (MF) and Local Force (LF) units; and conduct other tactical operations as appropriate to accomplish the objectives of the GVN Pacification and Development Plan for 1969.

(2) Current SITREPS.

2. MISSION: At 181200H Mar 69, 4-3 Inf assumes responsibility for assigned Fire Control Area (FCA); conducts both unilateral and combined operations with ARVN and Provincial Forces to find, fix, and destroy enemy MF and LF units; and conducts other tactical operations as appropriate to accomplish the objectives of the GVN Pacification and Development Plan for 1969; maintains one (1) fire support base at LZ BUFF; assumes responsibility for approval of all supporting fires impacting within assigned FCA; establishes a liaison team at Son Tinh District and Ha Thanh USSF/CIDG Camp; and on order, secures engineer work parties during the up grading of HL 529 (Tra Bong Road).

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: Annex A; Operation Overlay. On 181200H Mar 69, 4-3 Inf assumes responsibility for assigned FCA. Co A w/1st Plat H Trp, 17th CAV conducts combined operation with Task Force 4th CAV, 2d ARVN Div by

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establishing a blocking position vic BS543775 to prevent the escape of enemy forces as the ARVN forces sweep from East to West.

b. Fires: See Annex B; Fire Support.

c. Co A:

(1) Conduct sweep at 180700H Mar 69 from NDP location vic BS570-825 to blocking position vic BS543775.

(2) Establish and maintain block oriented to the east to prevent escape of enemy forces in coordination with sweep being conducted by Task Force 4th CAV 2d ARVN Division.

(3) Conduct offensive operations vic LZ BUFF on order.

d. Co B:

(1) Continue security of CHIC.

(2) Conduct standdown at 198th LIB standdown area at Chu Lai from 201000H Mar 69 to 241000H Mar 69.

e. Co C:

(1) Continue standdown.

(2) Conduct airlift from Ky Hoa Pad, Chu Lai on 20 Mar 69 to CHIC.

(3) Assume mission of security of CHIC upon closing CHIC on 20 Mar 69.

f. Co D:

(1) Continue defense of LZ BUFF.

(2) Conduct offensive operations vic LZ BUFF as directed.

g. Co E:

(1) Recon Plat:

(a) Continue standdown.

(b) Conduct airlift from Ky Hoa Pad, Chu Lai to LZ BUFF at 201000H Mar 69.

(c) Assist in defense of LZ BUFF upon closing LZ BUFF on 20 Mar 69.

(d) Conduct offensive operations vic LZ BUFF as directed.

(2) 4.2 Mortar Plat: GS LZ BUFF.

(3) GS: GS LZ BUFF

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h. 1st Plat H Trp 17th CAV: OPCON Co A.

i. 2d Plat H Trp 17th CAV: OPCON Co B.

j. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Status of counterpart commanders at all levels is co-equal.

(2) Temporary FCA's for operations must be submitted 24 hours prior to effective date.

4. Administration and Logistics: No Change.

5. Command and Signal:

a. Signal: Current SOI in effect.

b. Command: CP remains at LZ BUFF

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ANNEX B (Fire Support) to OPORD 4-69

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1. SITUATION:

- a. Enemy forces: Current IMTSUMS.
- b. Friendly forces:

(1) 6th Regt, 2nd ARVN Div and 4-3 Inf provide ground support in the current Fire Control Area (FCA).

(2) 7th Air Force provides tactical air support.

2. MISSION: 4-3 Inf and 6th Regt, 2nd ARVN Div conduct unilateral and combined operations to accomplish the objectives of the GVN Pacification and Development Plan for 1969.

3. EXECUTION:

a. 4-3 Inf and 6th Regt, 2nd ARVN Div conduct unilateral and combined operations in the Common Operations Zone (OZ) to find, fix, and destroy the enemy.

b. Air Support: Requests for tactical air support will be submitted to the Bn S-3 Air.

c. Artillery support:

(1) D Btry, 1/11th Arty (105mm towed) will provide DS for the LZ BUFF FCA.

(2) D Btry, 1/82d Arty (155/8" SP) located on LZ DOTTIE will provide general support.

(3) Additional fire support is available from 3/18th Arty (175/8" SP) located at Tra Bong.

(4) Btry G (-) 55th Arty (MG) will provide additional fire support for the defense of LZ BUFF.

(5) 3rd Plat (-) Btry G, 29th Arty (SLT) will provide illumination for the defense of LZ BUFF.

d. Coordinating Instructions:

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- (1) Rules of Engagement: Americal Regulation 525-4, Feb 69.
- (2) Clearance of fires will be requested from the Arty LNO.

4. Admin and Log: No change.

5. Command and Signal:

- a. Signal: Current SOI in effect.
- b. Command: No change.

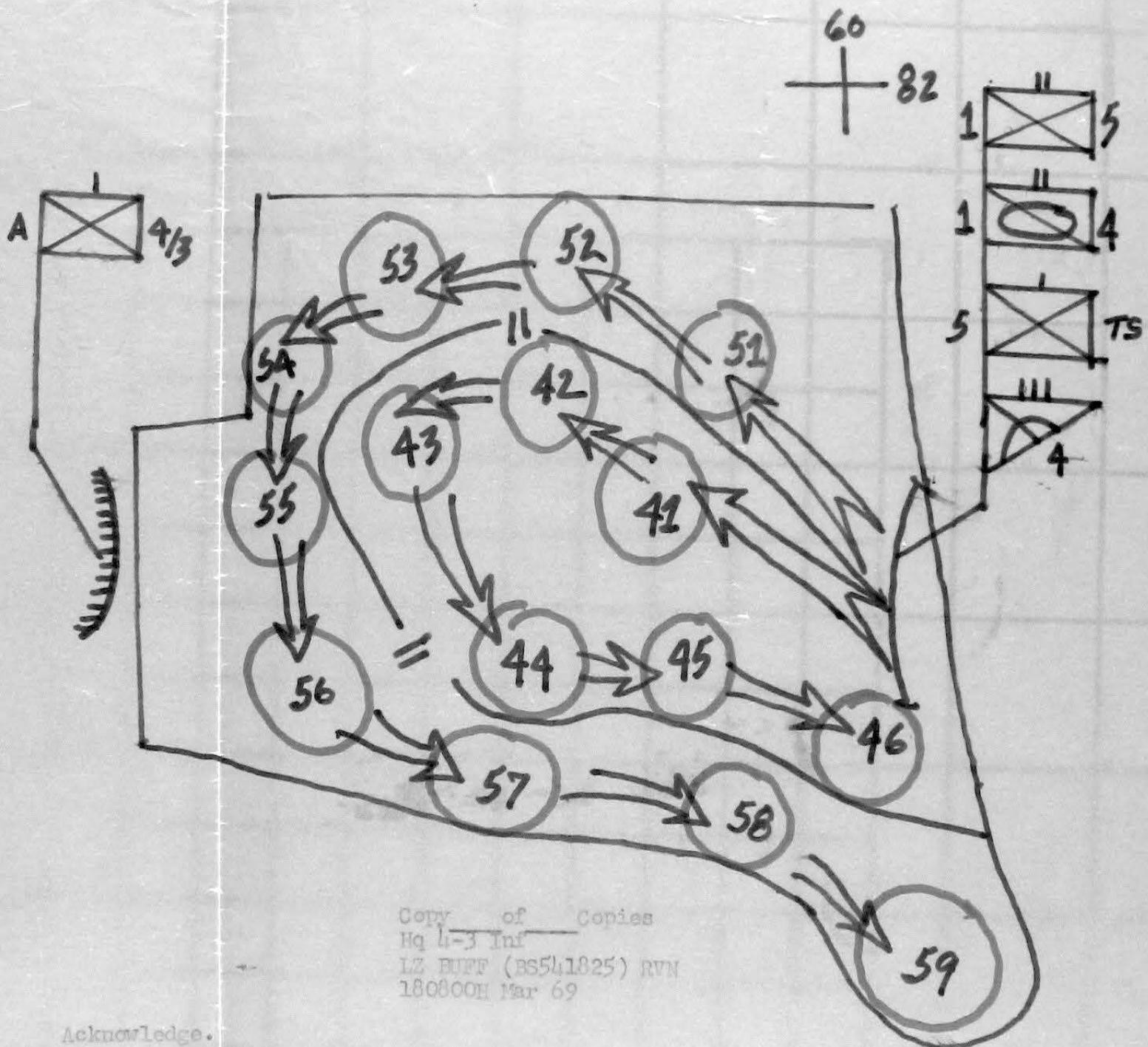
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OPORD 5-69, Hq 4-3 Inf

Reference: FRAGORD 11-69 to OPORD 2-69 Hq's 11th LIB; Maps, South Vietnam; 1:50,000; Series L7014; Sheets 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, and 6738IV.

(c) Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf  
Recon plat/4-3 Inf

HHC (-)/4-3 Inf

Battalion Control

Co B/4-3 Inf

Co E (-)/4-3 Inf

Co C/4-3 Inf

4.2 mortar plat/4-3 Inf

Co D/4-3 Inf

GS plat/4-3 Inf

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Current Intsum.

b. Friendly Forces: 11th Bde continues operations in the Song Ve Valley, establishes FSB SAN JUAN HILL, destroys VC built-up areas, secures engineer work parties along QL 1 and maintains FSB's CORK and AMY.

2. MISSION: 4-3 Inf establishes FSB SAN JUAN HILL (BS635382) beginning on 120830H April 69; prepares for combat operations in assigned FCA; interdicts VC/NVA lines of communication (LOC) within 515 Valley on order; provides liaison personnel at District Headquarters Ba To, effective on order.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Maneuver: 4-3 Inf airlifts two companies and 4.2 mort plat from LZ BUFF FCA to SAN JUAN HILL on 12 April 69 to establish FSB SAN JUAN HILL; one company remains on LZ BUFF; one company continues operations vic LZ BUFF; Recon plat closes LZ BUFF on 12 April 69 and assists in security of LZ BUFF. Two companies, Recon plat, and Bn Hq's conduct airlift to SAN JUAN HILL FCA on order.

(2) Fires:

(a) C Btry 1/82nd Arty, 155mm and 8" howitzer GS from LZ LIZ.

(b) B Btry 6/11th Arty, DS FSB SAN JUAN HILL commencing 13 April.

(c) 4.2 mort plat 4-3 Inf GS from SAN JUAN HILL.

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b. Co A:

- (1) Continue to secure LZ BUFF.
- (2) Conduct CH47B airlift from LZ BUFF to LZ BRONCO on order.
- (3) On order, conduct CA into SAN JUAN HILL FCA and commence search and ambush operations.

c. Co B:

- (1) Conduct CH47B airlift on 12 April 69 to FSB SAN JUAN HILL.
- (2) Secure NE one half on FSB SAN JUAN HILL defensive perimeter.
- (3) Construct perimeter defensive bunkers and assist in overall preparations of the FSB.
- (4) Prepare to assume responsibility for the entire FSB perimeter.

d. Co C:

- (1) Continue to conduct search operations in LZ BUFF FCA.
- (2) Conduct CH47B airlift from LZ BUFF FCA to LZ BRONCO on order.
- (3) On order, conduct CA into SAN JUAN HILL FCA and commence search and ambush operations in assigned FCA.

e. Co D:

- (1) On 12 April 69 conduct CH47B airlift to FSB SAN JUAN HILL.
- (2) Secure SW one half of FSB perimeter.
- (3) On order, commence search and ambush operations in SAN JUAN HILL FCA.

f. Co E:

- (1) Recon Plat: OPCON Co A.
- (2) 4.2 ~~mortar~~ plat :
  - (a) On 12 April 69 conduct CH47B airlift to FSB SAN JUAN HILL.
  - (b) GS from SAN JUAN HILL.
- (3) GS: GS SAN JUAN HILL.

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g. Hq (-): Conduct CH47B airlift to FSB SAN JUAN HILL on order.

h. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) ACL for CH47B will be 45 combat loaded personnel.

(2) All units will transport miscellaneous items of equipment and materials from LZ BUFF to Chu Lai trains as soon as possible.

4. Administration and Logistics:

a. Trains begins displacement to LZ BRONCO on 11 April 69.

b. Aid station displaces from LZ BUFF to FSB SAN JUAN HILL on order.

c. All units will comply with Bn Ammunition Basic Load SOP.

5. Command and Signal:

a. Signal:

(1) Current SOI in effect.

(2) Air Ground frequency 47.75 will be utilized for all CH47B airlifts.

b. Command:

(1) Bn CP displaces from LZ BUFF to FSB SAN JUAN HILL on order.

(2) Bn alternate CP established at FSB SAN JUAN HILL on 12 April 69.

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Reference: No change

1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf	HHC (-)/4-3 Inf
Co B/4-3 Inf	Battalion Control
Co C/4-3 Inf Engr plat 2/H/17th CAV	
Co D/4-3 Inf	
Co E/4-3 Inf	

- 4-3 Inf continues present mission. Assumes 5-46 Inf AO upon completion of Co C lift. Turns over AO to 2/5 ARVN.
- Co A: Continue present mission.
- Co B: Continue present mission.
- Co C: Move by CH-47B to vic coordinates BS753842. Relieve Co A 5-46 Inf in position. Block and screen river. Secure PZ for Co A 5-46 Inf when lifted out to rejoin parent unit.
- Co D: Finish clearing peninsula vic coordinates BS770815. Upon completion release 3/H/17th CAV to 2/5 ARVN. Return by CH-47B at 1400 hrs to FSB SOUTH. Assume defense of perimeter.
- Co E: Continue present mission.

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FRAGORD 2-69 to OPORD 1-69

Reference: No change.

1. Task Organization:

Co B/4-3 Inf	HHC (-)/4-3 Inf
Co C/4-3 Inf (+)	Battalion Control
Co D/4-3 Inf	2nd Platoon H Trp 17th CAV
Co E/4-3 Inf (-)	1 Sqd 1st Platoon Co B 26th Engrs

2. 4-3 Inf continues OPCON TF COOKSEY (Operation Russell Beach) with Co A OPCON to 5-46 Inf.

3. Co B:

- 310830H Jan 69 conducts CA to BS723806 and clear village to West and set up blocking force from BS722808 to BS718815.
- Be prepared to move back to CHIC at 311600H Jan 69.

4. Co C: (+)

- 310700H Jan 69 move fr NDP vic BS753842 with Recon Plat on offensive search operations to BS722818.
- 311700H Jan 69 move back to BS753842 for NDP.

5. Co D:

- Secures and improves defensive positions FSB SOUTH.
- Be prepared to reinforce Co C.

6. Co E: (-)

- Recon Plat: OPCON to Co C.
- Hvy Mort Plat: GS FSB SOUTH.
- GS Sec: GS FSB SOUTH.

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7. Coordinating Instructions: Fire coordinating line is established by companies on ground. Maximum utilization of APC mounted 50 Calibers.

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Reference: No change.

1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf	HHC (-)/4-3 Inf
Co B/4-3 Inf	Battalion Control
Co C/4-3 Inf	2nd Plat H Trp 17th CAV
Co D/4-3 Inf	1 Sqd 1st Plat Co B 26th Engrs
Co E/4-3 Inf	

2. 4-3 Inf continues OPCON TF COOKSEY (Operation Russell Beach).

3. Co A: Released OPCON 5-46 Inf. Return to FSB SOUTH. Secure southern half of FSB SOUTH.

4. Co B: No change.

5. Co C: Released from mission of blocking river. Assigned mission of thoroughly searching village vic coordinates BS722811. Displace from present location. Select NDP that best facilitates accomplishment of mission. Close FSB SOUTH afternoon of 7 Feb 69. Release 2/H/17th CAV at that time.

6. Co D: No change.

7. Co E: No change.

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Reference: No change.

1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf	HHC (-)/4-3 Inf
Tm VN National Police	Battalion Control
Co B/4-3 Inf	Recon Platoon
Tm VN National Police	Platoon H Trp 17th CAV
Co C/4-3 Inf	Tm VN National Police
Co D/4-3 Inf	
Co E/4-3 Inf (-)	

2. 4-3 Inf conducts cordon and offensive sweep operations vic BS700800 to find and destroy VC main/local force units and VC village infrastructure.

3. Co A:

- 140815H Feb 69 conduct CA from coordinates BS530830 to LZ #1 (BS709818) and LZ #2 (BS719811).
- Conduct offensive search and sweep operations vic BS709818 and BS719-811 to the South West.

4. Co B:

- 140845H Feb 69 conduct CA from LZ BUFF to LZ #1 (BS695801), LZ #2 (BS686785), and LZ #3 (BS682797).
- Conduct offensive search and sweep operations vic BS695801, BS686785, and BS682797 to the North East.

5. Co C: Continue present mission.

6. Co D:

- Secure PZ (BS530830) for Co A and then close on LZ BUFF morning of 14 Feb 69.
- Secure and improve defensive positions on LZ BUFF.

7. Co E (-):

- Recon Platoon: Set up blocking force from coordinates BS705784 to Group 4:

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BS717789 and screen to the North East with APC's from H Trp 17th CAV.  
b. Hwy Mort Plat: GS from BS728763. *Hwy MORT PLAT (-) SUPPORT LZ BUFF*  
c. GS Sec; GS LZ BUFF.

8. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Co B will coordinate fires vic NFL.
- b. River West of 73 NS grid line belongs to ARVN's. No firing at personnel on river in the area.

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## Annex A: Intelligence

## 1. ENEMY SITUATION:

a. **Enemy Military Situation:** Local enemy forces have enjoyed relative freedom of movement except for infrequent friendly operations by ARVN and Americal Division elements, the most recent being RUSSELL BEACH (13 Jan 69 to 8 Feb 69). The area is VC dominated, and their control was uncontested by GVN until operation RUSSELL BEACH. Everyone should be considered as either VC or a sympathizer and all men of military age must be considered as members of VC forces in the area. The AO is the principal operating area of the 48th LF Battalion, and has been the operating area and base camp area for the past two years. This battalion has approximately 200 VC. The battalion is normally deployed by companies within the hamlets and villages in this area.

b. **Air and Air Defense.** The only air defense weapons the VC are known to possess are 30 Caliber machine guns, automatic weapons and small arms.

c. **Availability of Reinforcements.** Enemy forces available to reinforce within 3 hours are the 38th LF Battalion and the T-18 LF company.

d. **Tactics:** The enemy throughout the area can be expected to attack by fire small allied forces, conduct sniper fire on helicopters and employ mines and surprise firing devices in great numbers to harrass friendly units. When large allied units have moved into the area, the VC and local guerrillas have gone into hiding in tunnels and caves or mingle with the local populace, even joining the refugee streams. They do not oppose friendly troops except by mining, ambushes, sniper fire, and occasional mortar attacks. Small patrols are subject to ambushes. If the enemy is surprised, past experience has indicated that his initial confusion and disorganization can result in large numbers of KIA's and PW's, however, he will recover quickly and resort to his evasion practices.

## 2. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

a. **Capability #1** Attack within the AO with elements of one local force battalion and one local force company with possible reinforcements by one local force battalion. He would give special consideration to the early stages of the operation concentrating on one weak point in an attempt to break through our lines.

b. **Capability #2** Defend within the AO from prepared trenches, tunnels and fighting holes with all or part of the units mentioned above.

c. **Capability #3** Evade direct or sustained contact with allied forces by mingling with the local populace and hiding in prepared tunnel complexes located throughout our AO and resorting to small actions to include probes, ambushes, mining and surprise firing devices and harrassment with sniper fire and mortar fire.

d. **Capability #4** Withdraw by infiltrating his forces at the begining through

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through friendly ground positions, across the rivers or along the heavily wooded areas to undetermined areas under VC control.

3. CONCLUSIONS:

a. The enemy will probably adopt capability #3 Evade. He can conceal himself due to his ability to blend with the local population and have their support. His knowledge of the terrain. His evasion tactics including hiding of weapons not used in harrassing attacks and his knowledge of allied combat operation in which the forces do not remain in the area for long periods of time.

b. The enemy will also probably adopt capability #4 Withdrawal. His knowledge of routes of escape will enable his to reach prepared caves and tunnels if given time and he is patient in waiting underground for sustained periods of time.

c. S-2 Comment: It is felt if trapped the enemy would defend to the last man.

4. TERRAIN STUDY:

a. The AO is predominately flat with an average elevation of 10 to 30 meters and one mountain BS698822 (elevation 108 meters) and one peak BS693797 (elevation 61 meters); Virtually the entire lowland is covered with rice paddies and dryland fields, walled by dikes up to two feet in height. Paddies on sloping ground are characteristically terraced and roughly rectangular in shape.

b. Drainage: The principal drainage media in the AO is the Song Diem River and the Song Ham Giang River. These rivers vary in width from approximately 10 meters to 100 meters and range in depth from 1.2 meters to 2 meters. The bottoms are silty sand or gravel with a few areas of mud. Drainage in this area is excellent.

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1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf  
Tm VN National Police

HHC (-)/4-3 Inf

Battalion Control

Co B/4-3 Inf (+)  
Tm VN National Police

Platoon H Trp 17th CAV  
Tm VN National Police

Co C/4-3 Inf

Co D/4-3 Inf

Co E/4-3 Inf (-)

2. 4-3 Inf continues cordon and offensive sweep operations vic BS700800 to find and destroy VC main/local force units and VC village infrastructure.

3. Co A: 150700H Feb 69 set up blocking force from coordinates BS705810 to BS715801.

4. Co B (+): 150700H Feb 69 conduct offensive sweep and search operation with Recon plat and plat H Trp 17th CAV from coordinates BS693796 to BS704805.

5. Co C: Continue present mission at CHIC.

6. Co D: Continue to secure and improve defensive positions on LZ BUFF.

7. Co E (-):

a. Recon plat: OPCON to Co B.

b. Hvy mort plat: GS LZ BUFF with 1 sqd DS from coordinates BS729762 for companies A and B.

c. GS Sec: GS LZ BUFF.

8. Coordinating Instructions:

a. Co B will coordinate fires vic NFL.

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b. River West of 73 NS grid line belongs to ARVN's. No firing at personnel on river in the area.

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201200H Feb 69  
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FRAGORD 1-69 to OPORD 3-69, Hq 4-3 Inf

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam; 1:50,000; Series L7014; Sheets 6739I, 6739II, 6739III, and 6739IV.

## 1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf  
Plat H Trp 17th CAV

Co E/4-3 Inf (-)

Co B/4-3 Inf  
Plat VN National Police

HHC (-)/4-3 Inf

Co C/4-3 Inf  
Plat VN National Police

Battalion Control

Co D/4-3 Inf

Recon Plat  
Plat (-) H Trp 17th CAV  
Tm VN National Police (8 men).

2. 4-3 Inf continues cordon and offensive sweep and search operations vic BS475782 to find and destroy VC main/local force units and VC village infrastructure.

3. Co A: Continue secure of CHIC with Plat APC's.

4. Co B:

- a. 210830H Feb 69 conduct CA from coord BS525822 to LZ coord BS456778 and conduct offensive search and sweep operations to the East along wood line to block vic BS476780.
- b. On order, move to assigned AO vic BS460795. Conduct offensive sweep and search operations and night amb.

5. Co C:

- a. 210845H Feb 69 conduct CA from coord BS525822 to LZ coord BS453771 and conduct offensive sweep and search operations East along river and marry up with Co B to the North.
- b. On order, move to assigned AO vic BS455785. Conduct offensive sweep and search operations and night amb.

6. Co D: Continue to secure and improve defensive positions LZ BUFF.

7. Co E (-):

- a. Recon Plat: 201800H Feb 69 NDP coord BS510780 with plat H Trp 17th CAV (OPCON).  
(1) On order move to blocking position vic BS476780.

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- (2) On order, move North and NDP night of 21 Feb 69 with Co B.
- (3) 220800H Feb 69 conduct offensive search and sweep operations vic BS495805.
  - b. Hvy Mort Plat: GS LZ BUFF.
  - c. GS Sec: GS LZ BUFF.

8. Coordinating Instructions: Co B will coordinate fires vic NFL.

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Annex A: Operations Overlay

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1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf	HHC (-)/4-3 Inf
Plat H Trp 17th CAV	Battalion Control
Co B/4-3 Inf	Recon Plat
Co C/4-3 Inf	Plat H Trp 17th CAV
Co D/4-3 Inf	
Co E/4-3 Inf (-)	

2. 4-3 Inf continues cordon and offensive sweep and search operations vic BS475782 to find and destroy VC main/local force units and VC village infrastructure.

3. Co A: Continue security of CHIC with Plat APC's.

4. Co B: 221830H Feb 69 conduct CA from BS472799 to CHIC to help secure CHIC.

5. Co C: 221830H Feb 69 conduct CA from BS475780 to CHIC to help secure CHIC.

6. Co D: Continue to secure and improve defensive positions LZ BUFF.

7. Co E (-):

a. Recon Plat:

- (1) 221830H Feb 69 NDP coord BS483787 with Plat H Trp 17th CAV (OPCON).
- (2) 230900H Feb 69 conduct offensive search and sweep from coord BS483787 NE to LZ BUFF. At 1400H secure and improve defensive positions LZ BUFF.

b. Hvy Mort Plat: GS LZ BUFF.

c. GS Sec: GS LZ BUFF.

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8. Coordinating Instructions: Co B will coordinate fires vic NFL.

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FRAGORD 3-69 to OPORD 3-69, Hq 4-3 Inf

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam; 1:50,000; Series L7014; Sheets 6739I, 6739II, 6739III, and 6739IV.

1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf  
Plat H Trp 17th CAV

HHC (-) 4-3 Inf

Battalion Control

Co B/4-3 Inf

Recon Plat

Co C/4-3 Inf

Plat H Trp 17th CAV

Co D/4-3 Inf

Co E/4-3 Inf (-)

2. 4-3 Inf continues offensive search and sweep operations in the BUFF AO to find and destroy VC main/local force units and village VC infrastructure.

3. Co A: Continue security of CHIC.

4. Co B: Continue security of CHIC. Be prepared to reinforce anywhere within the 11th Bde and 198th Bde AO.

5. Co C: a.

- a. 030700H Mar 69 conduct offensive search and sweep operations North from present location. NDP vic BS525825.
- b. 040800H Mar 69 close on LZ BUFF and assume responsibility of securing and improving defensive positions LZ BUFF.
- c. Be prepared to reinforce Co D.

6. Co D:

- a. 040700H Mar 69 move from LZ BUFF to BS525825 and join Plat H Trp 17th CAV. Attached effective upon link up.
- b. Conduct offensive search and sweep operations from 04 Mar to 09 Mar in a counter-clockwise direction within a 4,000 meter radius of LZ BUFF.
- c. Be prepared to reinforce LZ BUFF.

7. Co E (-):

- a. Recon Plat:

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- (1) Continue present mission.
- (2) Be prepared to reinforce Co D.

- b. Hvy Mort Plat: GS LZ BUFF.
- c. GS Sec: GS LZ BUFF.

8. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. All RTO's and other personnel operating radios on all nets will not use slang words, phrases, or any words not common to regular radio transmission procedures.
- b. Commanders will insure that these proper techniques of radio transmission and security measures will be used.

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FRAGORD 4-69 to OPORD 3-69, Hq 4-3 Inf

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam; 1:50,000; Series L7014; Sheets 6739I, 6739II  
6739III, and 6739IV.

1. Task Organization: ~~by trap locations.~~

Co A/4-3 Inf	HHC (-)4-3 Inf
Plat H Trp 17th CAV	
Co B/4-3 Inf	Battalion Control
Co C/4-3 Inf	Recon Plat
Plat H Trp 17th CAV	<i>DAVE</i> <i>LTC</i>
Co D/4-3 Inf	
Co E/4-3 Inf (-)	

2. 4-3 Inf continues offensive search and sweep operations in the BUFF AO to find and destroy VC main/local force units and village VC infrastructure.
3. Co A: Continue security of CHIC. Be prepared to reinforce anywhere within the 11th Bde and 198th Bde AO.
4. Co B: Continue security of CHIC.
5. Co C:

- a. 130700H Mar 69 move from LZ BUFF and conduct search and sweep operations within 4,000 meters of LZ BUFF.
- b. Be in a PZ vic LZ BUFF for pickup by CH-47B at 161000H Mar 69 for airlift to Ky Hoa Pad vic 198th Bde Stand Down area at Chu Lai.
- c. Conduct Stand Down from 16 Mar 69 until 201000H Mar 69.

6. Co D:

- a. Conduct CH-47B airlift from Ky Hoa Pad Chu Lai to LZ BUFF at 131000H Mar 69.
- b. Secure and improve defenses of LZ BUFF.
- c. Conduct local sweep operations vic LZ BUFF as directed.

7. Co E (-):

- a. Recon Plat: Continue present mission.

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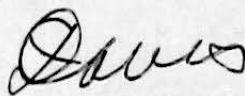
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- b. Hvy Mort Plat: GS LZ BUFF.
- c. GS Sec: GS LZ BUFF.

8. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Units conducting sweep operations place considerable emphasis upon security during movement.
- b. Plan fire along route of movement.
- c. Avoid wooded knolls. Experience has proven these areas to be common booby trap locations.

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Reference: FRAGORD 10-69

Task Organization: No Change

1. (C) SITUATION: 11th Infantry Brigade relocates TF 1-1 Cav and ARVN forces to target against enemy build up to the south and west of DUC PHO.

2. (C) TASKS TO SUBORDINATE UNITS:

a. 1-20 Inf Bn:

b. 3-1 Inf Bn:

c. 4-3 Inf Bn:

d. 4-21 Inf Bn:

e. TF 1-1 Cav:

(1) Continually interdict the pass area just south of FSB BRONCO (BS822345) with ground elements.

(2) Conduct operations initially in Rice Bowl (BS8331) and then in plains area east of QL 1.

(3) Coordinate with 4-21 Inf Bn reference controlled fire zone (CFZ) vic FSB DEBBIE (BS867317).

(4) Insure strict compliance with rules of engagement within your fire control area (FCA).

f. E/1 Cav:

g. C/26 Engr:

h. 6-11 Arty: Coordinate with 4th ARVN Regt to interdict by fire the northern portion of 2/4 ARVN FCA.

3. (C) FIRES: FRAGORD 10-69 to OPORD 3-69.

4. (C) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

a. New fire control areas effective 260600 August 1969.

b. Coordination between commanders concerned is authorized and directed.

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1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf  
1st Plat H Trp 17th CAV

HHC (-)/4-3 Inf

Battalion Control

Co B/4-3 Inf

Co E (-)/4-3 Inf

Co C/4-3 Inf  
2nd Plat H Trp 17th CAV

4.2 Mort Plat/4-3 Inf

Co D/4-3 Inf

Recon Plat/4-3 Inf

2. 4-3 Inf continues offensive search and sweep operations in the BUFF AO to find and destroy VC main/local force units and village VC infrastructure.

3. Co A:

- a. 210930H Mar 69 conduct CA to LZ (BS550768) from present location.
- b. At BS550768 marry up with 1st Plat H Trp 17th CAV and conduct offensive search and sweep operations to PL (Phase Line) GREEN BS590760.
- c. On order, move from PL GREEN (BS590760) 211700H Mar 69 with 1st Plat H Trp 17th CAV to LZ DOTTIE for further operations with ARVN units.

4. Co B: Continue Stand Down at Chu Lai.

5. Co C:

- a. 210700H Mar 69 move from CHIC with 2nd Plat H Trp 17th CAV to be at LD (Line of Departure) BS639754 at 0930H.
- b. Conduct offensive search and sweep operations to PL RED BS615755.
- c. On order return to the CHIC.

6. Co D: Continue to secure and improve defensive positions on LZ BUFF.

7. Co E:

- a. Recon Plat: Continue present mission.

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