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FRAGORD 1-69 to OPORD 4-69, 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  
1st Plat H Trp 17th CAV

Co B/4-3 Inf

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

Co D/4-3 Inf

HHC (-)/4-3 Inf

Battalion Control

Co E (-)/4-3 Inf

4.2 Mort Plat/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.

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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:

- 210930H Mar 69 conduct CA to LZ (BS550768) from present location.
- At BS550768 marry up with 1st Plat H Trp 17th CAV and conduct offensive search and sweep operations to PL (Phase Line) GREEN BS590760.
- 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:

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

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

## 7. Co E:

- Recon Plat: Continue present mission.

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

8. Coordinating Instructions: Be especially careful of mines and booby traps.

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FRAGORD 2-69 to OPORD 4-69, Hq 4-3 Inf

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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. 220800H Mar 69 move from NDP with Plat H Trp 17th CAV to the NE and link up with Co C at coordinates BS578772.
- b. Conduct offensive search and sweep operations with Co C to coordinates BS569763 and surrounding vicinity of coordinates BS569763.
- c. On order, conduct offensive search and sweep operations to the CHIC (BS660745) and assume responsibility for security of CHIC.

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

5. Co C:

- a. 220800H Mar 69 move from NDP with Plat H Trp 17th CAV to coordinates BS578772 and link up with Co A.
- b. Conduct offensive search and sweep operations with Co A to coordinates BS569763 and surrounding vicinity of coordinates BS569763.
- c. On order, conduct offensive search and sweep operations to the CHIC (BS660745) and assume responsibility for security of CHIC.

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

7. Co E:

- a. Recon Plat: Continue present mission.

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

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

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1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf	HH C/4-3 Inf (-)
Co B/4-3 Inf	Battalion Control
Co C/4-3 Inf	Plat PRU's
2nd Plat H Trp 17th CAV	Plat National Police
Co D/4-3 Inf	Recon Plat
Co E/4-3 Inf (-)	
Team SPARTAN (3d Plat H Trp 17th CAV)	

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

3. Co A: Continue to secure and improve defensive positions LZ BUFF.

4. Co B:

- a. On order, move from present loc to LD (Line of Departure - see Op overlay) to seize OBJ 1 and 2.
- b. On order, occupy designated blocking position.

5. Co C:

- a. On order, move from present loc to LD (see Op overlay) to seize OBJ 3.
- b. On order, occupy designated blocking position.

6. Co D:

- a. On order, move from present loc to LD (see Op overlay) to seize OBJ 1 and 2.
- b. On order, occupy designated blocking position.

7. Co E (-):

- a. Recon Plat:

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- (1) On order, move to LD (see Op overlay) and screen west flank of Co's B and D, with Team SPARTAN, from designated blocking position.
- (2) Be prepared to be a Reactionary Force with Team SPARTAN.
- b. Hvy Mort Plat: GS LZ BUFF.
- c. GS Sec: GS LZ BUFF.

8. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. All companies will coordinate the location of night ambushes with units on flanks.
- b. Companies are authorized to direct communications with US/ARVN Advisors.
- c. Companies will coordinate the location of Delta Tango's with units on flanks.
- d. National Police and PRU's will be employed to search hamlets and villages and to interrogate VCS and POW's in the field.
- e. All VCS and POW's will be evacuated ASAP to LZ BUFF for interrogation by the IPW team.
- f. Any discovered rice caches of any size will be reported immediately to the Bn TOC for disposition instructions. No rice will be destroyed at any time.
- g. All discovered salt caches will be destroyed and/or scattered immediately.

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Annex A: Operations Overlay

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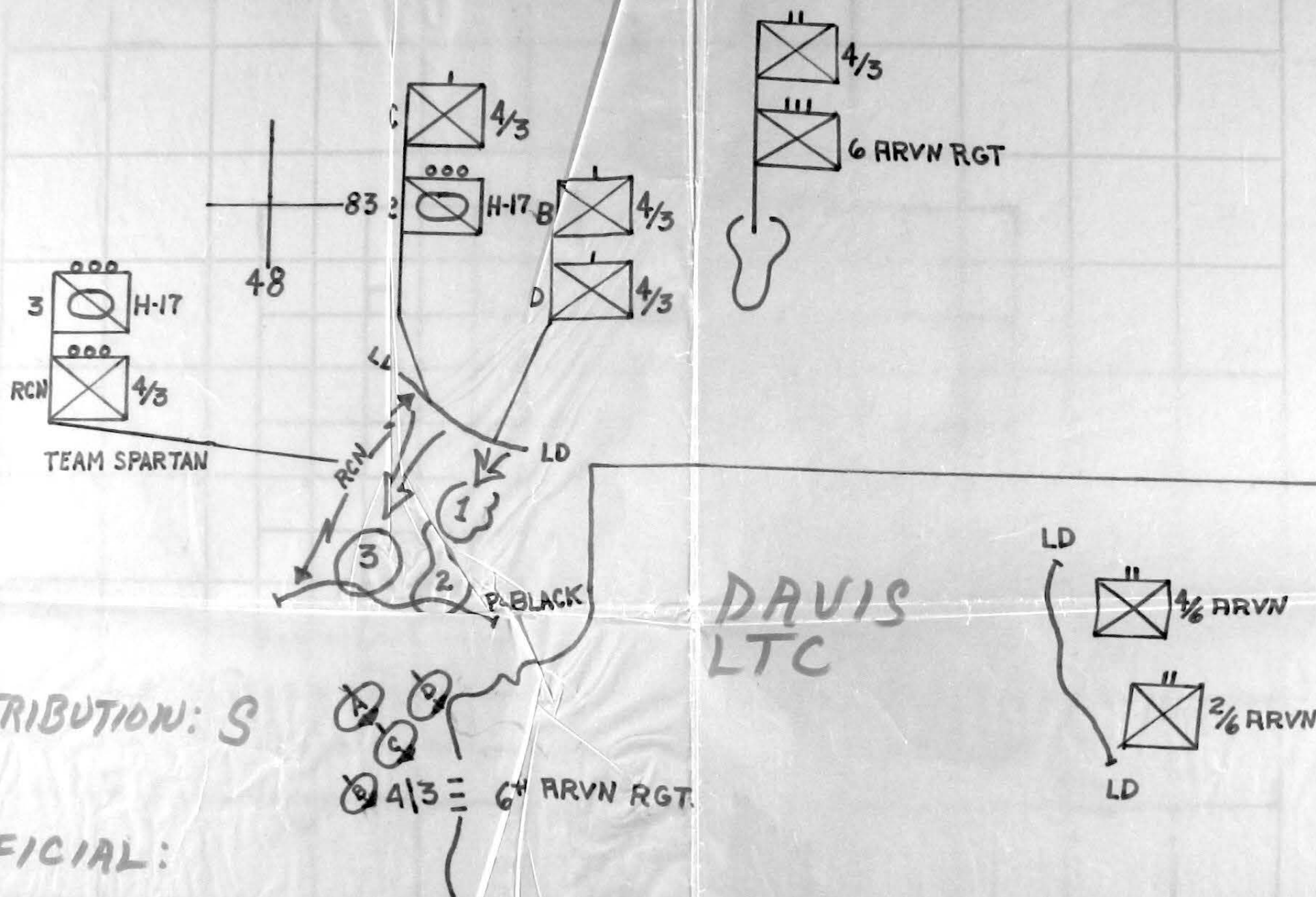
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1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf

Tm SPARTAN

H Trp (-)/17th CAV

Tm BRAVO

Recon Plat/4-3 Inf

Co B/4-3 Inf

2/H Trp/17th CAV

HHC/4-3 Inf (-)

Co C/4-3 Inf

Battalion Control

Co D/4-3 Inf

Plat PRU's

Co E/4-3 Inf (-)

Plat National Police

2. 4-3 Inf continues offensive search and sweep operations in the BUFF TCA to find and destroy NVA main/local force units and village VC infrastructure.
3. Co A: Continue to secure and improve defensive positions LZ BUFF.
4. Tm BRAVO: Establish screen and blocking position from coord BS461802 North to coord BS464789 South. NLT 040730H April 69.
5. Co C:
  - a. 040740H April 69 from PZ BS510765 conduct a CA to LZ BS437799.
  - b. Conduct offensive search and sweep operations from the LZ in an Eastern direction.
6. Co D:
  - a. 040750H April 69 from PZ BS510765 conduct a CA to LZ BS437799.
  - b. Conduct offensive search and sweep operations from the LZ in a North Eastern direction.
7. Co E (-):
  - a. Hvy Mort Plat: GS LZ BUFF.
  - b. GS Sec: GS LZ BUFF.

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8. Tm SPARTAN: Establish screen and blocking position from coord BS464788 North to coord BS469777 South. ~~UT~~ 040730H April 69.

9. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. 040730H April 69 ARVN's conduct CA to coord BS435764.
- b. 2/6 ARVN's sweeping from West to North East.
- c. 4/6 ARVN's sweeping from West to East.
- d. Be prepared to conduct offensive search operations of additional areas and exploit latest intelligence.
- e. ARVN artillery support: Two (2) 105mm Howitzers will be located at Ha Thanh coord BS395703.

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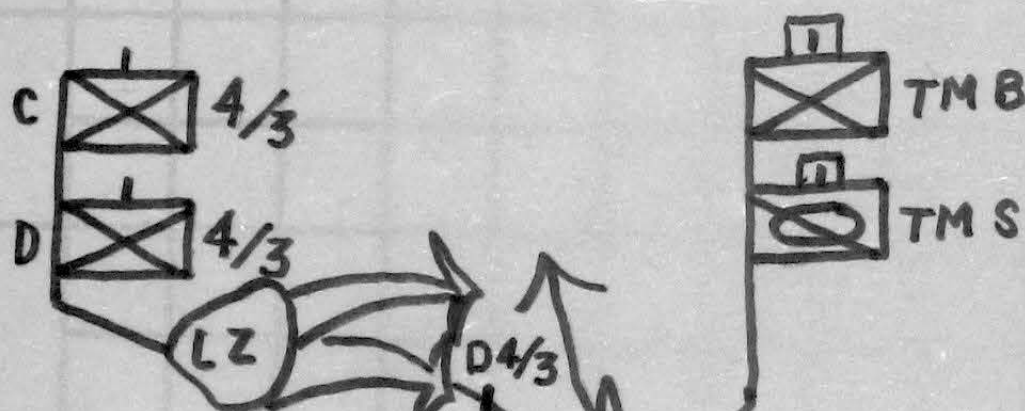
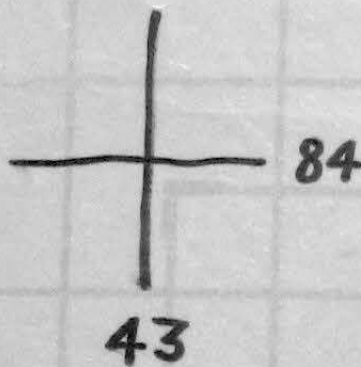
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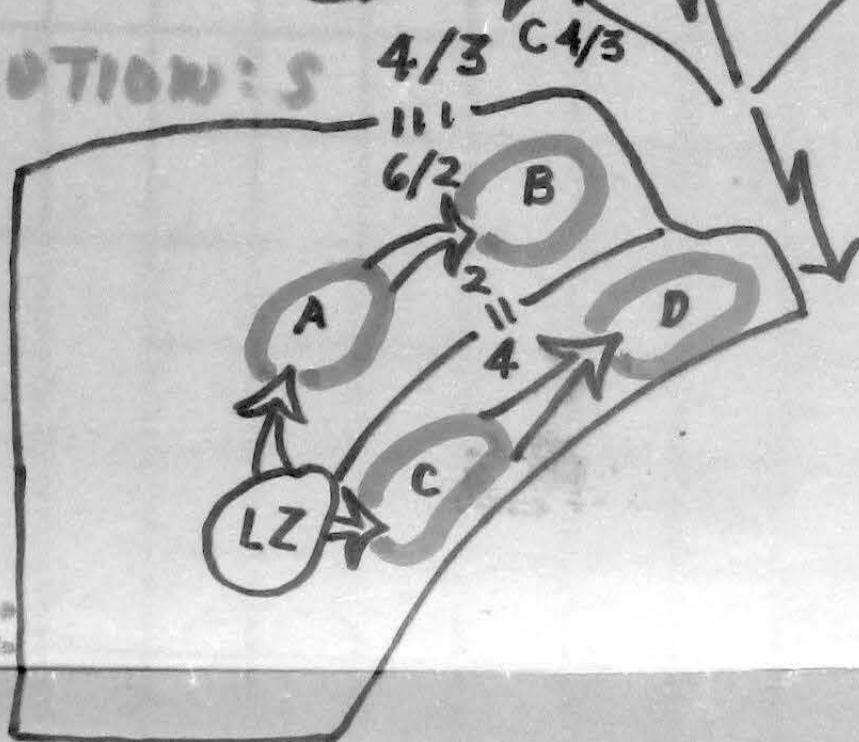


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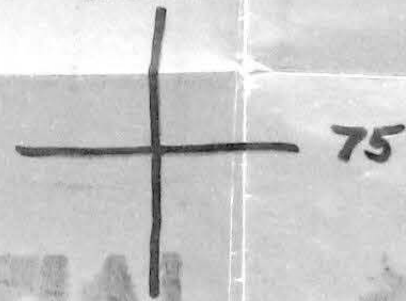


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## 1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf	Tm SPARTAN
Co C/4-3 Inf	H Trp (-)/17th CAV
Co D/4-3 Inf	Recon Plat/4-3 Inf
Co E/4-3 Inf (-)	HHC/4-3 Inf (-)
Tm BRAVO	Battalion Control
Co B/4-3 Inf	Plat PRU's
2/H Trp/17th CAV	Plat National Police

2. 4-3 Inf continues offensive search and sweep operations in the BUFF FCA to find and destroy NVA main/local force units and village VC infrastructure.
3. Co A: Continue to secure and improve defensive positions LZ BUFF.
4. Co C: Move from present location and establish blocking positions and ambushes by 040730H April 69 to seal off enemy escape routes South of the river vic coord BS490760.
5. Co D: Move from present location and establish blocking positions and ambushes by 040730H April 69 to seal off enemy escape routes South of the river vic coord BS482769.
6. Co E (-):
  - a. Hvy Mort Plat: GS LZ BUFF.
  - b. GS Sec: GS LZ BUFF.
7. Tm BRAVO: Move from present location and set up screening and blocking positions by 040730H April 69 from coord BS452770 to BS473778.
8. Tm SPARTAN:
  - a. 040600H April 69 move from present location and secure PZ (BS510765) NLT 040700H April 69.
  - b. On order, move to coord BS487777 to be a Reactionary Force to re-inforce and assume blocking positions.

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9. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Be prepared to conduct offensive search operations to the North on order.
- b. Artillery preps on LZ will be fired from 0700H to 0730H on D-Day.
- c. 4/6 ARVN's CA schedule: PZ time 0730H at coord BS510765. LZ time 0735H at LZ WEST (BS448744).
- d. 2/6 ARVN's CA schedule: PZ time 0740H at coord BS510765. LZ time 0745H at LZ EAST (BS463752).

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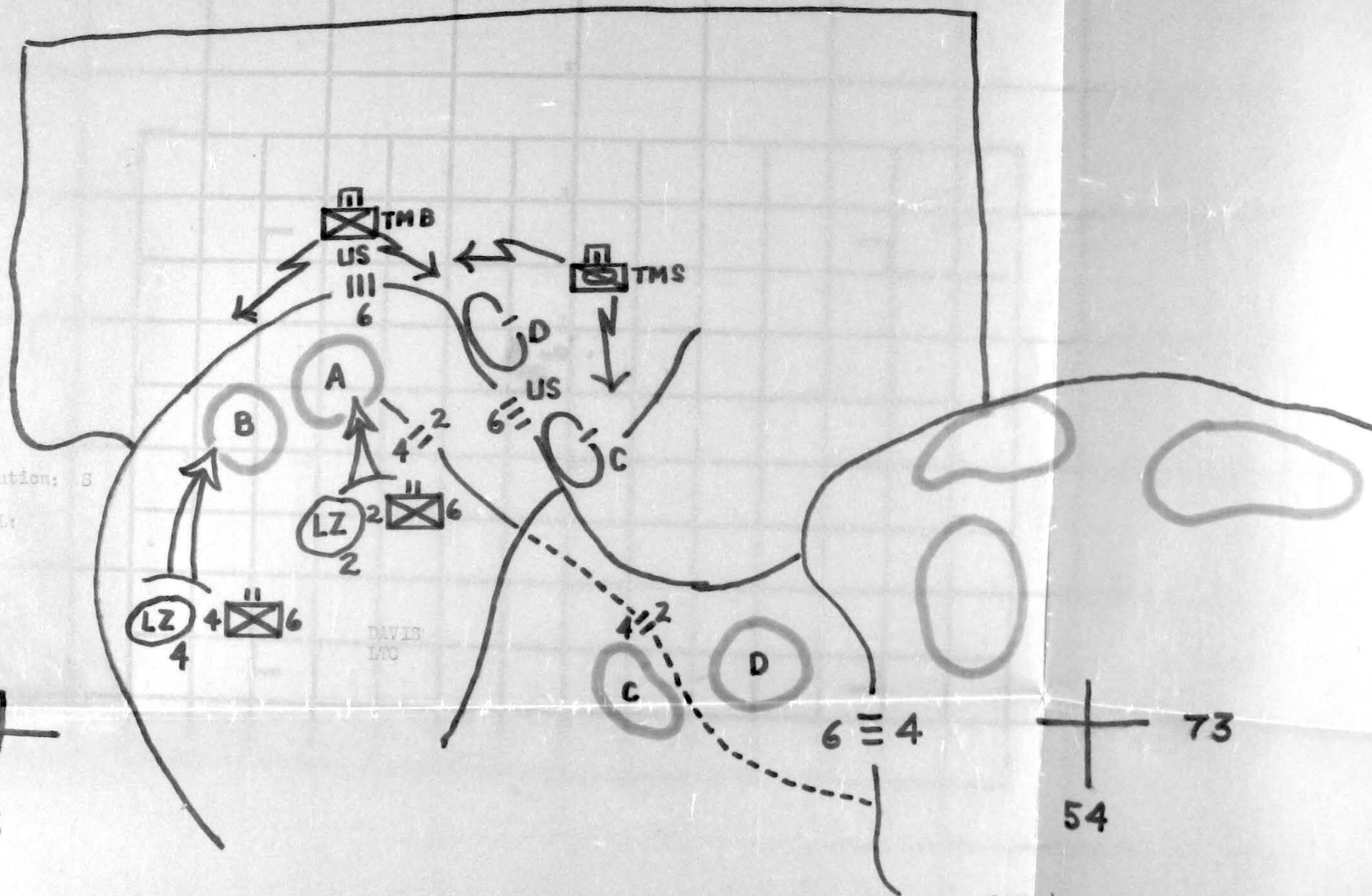
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## 1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf	Tm SPARTAN
	H Trp (-)/17th CAV
Co C/4-3 Inf	Recon Plat/4-3 Inf
Co D/4-3 Inf	HHC/4-3 Inf (-)
Co E/4-3 Inf (-)	Battalion Control
Tm BRAVO	Plat PRU's
Co B/4-3 Inf	
2/H Trp/17th CAV	Plat National Police

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

- Phase I: Bn crosses LD (Line of Departure) to perform offensive search operations to the North.
- Phase II: Bn prepared to continue offensive search North on order.

3. Co A: Continue to secure and improve defensive positions LZ BUFF.

4. Co C:

- Phase I: 0630H April 69 move from present location to cross LD 0730H April 69 at coord BS438798 East to coord BS458783. Conduct offensive sweep operation to PL RED.
- Phase II: Be prepared to continue offensive search and sweep operations to the North. PL RED is LD, cross LD on order.

5. Co D:

- Phase I: 0630H April 69 move from present location to cross LD at 0730H April 69.
- Phase II: Be prepared to continue offensive search and sweep operations to the North. PL RED is LD, cross LD on order.

6. Co E (-):

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

7. Tm BRAVO:

- a. Phase I: Move from present location and establish screen and blocking positions by 0730H April 69 at coord BS434798 to BS451798. Designated Reactionary Force.
- b. Phase II: Conduct search of foothills from coord BS450802 to BS475803. On order, move to block and screen from coord BS-453847 to BS467834. Designated Reactionary Force.
- c. Remain as a Reaction Force.

8. Tm SPARTAN:

- a. Phase I: Move from present location and establish screen and blocking positions by 0730H April 69 at coord BS453797 to BS460783.
- b. Phase II: Conduct search of foothills from coord BS478803 to BS483820. On order, move to block and screen from coord BS-466833 to BS484842.

9. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Each man will carry one days rations.
- b. Units will stay within 105 Howitzer Fan.

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Annex A: Intelligence

Annex B: Operation Overlay

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Annex A: Intelligence

Locations of enemy positions:

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|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. BS442792 | Defensive Positions                 |
| 2. BS445792 | C-12 LF Co (base area and hospital) |
| 3. BS448795 | 35 foxholes                         |
| 4. BS463792 | Two (2) large tunnels entrances     |
| 5. BS468791 | AA/AW position                      |
| 6. BS465793 | 14 foxholes                         |
| 7. BS437803 | Possible Prison Camp                |
| 8. BS428796 | 30 foxholes                         |
| 9. BS460807 | VC grenade factory and Aid Station  |

NOTE: Nui Da Ne area is possible 200 man NVA base area and rice storage area. Particularly significant are the villages of Tan An Than (1 & 2) for rice storage.

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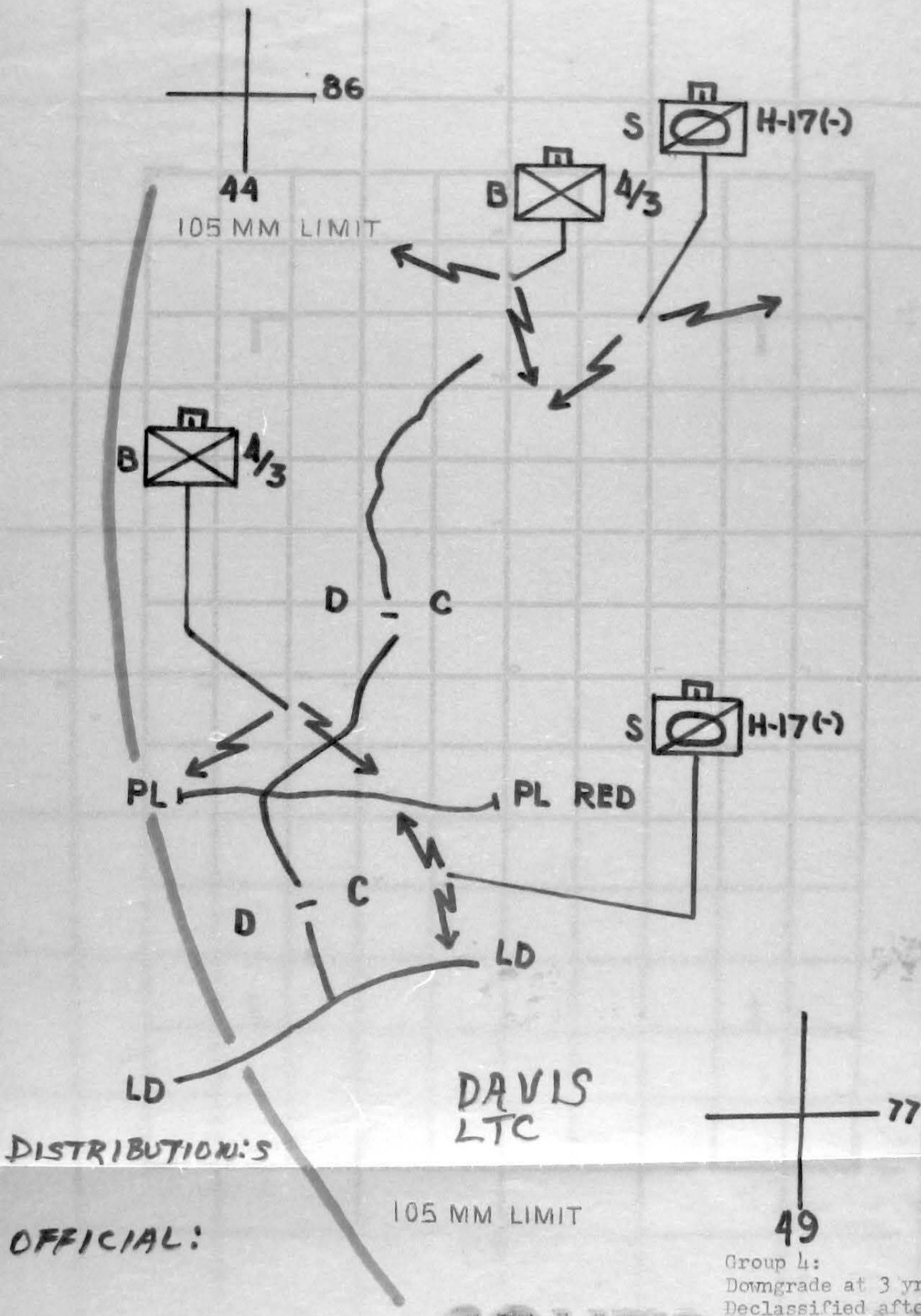
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1. Task Organization:

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

Co B/4-3 Inf

Co C/4-3 Inf

Co D/4-3 Inf

TF SPARTAN  
H Trp (-)/17th CAV  
Recon Plat/4-3 Inf

Co E (-)/4-3 Inf

HHC (-)/4-3 Inf

Battalion Control

Btry D/1-14th Arty (DS)

2. 4-3 Inf continues offensive search and ambush operations in the BUFF FCA to find, fix, and destroy NVA main/local force units and VC infrastructure; conducts rice denial operations in coordination with Son Tinh District Chief. Effective on order, all units are assigned an FCA within the Bn FCA. See Annex A (Fire Control Areas)

3. Co A:

- a. Depart LZ BUFF on 11 April 1969.
- b. Conduct offensive search and ambush operations in assigned FCA.
- c. Assume OPCON 2/H Trp/17th CAV on 11 April 1969.

4. Co B:

- a. Close LZ BUFF on 11 April 1969.
- b. Assume responsibility for defense of LZ BUFF.
- c. Conduct local sweep operations vic LZ BUFF during daylight hours as directed.

5. Co C:

- a. Continue present mission.
- b. On order, conduct offensive search and ambush operations in assigned FCA.

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6. Co D:

- a. Continue present mission.
- b. On order, conduct offensive search and ambush operations in assigned FCA.

7. Co E:

a. Recon Plat:

- (1) OPCON TF SPARTAN.
- (2) Be prepared to assume mission of TF SPARTAN.

b. Hvy Mort Plat: GS LZ BUFF.

c. GS Sec: GS LZ BUFF.

8. TF SPARTAN: Conduct offensive search operations in assigned FCA.

9. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Platoons will be within 30 minutes reinforcing time of each other; squads within 15 minutes reinforcing time.
- b. Unit commanders will insure that subordinate units are mutually supporting.
- c. Unit commanders will keep this Hq's abreast of current plans.

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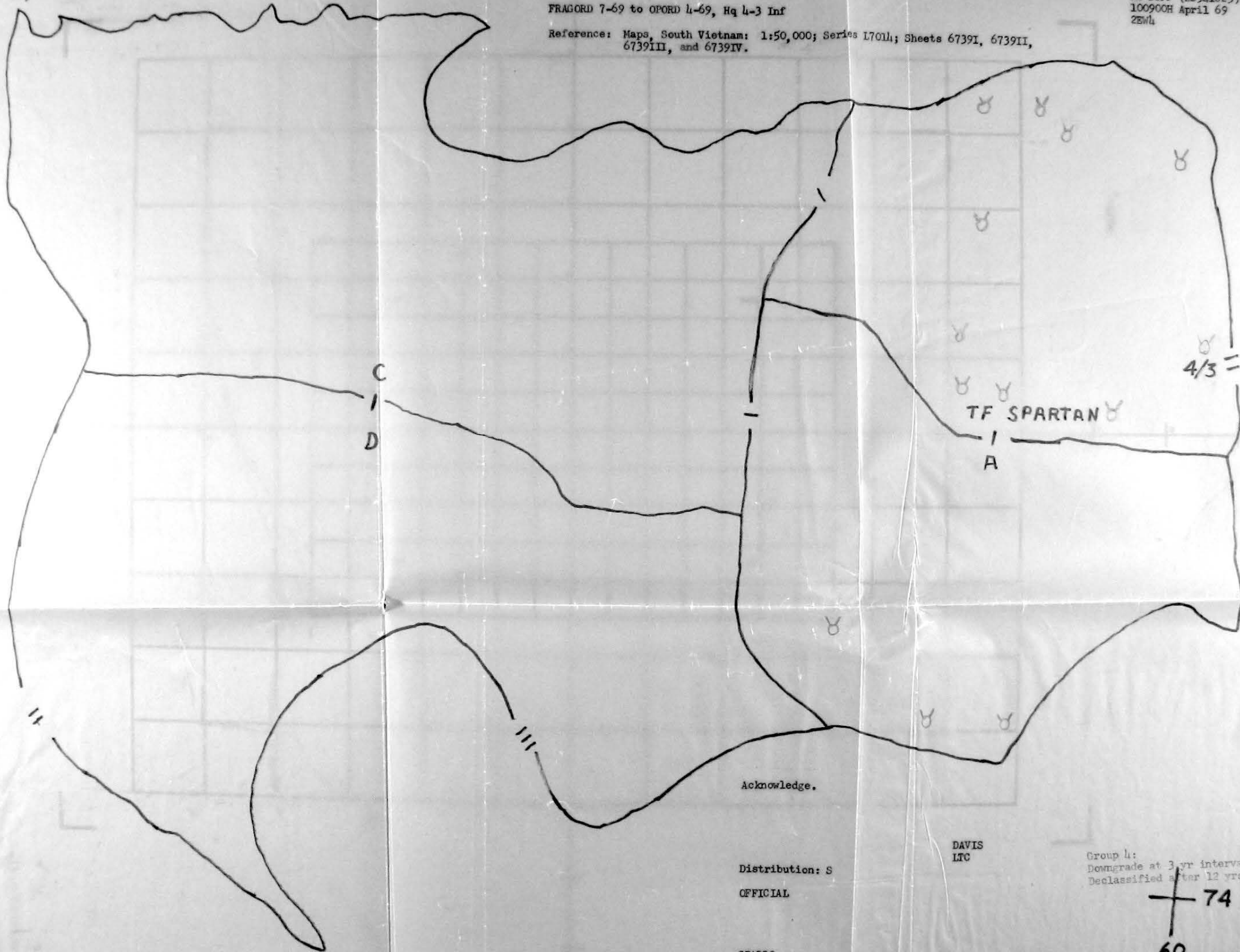
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1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf	Battalion Control
Co B/4-3 Inf	Co E (-)/4-3 Inf
Co C/4-3 Inf	Recon Plat/4-3 Inf
Co D/4-3 Inf	4.2 Mort Plat/4-3 Inf
HHC (-)/4-3 Inf	GS Sec/4-3 Inf

2. 4-3 Inf continues offensive search and ambush operations in the SAN JUAN HILL FCA to find and destroy NVA main/local force units and village VC infrastructure.

3. Co A:

- a. On 24 April 69 conduct CA from PZ vic BS645365 to LZ vic BS624297.
- b. Conduct offensive search and ambush operations and interdict enemy routes of communication.

4. Co B:

- a. Continue to improve defensive positions on LZ SAN JUAN HILL.
- b. Conduct short range patrols vic LZ SAN JUAN HILL.

5. Co C: On 24 April 69 establish blocking positions and ambushes to block enemy escape routes from BS640329 to BS668320.

6. Co D:

- a. On 24 April 69 conduct CA from PZ vic BS646364 to LZ vic BS617311.
- b. Conduct offensive search and ambush operations and interdict enemy routes of communication.

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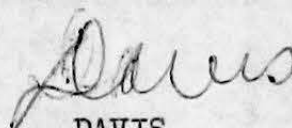
7. Co E:

- a. Recon Plat:
  - (1) On 24 April 69 conduct CA from PZ vic BS643366 to LZ vic BS624297.
  - (2) Conduct offensive search and ambush operations and interdict enemy routes of communication.
- b. Hvy Mort Plat: GS LZ SAN JUAN HILL.
- c. GS Sec: GS LZ SAN JUAN HILL.

8. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. All units will carry ammunition and equipment in accordance with Bn SOP.
- b. All units be prepared to receive resupply between 1400H and 1600H.

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1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf

Co E (-)/4-3 Inf

Co B/4-3 Inf

HHC (-)/4-3 Inf

Co C/4-3 Inf

Battalion Control

Co D/4-3 Inf

Recon Plat/4-3 Inf

2. 4-3 Inf continues offensive search and ambush operations in the SAN JUAN HILL FCA to find and destroy NVA main/local force units and village VC infrastructure.

3. Co A:

- a. Continue present mission.
- b. 300900H April 69 conduct CA from a suitable PZ to LZ #2 (BS687420).
- c. Conduct offensive search and ambush operations and interdict enemy routes of communication in assigned sector.

4. Co B:

- a. 30 April 69 depart LZ SAN JUAN HILL by foot for assigned sector after being relieved by Co C.
- b. Conduct offensive search and ambush operations and interdict enemy routes of communication in assigned sector.

5. Co C:

- a. 300730H April 69 conduct an airlift from a suitable PZ to LZ SAN JUAN HILL.
- b. Assume responsibility for defense and improvement of defensive positions on LZ SAN JUAN HILL.
- c. Conduct short range patrols around LZ SAN JUAN HILL daily.

6. Co D:

- a. 300800H April 69 conduct CA from a suitable PZ to LZ #1 (BS635448).

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- b. Conduct offensive search and ambush operations and interdict enemy routes of communication in assigned sector.

## 7. Co E (-):

- a. Recon Plat:
  - (1) 300930H April 69 conduct CA into LZ #3 (BS647367).
  - (2) Conduct offensive search and ambush operations and interdict enemy routes of communication in assigned sector.
- b. Hvy Mort Plat: GS LZ SAN JUAN HILL.
- c. GS Sec: GS LZ SAN JUAN HILL.

## 8. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Companies will conduct direct coordination with units on right and left flanks for ambushes and blocking positions.
- b. Companies will be prepared to construct LZ's suitable for resupply and medical evacuation in heavily wooded areas.

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FRAGORD 4-69 to OPORD 5-69, Hq 4-3 Inf

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; Series L7014; Sheets 6738I, 6738II, 6738III and 6738IV.

1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf

Co E (-)/4-3 Inf

Co B/4-3 Inf

HHC (-)/4-3 Inf

Co C/4-3 Inf

Battalion Control

Co D/4-3 Inf

Recon Plat/4-3 Inf

2. 4-3 Inf occupies assigned blocking positions in Song Ve Valley in support of 4th ARVN Regt operations in ARC LIGHT area; continues offensive search and ambush operations in the SAN JUAN HILL FCA to find and destroy NVA main/local force units and village VC infrastructure.

3. Co A:

- a. Beginning at 090630H May 69 move from NDP location vic BS609407 to occupy blocking position (A).
- b. Conduct limited search and ambush operations in assigned sector.

4. Co B:

- a. Upon return to LZ BRONCO from 1-52 Inf FCA conduct overnight Stand Down at LZ BRONCO.
- b. On 100730H May 69 conduct a CA into LZ #1 (BS622432).
- c. Occupy blocking position (B).
- d. Conduct limited search and ambush operations in assigned sector.

5. Co C: Continue present mission.

6. Co D: Continue Stand Down at Chu Lai.

7. Co E (-):

a. Recon Plat:

- (1) At 090630H May 69, move from NDP vic BS655408 to occupy blocking position (R).
- (2) Conduct limited search and ambush operations in assigned sector.

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- b. 4.2 Mort Plat: GS FSB SAN JUAN HILL.
- c. GS Sec:
  - (1) GS FSB SAN JUAN HILL.
  - (2) Be prepared to conduct ground surveillance in Co A's sector.

8. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Call sign and frequency for Advisor 1st Bn, 4th Regt, 2nd ARVN Div is SHADED RENTAL C - 67.35.
- b. Call sign and frequency for Advisor 3d Bn, 4th Regt, 2nd ARVN Div is SHADED RENTAL B - 67.35.
- c. CA conducted on Air Ground frequency - 48.60.

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Annex A: Operation Overlay

Annex B: Sequential Airlift Schedule

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MISSION COORDINATOR

I T E M	UNIT	PZ TIME	PZ COORD	PZ CONTACT	LZ TIME	LZ COORD	LZ CONTACT	LZ PREP TIME	PREP TIME	A/C	PAX
1	Co B	0720	SE Pad LZ BRONCO	REBEL STUMPS MIKE 50J 48.60	0730	BS 622432	STUMPS 50 48.60	San Juan/ 105	0715-0730	6 UH1D	36
2	" "	0740	" "	" "	0750	" "	REBEL STUMPS MIKE 50J 48.60	" "		6 UH1D	36
3	" "	0800	" "	" "	0810	" "	" "	" "		6 UH1D	36
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Reference: Maps, South Vietnam; 1:50,000; Series L7014; Sheets 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, and 6738IV.

1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf

Co D/4-3 Inf

Co B/4-3 Inf

Battalion Control

Co C/4-3 Inf

2. At 080730H July 69, 4-3 Inf conducts combat assault into LZ VIC BS682405 and conducts offensive search operations. Annex B (Operations Overlay)

3. Co A:

- a. 080730H July 69 conduct CA from PZ vic BS658310 to LZ 1 vic BS682405.
- b. Conduct offensive search operations to clear OBJ 1.
- c. On order, be prepared to clear OBJ 2; on order, be prepared to clear OBJ 3.

4. Co B: Continue defense of SAN JUAN HILL.

5. Co C: Be prepared to conduct CA in LZ 2 vic BS655375 to assist Co A; on order, clear OBJ 3.

6. Co D: Be prepared to conduct CA on two hour notice into LZ 3 vic BS654408; on order, clear OBJ 2.

7. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Direct coordination between units authorized and directed.
- b. All personnel will have protective masks for planned use of CS.
- c. CA conducted on air/ground frequency - 40.45.
- d. False LZ preparation fired on LZ 3 vic BS654408 at 0700H July 69.

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## 1. Task Organigatio:

Co A/4-3 Inf

Battalion Control

Co B/4-3 Inf

Redon Plat/4-3 Inf

Co C/4-3 Inf

B Btry/6-11th Arty

Co D/4-3 Inf

2. 140645H July 69, 4-3 Inf conducts CA into LZ BS608338, BS623358, BS600354, conducts joint operations with CIDG and RF in the SW section of the 4-3 Inf FCA. Conducts offensive search operations to find and destroy VC/NVA forces in the area. (Annex A: Operations Overlay)

## 3. Co A:

a. 120700H July 69, conduct search operations S from vic BS652404 to vic BS658392

b. NLT 131500H July 69, move into NDP vic BS654378 and prepare to conduct CA 140700H July 69 into LZ BS623358.

c. Conduct search operations vic OBJ 2.

## 4. Co B:

a. Depart LZ SAN JUAN NLT 120800H July 69 and conduct search operations vic BS624369, BS618369, BS613377, and BS607380.

b. NLT 131500H July 69 move into MDP vic BS605379 and prepare for CA 140655H July 69 into LZ vic 603342 WAP

c. Conduct search operations vic OBJ 1.

## 5. Co C:

a. 120800H July 69 conduct air move from PZ vic BS644366 to LZ SAN JUAN.

b. Assume responsibility for defense of LZ SAN JUAN.

6. Co D: 120815H July 69, conduct air move from PZ vic BS644366 to 11th Bde Stand Down area.

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7. Recon Plat:

- a. 120800H July 69 conduct air move fro LZ SAN JUAN to LZ vic BS644366 and secure PZ for CB47 extraction of Co C and Co D.
- b. Conduct search and ambush operations from BS644366 to BS655378.
- c. NLY 131500H July 69 close on Co A NDP vic BS655378 and prepare to conduct CA into LZ vic BS600354.
- d. Conduct search operations vic OBJ 3.

8. 4.2 Mortar Plat:

- a OS LZ SAN JUAN
- b. 120815H July 69 designated personnel be prepared to board CR47 for air move to 11th Bde Stand Down area.

9. Commo Plat: 120815H July 69 designated personnel be prepared to board CR47 for air move to 11th Bde Stand Down area.

10. Fire/Air Support: Schedule of Planned Fires:

a. 0650	Preplanned Airstrikes
b. 0700-0701	4.2 mort, 40 CS rds
c. 0701-0702	Check fire
d. 0703 (A)-0706 (A)	4.2, 130 HE rds
	105, 45 HE rds
	175, 6 HE rds
Total	<hr/> 181 HE

11. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Direct coordination between units authorized and directed.
- b. CIDG responsible for search of CBJ 4.
- c. RF responsible for search of OBJ 5.
- d. Warlords responsible for screening of OBJ 6.
- e. Personnel from Co's A, b, and Recon Plat will be issued new protective masks NLT 131800H July 69
- f. Air movement to 11th Bde Stand Down Area and CA will be on air/ground frequency 43.05
- g. CIDG/RF personnel will wear white arm band on right arm for identification
- h. Frequency of CIDG/RF units 36.50; call signs; CIDG-Soul Brother, RF-Dutchman.
- i. Fire coordination line between CIDG/RF and US forces; N-S line through stream and trail intersection vic BS645349.
- j. Fire coordination line for Warlords; S of 34 E-W grid line and W of 60 N-S grid to 59 grid.
- k. Ba to will call HLT 140600H July 69 with wind direction for planned CS preperation.
- l. Immediately upon completion of CA, CAC will pick up Special Forces A Team Advisor from Ba to and transport him to CIDG unit.
- m. Participating units anter air/ground net 140630H July 69.
- n. Strict radio silence maintained during CA unless emergency or enemy contact.

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C. Air coordination meeting 130900H July 69 at LZ San Juan for the following personnel: Bn CO, S-3, S-2 Co's Co A, B, and Recon plat, Aviation Officer, Helix, Arty LMO, Warlord representatives.

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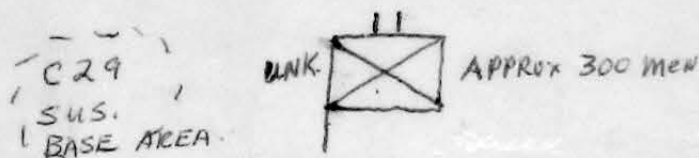
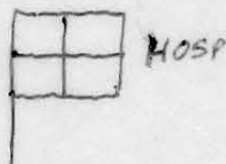
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(C) OB INFO: C-29 LF Co. strength approx 35-40. WPNS. 2 X BARS, 1 x 60 mm mort, CO. Carries on M-16 Rifle, Various Semi-Auto small arms. Source BA-TO SF.

(C) OB INFO. UNK. BN. could possibly be 120 montargard/UC BN. strength, approx 275 pers. WPNS possibly 120 mm morts, Number UNK. MG's Number UNK, individual weapons. Source: OB INFO. Bde. & BA-TO SF.

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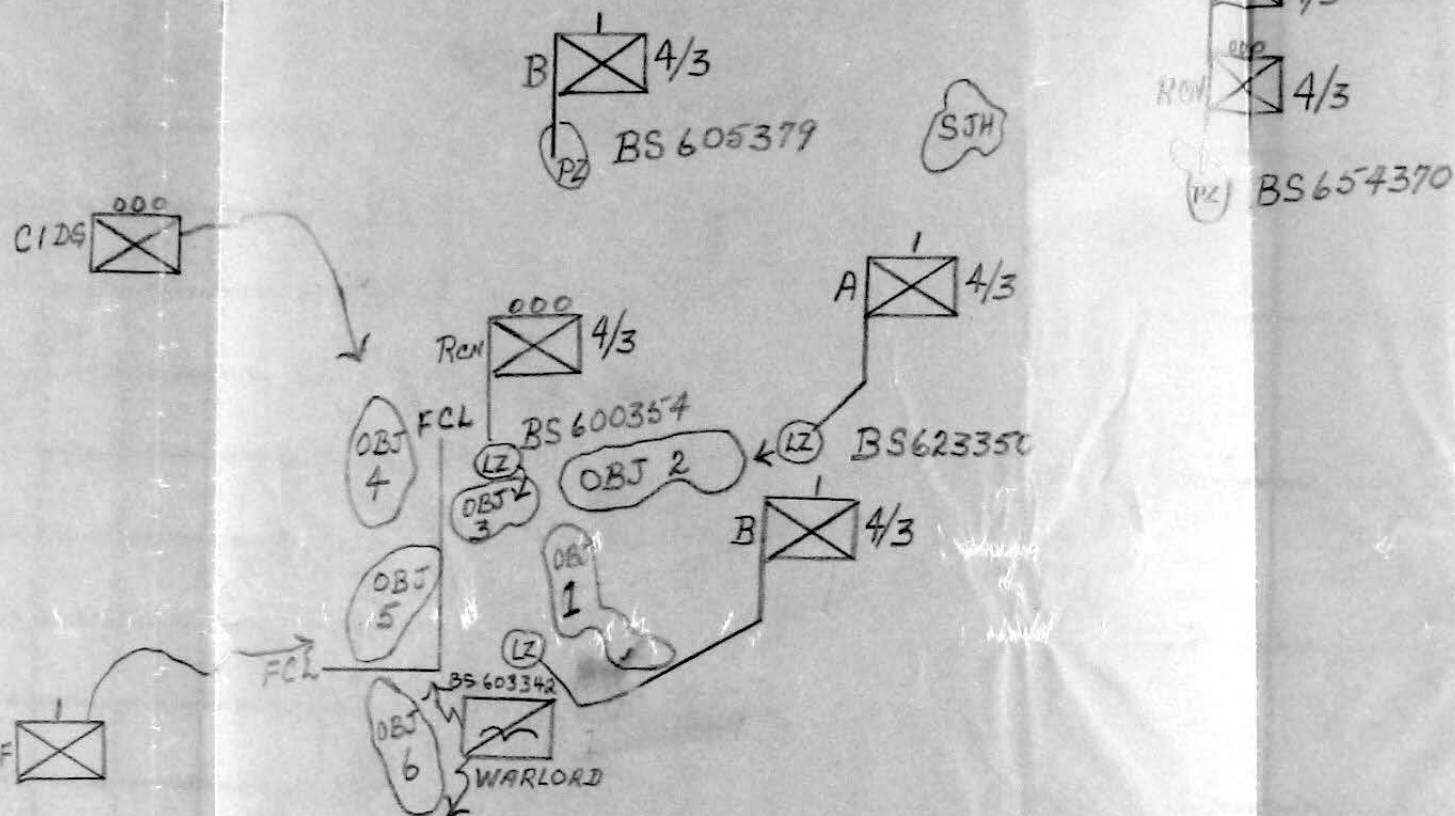


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ITEM	UNIT	PZ TIME	PZ COORD	PZ CONTACT	LZ TIME	LZ COORD	LZ CONTACT	LZ PREP TIME	PREP TIME	A/G	PAK
1	B*	0655	BS 605379	Problem Alpha Z A/G 4305	0715	<sup>WMP</sup> 603342 BS <del>608228</del>	Problem 2	4.2 LZ SJ 105 LZ SJ 175 ML	0700- 0706	17/6	100
2											
3	A	0730	BS 654378	Problem Juliet 2 A/G 4305	0755	BS 623358	Problem 2	Same	Same	6/6	100
4											
5	Recon	0755	BS 654378	Problem Echo 2 A/G 4305	0800	BS 600354	Problem 2	Same	Same	4/6	24
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\* If refueling necessary during CA; accomplish after Co B insertion C/C report 0600 hrs

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FRAGORD 19-69 to OPORD 5-69, HQ 4-3 Inf

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

1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf	Co E/4-3 Inf (-)	<u>Battalion Control</u>
Co B/4-3 Inf	HHC/4-3 Inf (-)	B/6-11th Arty
Co C/4-3 Inf (+) 1 Scout Dog Tm Recon Plat		1 Squad Engineers
Co D/4-3 Inf 1 Scout Dog Tm		

2. 190655H July 69: 4-3 Inf conducts CA into LZ vicinity coord BS690453; conducts raid to find and destroy VC/NVA forces and base camp vicinity coord BS683455. Annex A (Operations Overlay).

3. Co A: Continue to improve and secure defensive positions LZ SAN JUAN.

4. Co B: Continue Stand Down.

5. Co C:

- 190725H July 69 conduct CA from PZ vicinity coord BS588380 to LZ vicinity coord BS690453.
- Conduct offensive search operations to clear OBJ.
- Be prepared for extraction to 11th LIE Stand Down area 210800H July 69.

6. Co D:

- 190655H July 69 conduct CA from PZ vicinity coord BS645368 to LZ vicinity coord BS690453.
- Conduct offensive operations to clear OBJ.
- Be prepared to secure PZ for extraction of Co C 210800H July 69.
- On order, conduct search operations along ROUTE WHITE.

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- a. Recon Plat:
  - (1) 190750H July 69 conduct CA from PZ vicinity coord BS588388 to LZ vicinity coord BS690453.
  - (2) Conduct stay behind ambushes vicinity of LZ and OBJ.
  - (3) On order, conduct ambush operations along ROUTE WHITE.
- b. Hvy Mort Plat: GS LZ SAN JUAN.
- c. GS Sec: GS LZ SAN JUAN.

8. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Direct coordination between units authorized and directed.
- b. Order of march from LZ to Objective area D, C, Recon.
- c. All personnel will have protective masks.
- d. CA conducted on air/ground frequency 43.05.
- e. Squad.Engineers with demolitions inserted when OBJ is secure.
- f. Strict radio silence maintained during CA unless emergency or enemy contact.

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FRAGORD 20-69 to OPORD 5-59, HQ 4-3 Inf

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

## 1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf  
1 Scout Dog Tm

Co E/4-3 Inf (-)

Battalion Control

1 Squad Engineers

Co B/4-3 Inf  
Recon Plat

Co C/4-3 Inf

Co D/4-3 Inf  
1 Scout Dog Tm

2. <sup>2</sup>210800H July 69: 4-3 Inf conducts recon in force from vic coord BS692452 into FCA's Hammer and Anvil; to locate and destroy VC/NVA forces. Annex A (Operations Overlay).

## 3. Co A:

- a. <sup>1</sup>210800H July 69 conduct airmovement fm LZ SAN JUAN to LZ vic coord BS692452.
- b. Conduct search operations SE along ROUTE GREEN into FCA ANVIL; on order conduct ambush operations in FCA Anvil.

## 4. Co B:

- a. 210730H July 69 conduct an airmovement from 11th Bde Standdown area to LZ SAN JUAN.
- b. Assume responsibility for the security of LZ SAN JUAN.

## 5. Co C:

210800H July 69 conduct airmovement from PZ vic coord BS692452 to 11th Bde Standdown area.

## 6. Co.D:

- a. Secure PZ/LZ vic coord BS692452 for exchange of Co's A and C.
- b. Conduct search operations SE along ROUTE WHITE into FCA HAMMER; on order conduct ambush operations in FCA HAMMER.

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7. Recon Plat:

- a. OPCON Co B effective upon arrival at LZ SAN JUAN.
- b. Provide security for LZ SAN JUAN and assist in construction of wire obstacles.

8. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Direct coordination between units authorized and directed.
- b. All personnel will have protective masks.
- c. Airmovements conducted on air/ground frequency 43.05.
- d. Scout dog team with Co C reverts to Co A upon landing in PZ.

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

1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3

Co D/4-3

Co B/4-3

Battalion Control

Recon Plat

B Btry/6-11 Arty

Co C/4-3

2. Mission: 4-3 Inf conducts offensive search operation in NW FCA to destroy VC/NVA forces.

3. Co A: Continue present mission.

4. Co B: Continue present mission.

5. Co C: 020925H Sep conduct airmove from LZ SAN JUAN to LZ BRONCO to become OPCON to 1-1 Cav.

6. Co D:

a. 020900H Sep conduct airmove from LZ BRONCO to LZ SAN JUAN and assume responsibility for its defense.

b. Assume OPCON of Recon Plat effective upon closing.

7. Recon Plat:

a. 020900H Sep conduct airmove from PZ vic coord BS610405 to LZ SAN JUAN.

b. Become OPCON to Co D upon closing.

8. Coordinating Instructions:

a. Direct coordination between elements authorized and directed.

b. Protective masks will be carried.

c. Airmovement conducted on A/G frequency 36.95.

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I T E M	UNIT	PZ TIME	PZ COORD	PZ CONTACT	LZ TIME	LZ COORD	LZ CONTACT	LZ PREP TIME	PREP TIME	A/C	PAX
1	D	0900	SE Pad LZ Bronco	Cloudy Reef 80-Y 36.95	0925	LZ SAN JUAN	Cloudy Reef 80-A 36.95	-	-	28	68
2	C	0925	LZ SAN JUAN	Cloudy Reef 80-A 36.95	1020	SE Pad LZ BRONCO	Cloudy Reef 80-Y 36.95	-	-	28	99
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Reference: Maps: South Vietnam: 1:50,000: 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3

Co D/4-3

Recon Plat

Co B/4-3

Battalion Control

Co C/4-3 OPCON TF 1-1 Cav

B Btry/6-11 Arty

2. Mission: 4-3 Inf conducts offensive search operation in N and NW portion of FCA to destroy VC/NVA forces (Annex A, Operations Overlay.)

3. Co A:

a. 050700H Sep conduct offensive search operations in FCA ALARIC.

b. 090700H Sep prepare to be at PZ to be designated to be airmoved to LZ SAN JUAN.

4. Co B: 050700H Sep conduct offensive search operations in FCA BISMARCK.

5. Co C: Remain OPCON TF 1-1 Cav.

6. Co D:

a. Continue defense of LZ SAN JUAN.

b. 090700H Sep prepare to depart LZ SAN JUAN to LZ to be designated.

7. Recon Plat: Remain OPCON Co D.

8. Coordinating Instructions:

a. Direct coordination between elements authorized and directed.

b. Protective masks will be carried.

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NOTE:

- ① A+1 & B+1 ARE 5 SEPT.
- ② N.D.P.'S IN VICINITY OF BRIDGE B.S. 637448 ARE NOT RECOMMENDED.
- ③ X = N.D.P. SITES
- ④ = AREAS OF INTEREST
- ⑤ ⊗ = HQ P.Z. FOR 9 SEPT. (LOCATION IS APPROXIMATE).

ANNEX A OPERATIONAL OVERLAY  
FRAG ORD 29-69 TO 5-69, HQ 4-3 INF.  
REFERENCE: MAPS: SOUTH VIETNAM;  
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(C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

Co A/4-3 Inf	Battalion Control
Co B/4-3 Inf	Recon Plat
Co C/4-3 Inf	GS Plat
Co D/4-3 Inf	TMF Tm

1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: ANNEX B (Intelligence Overlay).

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 11th Bde continues operations in assigned AO to interdict enemy supply routes and destroy VC/NVA.

(2) One company CIDG from BA TO move over AXIS BOWLING GREEN to conduct search and clear operations of OBJECTIVES 4, 3, 2, 1, and establish blocking position vic coord BS620360, (ANNEX A).

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf conducts multiple combat assaults on H-Hour D-Day to destroy VC/NVA by search and clear operations in assigned AO.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Maneuver: 4-3 Inf conducts operations on H-Hour D-Day with three (3) companies conducting CA's and search and clear operations in assigned AO. Co B conduct CA from PZ BS821286 to LZ vic BS684353, and search and clear in AO BOXER. Co C conduct CA from PZ TBD to LZ vic BS729328, move on AXIS CAT and search and clear in AO CHASE. Co D conduct CA from PZ BS635380 to LZ vic BS684353, move on AXIS DRIVER, search and clear in AO DETERMINED, (ANNEX A Operations Overlay).

(2) Fires: All CA's will have a 10-minute prep using 105 Btry LZ SAN JUAN, 155 Btry LZ LIZ and 8-inch Section LZ BRONCO. Priority of 4.2 and 81mm mortar to CoD for LZ prep and then to SRRP's, B Btry 6-11 Arty GS.

b. Co A:

(1) Conduct air move via CH-47 from PZ TBD to LZ SAN JUAN.

(2) Assume defense of LZ SAN JUAN upon closing.

(3) Be prepared to assume Co B mission.

c. Co B:

(1) H-Hour D-Day, conduct CA from PZ TBD to LZ B1 BS684353 or LZ B2 BS688326.

(2) On order, depart LZ and conduct search and clear operations in AO BOXER.

(3) Be prepared to emplace BLOCK B on order.

(4) On order, depart AO BOXER on AXIS BEE to search and clear OBJECTIVES 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5B and 6B.

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d. Co C:

- (1) H-Hour D-Day, CA from PZ TBD to LZ C BS729328.
- (2) On order, depart LZ C on AXIS CAT for search and clear AO CHASE.
- (3) On order, conduct recon in force and search and clear AXIS

CATCHER.

e. Co D:

(1) On order, conduct CA from LZ SAN JUAN into LZ D vic BS650368.  
Be prepared to depart LZ SAN JUAN by foot via ROUTE DIGGER in case of inclement weather.

(2) Conduct recon in force into AXIS DRIVER to AO DETERMINED.

(3) Conduct search and clear in AO DETERMINED. Be prepared to emplace BLOCK DYKE on order.

f. Recon Plat: Continue current mission.

g. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Direct coordination between elements authorized and directed.

(2) No Fire Lines will be observed.

(3) Protective masks will be carried.

(4) Companies will move into NDP's after dark or have overhead cover on all defensive positions.

(5) All personnel will sleep below ground.

(6) Companies will report unit locations every hour or every 1000 meters, whichever occurs first.

4. (C) LOGISTICS:

a. Class I: Each company will carry a three-day supply of C-rations or LRRP rations.

b. Class V: Basic load of ammunition will be maintained by daily resupply.

5. (C) COMMAND and SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

(1) SOI item 30-1.

(2) Air move will be conducted on Air/Ground frequency 34.50.

Acknowledge.

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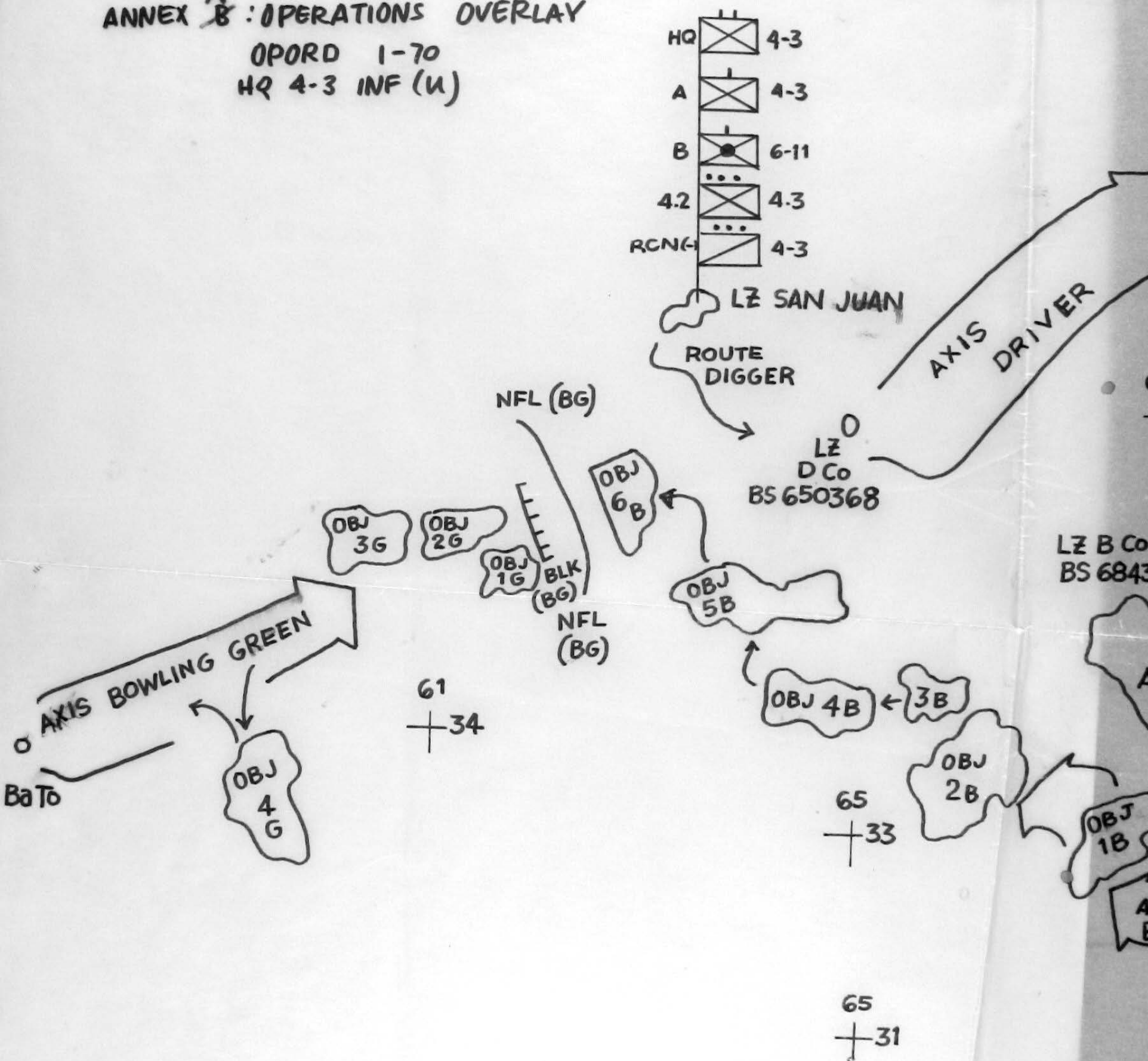
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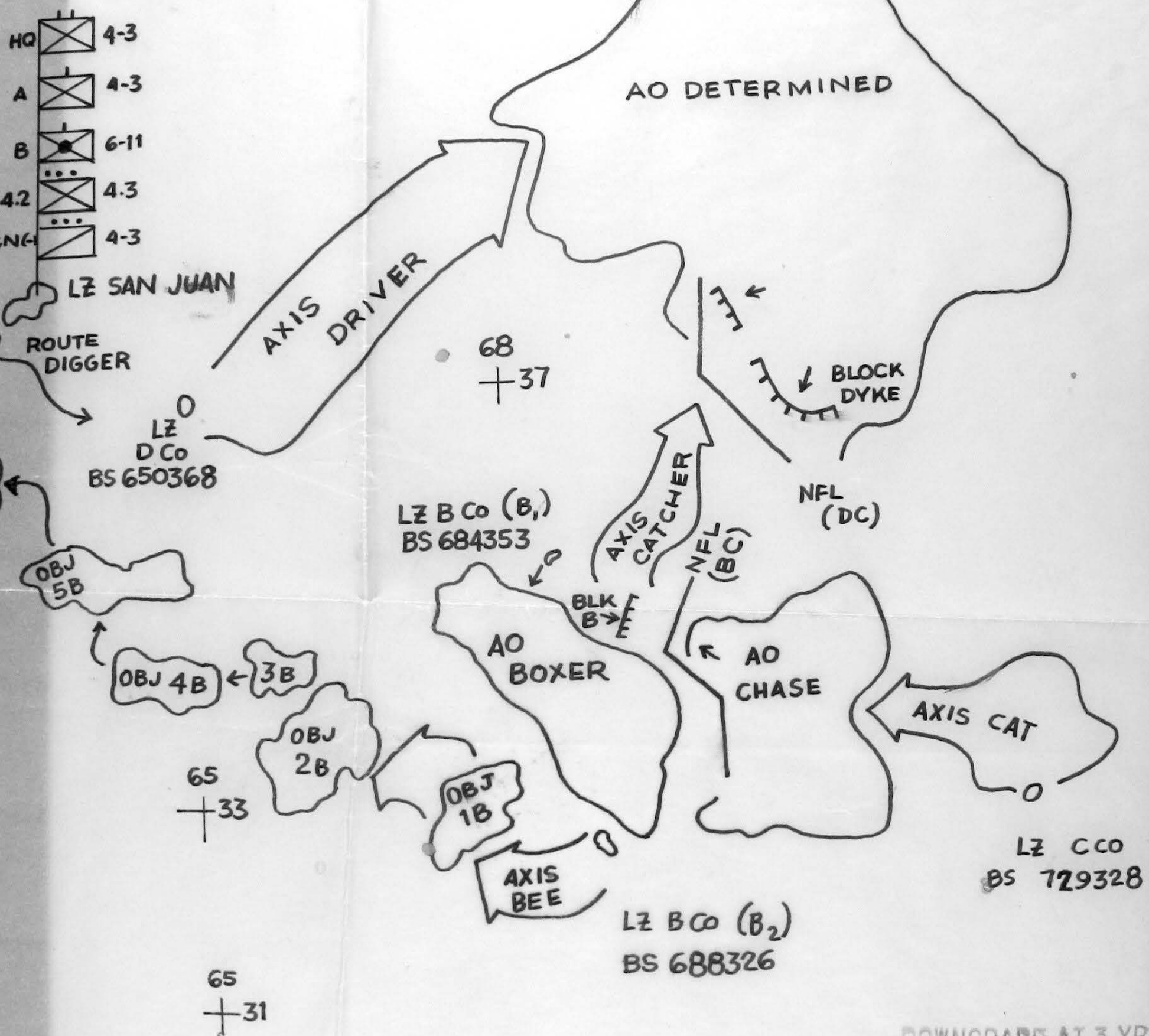
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 OPORD 1-70  
 HQ 4-3 INF (U)





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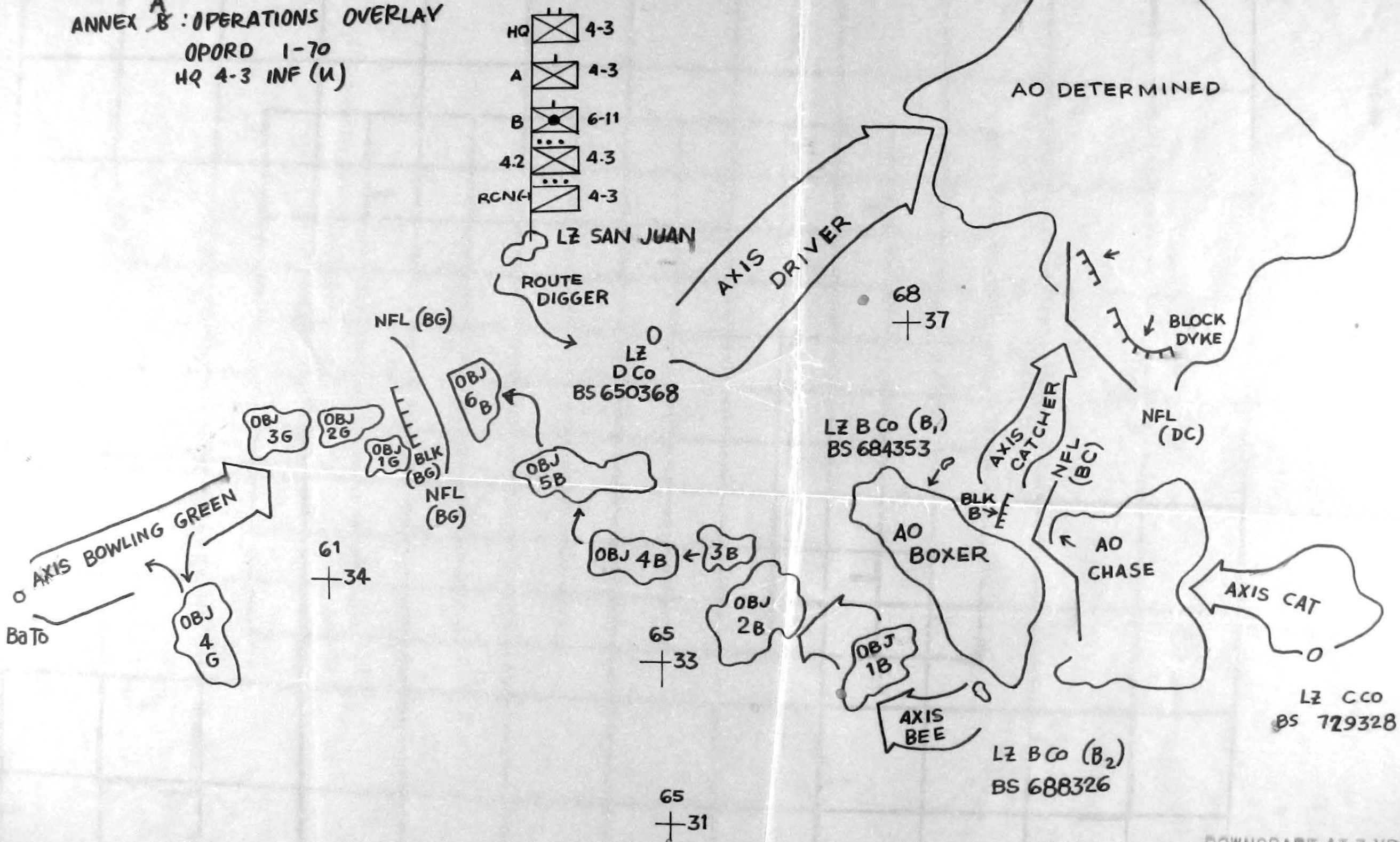


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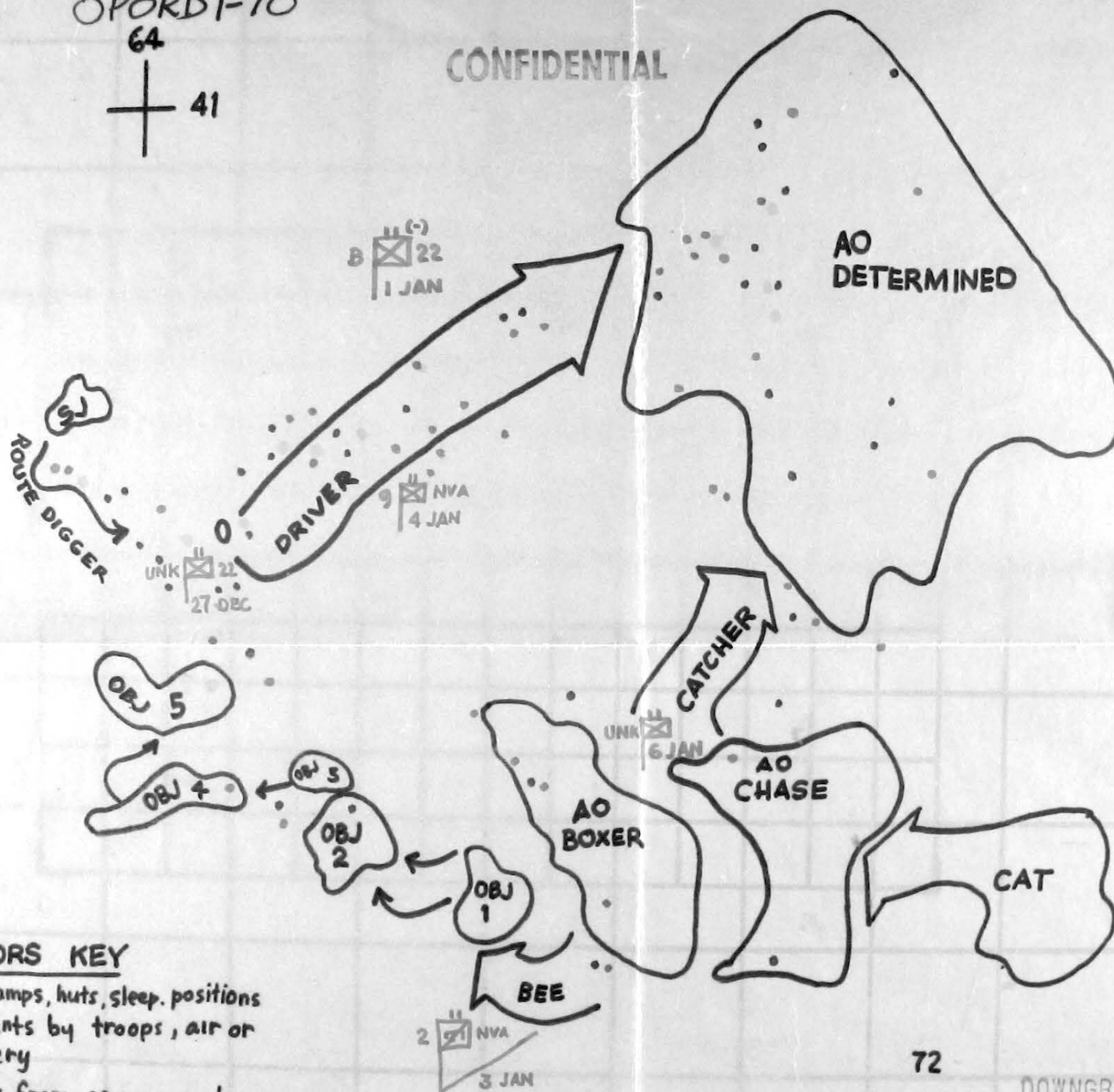
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## COLORS KEY

- Enemy camps, huts, sleep. positions
- Engagements by troops, air or artillery
- Readings from sensors, radar or graves
- Friendly NDP's

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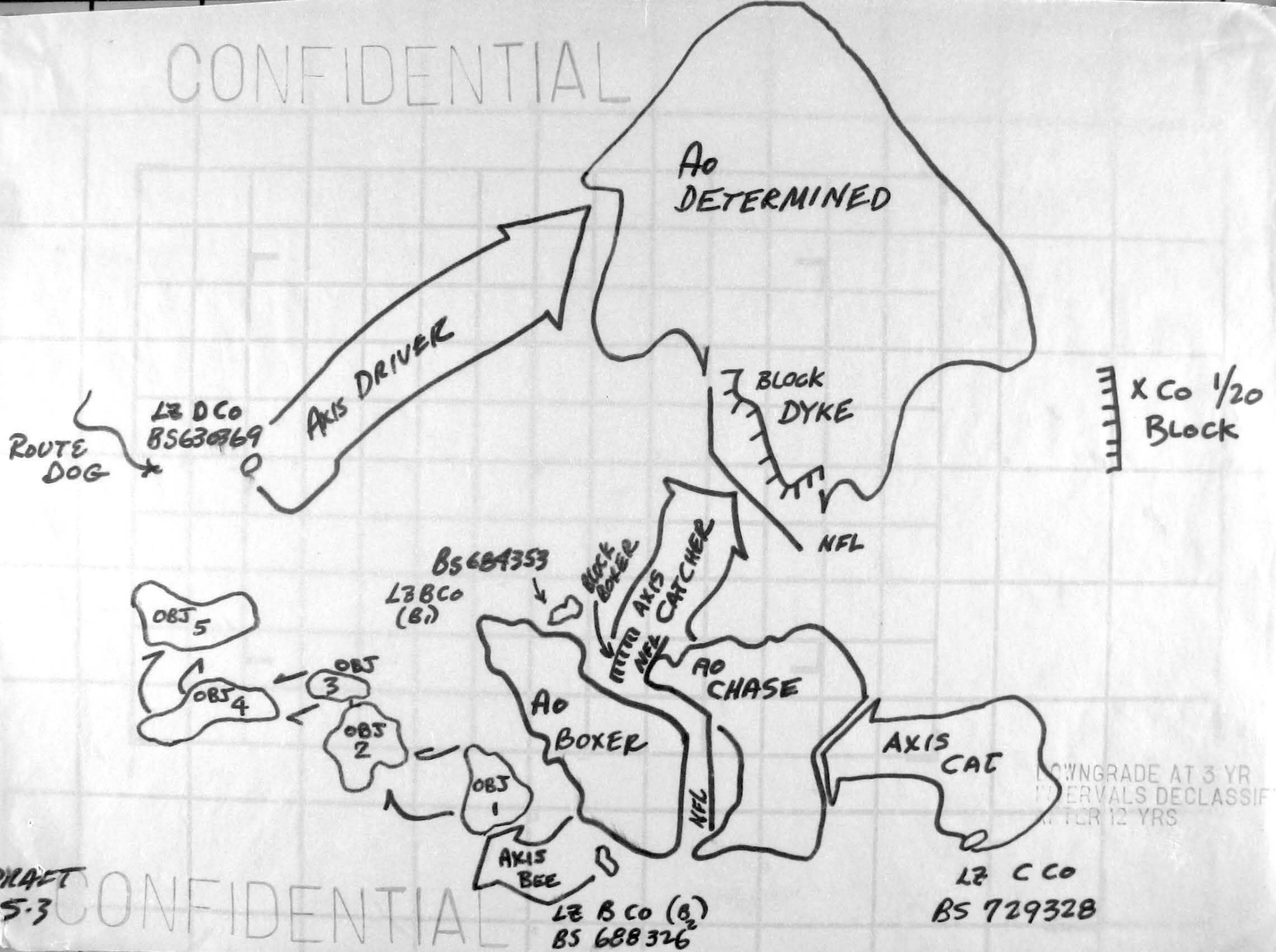
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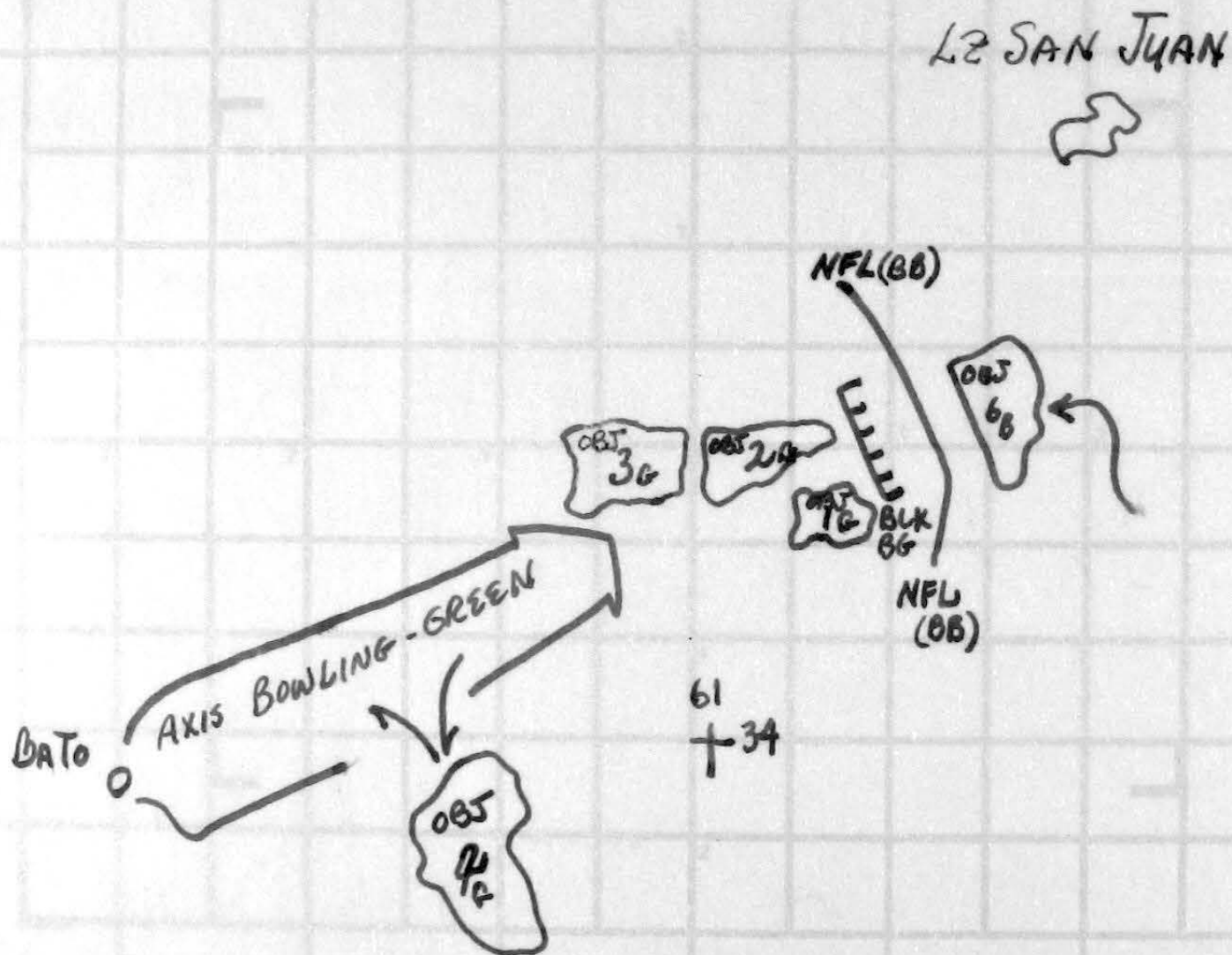
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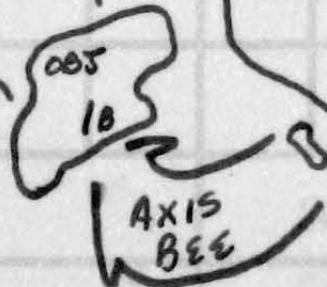


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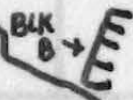


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LZ B Co (B<sub>1</sub>)  
BS 684353

AO  
Boxer



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LZ B Co (B<sub>2</sub>)  
BS 688326

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B Co 4/3 PHASE  
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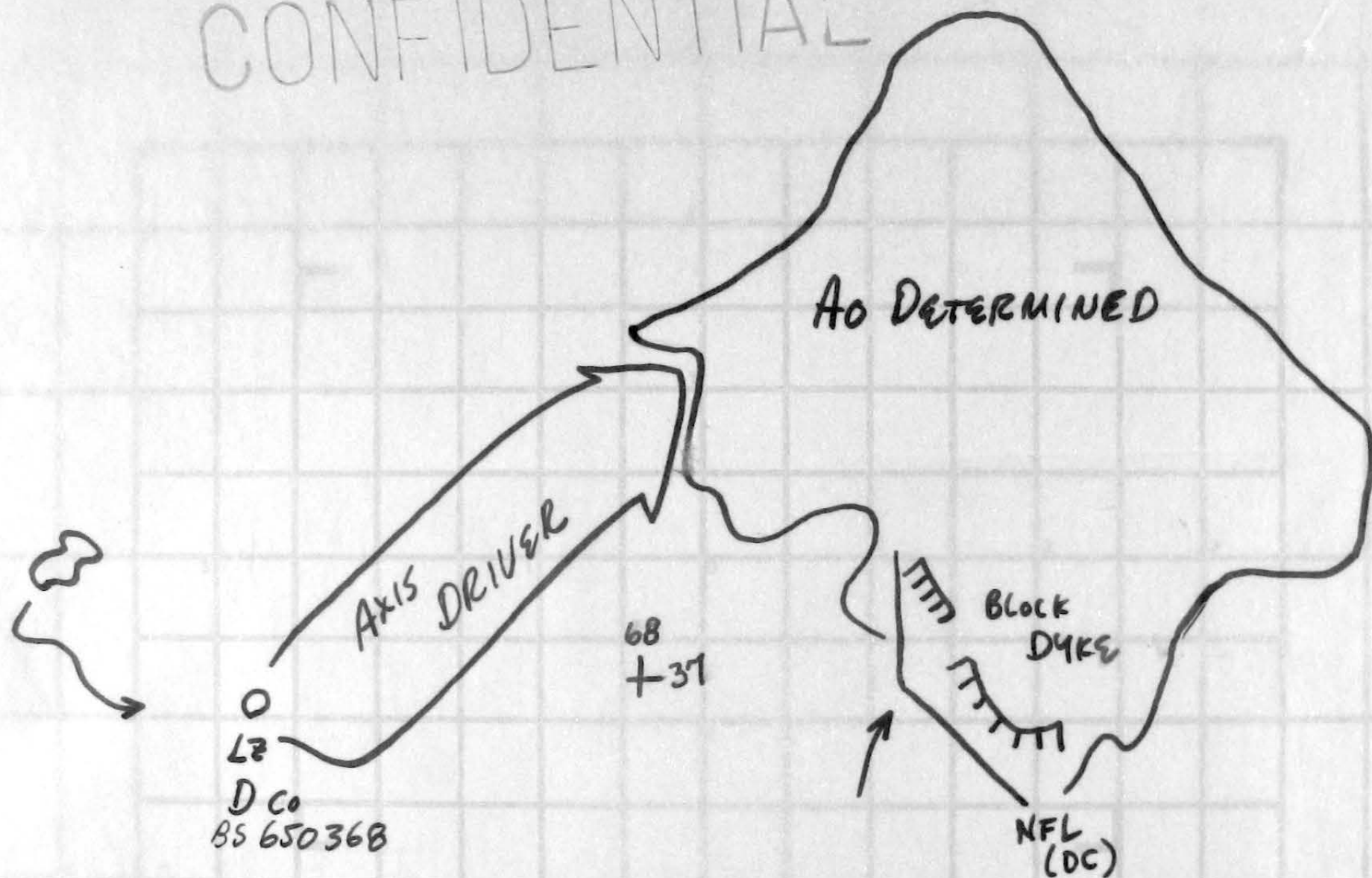
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ANNEX A  
B: OPERATIONS OVERLAY  
OPORD 1-70  
HQ 4-3 INF (U)

HQ 4-3  
A 4-3  
B 6-11  
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LZ SAN JUAN

ROUTE  
DIGGER

AXIS DRIVER

AO DETERMINED

BLOCK  
DYKE

NFL (DC)

LZ B Co (B<sub>1</sub>)  
BS 684353

BLK B

AO BOXER

NFL (BC)

AO CHASE

AXIS CAT

LZ C Co  
BS 729328

LZ B Co (B<sub>2</sub>)  
BS 688326

AXIS BEE

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AXIS BOWLING GREEN

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OBJ 5B

OBJ 4B

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OBJ 2B

OBJ 1B



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OPORD 2-70

Reference: a. OPORD 1-70.  
b. Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; Series L7014: Sheets 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

(C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

Co A/4-3 Inf	Battalion Control
Co B/4-3 Inf	Recon Plat
Co C/4-3 Inf	GS Plat
Co D/4-3 Inf	TMF Tm

1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: ANNEX B (Intelligence Overlay).

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 11th Bde continues operations in assigned AO to interdict enemy supply routes and destroy VC/NVA.

(2) One company CIDG from BA TO move over AXIS BOWLING GREEN to conduct search and clear operations of OBJECTIVES 4, 3, 2, 1; and establish blocking position vic coord BS620360, (ANNEX A).

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf conducts multiple combat assaults on H-Hour D-Day to destroy VC/NVA by search and clear operations in assigned AO.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Maneuver: 4-3 Inf conducts operations on H-Hour D-Day with three (3) companies conducting CA's and search and clear operations in assigned AO. Co B conduct CA from PZ TBA to LZ vic BS652368, move on AXIS BIKE and search and clear in AO BANDIT. Co C conduct CA from PZ TBA to LZ vic BS712398, move on AXIS CRICKET to AO CRUSADE and conduct search and clear operations. Co D conduct CA from PZ vic BS635380 to LZ vic BS652368, move on AXIS DUKE and conduct search and clear operations in AO DRAGNET.

(2) Fires: All CA's will have a 10-minute prep using 105 Btry LZ SAN JUAN, 155 Btry LZ LIZ and 8-inch Section LZ BRONCO. Priority of 4.2 and 81mm mortar to Co D for LZ prep and then to SRRP's, B Btry/6-11 Arty GS.

b. Co A:

(1) Conduct air move via CH-47 from PZ TBD to LZ SAN JUAN.

(2) Assume defense of LZ SAN JUAN upon closing.

(3) Be prepared to assume Co B mission.

c. Co B:

(1) H-Hour D-Day, conduct CA from PZ TBD to LZ vic BS652368.

(2) On order, depart LZ and search and clear operations are to be conducted. Move on AXIS BIKE and search and clear in AO BANDIT.

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(3) On order, depart AO BANDIT on AXIS BEE to search and clear OBJECTIVES 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5B, and 6B.

d. Co C:

(1) H-Hour D-Day, CA from PZ TBD to LZ vic <sup>BS</sup> 712398.

(2) On order, depart LZ C on AXIS CRICKET to search and clear AO CRUSADE.

e. Co D:

(1) On order, conduct CA from LZ SAN JUAN into LZ vic BS652368. Be prepared to depart LZ SAN JUAN by foot via ROUTE DIGGER in case of inclement weather.

(2) Conduct recon in force into AXIS DUKE to AO DRAGNET.

(3) Conduct search and clear operations in AO DRAGNET.

f. Recon Plat: Continue current mission.

g. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Direct coordination between elements authorized and directed.

(2) No Fire Lines will be observed.

(3) Protective masks will be carried.

(4) Companies will move into NDP's after dark or have overhead cover on all defensive positions.

(5) All personnel will sleep below ground.

(6) Companies will report unit locations every hour or every 1000 meters, whichever occurs first.

4. (C) LOGISTICS:

a. Class I: Each company will carry a three-day supply of C-rations or LRRP rations.

b. Class V: Basic load of ammunition will be maintained by daily re-supply.

5. (C) COMMAND and SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

(1) SOI item 30-1.

(2) Air move will be conducted on Air/Ground frequency 34.50.

Acknowledge.

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5- ANNEX A: Operations Overlay

B: Intelligence Overlay: See ANNEX B (Intelligence Overlay) to OPORD 1-70  
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ITEM	UNIT	PZ TIME	PZ COORD	PZ CONTACT	LZ TIME	LZ COORD	LZ CONTACT	LZ PREP TIME	PREP TIME	A/G	PAX A ACL 6
1	Co C/ 4-3 Inf	1300H 13 Jan 70	Southeast Pad, LZ BRONCO	BANDS 20 YANKEE A/G 34.50	1330H 13 Jan 70	BS712398	ZULU 21 F A/G 34.50	Arty SAN JUAN, LIZ, BRONCO	1300H	20 clicks	120
2				SMOKEY		1300H					
3				AMC Ship		131230H Jan 70	LZ SAN JUAN				
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1	Co A	140900 Jan	SE Pad LZ Bronco	Bands 20 Y A/G 34.50	140930 Jan	LZ San Juan BS635380	Bands 20 A A/G 34.50	Secure	CH-47		94
2											
3											
4	Co B	140800 Jan	SE Pad LZ Bronco	Bands 20 Y A/G 34.50	140830 Jan	BS652368 Field loc	Sierra 21 F A/G 34.50 (After 1st lift)	Arty LZSJ 105, 4.2, .50 cal	UH1D slicks Smokey AMC to LZSJ 140730 Jan		95
5											
6											
7	Co D	140930 Jan	LZ San Juan BS635380	Bands 20 A A/G 34.50	140945 Jan	BS652368 Field loc	Sierra 21 F A/G 34.50	Secure by Co B/4-3 Inf	CH-47		110
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(C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

Co A/4-3 Inf	Battalion Control
Co B (-)/4-3 Inf	Heavy Mortar Plat
Co C/4-3 Inf	GS Section
Co D/4-3 Inf	TMF Tm
Co B (-)/3-1 Inf	1 Section, G Btry/55th Arty
1 Eng Sqd	
Recon Plat/4-3 Inf	

1. (C) SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces: Annex B (Intelligence Overlay)  
b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 11th Bde continues operations in assigned AO to interdict enemy supply routes and destroy VC/NVA forces.

(2) 1st Squadron/1st Cavalry conducts coordinated search and clear operations with two troops in assigned AO commencing 28 Mar 70.

(3) 1st Bn, 4th ARVN Regt conducts multiple combat assaults and conducts coordinated search and clear and blocking operations in assigned AO commencing 280830 Mar 70.

c. Attachments and Detachments:

(1) Co B (-)/3-1 Inf attached 4-3 Inf effective 280700 Mar 70.

(2) 3/B/4-3 Inf attached 1-1 Cav effective 280900 Mar 70.

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf will conduct multiple CA's on 28 Mar 70 to secure temporary fire support base BULLDOG and to conduct search and clear operations to destroy VC/NVA forces in assigned AO.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Maneuver: Recon Platoon combat assaults to LZ vic BS645449 at 270930 Mar 70 utilizing 3 lifts of 5 helicopters for deception, and occupies blocking position Ready NLT 280730 Mar 70. Co B (-)/3-1 Inf combat assaults at 280730 Mar 70 from PZ TBA to LZ BS640564 and secures TFSB BULLDOG. Co A combat assaults from PZ BS622369 to LZ BS649494 then conducts search and clear operations in assigned sector. Co D combat assaults from PZ BS553413 to LZ BS633514 and conducts search and clear operations in assigned sector. Co C conducts CA from PZ BS585402 to LZ BS642539 and conducts search and clear operations in assigned AO. Co B (-) secures LZ SAN JUAN.

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- (2) Fires:
  - (a) B Btry/6th Bn, 11th Arty in GS.
  - (b) All CA's will be preceded by 10 minute LZ prep.
- b. Co A:
  - (1) Search and clear base camp and PW cage on 28 March.
  - (2) Search and clear sector with emphasis on areas of interest
- Al and A2.
- c. Co B (-): Secure LZ SAN JUAN.
- d. Co C:
  - (1) Search and clear main east-west saddle along southern border of AO on 28 March.
  - (2) Search and clear sector with emphasis on area of interest Cl.
- e. Co D:
  - (1) Search and clear area where hospital is located and vicinity to the north on 28 March.
  - (2) Search and clear sector with emphasis on area of interest Dl.
  - (3) Provide security for radio relay station.
- f. Co B (-)/3-1 Inf: Secure TFSB BULLDOG.
- g. Recon Plat: Occupy blocking position READY
- h. Liaison:
  - (1) 11th Bde LnO at LZ DRAGON will effect liaison between 4-3 Inf and 1-1 Cav.
  - (2) LnO will be attached to 1st Bn, 4th ARVN Regt on 27 March.
- j. Coordinating Instructions:
  - (1) Boundries constitute no fire lines. Coordination between commanders for fire across no fire lines is authorized.
  - (2) Protective masks will be carried.
  - (3) Companies will report unit locations hourly or every 1000 meters, whichever occurs first.
  - (4) Rules of engagement will be strictly observed.
  - (5) Co A, C and D be prepared to conduct cordon and search of villages in assigned sectors with assistance of National Police.
- 4. (C) ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS:
  - a. Administration: Units will insure that all casualties due to enemy action are reported ASAP but NLT 12 hours after occurrence to insure that authorized personnel are recommended for award of Purple Heart Medals.
  - b. Logistics:
    - (1) Resupply of field units will be accomplished from LZ BULLDOG.
      - (a) S-4 Pad (LZ SAN JUAN) will provide 1 NCO and 2 EM to operate pad at TFSB BULLDOG.
      - (b) C and C and utility aircraft will revert to BULLDOG pad control for resupply on order of TOC LZ SAN JUAN.
    - (2) Each company will carry a 3 day supply of field rations.
    - (3) Basic loads of ammunition will be maintained.
- 5. (C) COMMAND and SIGNAL:
  - a. Command:
    - (1) CP will be located at LZ SAN JUAN.
    - (2) S-4 will assume command and organize FSB BULLDOG.

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b. Signal:

(1) SOI Item 25-4 in effect.

(2) Air moves and CA's will be conducted on air ground frequency 48.40.

(3) Radio relay station will be established vicinity BS632517.  
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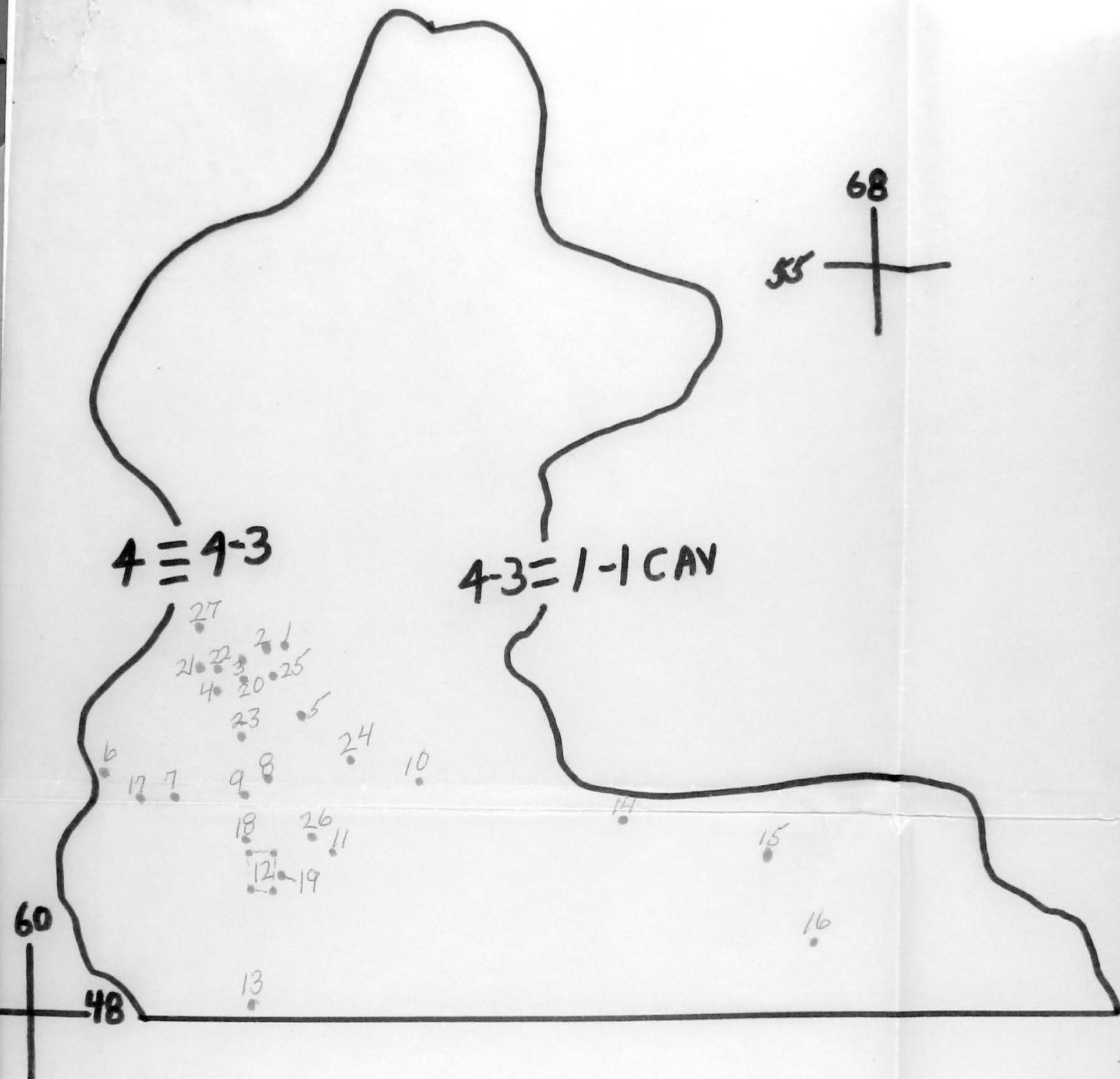
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1.	12 Feb 70	BS623514	War L	Spotted 4 new huts & chickens, destroyed 1 hut, also eng unk # NVA in gr uniforms, AK47s, res- 2 NVA KIA
2.	11 Mar 70	BS622514	Co D	Fd several hotches, livestock, documents, poss hospital
3.	11 Feb 70	BS620513	War L	Obs 3 new huts under construction
4.	11 Mar 70	BS618510	Co D	Made contact w/unk size enemy, 1 USKIA, 4 USWIA, 2 NVAKIA
5.	11 Feb 70	BS626508	War L	Obs many huts under construction, destroyed 2 huts
6.	04 Mar 70	BS607502	Recon	Opcom to Co D fd cache or food storage area, 15'x25'
7.	01 Mar 70	BS614500	SRRP 3	Opcon to Co D detained 12 pers, approx 100 old pers in area
8.	02 Mar 70	BS622501	Co D	Enemy booby trap & ambush, res- 11 US WIA, 3 US KIA
9.	09 Feb 70	BS620500	War L	Obs 3 huts and 1 pack
10.	09 Feb 70	BS637501	War L	KIA 1 NVA w/pack & 6 bags rice
11.	05 Mar 70	BS628495	Co A	Fd 12'x12' cage, 4 huts w/tunnels, & several documents w/seals
12.	09 Feb 70	BS620495	Co A	& 623495, 623490, 620490, Fd base camp
13.	09 Feb 70	BS629480	War L	Fd pancho, fighting post, 2 NVA evading west w/ AK47s & packs
14.	25 Feb 70	BS655498	Co D	Fd hut 12'x14', & 2'x3' bomb shelters
15.	26 Feb 70	BS669494	Co D	Fd booby trapped M-26 grenade, destroyed in place
16.	20 Feb 70	BS673486	Co A	Fd 8 huts 20'x35', small tunnels, & documents, appeared to be training suite, all were destroyed
17.	08 Feb 70	BS610500	Bde	Intell repts 107th Arty ' 75 mm RR Co
18.	16 Feb 70	BS620495	"	C-3 Intell repts Bn of 21st Regt
19.	19 Feb 70	BS623495	"	Chieu Hoi repts 1 ton rice cache
20.	06 Mar 70	BS629512	"	C-3 Intell repts 21st Regt w/200 men
21.	02 Mar 70	BS617512	"	F-6 Intell repts 20th VC AA Bn, 120 men w/2x82mort, 1x60mort, 6 AA HMG, 8 K12 rockets
22.	17 Mar 70	BS618512	"	Chieu Hoi repts 1st boat team, Quang Ngai force
23.	21 Feb 70	BS620506	"	" 82d MF Bn , 250 men
24.	23 Feb 70	BS630503	"	" unk Bn, 300 men, 81s, b-40s, AK47s
25.		BS623512	"	" Nhai Hanh dispensary, 5 bldgs
26.		BS627495	"	" detention camp, Ngai Nahn force
27.	21 Mar 70	BS615516 & 616513	"	C-3 Intell repts transportation Co of 21st Regt



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ITEM	UNIT	PZ TIME	PZ COORD	PZ CONTACT	LZ TIME	LZ COORD	LZ CONTACT	LZ PREP TIME	PREP TIME	A/C	PAK
1	4-3	280830 Mar 70	SE Pad LZ BRONCO	SHOCKER OLD	280850 Mar 70	BS640564	NOVEMBER 19	N/A	N/A	1/ CH47	Bulldozer
2	4-3	280910	SE Pad	SHOCKER OLD	280930	BS640564	NOVEMBER 19	N/A	N/A	1/ CH47	External Culverts
3	4-3	280950	SE Pad	SHOCKER OLD	281010	BS640564	NOVEMBER 19	N/A	N/A	1/ CH47	External Culverts
4	4-3	281020	SE Pad	SHOCKER OLD	281040	BS640564	NOVEMBER 19	N/A	N/A	1/ CH47	External pickets sandbags
5	4-3	281140	LZ SAN JUAN	SHOCKER OLB	281200	BS640564	NOVEMBER 19	N/A	N/A	1/ CH47	Internal : 10 Pad External 81mm
6	4-3	281140	LZ SAN JUAN	SHOCKER OLB	281200	BS640564	NOVEMBER 19	N/A	N/A	1/ CH47	External Fougasse
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MISSION COORDINATOR

CPT SCHWEBACH

COMBAT ASSAULT (B/3-1 Inf)

ITEM	UNIT	PZ TIME	PZ COORD	PZ CONTACT	LZ TIME	LZ COORD	LZ CONTACT	LZ PREP TIME	PREP TIME	A/C	PAX
1	B/3-1	280720 Mar 70	BS491728	NOVEMBER 19	280730 Mar 70	BS640564	N/A	Arty 10 Min	0720	8 UH1H	40
2	B/3-1	280740	BS491728	NOVEMBER 19	280750	BS640564	N/A	Arty 10 Min	0720	8 UH1H	40
3	Request 1 smokeship 1 AMC (Report to LZ SAN JUAN 0700) 2 Gunships										
4	CA conducted on SHOCKER A/G 48.40										
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## SEQUENTIAL AIRLIFT SCHEDULE

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I T E M	UNIT	PZ TIME	PZ COORD	PZ CONTACT	LZ TIME	LZ COORD	LZ CONTACT	LZ PREP TYPE	PREP TIME	A/G	PAX
1	A/4-3	281030	BS622369	LIMA 19	281040	BS649494	N/A	Arty 10 min	281030	8 UHLH	48
2	A/4-3	281050	BS622369	LIMA 19	281100	BS649494	LIMA 19	N/A	N/A	8 UHLH	48
3	D/4-3	281110	BS553413	HOTEL 19	281120	BS633514	N/A	Arty 10 min	281110	8 UHLH	48
4	D/4-3	281130	BS553413	HOTEL 19	281140	BS633514	HOTEL 19	N/A	N/A	8 UHLH	48
5	C/4-3	281200	BS585402	VICTOR 19	281210	BS642539	N/A	Arty 10 min	281200	8 UHLH	48
6	C/4-3	281220	BS585402	VICTOR 19	281230	BS642539	VICTOR 19	N/A	N/A	8 UHLH	49
7	Request 1 AMC (Report to LZ SAN JUAN 1015) 1 Smokeship 2 Gunships						GROUP 4: Downgraded at 3 yr intervals Declassified after 12 yrs.				
8	CA's conducted on SHOCKER A/G										

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Reference: a. OPORD 3-70 4-3 Inf.  
b. Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; Series L7014: Sheets  
6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

## (C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

Co A/4-3 Inf	Battalion Control
Co B (-)/4-3 Inf	Recon Plat (-)
SRRP Tm	Heavy Mortar Plat
Co C/4-3 Inf	Section Quad 50
Co D/4-3 Inf	GS
Co B (-)/3-1 Inf	

## 1. (C) SITUATION:

- Enemy Forces: Annex A.
- Friendly Forces: 11th Bde conducts search and clear and rice denial operations in assigned area of operations.
- Attachments and Detachments:
  - Task Organization.
  - SRRP Tm attached to Co B (-) at 030800 Apr 70.
  - 3d Plat, Co B remains attached to B Troop/1-1 Cavalry to be released o/a 5 Apr 70.
  - Co B (-)/3-1 Inf detached on order. Planning time 031500 Apr 70.

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf conducts search and clear operations commencing 030730 April to destroy enemy forces in area of operations; to interdict passage of rice carrying parties from the East; and to interrupt rice harvesting in the SONG ON VALLEY (5741) and SUOI LA VALLEY (5441).

## 3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: Battalion combat assaults to conduct search and clear operations with Co A operating in AO ABBEE, Co B (\*) in AO BETTY, Co D in AO DORA. Sequence of CA's will be Co A, Co D, Co B. Co C defends FSB SAN JUAN HILL. Co B (-)/3-1 Inf defends LZ BULLDOG and closes firebase on 03 April. Ten minute preparation fires will be fired on LZ's. B Btry/6-11 Arty in GS.

### b. Co A:

(1) Combat assault at 030745 Apr 70 from PZ to LZ vic BS559408 and conduct search and clear operations in AO ALICE. On order in lieu of AO ABBEE.

### c. Co B (-):

(1) Combat assault from PZ SAN JUAN HILL to LZ vic BS703398.

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On order after 030800 Apr.

- (2) Third Platoon reverts to your control on order.
  - (3) Conduct day and night ambushes in assigned AO.
  - d. Co C:
    - (1) Conduct air move at 030730 Apr 70 from PZ to LZ SAN JUAN HILL.
    - (2) Assume defense of SAN JUAN HILL upon arrival.
  - e. Co D: Combat assault on order from PZ to LZ vic BS675402 and search and clear AO DORA.
  - f. Co B (-)/3-1 Inf:
    - (1) Close LZ BULLDOG on order.
    - (2) Released from attachment on order.
  - g. Recon Plat (-):
    - (1) Assist in defense of FSB SAN JUAN HILL.
    - (2) Be prepared to attach SRRP Team to Co A or Co D on order.
  - h. Heavy Mortar Plat: GS.
  - i. Coordinating Instructions:
    - (1) PZ for Co A, C, and D is vic BS612495.
    - (2) Particular emphasis will be provided to search of areas of interest.
    - (3) Rules of engagement will be strictly complied with.
    - (4) Locations will be reported every 1000 meters or hourly, whichever occurs first.
  - 4. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS: No change.
  - 5. COMMAND and SIGNAL:
    - a. Signal:
      - (1) SOI Item 30-5 in effect.
      - (2) Air move of Co C will be controlled on Heavy Mortar Plat.
      - (3) Combat assaults will be controlled on Heavy Mortar Plat frequency. Last element on PZ will assume Co Commanders call sign with suffix "BRAVO." First element on LZ will assume Co Commanders call sign with suffix "ALPHA." Companies will leave Heavy Mortar Plat frequency only on order.
- Acknowledge.

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B: Operations Overlay  
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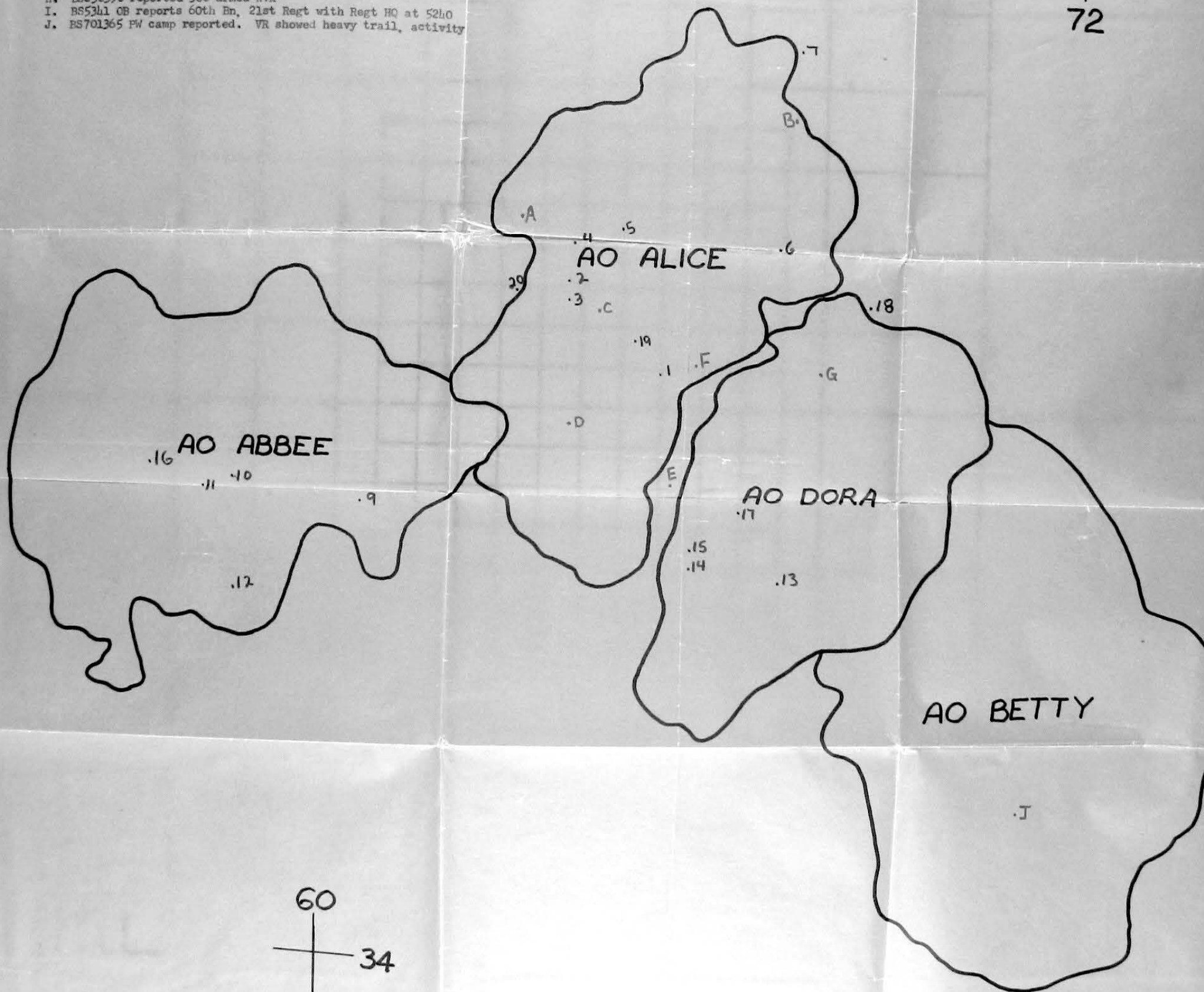
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1. BS653434 3 bunkers 10' x 12' x 6'
2. BS638449 6 fighting positions
3. BS637445 5 fighting positions with bunkers attached
4. BS639454 tunnel complex
5. BS647458 5 bunkers 8' x 12'
6. BS670453 3 sleeping positions
7. BS673486 8 huts w/small tunnels
8. BS655498 1 hut 12' x 14', 2' x 3' bomb shelter
9. BS605411 3 huts, 3 bunkers
10. BS587416 2 huts
11. BS581414 2 huts
12. BS588398 1 hut
13. BS671401 tunnel entrance
14. BS659403 tunnels w/fighting positions
15. BS659405 14 huts
16. BS572418 suspected enemy base camp
17. BS665412 150 VC/NVA spotted in open
18. BS685415 supply route way station
19. BS648438 supply route way station
20. BS630444 supply route river cross point
21. BS620436 supply route way station

- A. BS630459 food cache with 30 man security force
- B. BS673474 large food cache, with building
- C. BS624445 Hoi Canh reported cache of electrical parts
- D. BS637427 reported printing office
- E. BS655415 Hoi Chan reported cache of 90 weapons
- F. BS658435 MI reported 2d Regt HQ
- G. BS679434 reported 90th Bn, 100 men in ARVN uniforms
- H. BS630390 reported 300 armed NVA
- I. BS5341 CB reports 60th Bn, 21st Regt with Regt HQ at 5240
- J. BS701365 PW camp reported. VR showed heavy trail, activity

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Extraction

ITEM	UNIT	PZ TIME	PZ COORD	PZ CONTACT	LZ TIME	LZ COORD	LZ CONTACT	LZ PREP TIME	PREP TIME	A/C	PAX
1	D/4-3	0800 11 <del>1000</del> Apr 70	BS 699 427	Lima 74 Tango		San Juan	Static 70	N/A	N/A	<del>6</del> CH 47	<del>30</del> 27
2					3 Lifts	109 pers					
3					1 LIFT					4 CH 47	24
					Request AMC <del>report to LZ SJ at 110945</del>						
					2 gunships 1 smokeship						
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Combat Assault

ITEM	UNIT	PZ TIME	PZ COORD	PZ CONTACT	LZ TIME	LZ COORD	LZ CONTACT	LZ PREP TIME	PREP TIME	A/C	PAX
1	B/4-3	110800- Apr 70	BS 708 376	Quebec 74 Bravo		BS 675 402		Anty 5TH 10 min 110800	<del>110800</del> 110800	OH1H 5	30
2				2 <sup>d</sup>	Lift		Quebec 74 Alpha			OH1H 5	30
3				3 <sup>d</sup>	Lift		"			OH1H 5	24
4				4 <sup>th</sup>	LIFT		"			4	24
5				Request 1 AMC Report to LZ 5J at 0745							
6				1 Smoke ship							
7				2 Gun ships							
8				FREQ. 34.10							

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- Reference: a. Map, VIETNAM, 1:50,000; Tra Bong and Binh Son, Sheets 6739IV and 6739I.  
b. Americal Division Secret Message, DTG 230700Z December 1969.

Task Organization:

1-6 Inf

1-52 Inf

5-46 Inf

Brigade Troops

1-14 Arty (DS)

B/26 Engr (DS)

H/17 Cav

57th Inf Plt (Sct Dog)

67th Chem Det

3/23 MP Company (DS)

Elm/G/29 Arty (SLT) (GS)

Elm/G/55 Arty (Quad 50) (GS)

2/B/523 Signal Bn

Hq & Hq Company 198th Inf Bde

1. (C) SITUATION

a. Enemy: Annex A Intelligence

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) Americal Division defends vital installations within its TAOI against rocket/mortar attack.

(2) 196th Infantry Brigade continues offensive operations within Frederick Hill and Elk Canyon TAOI.

(3) 11th Infantry Brigade defends Duc Pho Base and the airstrip within the Iron Mountain Area of Operations against rocket or mortar attack; provides a reaction force to secure rocket firing positions; blocks enemy escape routes; and provides security for after action team.

(4) 6th ARVN Regiment continues current operations.

(5) 16th Combat Aviation Group (GS) provides flareships, gunships and other support as required to airlift immediate reaction forces. Coordinates flight into Rocket Pocket through Artillery liaison elements to insure simultaneous attack on targets.

(6) Division Artillery provides supporting and reinforcing fires to 1-14 Artillery as required.

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(7) 7th Air Force provides flareships and tactical air support on request.

## c. Attachments and Detachments: Task Organization

2. MISSION: 198th Infantry Brigade defends vital installations within the TAOR against rocket/mortar attack.

## 3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: 198th Infantry Brigade conducts offensive operations to prevent rocket/mortar attacks and provides reaction force to secure rocket/mortar firing sites with 1-6 Infantry, 5-46 Infantry and 1-52 Infantry conducting continuous combat operations throughout the TAOR.

b. 1-6 Infantry:

c. 5-46 Infantry:

d. 1-52 Infantry:

e. B/17 Cavalry: Continue operations as ordered.

## f. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Offensive operations will include small unit operations, rapid employment of reaction forces to exploit intelligence, saturation patrolling and day and night manned and mechanical ambushes, aerial bombardment and artillery fires.

(2) Maximum surveillance of suspected enemy LOC's and launch and firing sites will be maintained by electronic sensor devices and VR by aircraft, both day and night employing US Air Force flare and gunships, FAC's, Division Artillery Aerial Observers and helicopter VR teams.

## (3) Definitions:

(a) Rocket Belt: That area within 6000 to 11,000 meters from vital installations.

(b) Mortar Belt: That area extending to 5200 meters from vital installations.

(c) Vital installations: All FVMAF, GVN military and political installations and all GVN populated areas.

4. (C) SERVICE SUPPORT: Current Admin SOP

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal: Current SOI/SSI in effect.

b. Command: CP at LZ Dayonet.

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Annexes:

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ANNEX A (Intelligence) to OPORD 4-70 (Defense Against Rocket/Mortar Attacks)

Reference: Maps RVN, 1:50,000 series L7014; sheets 6634 I, 6640 II, 6739 II, IV; 6740 III, 6738 I, IV; 6338 III, IV.

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

a. The Chu Lai Defense Command (CLDC), Landing Zone (LZ's) and Fire Support Bases (FSB's) within the Chu Lai area are vulnerable to rocket attack. Units capable of conducting rocket attacks against the Chu Lai area are the 78th LF Rocket/Artillery Bn, the 402nd MF Sapper Bn and possibly the 409th MF Sapper BN and GK-32 Recoilless Rifle Bn. These units are currently operating in southern Quang Tin Province and northern Quang Ngai Province. The primary mission of the 78th LF Rocket/Artillery Bn is to rocket the Chu Lai area.

b. Current INTSUMS and PERINTREPS.

2. EEI'S AND OIR'S:

a. EEI:

- (1) Will the VC/NVA launch rockets against targets in the Chu Lai area? If so, when, where, how and what type?
- (2) What are the VC/NVA routes of ingress and egress from the rocket belt?
- (3) Where are probable launch areas? Within launch areas, where are the most probable launching sites?

b. OIR:

- (1) Are suspected personnel moving into probable launching areas within the rocket belt?
- (2) Are there reports of enemy or suspected personnel carrying long cylindrical tubes, resembling stovepipes or canvas cases approximately four (4) to eight (8) feet long?
- (3) Are there any sightings of shallow holes or trenches with piled dirt mounds and possibly stakes driven into the ground? (Stakes are used for aiming stakes and dirt mounds for launch ramps).
- (4) Are there any reports on sighting of personnel trimming tree tops or tree limbs within the rocket belt?
- (5) Are there any indications of heavy trail activity within the rocket belt?

3. ORDERS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

a. Orders to attached and subordinate units:

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

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## MISCELLANEOUS:

## a. Likely friendly targets for rocket attacks in Chu Lai area:

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

## b. Rockets Characteristics and Employment:

## (1) 140mm Soviet Rocket.

## (a) Characteristics:

## 1 Rocket, fin stabilized.

- a Length overall with fuse - 42.3 inches.
- b Weight with fuse - 90 pounds.
- c Range - 10,000 meters.
- d Warhead - 9.5 pound explosive.
- e Fuse - instantaneous or delay.

## 2 Launcher tube:

- a Length overall - 45 inches.
- b Weight single tube - 22 pounds.

## (b) Employment:

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

## (2) 122mm Soviet Rocket:

## (a) Characteristics:

## 1 Rocket, fin stabilized.

- a Length - 6.2 feet
- b Weight - 101 pounds
- c Maximum range - 11,000 meters (elevation 45°).
- d Minimum range - 6,000 meters (elevation 10°).
- e Warhead - 15 pounds explosive.
- f Fuse - instantaneous or delay.

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- 2 Launcher:
  - a Length - 8.1 feet.
  - b Weight - 55 pounds.

(b) Employment:

- 1 The 122mm Rocket was first introduced into South Vietnam with an attack on Camp Carroll, adjacent to the DMZ, in early May 1967. Since that time, the 122mm Rocket has been used for attacks against installations and cities throughout the RVN. The first 122mm Rocket attack against CLDC was on 31 January 1968, when fifty (50) rockets were fired. Since that time numerous rocket attacks have been directed against the Chu Lai area; the most recent and notable being the attack on 4-5 May 70 when over 200 rockets were directed against the Chu Lai area.
- 2 The 122mm Rocket when fired from the 122mm launching system is extremely accurate. This accuracy is achieved primarily due to the sophisticated instruments used to initially survey the site. A type theodolite or transit, mounted on a tripod, is used to determine the correct firing data. This survey, in conjunction with the spin/fin guidance system, the ~~infrared sighting system~~, and the ~~tripod~~ mount provides the weapon with a high degree of accuracy.
- 3 Experience has shown that the 122mm rocket can be fired also from unsophisticated launchers. A subsequent sweep of the area after the attack on 4-5 May 70 produced 43 rockets set up on crossed stakes and aimed at Chu Lai. The area from which the 200 rockets were also indicated that these rockets were fired from crossed sticks.
- 4 Attacks by 122mm Rockets are normally greater in duration than those by 140mm Rockets or others. This greater period is evidenced by the fact that the rocket launchers can be replaced during the attack, with each launcher probably capable of firing three to five rockets, with two to four minutes preparation for each rocket.
- 5 When the tripod mounted launcher is used to fire rockets, holes are dug approximately six inches deep and five to eight feet apart to emplace the tripod legs. Also, a shallow hole could be dug behind each launcher to facilitate reloading, and trenches beside the launchers to protect the crews during firing and against retaliatory fires.

c. Defensive measures:

(1) Denial:

- (a) It is a known fact that the optimum method of preventing rocket attacks is to deny the enemy the opportunity to occupy launching positions. Therefore, consideration must be given to finding means and ways to detecting and destroying the enemy before an attack can be launched. Such considerations should include, but not be limited to:
  - 1 Frequent aerial and ground reconnaissance of suspected rocket infiltration routes, with emphasis on the area adjacent and within the rocket belt.
  - 2 Conduct of Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols.
  - 3 Establishment of night ambush sites in areas suitable for launching sites.

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- 4 Continuous intelligence gathering and exploitation of information pertaining to a unit's movement, capabilities, size and armament operating within or adjacent to the rocket belt.
  - 5 Use of anti-intrusion devices along possible or suspected routes into the rocket belt and in possible/probable launching areas.
  - 6 An effective system of counter battery and H & I program, on likely launch sites and avenues of approach.
  - 7 Establishment of LP's and Observation Posts in areas where good visual surveillance of avenues of approach or probable launching sites is obtained.
  - 8 Patrols of waterways for possible infiltration of rockets and personnel by water.
- (b) Rocket Belt is considered that area located within a 12,000 meter area surrounding the CLDC. Surveillance of potential rocket sites and avenues of approach should be continuous, with emphasis placed on early morning and late evening hours and during the dark phase of the moon.
- d. Post Attack Actions:
- (1) Areas of impact and launch sites should be inspected by EOD personnel and other personnel with knowledge of rocket characteristics.
  - (2) Inspection of impact areas by crater analysis teams could provide information of intelligence value, to include type of rocket fired, use of new rockets and type of fuse used.
  - (3) Inspection of launch sites provides information as to:
    - (a) Location of launch sites.
    - (b) Type of launcher used.
    - (c) Number of launch sites used.
    - (d) Effectiveness of countermeasures, which can be evidenced when the enemy is unable to fire rockets that are found in the launch site or it's vicinity.
  - (4) Caution should be observed by personnel when rockets are discovered since the enemy sometimes booby traps items or rockets left unfired in the launching area, or the area itself may be booby trapped.
  - (5) EOD personnel should be summoned to the launching site when rockets are discovered.
  - (6) Pictures of launching sites should be taken when appropriate.

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Appendix 1: Probable Launch Areas

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1 (Rocket and Mortar Launch Areas) to ANNEX A (Intel) to OPORD 5-69

Based on the terrain, weapons range, and past used rocket launch sites, the following areas are considered the most likely to be used by the enemy in preparation of future rocket/mortar attacks against the Chu Lai Defense Command (CLDC) and the Americal Division Headquarters.

a. Possible Rocket Launch Areas

(corner coordinates given)

BT4107	BT4602	BT5097	BT5195
BT4306	BT4698	BT5096	BT5194
BT4406	BT4699	BT5596	BT5294
BT4502	BT4398	BT5397	BT4303
BT6397	BT6501	BT6701	BT6698

b. Possible Mortar Positions Areas (corner coordinates given)

BT5901	BT5002	BT5702	BT5112
BT6101	BT5202	BT4903	BT5012
BT6199	BT5300	BT5001	
BT5999	BT5000	BT4800	

2. During the conduct of aerial reconnaissance and patrols, detail search and surveillance should be effected in the areas stated above.

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Annex B (Fire Support) to OPORD 4-70

Reference: 198th Inf Bde OPORD 4-70

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A to OPORD 4-70

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) Americal Division conducts defense of vital installations in TAORI.

(2) Chu Lai Defense Command (CLDC) conducts passive defensive measures within boundaries.

(3) Americal Division Artillery provides target acquisition support and reinforcing/supporting fires as required.

(4) 7th Air Force provides tactical air support in and on approaches to the rocket belt.

(5) Artillery Support:

1-14 Arty

3-16 Arty (-)

3-18 Arty (-)

1-82 Arty (-)

Elements G/35 Arty (AD)

Elements 3/C/29 Arty (SLT)

251st FA Radar Detachment

2. MISSION:

198th Inf Bde defends vital installations within the TAORI against rocket/mortar attack.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Maneuver: 198th Inf Bde defends Chu Lai installation from Rocket/Mortar attack with two battalions conducting continuous combat operations in the TAORI.

(2) Fire Support: All fire support units give priority to counter rocket/counter mortar fires.

b. Air Support: Tactical air support through 198th Bde 53 Air. Allocated by I Corps DABO.

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Artillery Support:

(1) General: Artillery supports by scheduled and on-call fires on known and suspected enemy launch sites.

(2) Organization for Combat.

a FA

1-14 Arty: DS 198th Bde

3-16 Arty (-): GSR 1-14 Arty

1-32 Arty (-): GSR 1-14 Arty

3-18 Arty (-): GS Americal Division, fires available in request.

251st FA Radar Detachment: GS Americal Division, priority of operation in Chu Lai rocket belt.

b ADA

Elements G/15 Arty: Protect FSE by direct fire, provide scheduled and on-call indirect fires.

Elements 3/G/29 Arty: Provide illumination on and around FSB and Chu Lai installation.

(3) Miscellaneous:

a. Counter rocket/counter mortar fires have priority over all missions except support of troops in contact. Priorities further go to fires on positively identified launch sites.

b. GSR units schedule fires in the rocket belt at request of 1-14 Arty.

c. Americal Division Artillery schedules fires on approaches to the rocket belt nightly.

d. Intensity of scheduled fires is determined daily based on natural illumination and predicted enemy threat.

e. 1-14 Arty pre-clears on call fires to be fired in response to actual attack. These "Antarctic" fires are initiated by FSE or 198th Inf Bde upon confirmation of attack.

d. Aviation Support: 16th CAG provides helicopter gunships and Flareships for resistance and surveillance of the rocket belt, scheduled by Americal Division G3 or on call through Bde G3 to DTCC.

e. Naval Support: CG 70.8.9 provides Naval Gun Fire support on request through J2.

f. Coordination Instructions:

(1) Forward Artillery coordination and liaison in effect.

(2) Re-requests for additional fire support coordinated by the Arty Liaison Officer:

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21	Chemical O, 198th Inf Bde
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23	PMO, Americal Division
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Reference: a. OPORD 4-70 4-3 Inf.  
b. Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; Series L7014: Sheets  
6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

(C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

A/4-3 Inf	Bn Control
B/4-3 Inf	Hvy Mort Plat
D/4-3 Inf	GS Section
R/4-3 Inf	1 Section G/55 Arty

1. (C) SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces: Annex A: Intelligence Overlay.
- b. Friendly Forces: No change.
- c. Attachments and Detachments: C/4-3 Inf OPCON 3-1 Inf.

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf repositions companies and conducts operations to destroy VC/NVA forces in AO.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Maneuver: Co A conducts combat assault from FSB SAN JUAN to LZ vic BS700310 290900 Jun 70; conducts multiple squad patrols and ambushes in AO ANTHILL thereafter. Co B moves by foot march from Sector EAGLE to FSB SAN JUAN commencing 290700 Jun 70; conducts training and provides security thereafter. Co D continues current mission. Recon Plat continues current mission.

(2) Fires:

- (a) An artillery LZ prep will be fired for Co A commencing H - 10.
- (b) Priority of fires to Co A initially.

b. Co A:

- (1) Conduct multiple squad patrols and ambushes in Sector GREEN.
- (2) Be prepared to conduct multiple squad patrols and ambushes in Sector BLUE on order.
- (3) Be prepared to conduct multiple squad patrols and ambushes in Sector YELLOW on order.
- (4) Be prepared to conduct extraction from PZ vic BS705339 upon completion of operation.

c. Co B:

(1) Be prepared to provide an Immediate Reaction Force of one platoon within 30 minutes. Company (-) constitutes Ready Reaction Force for commitment in AO within 60 minutes.

(2) Priority for Reaction Forces: AO DRIFTER.

(3) Priority of work and training: TBA.

d. Co D:

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e. Recon Plat:

f. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Loudspeakers will not be installed or used with AN PRC 77/25 radios.

(2) Trip flares will not be carried.

(3) Steel helmets will be worn.

(4) A minimum of 3 mech AP's consisting of at least 2 claymores per mech AP will be emplaced per squad.

## 4. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS:

a. Administration: Leaders will insure an adequate quantity of malaria pills and salt tablets are carried and used by their men.

b. Logistics:

(1) Resupply: 3 day basis. Water and emergency items only.

(2) Class I. LRRP rations only.

(3) One additional LRRP ration will be carried as emergency supply.

## 5. COMMAND and SIGNAL:

a. Command: No change.

b. Signal:

(1) CA/Air move frequency: Hvy Mort Plat.

(2) Report locations hourly or every 1000 meters, whichever occurs first.

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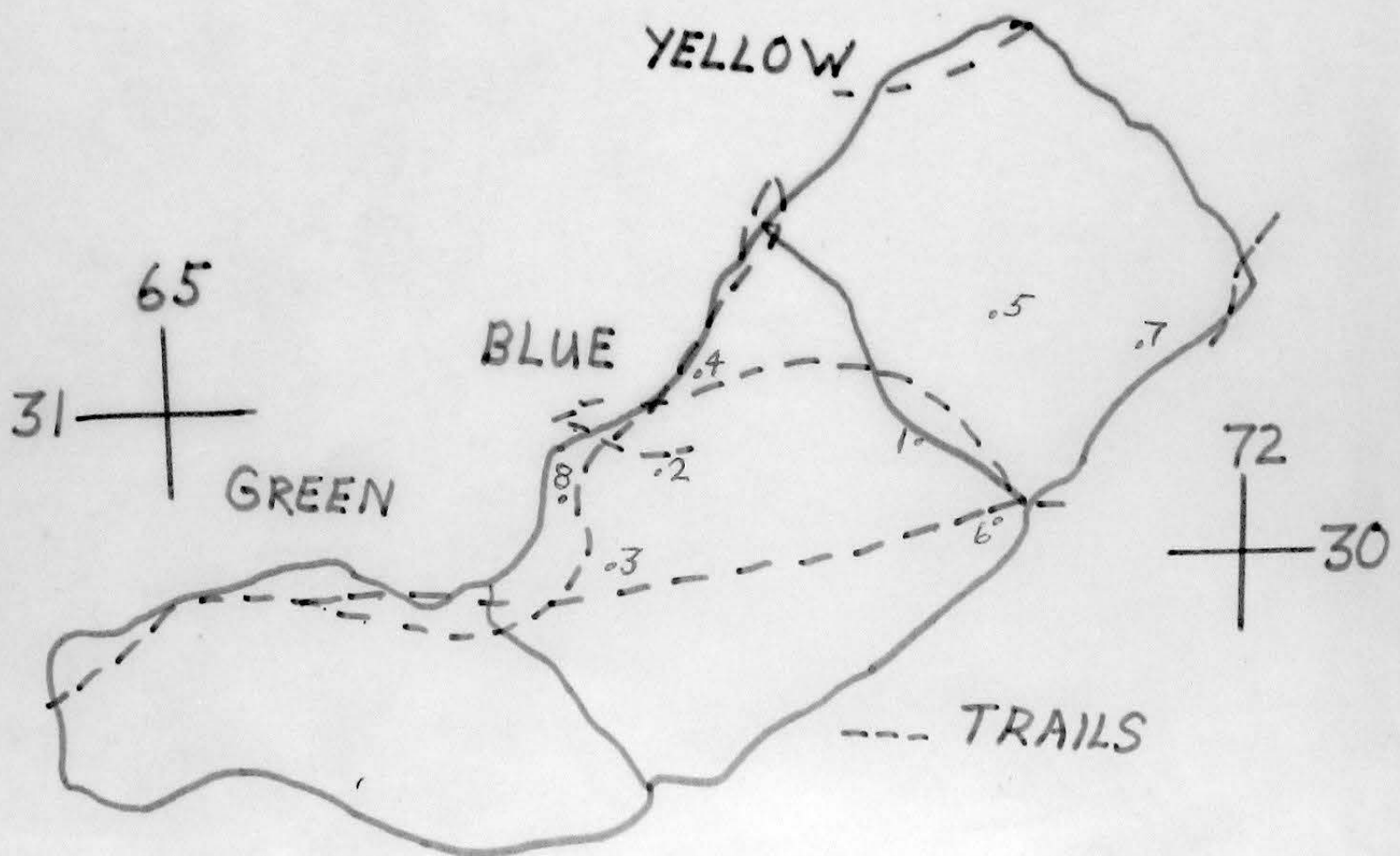
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--- TRAILS

1. BS699306 21 May 70 RI & destroyed 1x26 frag booby trap w/trip wire
2. BS681307 25 May 70 RI & destroyed booby trapped 60mm mortar rd
3. BS679300 25 May 70 RI 2 huts
4. BS683312 23 May 70 RI 1x bunker w/obs & 1x old trail running N-S
5. BS704316 22 May 70 Eng 1 NVA, rec- 1 NVA KIA
6. BS703302 22 May 70 Eng 3 VC/NVA on trail, rec- 1 NVA KIA
7. BS713313 23 May 70 RI fresh rice paddies w/dams and fences
8. BS675305 26 May 70 Eng 1 VC/NVA in tree, rec- fell out of tree and evaded
9. Elements of the 403d Sapper Bn and support units are located to the East and Southwest of AO Anthill with well used commo/supply routes passing thru the AO.

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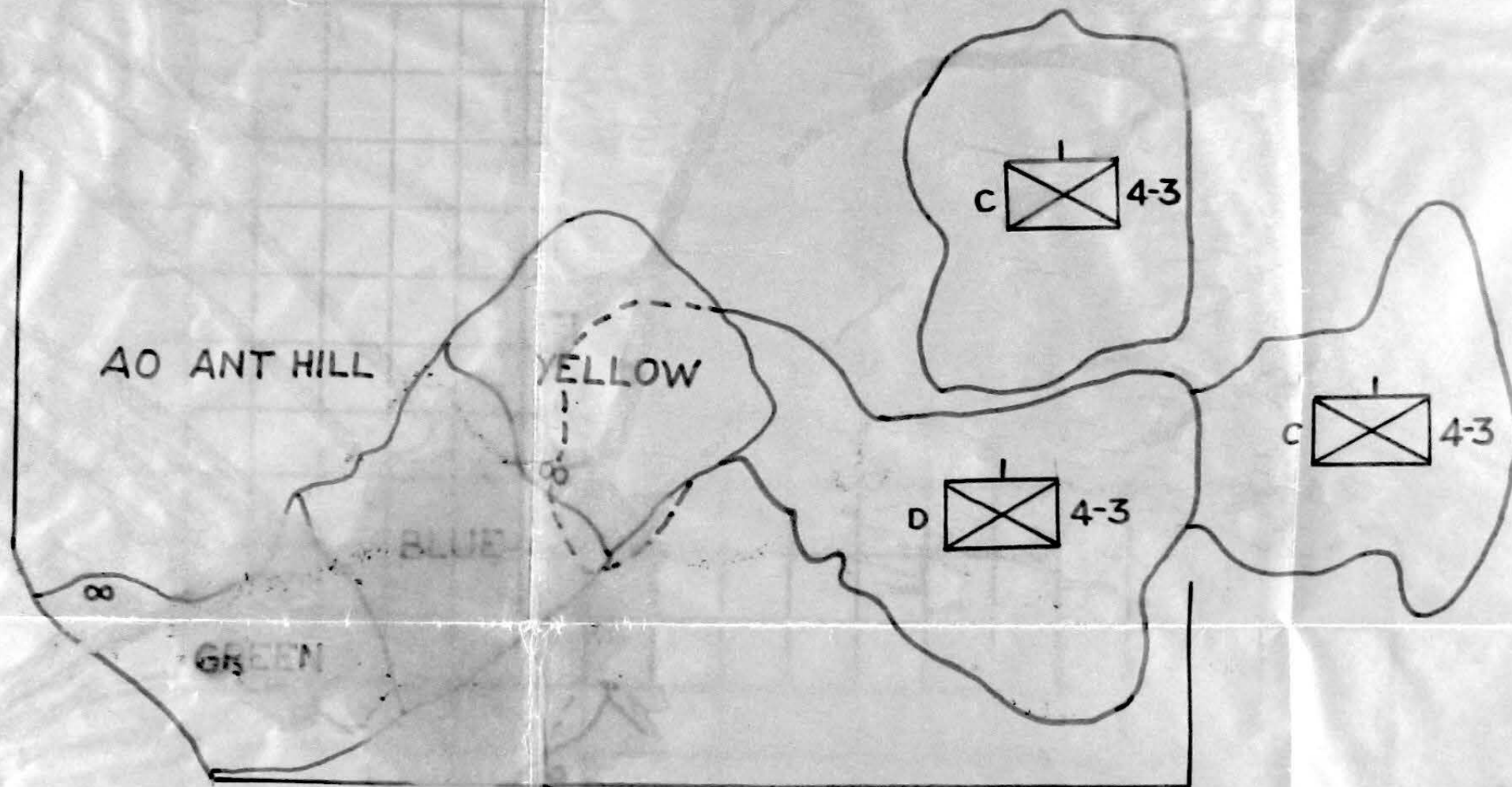
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(C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

A/4-3 Inf	Bn Control
B/4-3 Inf	Hvy Mort Plat
C/4-3 Inf	GS Section
D/4-3 Inf	
A/1-20 Inf	
R/4-3 Inf	

1. (C) SITUATION:

- a. Friendly Forces: No change.
- b. Enemy Forces: Annex A (Intelligence Overlay).
- c. Attachments and Detachments:

(1) A/1-20 Inf released from OPCON upon completion of CA to 1-20 Inf AO 06 Jul 70.

(2) Co C/4-3 Inf released from OPCON 3-1 Inf 060600 Jul 70.

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf repositions maneuver elements and conducts operations to destroy VC/NVA forces in AO.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

- a. Concept of Operation: Annex B (Operations Overlay).

(1) Phase I:

(a) Maneuver: Co A conducts CA from PZ vic BS493437 to LZ vic BS700310 060700 Jul 70; conducts multiple squad patrols and ambushes in AO ARGOSY thereafter. Co B conducts extraction from PZ vic BS483333 060830 Jul 70 and air moves to FSB SAN JUAN; conducts special training and provides security thereafter. Co C conducts extraction from PZ TBA 061000 Jul 70 and airmoves to FSB BRONCO; conducts special training thereafter. Co D conducts CA from PZ vic BS505424 to LZ vic BS748328 060745 Jul 70; conducts multiple squad patrols and ambushes, and destroys enemy crops in AO DANIEL thereafter. Co A/1-20 Inf conducts CA from PZ vic BS505424 to LZ TBA 060915 Jul 70; reverts to OPCON 1-20 Inf upon completion of air move. Recon Plat conducts stay behind ambush on MCP CADET. MCP CADET closed 06 Jul 70; Bn FWD CP conducts air move to FSB SAN JUAN commencing 060700 Jul 70.

(b) Fires:

1 A 10 minute Artillery Prep will be fired for all CA LZ's.

2 Suppressive fires will be placed on suspected enemy locations prior to all extractions.

3 Priority of fires to Co A initially; upon completion of Co A CA, priority to Co D.

(c) Co A:

(d) Co B:

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1 Provide one platoon as Immediate Reaction Force for commitment within 30 minutes. Company (-) constitutes Ready Reaction Force for commitment within 60 minutes.

2 Priority for Reaction Force: AO ARGOSY and AO DANIEL, in that order.

3 Priority of work and training: TBA.

(e) Co C:

1 Provide IRF and RRF as described in sub para 1 above.

2 Priority for Reaction Forces: AO ARGOSY and AO DANIEL, in that order.

3 Priority for work and training: TBA.

(f) Co D:

(g) Co A/1-20 Inf: Secure Co E PZ.

(h) Recon Plat: Be prepared to conduct extraction from FSB CADET and air move to FSB SAN JUAN after BMNT 8 Jul 70.

(2) Phase II:

(a) Maneuver: Co A conducts extraction from PZ vic BS686301 and air moves to FSB SAN JUAN 100900 Jul 70; conducts special training and provides security thereafter. Co B conducts airmove from FSB SAN JUAN to LZ vic BS700310 100930 Jul 70; relieves Co D in place; conducts squad ambushes and searches in AO DANIEL thereafter. Co C conducts CA from FSB BRONCO to LZ vic BS748305 100700 Jul 70; conducts multiple squad ambushes and searches in AO CRUISER thereafter. Co D conducts air move from PZ vic BS700310 100930 Jul 70 to FSB BRONCO; conducts special training thereafter. Recon Plat assists in security of FSB SAN JUAN.

(b) Fires:

1 A 10 minute Artillery Prep will be fired on Co C LZ commencing H - 10.

2 Suppressive fires will be placed on suspected enemy locations around Co A PZ commencing H - 15.

3 Priority of fires to Co C initially.

(c) Co A:

1 Provide one platoon as Immediate Reaction Force for commitment within 30 minutes. Company (-) constitutes Ready Reaction Force for commitment within 60 minutes.

2 Priority for Reaction Forces: AO CRUISER.

3 Priority of work and training: TBA.

(d) Co B: On order move to and secure BS688327.

(e) Co C:

(f) Co D:

1 Provide IRF and RRF as described in sub para 1 above.

2 Priority for Reaction Forces: AO CRUISER.

(g) Recon Plat:

b. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) A minimum of 3 mech AP's will be emplaced per squad.
- (2) Mech AP's will consist of at least 2 claymore mines.
- (3) Loudspeakers will not be installed on AN/PRC 25-77 radios.
- (4) Steel helmets will be worn.

4. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS:

a. Administration:

- (1) Company Commanders will insure adequate supplies of salt

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tablets and malaria pills are available. Roster check-off system will be used to administer malaria pills.

(2) Backhaul of personnel from field on Bn CO approval only.

b. Logistics:

(1) Resupply: 3 day basis (100% LRRP's).

(2) Essential items only will be ordered on resupply.

(3) One extra ration will be carried as emergency supply.

5. COMMAND and SIGNAL:

a. Command:

(1) Aerial CP will be manned commencing 060630 Jul 70 until completion of all airmoves 06 Jul 70.

(2) Forward CP established at FSB SAN JUAN upon arrival of Bn CO.

b. Signal:

(1) Locations reported hourly or every 1000 meters, whichever occurs first.

(2) CA/Air move frequency: Hvy Mort Plat.

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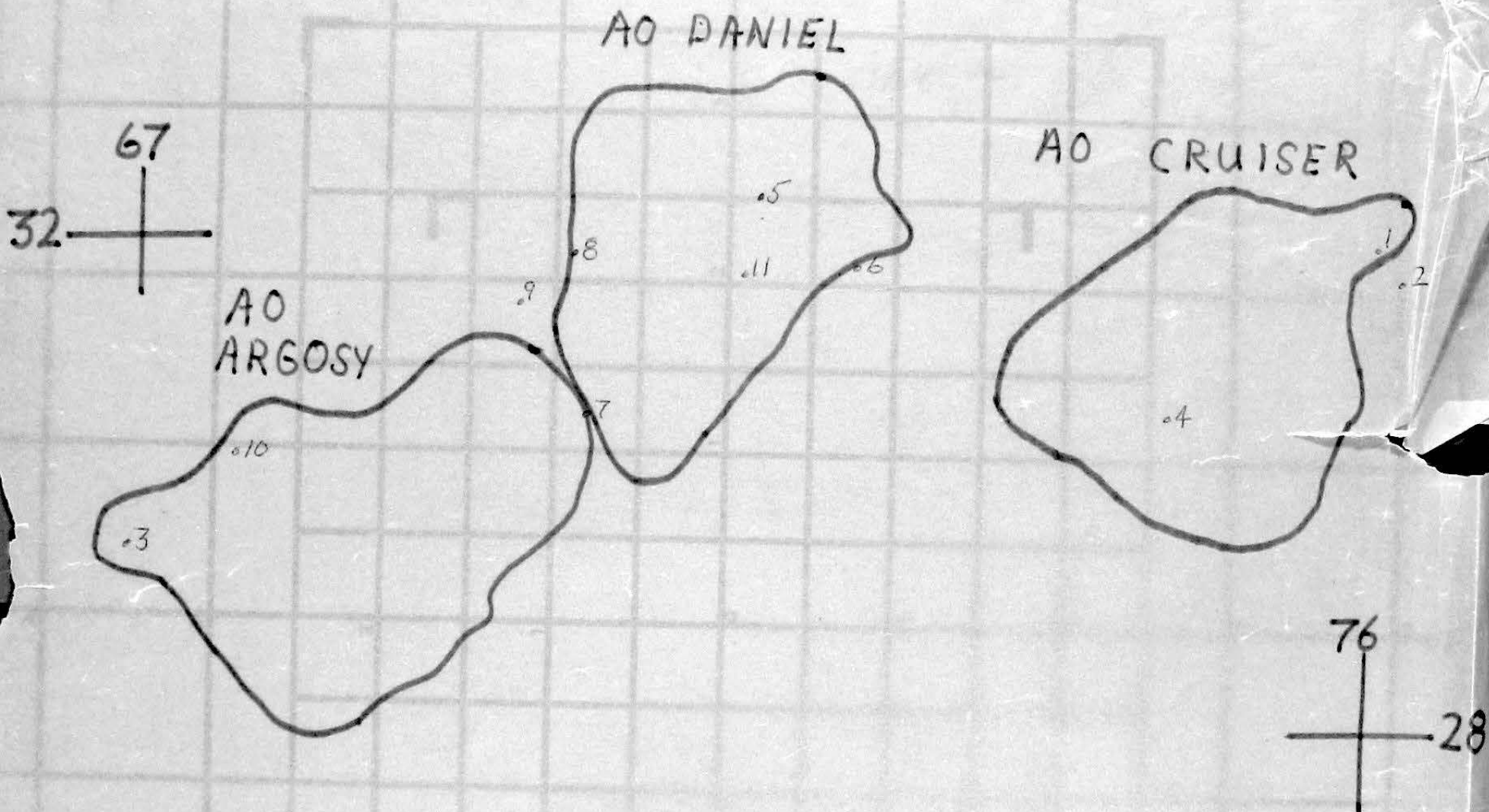
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1. BS761321 05 Jun 70 2 x KIA, VC/NVA
2. BS763314 06 Jun 70 2 x VC/NVA KIA
3. BS669296 24 Jun 70 2 x VC/NVA KIA
4. BS745304 06 Jun 70 PD 7 x huts
5. BS717321 04 Jun 70 PD 4 x huts
6. BS722317 02 Jun 70 PD 3 x huts
7. BS703305 27 Jun 70 3 NVA KIA
8. BS702318 22 May 70 1 VC/NVA KIA
9. BS699314 21 May 70 1 NVA KIA
10. BS677302 25 May 70 PD 2 x huts
11. BS715316 24 May 70 PD 4 x huts

12. Trails in these areas have been used extensively by the enemy and MAP's placed on these trails have been successful.

At least 1 company of the 403d Sapper Bn is probably located in or just North of AQ Cruiser.

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6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

(C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

A/4-3 Inf	Bn Control
B/4-3 Inf	Hvy Mort Plat
C/4-3 Inf	GS Section
D/4-3 Inf	
R/4-3 Inf	

1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Friendly Forces: No change.

b. Enemy Forces: Interdiction of the enemy's communications and supply route along the battalion's southern boundary has forced him to shift farther south in order to transport food, information and troops between coastal and interior areas. Indications are that NUOC DINH VALLEY now comprises their main communications route. Heavy cultivation of the area indicates its use as a food production and rear service support area. Intelligence sources currently locate the NVA 403d Sapper Bn (400 men) to the west of this area. Additionally, documents captured from enemy casualties north of AO CATHY indicate the presence of 1st Co, 403d Sapper Bn (60 men) in that area.

c. Attachments and Detachments: 1 squad engineers, attached Co B for mine sweep operations on TFSB JEFF effective 140900 Jul 70.

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf establishes Temporary Fire Base, and conducts operations in 11th Inf Bde Recon Zone to locate and destroy VC/NVA Forces.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Maneuver: (Annex A: Operations Overlay). Bn CP established on TFSB JEFF vic BS688326 commencing 150700 Jul 70. Co A conducts CA from FSB SAN JUAN to LZ vic BS663282 151000 Jul 70; conducts multiple squad searches and ambushes along Axis ANDY thereafter. Co B occupies TFSB JEFF 140800; secures TFSB JEFF thereafter. Co C conducts multiple squad patrols and ambushes in AO CATHY commencing 151000 Jul 70. Co D conducts CA from FSB SAN JUAN to LZ vic BS728312 151000 Jul 70; conducts multiple squad searches and ambushes in AO DORIS thereafter. Recon Plat conducts multiple ambushes and employs sniper teams in AO REPRISE.

(2) Fires:

(a) A 10 minute Artillery Prep will be fired on all LZ's.

(b) Priorities of fire 15 Jul 70: Co D initially. Co A upon completion of Co D assault.

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b. Co A: Be prepared to conduct multiple squad searches and ambushes in AO ANDY.

c. Co B:

(1) Secure mine sweep operations on TFSB JEFF 140900 Jul 70.

(2) Be prepared to provide platoon size IRF for deployment to AO within 30 minutes. Co (-) constitutes RRF for commitment within 60 minutes.

(3) Priority for Reaction Forces: AO DORIS, AO CATHY & AXIS ANDY, in that order.

d. Co C:

(1) Conduct multiple squad searches and ambushes in Sector BROWN initially.

(2) On order conduct multiple squad searches and ambushes in Sector BLUE.

e. Co D:

(1) Conduct multiple squad searches and ambushes in Sector YELLOW initially.

(2) On order conduct multiple squad searches and ambushes in Sector GREY.

f. Recon Plat:

(1) A minimum of two sniper teams will be employed.

(2) Sniper teams will consist of two snipers and two riflemen to provide security.

g. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Mech AP's:

(a) 3 mech AP's will be employed per squad.

(b) Mech AP's will consist of at least 2 claymore mines.

(c) Mech AP's will be used as separate offensive ambushes.

(2) Steel helmets will be worn.

(3) Loudspeakers will not be installed on AN/PRC 25 - 77 radios.

(4) A record of all unmapped trails, structures and water sources will be maintained by unit commanders for submission to S2 4-3 Inf.

(5) Gunships will not be employed without specific approval by Bn CO or S3.

## 4. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS:

a. Administration: Personnel will not leave field locations without prior approval by Bn CO.

b. Logistics:

(1) Resupply: 3 day basis (100% LRRPS).

(2) One extra LRRP ration will be carried as emergency supply.

## 5. COMMAND and SIGNAL:

a. Command:

(1) Bn CP will remain at FSB SAN JUAN until MCP TOC has established radio communications with higher subordinate units.

(2) Aerial CP will be manned commencing 150930 Jul 70 until completion of all CA's.

(3) Forward CP established on FSB JEFF upon arrival of Bn CO.

b. Signal:

(1) Locations reported hourly or every 1000 meters, whichever occurs first.

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- (2) CA frequency: Hvy Mort Plat.
- (3) Air Move frequency: 4-3 Inf A/G.

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OPORD 9-70 (RICE DENIAL) (U)

References: a. MAP, VIETNAM, 1:50,000, Series L607, Sheets 6638I, 6638IV, 6639I - III, 6738I.

b. 23d Infantry Division OPORD 11-70, 4 Nov 70

c. 23d Infantry Division Reg 525-6 (C), Herbicide Operations (U) dtd 11 Jul 70.

Task Organization. Current Task Organization.

TIME TONE: HOTEL

1. (C) SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) Annex A, Intelligence.

(2) Current INTSUMS.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 23 Infantry Division continues current operations. In cooperation and coordination with RVNAF and other GVN agencies, supports rice denial operations in Quang Tin and Quang Ngai Provinces to deny the enemy access to supplies of rice, foodstuffs, and salt; finds and removes to GVN control those stores of rice, foodstuffs, and salt he has already accumulated; eliminates those areas where the enemy has initiated self production of foodstuffs; maintains a reaction force for recovery of rice captured from the enemy and to support check point operations, and plans for and conducts crop destruction operations for crops that cannot be secured.

(2) 11th Infantry Brigade continues current operations; conducts rice and food denial operations in zone.

(3) 196th Infantry Brigade continues current operations; conducts rice and food denial operations in zone.

(4) 6th ARVN Regiment and ARVN territorial forces continue current operations and in coordination with 198th Infantry Brigade conduct rice and food denial operations in 198th Infantry Brigade/6th ARVN Regiment TAOR.

c. Attachments and Detachments. Task organization.

2. (c) MISSION

198th Infantry Brigade continues current operations. In cooperation and

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coordination with RWIF and other GVN agencies, supports rice denial operations in Quang Tin and Quang Ngai Provinces to deny enemy access to supplies of rice, foodstuffs, and salt; finds and removes to GVN control those stores of rice, foodstuffs, and salt he has already accumulated; eliminates those areas where the enemy has initiated self-production of foodstuffs; maintains a reaction force for recovery of rice captured from the enemy and to support check point operations, and plans for and conducts crop destruction operations for crops that cannot be secured.

## 3. (C) EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. 198th Infantry Brigade rice and food denial operations will supplement rice and food denial operations of GVN forces. 198th Infantry Brigade continues current operations and in conjunction with GVN forces conducts food denial operations to protect rice harvests, insure positive GVN control of harvested rice, interdict enemy supply lines/LOC's, destroy rice and foodstuff gathering parties, and return to GVN control those foodstuffs captured from the enemy. Enemy rear service and production unit forces will be targeted to further the goal of destroying his food supply. This will be a continuing operation to reduce the enemy's ability to conduct sustained combat operations and will be conducted in three phases:

### (1) Phase I (Pre-Rice Harvest)

(a) 198th Infantry Brigade and GVN Forces continue current operations to include operations along enemy supply routes into populated areas.

(b) Territorial Forces provide population security and continue to identify and eliminate VC/VCI to preclude rice collection by enemy forces.

(c) 198th Infantry Brigade and GVN Force commanders coordinate the conduct of enemy crop destruction operations with appropriate GVN Civil Officials to control the natural resources within their area of responsibility.

### (2) Phase II (Rice Harvest)

(a) 198th Infantry Brigade and GVN Forces continue current operations while conducting saturation patrols and ambushes to deny the enemy access to rice producing areas.

(b) Territorial Forces provide population security, continue to conduct operations against the VC/VCI and provide protection for rice storage sites. During Phases II and III, 198th Infantry Brigade and GVN Forces maintain the capability of providing fire support and reaction forces to recover rice captured by the enemy and to support check point operations.

### (3) Phase III (Post Rice Harvest)

(a) 198th Infantry Brigade and GVN Forces conduct search operations in suspected enemy base camp areas and along known and suspected enemy infiltration and supply routes to destroy enemy rice carrying parties and confiscate



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his rice caches.

b. 1-6 Inf Bn .

- (1) Continue current operations.
- (2) Find and return to GVN control enemy food supplies in eastern Binh Son and Son Tinh Districts.

c. 5-46 Inf Bn :

- (1) Continue current operations.
- (2) Find and return to GVN control enemy food supplies vicinity of western Ly Tin and southern Tam Ky Districts.
- (3) Deny the enemy use of his LOC's in the area west of Ky Tra.

d. 1-52 Inf Bn .

- (1) Continue current operations.
- (2) Find and return to GVN control enemy food supplies vicinity of western Son Tin and Binh Son Districts.
- (3) Prohibit the enemy freedom of movement in the Horseshoe Area SW of OP 1 and the Song Tra Khuc corridor south of Stinson by interdicting his infiltration routes and disrupting his logistical systems.

e. H/17 Cavalry: Continue current operations.

f. B/26 Engineers: Continue current operations.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Direct coordination between commanders is authorized.
- (2) Coordinate with District officials to determine:
  - (a) Areas to be harvested and the harvest schedule.
  - (b) Routes to be used to transport rice to storage areas.
  - (c) Storage area locations and procedures for positive control of storage areas, to include defense plans.
  - (d) Procedures to be used in identifying enemy rice caches as opposed to family rice storage areas.
- (3) Requests for the use of herbicides for crop destruction will be coordinated through the Brigade Chemical Officer.

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(4) Request destruction of garden plots and isolated crops in areas approved for Herbicide Operations.

(5) The 1971 Herbicide Program will be distributed when approved both politically and militarily.

(6) Deny enemy access to known procurement villages and hamlets.

(7) In conjunction with GVN Forces, secure and protect rice harvest areas.

(8) Interdict known enemy lines of communication.

(9) Conduct PSYOPS in accordance with App 1 (PSYOPS) to Annex B, (Civil-Military Operations).

(10) Increase operations in and around rice-producing areas during harvests; intercept and destroy enemy rice and food gathering, carrying, and taxing parties; increase the use of saturation patrols, night ambushes, and mechanical ambushes to deny the enemy access to food production areas.

(12) Intensify surveillance and intelligence-gathering operations to determine enemy LOC's and food caches. Special attention will be placed on inland waterways.

(13) Be prepared to provide a reaction force for protection of GVN controlled rice storage areas.

(14) Units will submit supporting orders to this HQ NLT 30 days after receipt.

(15) This is a general rice denial plan not related to any one specific harvest period. Rice denial operations will be conducted on a continuing basis and will be oriented to the applicable phase of the rice harvest as outlined in this OPORD.

(16) Enemy use of subsistence items and the location of enemy production areas are outlined in Appendix 1, to Annex A (Intelligence). Changes in subsistence items and locations of enemy production areas will be recorded by this HQ's and forwarded to subordinate units on a continuing basis.

4. (U) SERVICE SUPPORT. Current SOP

5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL

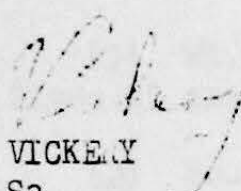
- a. Signal. Current SOI index in effect.
- b. Brigade CP at Chu Lai.

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ANNEX A (INTELLIGENCE) to 198th Infantry Brigade OPORD 9-70 (RICE DENIAL) (U)

Reference: Same as Basic OPORD

1. (C) Summary of Enemy Situation.

- a. Current 23d Infantry Division INTSUMS.
- b. Current 2d ARVN Division INTSUMS
- c. Current 198th Infantry Brigade INTSUMS
- d. Letter, AVDF-GB, HQ 23d Infantry Division, 9 August 1970, SUBJECT: Enemy utilization of subsistence Items(U)

2. (C) Essential Elements of Information (EEI)

a. Essential elements of Information

(1) Where are the enemy base camps, caches, food production areas, and lines of communications (LOC)?

(2) How, where, and during what period of the day, will the enemy transport the rice he obtains?

b. Other Intelligence Requirements

(1) What security will the enemy provide for his rice collection efforts? His carrying parties? His caches?

(2) What methods and techniques will the enemy use to obtain rice? Where will he attempt to buy rice? Where will he use taxation? Where will he confiscate it?

(3) When will the enemy begin his rice collection efforts?

(4) What routes will the enemy follow to enter and exit rice producing areas? When will they be used?

3. (C) Intelligence Acquisition Tasks

a. Report as obtained all information which satisfies EEI.

b. Obtain and forward 5-pound samples of rice from each cache discovered. If cache contains different types of rice, forward a sample of each. Samples will be tagged to indicate time and date of capture, capturing unit, coordinate, location, estimate of total amount from which sample is taken, and disposition of cache, e.g., removed to district HQ, etc. Rice samples will be forwarded to the Combined Material Exploitation Center, Building 614, Tan Son Nhut Air Base through logistical channels as prescribed in 198th Infantry Brigade SOP.

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c. Enemy rice routes, resupply villages, caches and logistical areas are at Tab A and B, Appendix 1. Report as obtained all additional information pertaining to enemy rice collection activities.

4. (U) Measures for Handling Personnel, Documents, and Material.

a. Intelligence Annex, 198th Infantry Brigade SOP.

b. Message from Commanding General, 23d Infantry Division, SUBJECT: Captured Material and Food Supplies (U), dated 021008Z Aug 70.

5. (U) Documents and/or equipment required. 198th Infantry Brigade SOP.

6. (U) Counterintelligence. 198th Infantry Brigade SOP.

7. (U) Reports and Distribution.

a. 198th Infantry Brigade SOP.

b. Maximum use of Brigade Intelligence Secure Net will be made for the timely reporting of all information.

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APPENDIX 1 (ENEMY UTILIZATION OF SUBSISTENCE ITEMS) to ANNEX A (INTELLIGENCE)  
TO 198TH INFANTRY BRIGADE OPORD 9-70 (RICE DENIAL)(U)

1. (U) GENERAL: Rice is the most important staple crop in South Vietnam. One of the primary objectives in the conquest in SVN by the North Vietnamese is the possession of the rich rice lands of the country.

a. Of all the rice grown in SVN, MRI accounts for only about 10%. Although this percentage is slight compared to the rest of the country, the individual amounts are substantial. In 1968, Quang Tin (P) produced 59,000 tons of rice. Quang Ngai (P) produces even more: 158,000 tons in 1968. Binh Son (D) in 1969 accounted for 990 tons.

b. This rice is grown for the most part by two methods: Single transplant method is the most common, as well as the traditional way to grow the plant. It is inexpensive, fast, simple, and produces a good quality product. "Slash and burn" farming, on the other hand, is the more primitive method. It is not nearly as productive and does not result in as good quality rice, but it is an acceptable way to produce rice in areas that do not have rich paddies. In general, there are two harvest periods in the Brigade TAOI: April and August. Some regions on the coast manage a third crop in October.

2. (C) Enemy dependence upon locally grown rice and foodstuffs: To a large degree the NVA/MF Units are dependent upon locally-grown subsistence items. There are several reasons for dependence. The first of these is the inherent difficulties in transporting food from NVN, through Laos, and into the Brigade AO, by the enemy's primitive means. Once inside SVN, all supplies are moved either by foot, bicycle, or sampan, and take roughly three weeks to cross to the coast. Although some food supplies do come by this route, they comprise only a fraction of the enemy's requirements. Realizing this, the enemy issues its regular army units a subsistence allowance with which it is expected to purchase food.

3. (C) Areas from which the enemy procures food: There are several key areas from which the enemy obtains a major portion of his food. Two are:

a. Tam Ky (D), Quang Tin (P); This district supplies subsistence items to those NVA elements which operate in the area and the Quang Tin (P) Forces.

b. Binh Son/Son Tinh (D), Quang Ngai (P); these two districts produce rice for elements of the Quang Ngai (P) Force.

4. (C) Methods used by the enemy to procure rice: The means used by the enemy to obtain his food can generally be classified into three groups:

a. Confiscation: The enemy uses several methods that can best be described as forms of confiscation. These range from the pure forms of confiscation to the more refined methods, such as taxation. The SVN people are taxed by the enemy according to a percentage of the total crop or according to the number of people in the family.

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b. Purchase: Utilizing their subsistence allowance from higher HQ, the enemy often purchases food from the local populace. Ideally, the payment scale depends on the social class and political sympathies of the seller, although recently the most common means of payment has been with bonds redeemable upon victory of NVN.

c. Self-production: Directives from MR-5 have stated that all rear service units in secure areas are to strive to become self sufficient in the production of food. Recently, this directive has been extended so that now the rear service units not only are expected to feed themselves, but also to send food to the front-line combat units. The eventual objective is to become independent of the coastal plains as a source of food. In line with the same objective, the enemy is gradually moving his trans-shipment points farther west, and breaking his caches into smaller but more numerous sites. Both of these actions are taken to avoid allied interdiction of enemy LOC's. In order to accomplish the directives of MR-5, all the units in the Brigade AO employ production teams. These teams range from the 3-5 man cells in a Local Force company, up to the two battalions of a Regimental size unit, which do nothing but grow food for the use of the larger forces and for export.

5. (U) Other foodstuffs used by the enemy: These production units grow more than rice. Other common foodstuffs are corn, manioc, and potatoes, all of which are produced in the Brigade TAOI. The exact amounts produced are not known. Such vegetables are used as substitutes and/or supplements for the basic ration of rice.

6. (C) Enemy usage of salt: Another foodstuff important to the enemy is salt. The salt comes from all along the coast. The enemy's consumption of salt is not known; however, the average platoon is issued 70 kg of salt per month. One of the enemy's uses for the product is as medium of exchange. It is often used as payment for work done by the local people for the enemy.

7. Transportation methods used by the enemy: Once the food has been obtained, the enemy uses several methods to transport the rice to his base area. In some instances, the using unit will send elements directly to the seller/supplier to obtain the food and return it to the parent unit. Another common method is for the VCI who sells or supplies food to the enemy to transport it to a temporary cache. Civilian laborers would be used to transport the food to this cache. Tactical units would then send rear service elements to pick up rice from the cache, or NVA transportation units would pick it up to carry it inland.

8. (C) Enemy consumption of rice: MACV J-2 uses the following figures as guidelines for enemy rice consumption; one pound per man per day as a reduced ration; one and one half pounds per man per day as a full ration.

a. An example of the maximum rations per man per month was given by a PW from Pleiku (P) in March 1970; 15kg of rice, 500 g of pork, 1 kg fish, 1 kg of peas, and 1 kg of sugar. If other vegetables were available, they would be divided equally within the unit.

b. A circular from MR-5 that became effective 1 Jan 70 dealt with the vari-

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ious types of allowance including the following:

(1) Monthly rice allowance:

(a) 15 kg of rice and 6 kg of rice substitutes for each member of a MF or transportation unit.

(b) 12 kg of rice and 6 kg of rice substitutes for each member of a LF unit and workers.

(2) Monthly food allowance:

(a) 504 \$VN for each high level or intermediate cadre.

(b) 420 \$VN for each low level cadre.

(c) 300 \$VN for each member and worker.

(3) Monthly incidental allowance: 50 \$VN per person

(4) Clothing allowance:

(a) 1 uniform and 1 set of pajamas per person per year for military units.

(b) 2 sets of pajamas per person per year for civilian party agencies.

(5) Additional subsistence allowance for patients under treatment at dispensaries; 15 \$VN to 50 \$VN per person per day depending on the degree of sickness.

9. (C) Major resupply routes along which the enemy transports a large percentage of his food:

a. The Song Tra Khuc which leads to Gi Lang area, one of the largest logistical centers in the vicinity.

b. Several routes lead from Tam Ky (D) and Thang Binh (D), Quang Tin (P) into the mountains.

10. (C) If allied forces can prevent the enemy from obtaining locally grown rice and foodstuffs, they have seriously hampered the enemy's ability to wage offensive activity and his will to fight. Once launched on an offensive, the enemy must rely on cached rice and other foodstuffs as he cannot spare the manpower for the production of food. In addition, his organic logistical network cannot efficiently resupply a tactical unit in the field on a daily basis. Consequently, the enemy must stall his attacks until he has acquired enough rice to sustain a prolonged offensive activity, and must cache this rice close to the objective area. In preventing him from collecting food we are not only causing him to expend much needed manpower on production of food, but we are also crippling his offensive endurance.

TABS:

A - Villages used for Food Resupply.

B - Reported Caches and Logistical Areas.

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TAB A (VILLAGES USED FOR FOOD RESERVES) to APPENDIX 1 (ENEMY UTILIZATION OF SUBSISTENCE ITEMS) to ANNEX A (INTELLIGENCE) to 198th INFANTRY BRIGADE OPORD 9-70 (RICE DENIAL).

## QUANG NGAI (P)

### Son Tinh (D)

Son Hoa (V)	BS 691787
Son My (V)	BS 728795
Son Quang (V)	BS 740824
Son Dong (V)	BS 465785
Son Nam (V)	BS 500760
Son Chau (V)	BS 555820

## QUANG TIN (P)

### Ly Tin (D)

Ky Lien (V)	BT 525035
Ky Ha (V)	BT 525098
Ky Hoa (V)	BT 440150
Ky Xuan (V)	BT 490097
Ky Sanh (V)	BT 460045
Ky Khucng (V)	BT 450095
Ky Chanh (V)	BT 397143
Ky Long (V)	BT 235160

### Tam Ky (D)

Ky Ar (V)	BT 205245
Ky Long (V)	BT 235160

### Hau Duc (D)

Phuong Don (V)	BT 160004
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TAB B (REPORTED CACHES AND LOGISTICAL AREAS) to APPENDIX 1 (ENEMY UTILIZATION OF  
OF SUBSISTENCE ITEMS) to ANNEX A (INTELLIGENCE) to 198TH INFANTRY BATTALION  
OFORD 9-70 (RICE DENIAL) (U)

## 1-6 Inf Bn.

1. BS 707922	Rice Cache
2. BS 682812	Rice Cache
3. BS 668930	Rice Cache
4. BS 690837	Rice Cache
5. BS 684824	Rice Cache
6. BS 709896	Rice Cache
7. BS 708863	Rice Cache
8. BS 678926	Rice Cache
9. BS 697927	Rice Cache
10. BS 696924	Rice Cache
11. BS 711843	Rice Cache
12. BS 694937	Rice Cache
13. BS 670864	Rice Cache
14. BS 651956	Rice Cache
15. BS 702858	Rice Cache
16. BS 751843	Salt Cache
17. BS 748828	Salt Cache
18. BS 748855	Rice Cache
19. BS 718922	Rice Cache
20. BS 741821	Salt Cache
21. BS 740820	Rice Cache
22. BS 736821	Salt Cache
23. BS 743794	Salt Cache
24. BS 734813	Rice Cache

## 1-52 Inf Bn

1. BS 523855	Rice Cache
2. BS 554775	Rice Cache
3. BS 551814	Rice Cache
4. BS 270825	Rice and Corn Cache
5. BS 507807	Rice Cache
6. BS 276834	Corn Cache
7. BS 496855	Rice Cache
8. BS 495845	Rice Cache
9. BS 564831	Rice Cache
10. BS 464840	Rice Cache
11. BS 565814	Rice Cache
12. BS 437774	Rice Cache
13. BS 518867	Potato Cache
14. BS 451818	Rice Cache
15. BS 496806	Rice Cache
16. BS 511802	Rice Cache
17. BS 500810	Rice Cache
18. BS 558768	Rice Cache
19. BS 587788	Rice Cache

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52 Inf Bn (CONT'D)

20. BS 461802	Salt Cache
21. BS 434803	Salt Cache
22. BS 506855	Rice Cache
23. BS 406802	Salt Cache
24. BS 513817	Rice Cache
25. BS 560823	Rice Cache
26. BS 504842	Rice Cache
27. BS 590782	Rice Cache
28. BS 422809	Salt Cache
29. BS 534781	Salt Cache
30. BS 534777	Rice Cache
31. BS 550787	Rice Cache
32. BS 553787	Rice Cache
33. BS 547778	Rice Cache
34. BS 483763	Salt Cache
35. BS 430796	VC Trading Station
36. BS 472777	VC Supply Station
37. BS 470770	Production Area
38. BS 457773	Trading Organiztion
39. BS 564790	VC Purchasing Station
40. BS 589790	VC Purchasing Station
41. BS 566769	Rice Cache
42. BS 294804	VC Trading Station
43. BS 306800	VC Transportation Station
44. BS 433799	VC Trading Station
45. BS 516932	VC Liaison Station
46. BS 523928	VC Liaison Station
47. BS 523933	VC Liaison Station
48. BS 354772	VC Hiding and Laison Station

5-46 Inf Bn

1. BT 283103	Rice and Corn Cache
2. BT 332103	Potato Cache
3. BT 262091	Rice Cache
4. BT 289069	Rice Cache
5. BT 334096	Rice and Salt Cache
6. BT 338096	Rice Cache

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ANNEX B (CIVIL-MILITARY OPERATIONS) to 198th Infantry Brigade OPOrd 9-70  
(RICE DENIAL) (U)

## 1. (C) SITUATION

### a. Enemy Forces

#### (1) Current INTSUMS

#### (2) Annex A Intelligence

### b. Friendly Forces.

#### (1) Basic OPOrd

#### (2) MACCORDS staffs and agencies of the GVN

### c. Background

(1) General. Quang Tin and Quang Ngai Province have a long history of being Viet Cong strongholds and contain some of the richer and more productive agricultural areas in MR I. However, the economy of these two provinces show the effect of long struggle.

(2) Population. Quang Tin and Quang Ngai Provinces are divided geographically into a densely populated eastern lowland area and a sparsely populated mountainous area characterized by double and triple canopy jungle. The most current estimates place the population of these two provinces at approximately 1.06 million.

(3) Economics. Currently, both Quang Tin and Quang Ngai provinces are anticipating a sufficient rice harvest to preclude the necessity of importing rice as has been required in the past. This is largely due to the introduction of IR-8 rice.

(4) Production. Quang Ngai annually plants an average of 30,000 hectares of IR-8 rice and 30,000 hectares of local rice. Quang Tin annually plants an average of 15,000 hectares of local rice and 4,000 hectares of IR-8. Local rice produces an average of 1.6 tons per hectares and IR-8 produces an average of 4.0 tons per hectare.

(5) Rice Denial/Control. The VC are obtaining a great deal of their rice from the relatively rich coastal plains. Intensive military operations in the rice harvest areas remain the most effective means of denying rice to the insurgents.

2. (C) MISSION. Coordinate and actively pursue rice denial/control in areas of responsibility by assisting MACCORDS officials and agencies of the GVN prior to, during and after the rice harvest season.

## 3. (C) EXECUTION

### a. Concept of Operations

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(1) Rice denial/control program will be instituted by:

(a) Maximum coordination with officials and agencies of RVN to support the rice denial effort.

(b) Advising and offering of any assistance to officials and agencies of the GVN which would help the rice denial effort or promote US interests in RVN.

1. Maintenance of good civil/military relations.

2. Promotion of rice control measures through administrative rationing procedures

3. Promotion of rice storage at District.

4. Promote rice stockpiles at Brigade Headquarters to meet emergency requirements.

b. Coordinating Instructions: Command channels will be used for civil affairs/civic action matters which affect policy of tactical operations.

4. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: Current SOP.

5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal: Current SOI/SSI in effect.

b. Command: Brigade CP, Chu Lai.

Appendix: 1 Psychological Operations.

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## APPENDIX 1 (PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS) to Annex B (CIVIL-MILITARY OPERATIONS) to 198th Infantry Brigade OPORD 11-70 (RICE DENIAL) (U)

### 1. (C) SITUATION

#### a. Enemy Forces

##### (1) Current INTSUMS

##### (2) Annex A Intelligence

(3) Every harvest season the enemy increases rice gathering activities. Basically, the enemy tries to cache enough rice to sustain logistical support for a significant period. Enemy units are experiencing greater difficulty each harvest season due to a concentrated, systematic effort by RVNAF and US/FWMAF to disrupt and intercept food gathering operations. The following enemy action situations indicate the impact of allied rice denial operations.

(a) The enemy has had to intensify their forced labor to provide transportation for rice. Reports have repeatedly shown that rice carriers are unarmed, coerced labor, and possibly unsympathetic toward the enemy.

(b) Repeated reports indicate that the enemy is being forced to use crucial manpower to cultivate land to provide foodstuffs.

(c) The enemy has had to resort to purchasing foodstuffs on the local market because of the lack of voluntary contributions.

(d) Repeated indications are that rice rations have been reduced to compensate for shortages experienced.

#### b. Friendly Forces

(1) Flight "A" 9th SOS, provides aerial support for leaflets dissemination and aerial broadcasts.

(2) 10th POLWAR Battalion, MR I, located in Da Nang, provides the technical development, production support and field teams for ARVN units throughout MR I. The Battalion has one company with the 2nd ARVN Division, one company with Quang Nam Sector, one company in reserve at Da Nang.

(3) Vietnamese Information Service. The VIS is the official information formulation and dissemination agency in Vietnam. The VIS has information cadres down to hamlet and field teams and other PSYOP assets controlled at the provincial level.

(4) Armed Propaganda Teams (APT). These teams are assigned to each province, but can be employed by US forces, if requesting units provide logistical support and allow for adequate load time. The 10-12 man teams are composed of Hoi Chanhs trained in face-to-face propaganda techniques.

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## 2. MISSION

a. 198th Infantry Brigade in cooperation and coordination with the GVN forces:

(1) Conducts tactical and pacification/development PSYOP in support of rice denial operations.

(2) Assists and augments RWNAF psychological operations capabilities.

b. Psychological Objectives:

(1) To convince the people that their most effective weapon is cooperation with the GVN rice denial operations.

(2) To convince the people that they can help to insure a victory by denying the enemy logistical support.

(3) To convince the people that they should report all enemy rice gathering activities to military or district officials.

(4) To convince the enemy that they will lose many men trying to obtain rice.

(5) To convince the enemy that they no longer have the support of the people.

(6) To convince the enemy to rally to the GVN and receive food, shelter and a new lease on life.

## 3. (C) EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations

(1) Tactical operations will form the background for psychological exploitation in this phase. As successful tactical actions occur against enemy rice collection activities, specific enemy units will be targeted. Concurrently the local civilian population will be targeted, with explanations declaring the success of RWNAF and allied operations, emphasizing their continuing role in denying foodstuffs to the enemy.

(2) Exploit the success of the GVN's rice denial campaign, emphasizing the important role of the people, territorial forces, and GVN armed forces. Exploit the enemy's failures and the high price in lives that he paid for the rice.

b. Combined Action Force.

(1) Continue current psychological operations in support of pacification and development in MR I.

(2) Conduct rice denial PSYOPS in coordination and cooperation with ARVN and other GVN agencies in own AO.

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## c. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) PSYOPS require close coordination and liaison with all organizations and agencies with PSYOP resources. A mutually supporting relationship is necessary between the units of the 198th Infantry Brigade and ARVN units in accomplishing the PSYOPS objective.

(2) Provide Brigade S-5 with sufficient media request time to insure completion of production prior to date media is required.

(3) Themes to be stressed and target audiences:

(a) Local populace.

1. The government has developed programs to protect your well-being.

2. The people support the GVN's rice denial program.

3. Help the government provide better protection for every citizen.

4. Weaken the enemy by denying him vitally needed foodstuffs.

5. Protect your family and neighbors by reporting enemy activities and rice gathering missions.

(b) VC/NVA/VC

1. You will be killed or captured trying to collect rice in the lowlands.

2. Your life is a high price to pay for rice.

3. You do not have the people's support

4. Enemy forces cannot win when they spend all their time fighting for food.

5. Return and enjoy a better life under the protective arms of the GVN.

(4) Themes to be avoided:

(a) Ridiculing or degrading enemy soldiers.

(b) Exploitation of acts of terrorism that tend to show a weakness of the government, and increases the people's fear.

4. (U) SERVICE SUPPORT

a. Significant events reports as pertains to PSYOPS will be submitted to Brigade S-5 on a daily basis.

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b. Current administration and support agreements remain unchanged.

5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL

a. Signal. Current SOI/SSI in effect.

b. Command. Brigade CP at Chu Lai.

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(C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

A/4-3 Inf	Bn Control
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C/4-3 Inf	GS
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C/1-20 Inf	
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1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Friendly Forces: No change.  
b. Enemy Forces: Intelligence sources indicate the presence of enemy rice transfer point vic BS620554. Current stocks at this point are reported to total 119 tons. Previous reports indicate the presence of a motorized boat element in the same area. Elements of the 38th LF Co have operated in this area and may be providing security for the transfer point.

c. Attachments and Detachments:

- (1) Co C/1-20 Inf OPCON 130700 Jul 70.
- (2) 2 squads National Police on order.
- (3) 1 Mine Dog Team OPCON Co D 130800 Jul 70.
- (4) 1 Scout Dog Team OPCON Co A 130800 Jul 70.

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf attacks to seize and search Objective CHOP STICK.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Maneuver: (Annex A: Operations Overlay). Co A conducts CA from PZ FSB SAN JUAN to LZ BS624548 130730 Jul 70; attacks in sector to secure Sector WHITE; conducts detailed search of Sector thereafter. Co B conducts CA from PZ BS700310 to LZ BS618546 130800 Jul 70; attacks in sector to secure Sector RED; conducts detailed search of sector thereafter. Co C continues current operations. Co D air moves 1 platoon to NGHIA HANH 131000 Jul 70, provides security for 1 platoon C/6-11 Arty thereafter. Co C/1-20 Inf conducts CA from PZ TBA to LZ BS616560 130830 Jul 70; attacks in sector to secure Sector BLUE; conducts detailed search of sector thereafter. Recon Plat conducts CA from PZ BS610404 to LZ BS641534 130700 Jul 70; secures radio relay site thereafter. Commo Plat (-) mans radio relay site at BS641534 H - 30.

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(2) Fires:

- (a) 1 Platoon C/6-11 Arty remains at NGHIA HANH.
- (b) 10 minute Artillery Prep will be fired on all LZ's.
- (c) Artillery Prep will be fired on Co A & B LZ's

concurrently.

(d) Priority of fire to Recon Plat initially. Upon completion of Recon Plat CA priority to Co B and Co A, in that order, for LZ prep and conduct of attack.

b. Co A:

(1) Squad and mechanical ambushes will be emplaced on all approaches to Sector WHITE.

(2) At least one squad ambush will be emplaced to interdict traffic on SONG VE.

c. Co B:

(1) Squad and mechanical ambushes will be emplaced on all approaches to Sector RED.

(2) At least one squad ambush will be emplaced to interdict traffic on SONG VE.

d. Co C:

e. Co D:

f. C/1-20:

(1) Squad and mechanical ambushes will be emplaced on all approaches to Sector BLUE.

(2) At least one squad ambush will be emplaced to interdict traffic on SONG VE.

g. Recon Plat:

h. Commo Plat (-): Radio relay site will be in operation and commo check conducted with 4-3 Inf TOC by 130720 Jul 70.

i. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Elements will not remain in built up areas overnight.

(2) Mechanical ambushes will be emplaced after EENT and recovered after EENT daily.

(3) Co's will be constituted as follows for conduct of search:

(a) 1 Security Plat: Provides security around perimeter of sector and along major avenues of approach including SONG VE.

(b) 3 search Plats:

1 Search squad:

a Locates caches by probing likely areas with rice "grinders" acquired on site.

b Upon locating suspected cache site marks it for further exploration by digger squad.

2 Digger squad: Uncovers cache sites located by search element.

3 Bag squad: Bags rice for movement to PZ.

4 Carrier squad: Moves rice to PZ and loads it aboard aircraft.

(4) Rules of engagement will be strictly followed.

(5) Co CP night locations will dig in.

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(6) A schematic of sector, including locations of all structures, trails, and cache points will be kept by each element for submission to Bn S-2.

4. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS:

a. Administration: Leaders will insure an adequate quantity of malaria pills and salt tablets are carried and used by their men.

b. Logistics:

(1) Rice bags will be brought to objective area upon request of Co Cmdr.

(2) Resupply: 3 day basis (100% LRRP).

(3) One extra LRRP ration will be carried as emergency supply.

5. COMMAND and SIGNAL:

a. Command: No change.

b. Signal:

(1) CA frequency: Hvy Mort Platoon.

(2) Rice extraction freq: A/G.

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Annex A: Operations Overlay

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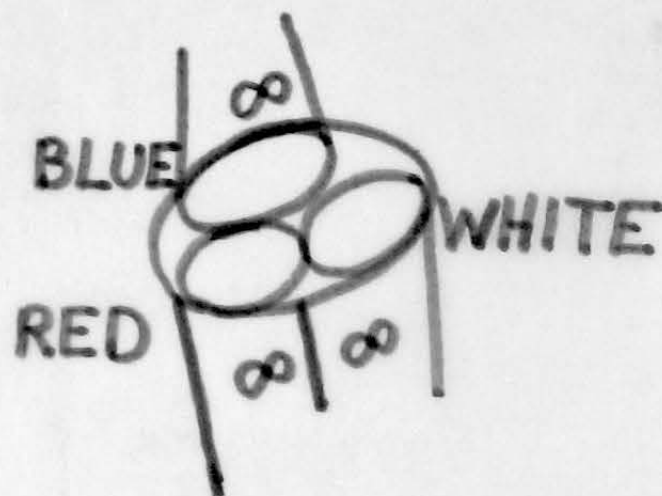


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Hvy Mort Plat

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GS

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R/4-3

1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Friendly Forces: No change.

b. Enemy Forces: Annex A (Intelligence Overlay); Annex B (Crop Production Areas).

c. Attachments and Detachments: No change.

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf repositions companies and conducts operations to destroy VC/NVA crops and forces in assigned AO.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Maneuver: (Annex C: Operations Overlay). Co A conducts CA from PZ vic BS633490 to LZ vic BS727312 271300 Jul 70; conducts multiple squad searches and ambushes; destroys crop areas in AO ARREST thereafter. Co B conducts special training and provides security for FSB SAN JUAN. Co D conducts CA from PZ vic BS633490 to LZ vic BS689322 271400 Jul 70; conducts multiple squad searches and ambushes; destroys crop areas in AO DURESS thereafter. Recon Plat conducts combat extraction from PZ vic BS633490 and air moves to FSB SAN JUAN 271500 Jul 70; conducts special training thereafter.

(2) Fires:

(a) A 10 minute artillery prep will be fired on all LZ's.

(b) Priority of fire to Co's A & D for conduct of Combat Assaults, in that sequence.

b. Co A:

c. Co B: Priority for reaction forces to AO's CRUISER, ARREST and DURESS, in that order.

d. Co C:

e. Co D:

f. Recon Plat:

g. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Crop destruction equipment and supplies will be delivered to units upon arrival in food production areas (Annex B).

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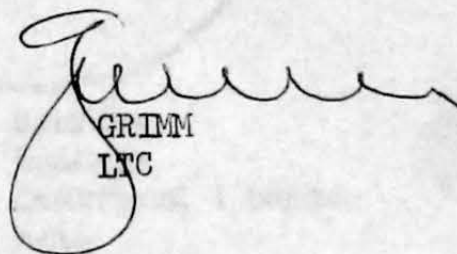
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- (2) Mech AP's:
    - (a) Mech AP's will be employed as separate, offensive ambushes.
    - (b) Each squad will employ a minimum of 3 mech AP's.
    - (c) Mech AP's will consist of at least 2 M18A1 Claymore Mines.
  - (3) Steel helmets will be worn.
  - (4) 500 meter separation between elements along common boundaries will be maintained.
  - 4. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS:
    - a. Administration: Leaders will insure an adequate quantity of malaria pills and salt tablets are carried and used by their men. Roster check-off system in effect.
    - b. Logistics:
      - (1) Resupply: 3 day basis. Water and emergency items only.
      - (2) Class I. C-Rations and LRRP's as available.
      - (3) One additional LRRP ration will be carried as emergency supply.
      - (4) Unused rations will be destroyed by crushing containers and scattering contents on ground.
  - 5. COMMAND and SIGNAL:
    - a. Command: No change.
    - b. Signal:
      - (1) CA frequency: Hvy Mort Plat.
      - (2) Report locations hourly or every 1000 meters, whichever occurs first.
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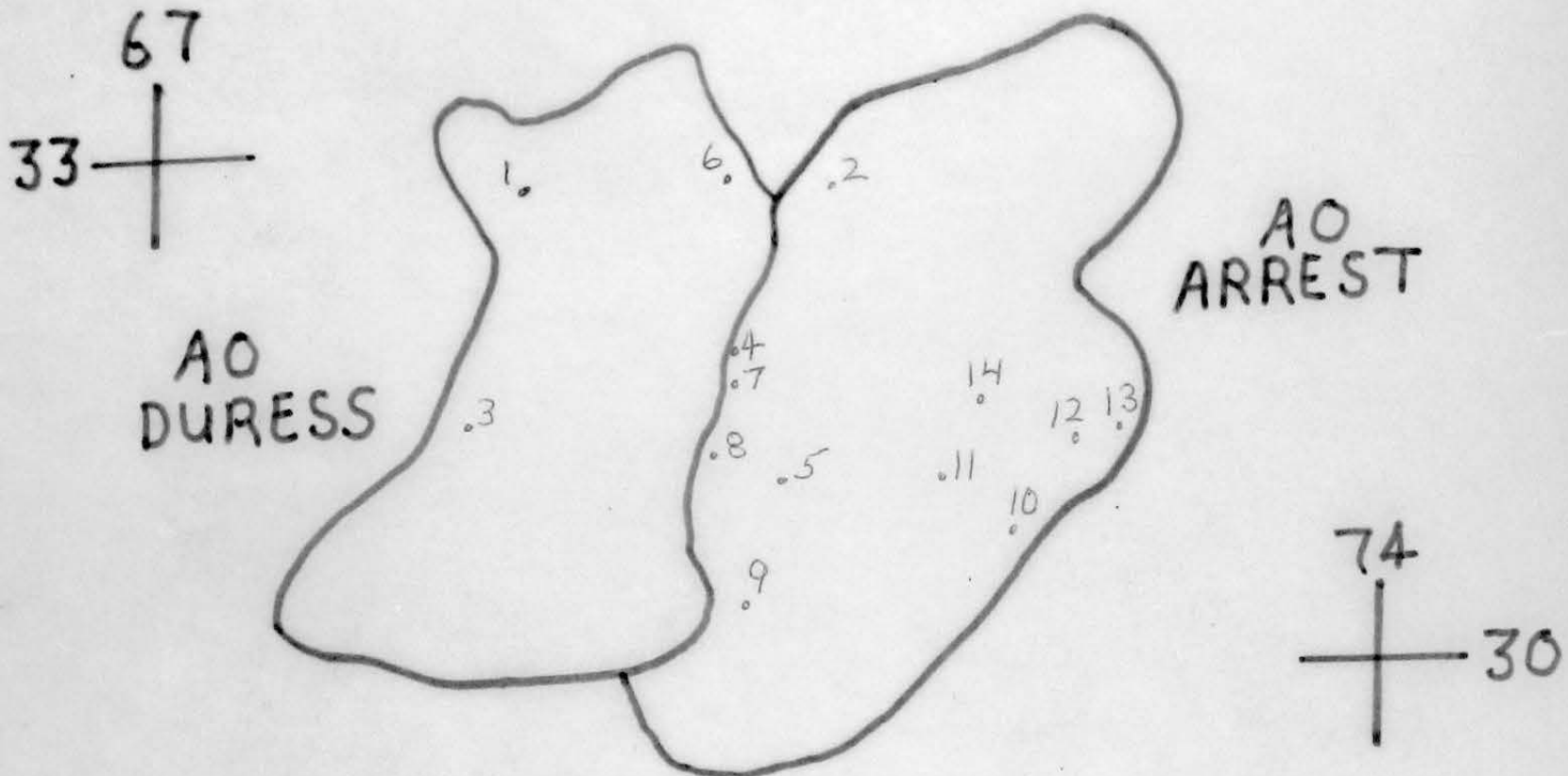
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|-----|----------|-----------|--|
| 1.  | BS691329 | 12 Jun 70 | Fd 6 bunkers                                 |
| 2.  | BS710328 | 6 Jun 70  | Fd 6 bunkers                                 |
| 3.  | BS683312 | 26 May 70 | Fd & destroyed 1 bunker                      |
| 4.  | BS703318 | 24 May 70 | Fd 4 huts                                    |
| 5.  | BS706311 | 29 Jun 70 | Fd 5 huts and 7 bunkers                      |
| 6.  | BS713329 | 30 May 70 | Fd 15 fighting positions                     |
| 7.  | BS703317 | 22 May 70 | Eng 1 VC/NVA, neg res                        |
| 8.  | BS702313 | 21 May 70 | Eng 1 VC/NVA, ng res                         |
| 9.  | BS703303 | 27 May 70 | Eng 3 VC/NVA, res 2 KIA by MAP, 1 KIA by S/a |
| 10. | BS702309 | 27 Jun 70 | Fd 12 huts                                   |
| 11. | BS714312 | 27 Jun 70 | Fd 3 huts                                    |
| 12. | BS722312 | 26 Jun 70 | Fd 7 huts                                    |
| 13. | BS724311 | 26 Jun 70 | KIA 1 NVA by MAP                             |
| 14. | BS718317 | 21 May 70 | Fd 4 huts                                    |

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Reference: OPLAN 2-70

1. OPLAN 2-70 effective 052400 Aug 70 with the following changes:

a. Phase I:

(1) TFSB: Bn Forward CP moves to TFSB (BS729327) commencing 070700 Aug 70.

(2) Co A: Conduct CA from FSB SAN JUAN to LZ vic BS745281 080700 Aug 70.

(3) Co B:

(a) Conduct CA from PZ TBA to LZ vic BS662282 090800 Aug 70.

(b) Conduct multiple squad and mech AP's in Sector A on night of 09 Aug 70. Conduct multiple squad patrols, ambushes, and mech AP's in Sector B 10 Aug 70, Sector C 11 Aug 70, and Sector D 12 Aug 70. (Annex A: Opns Overlay).

(4) Co C: Conduct multiple squad searches and ambushes in AO CLAYMORE commencing 090800 Aug 70.

(5) Co D: Conduct CA from FSB SAN JUAN to TFSB (BS729327) 060700 Aug 70. Provides security for quartering party and establishes perimeter defense. Provides security for TFSB thereafter.

(6) Recon Plat: Be prepared to move to TFSB within 30 minutes.

b. Phase II:

(1) Co A: Conduct air move from PZ TBA to TFSB (BS729327) 0800 D Day.

(2) Co D: Conduct air move from TFSB (BS729327) to LZ TBD 0800 D Day; relieves Co A in place.

(3) Recon Plat:

(a) Be prepared to move to TFSB within 30 minutes.

(b) Be prepared to conduct patrol and ambush operations vic TFSB.

2. Sub para C of para 1 and sub para g of para 3 no longer in effect.

3. COMMAND & SIGNAL:

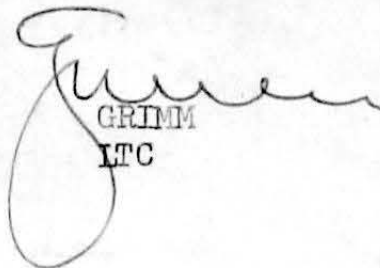
a. Command: TFSB (BS729327) becomes forward CP upon arrival of Bn CO.

b. Signal: No change.

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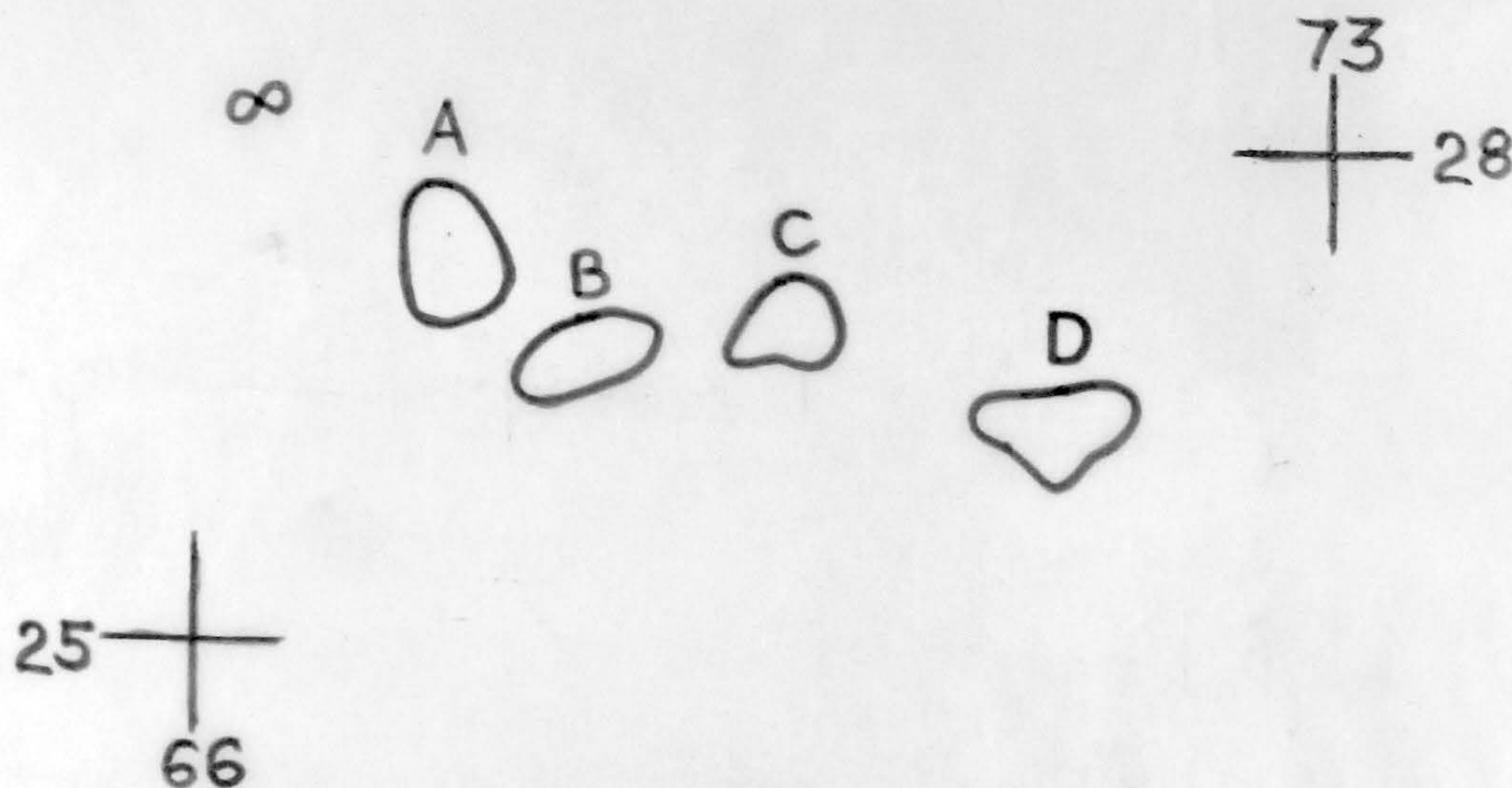
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(C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

Co A/4-3 Inf	Bn Control
Co B/4-3 Inf	Recon
Co C/4-3 Inf	B Btry/6-11 Arty (DS)
Co D/4-3 Inf	Hvy Mort Plat
Recon Plat/4-3 Inf	

1. (C) SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces: (Annex A: Intelligence Overlay).
- b. Friendly Forces: See Annex B (Operations Overlay).

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf continues saturation patrol operations to interdict and destroy VC/NVA within it's assigned AO.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Maneuver:

(a) Phase I, 050800 Sept 70 Co C conducts an extraction from PZ's vic BS658311, BS657320 to LZ BRONCO.

(b) Phase II, Co B conducts CA from LZ SAN JUAN to seven squad size LZ's on western portion of AO; conducts saturation patrolling and ambush operations thereafter.

(c) Phase III, Recon Plat extracts from PZ vic BS615404 to LZ SAN JUAN; prepares for reinsertion along river valley vic BS652355, BS658341, BS657330 on 6 Sept 70.

(2) Fires:

(a) 5 minute gunship prep commencing H - 5 for Co B.

(b) Priority of fires to units involved in airmovement initially; thereafter determined by Battalion Commanding Officer.

b. Co A: Continue current mission.

c. Co B:

(1) Conduct CA from LZ SAN JUAN to LZ's in AO (see overlay).

(2) Conduct multiple squad patrols and ambushes west of Phase

Line PETE.

d. Co C:

(1) Conduct extraction from PZ vic BS658311 and BS657320 commencing 050800 Sept 70 (Annex B: Operations Overlay).

(2) Return to Retraining Area at LZ BRONCO.

e. Co D: Continue current mission.

f. Co E:

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g. Recon:

- (1) Be prepared for extraction from PZ vic BS615404, following CA of Co B.
- (2) Be prepared for insertion along river valley vic BS652355, BS658341, BS657330.
- (3) Carry a minimum of 10 Mechanical AP's per squad to be employed along "Trap Line."

h. Heavy Mortar Plat: GS.

i. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Crossing of Phase Lines by personnel or fires on approval of TOC only.
- (2) Submit lift requirements to TOC 24 HRS prior to scheduled pick up, when possible.
- (3) A minimum of 3 Mechanical AP's consisting of at least 2 claymores each will be emplaced per squad.
- (4) Report locations hourly, or every 1000 meters, whichever occurs first.
- (5) Loud speakers will not be used on PRC 77/25 radios.
- (6) Trip flares will not be carried.
- (7) Steel helmets will be worn (except Recon Plat).
- (8) Adequate provision for patrols to sleep during daylight hours will be made.
- (9) 100% alert in all manned ambush positions.

4. (C) SUPPLY & SERVICES:

a. Supply:

- (1) Units will deploy with a 3 day supply of all materials needed.
- (2) Resupply will be every 3 days. Food, water and emergency items only. Units submit resupply requirements NLT 1600 HRS the day prior to receipt.
- (3) 1 meal per man will be carried by each man as an emergency ration.

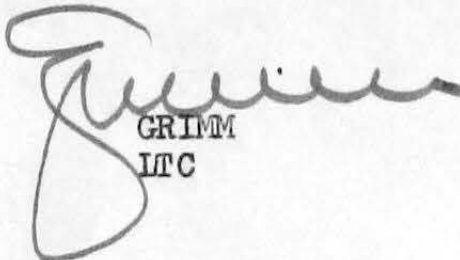
b. Services: Unit CO will ensure adequate quantity of malaria pills and salt tablets are carried and used during the operation.

5. (C) COMMAND & SIGNAL:

a. Command: FSB SAN JUAN.

b. Signal:

- (1) CA's conducted on Hvy Mortar Plat frequency.
- (2) Sufficient hand flares will be carried by each patrol to provide emergency ground to air location marking during hours of darkness.

  
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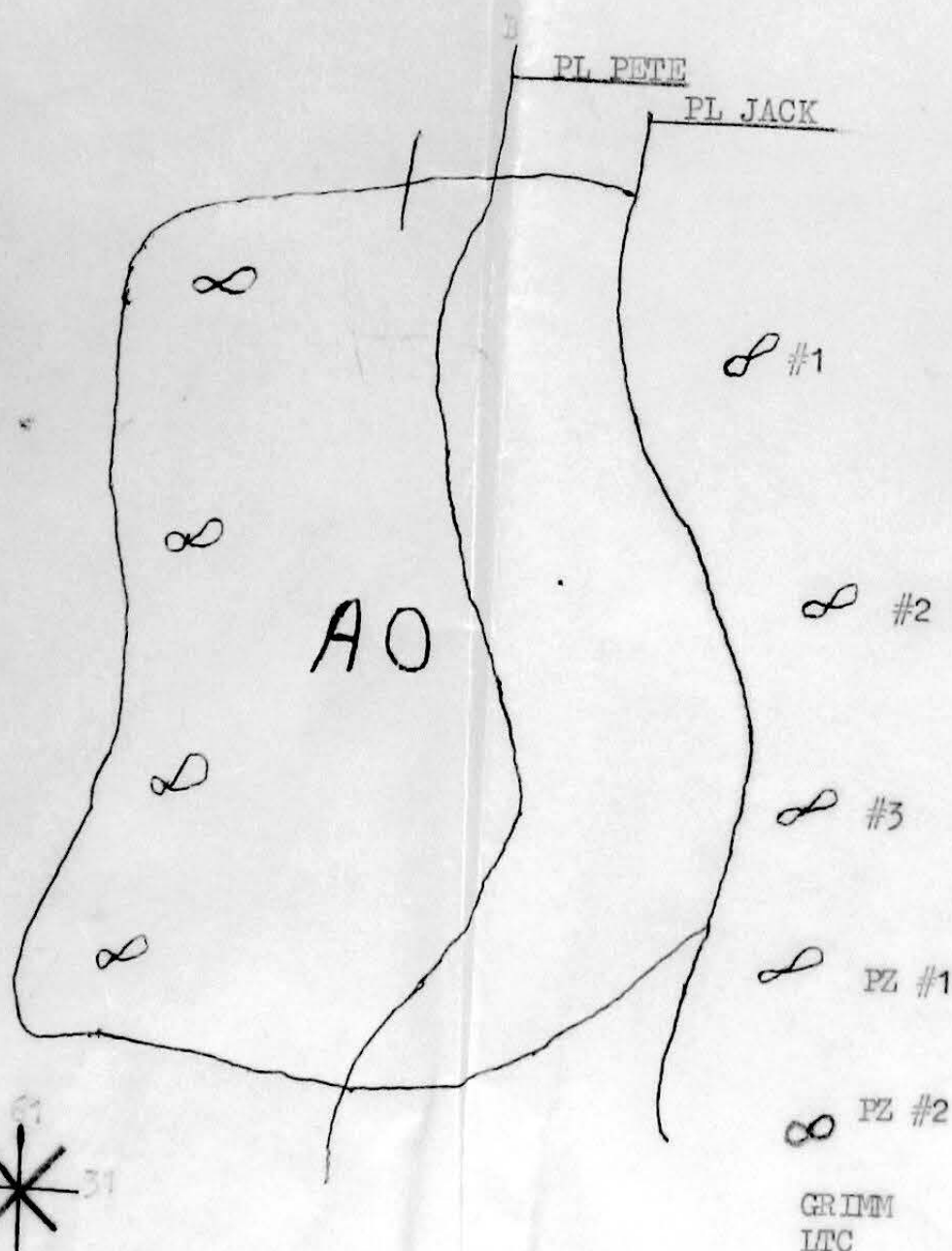
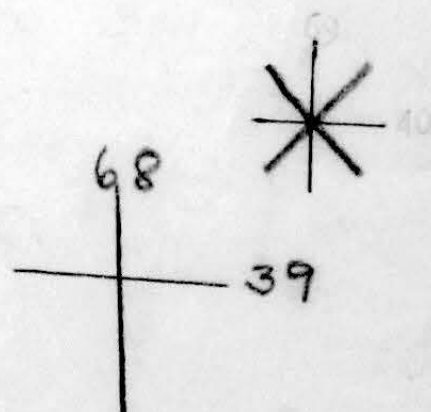
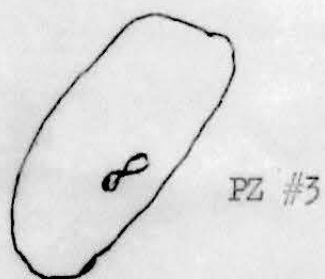
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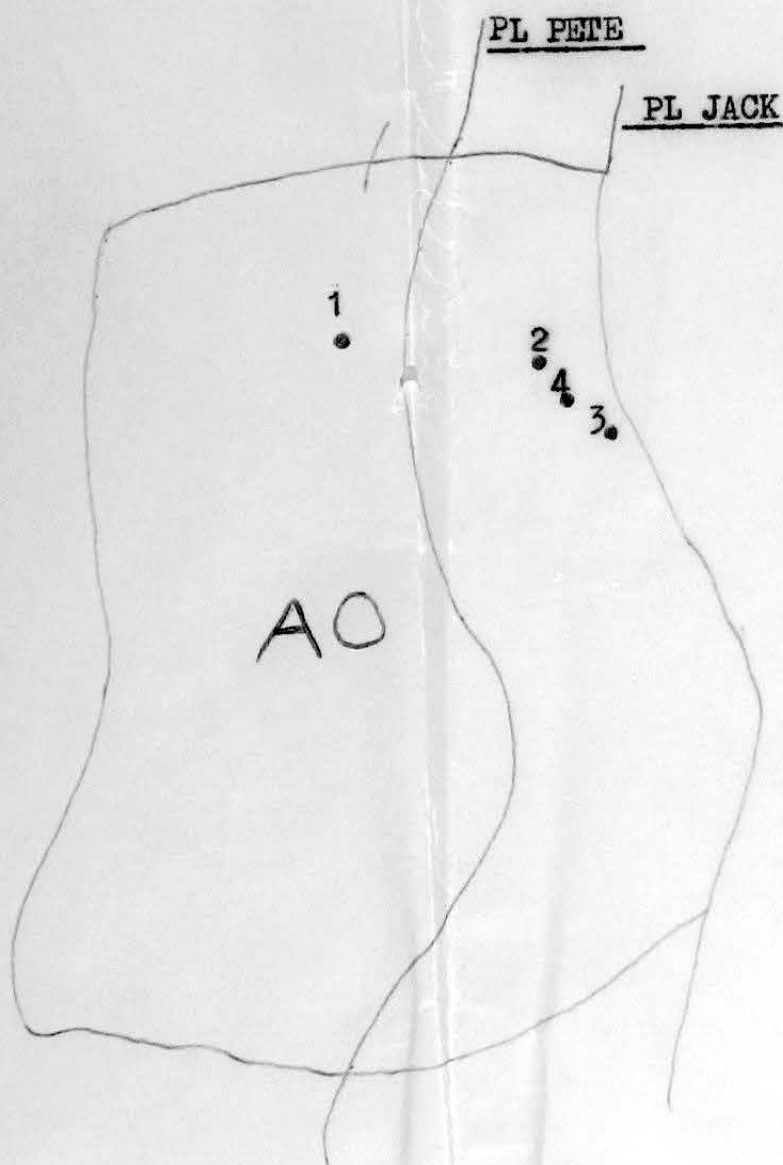
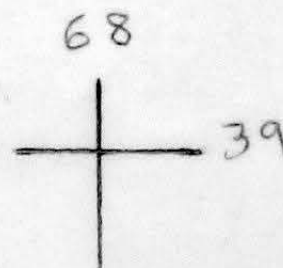


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INTELLIGENCE (BATO) NOTES:

1. 630355 15Jul70 Report 1 LF VC Sqd here.
2. 641354 23Aug70 Report 1 LF VC Sqd at this location.
3. 645350 18Jun70 Report 1 Co (C-29) w/70 men, 1 60mm, 2 B40, 1 Lt MG, ind wpns.
4. 643352 13Feb70 Report 1 NVA Co, 1 82mm, 6 60mm, 8 B40's, 1 MG.

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(C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

Co A/4-3 Inf	Bn Control
Co B/4-3 Inf	Recon
Co C/4-3 Inf	B Btry/6-11 Arty (DS)
Co D/4-3 Inf	Hvy Mort Plat

1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Annex A: Intelligence Overlay.

b. Friendly Forces: 11th Brigade continues combat operations within Brigade AO to interdict and destroy VC/NVA within the assigned AO.

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf (-) repositions forces within the AO and continues saturation patrolling and ambushes to interdict and destroy VC/NVA.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: (Annex B: Operations Overlay).

(1) Maneuver: Battalion (-) conducts CA 060800 Oct 70 with Co C from PZ vic BS568457 to LZ1 vic BS668438; Co D from SAN JUAN HILL to LZ2 vic BS685300 and LZ3 vic BS666296. Co B moves by foot along AXIS GREEN conducting saturation patrols, ambushes and manning blocking positions. Co A extracts from PZ vic BS622465 to LZ SAN JUAN. Recon Plat extracts from PZ vic BS600445 to LZ SAN JUAN.

(2) Fires:

(a) 5 minute artillery prep will be fired on LZ1 at H - 5; thereafter arty prep for LZ2 and 3 will be fired 5 minutes prior to CA of Co D.

(b) Priority of fires to units involved in air-movement initially; thereafter as determined by battalion commander.

b. Co B:

(1) Commence footmove along AXIS GREEN beginning 060800 Oct. Employ squad size search and ambush patrols during movement.

(2) Occupy blocking positions X, Y and Z by a squad size element NLT D + 2.

(3) Be prepared for extraction on 10 Oct from PZ vic BS653408.

c. Co C:

(1) CA from PZ1 to LZ1 (BS668438); conduct squad size search patrols and ambush operations in AO EMMA.

(2) Improve LZ1 to have a capability for 2 ships.

(3) On order move into AO FLO; conduct squad size search patrols and ambush operations in AO FLO.

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- (4) Construct a 2 ship LZ vic BS681449.
- (5) Patrol base in AO FLO may include 1 rifle squad in addition to mortar platoon, if desired.
- (6) LZ Cutting Teams will be used if available.
- d. Co D:
  - (1) CA from SAN JUAN HILL to LZ2 and LZ3; thereafter conduct squad size search and ambush operations in AO GAIL.
  - (2) Be prepared to act as a blocking force for 4-21 Inf conducting operations to the East.
  - (3) Be prepared to assist 4-21 Inf in AO.
- e. Co A:
  - (1) Extract from PZ vic BS622465 to LZ SAN JUAN following insertion of Co D.
  - (2) Be prepared for commitment within Battalion AO on a 2 HR notice.
- f. Recon Plat: Extract from PZ vic BS600445 to LZ SAN JUAN following extraction of Co A.
- g. Coordinating instructions:
  - (1) Submit lift requirements to Bn TOC 24 HRS prior to scheduled move.
  - (2) A minimum of 3 mechanical ambushes will be employed by each squad.
  - (3) During the Monsoon Season resupply is likely to be critical; commanders must be aware of the possibility of extended periods in which resupply is unavailable.
- 4. (C) SUPPLY & SERVICES:
  - a. Supply:
    - (1) Units will deploy with a 5 day supply of rations.
    - (2) Rations, water and emergency items only. Submit resupply requirements on Admin/Log net NLT 1600 HRS on the day prior to receipt.
    - (3) Emergency ration, 1 meal per man.
  - b. Services:
    - (1) LZ cutting kits available on call.
    - (2) Daily/weekly malaria pills and salt tablets will be carried and used during the operation. Roster check-off system in effect.
- 5. (C) COMMAND & SIGNAL:
  - a. Command: SAN JUAN HILL.
  - b. Signal:
    - (1) Reports: SOP.
    - (2) CA/Air movement net: Heavy Mortar Platoon frequency.
    - (3) Companies will enter the movement net 30 minutes prior to scheduled pick-up.

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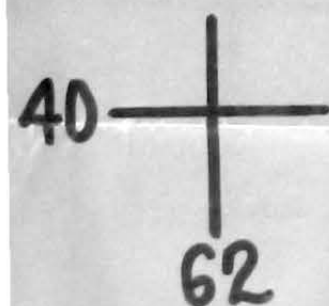
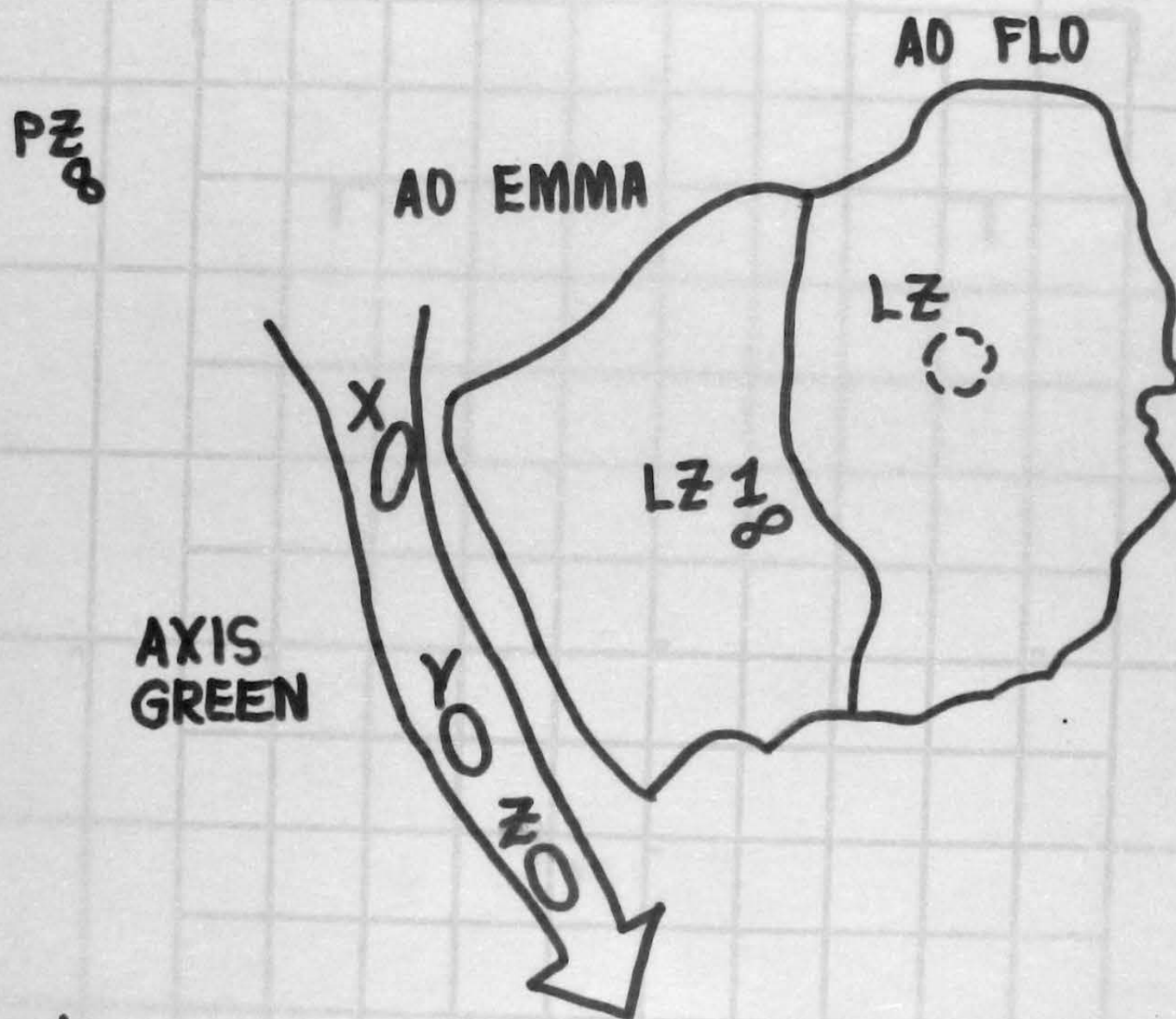
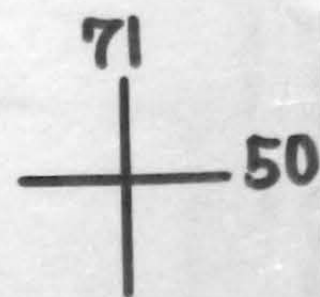
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(C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

Co A/4-3 Inf	Bn Control
Co B/4-3 Inf	Recon
Co C/4-3 Inf	
Co D/4-3 Inf	

1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Annex A: Intelligence Overlay.

b. Friendly Forces: 4/3 Infantry conducts air movement from 198th Bde AO and Chu Lai Air Strip to 11th Bde AO (LZ BRONCO). OPCON Status terminates upon arrival 11th Bde AO 7 Nov 70. Conducts combat operations in assigned AO thereafter.

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf.(-) To conduct air movement from 198th Bde AO and Chu Lai Air Strip To 11th Bde AO (LZ BRONCO). Conduct combat operations in assigned AO thereafter.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: (Annex B: Operations Overlay).

(1) Maneuver: Phase 1: Commencing 070630 Nov. 70, Co B conducts mortar march from LZ Cambell-Kilgore simultaneously with the extraction of Co's A, B, D and Recon Plat. from field to Chu Lai Air Strip.

Phase 2: Bn conducts air movement commencing 070800 Nov from Chu Lai Air Strip to LZ BRONCO. Bn prepares for combat operations in assigned AO 080700 Nov 70. (Priority of fires to units extracting).

b. Co A:

(1) Extracts from field by UH1H to Chu Lai Air Strip commencing 070930 Nov 70.

(2) Conducts air move by C-130 from Chu Lai Air Strip to LZ BRONCO on order 7 Nov 70.

(3) Conducts refit LZ BRONCO in preparation for combat assaults 080700 Nov 70.

c. Co B:

(1) Conducts motor march from LZ Cambell-Kilgore to Chu Lai Air Strip commencing 070630 Nov 70.

(2) Conducts Air move by C-130 from Chu Lai Air Strip to LZ BRONCO on order 7 Nov 70.

(3) Conducts refit LZ BRONCO in preparation for combat operations 080700 Nov 70.

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d. Co C:

(1) Extracts from field by UH1H to Chu Lai Air Strip commencing 070700 Nov 70. Platoon at OP George will be extracted upon release of security mission and airlifted to Chu Lai for subsequent A/L to LZ Bronco.

(2) Conducts air move by C-130 from Chu Lai Air Strip To LZ Bronco on order 7 Nov 70.

(3) Conducts air move by CH-47 from LZ Bronco (NE Pad) to LZ San Juan Hill 071200 Nov 70.

(4) Unit will secure FSB San Juan Hill upon arrival.

e. Co D:

(1) Extracts from field by UH1H to Chu Lai Air Strip commencing 070740 Nov 70.

(2) Conducts air move by C-130 from Chu Lai Air Strip to LZ Bronco on order 7 Nov 70.

(3) Conducts refit LZ Bronco in preparation for combat operations 080700 Nov 70.

f. Recon Plat:

(1) Extracts from field by UH1H to Chu Lai Air Strip commencing 070740 Nov 70.

(2) Conducts air move from Chu Lai Air Strip to LZ Bronco on order 7 Nov 70.

(3) Conducts air move by ch-47 from LZ Bronco (NE PAD) to LZ San Juan Hill 071200 Nov 70.

(4) Unit will secure FSB San Juan Hill upon arrival.

g. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Order of movement from field: Co C, Recon, Co D, Co A, From Chu Lai Air Strip: Co B, Co C, Recon, Co D, Co A.

(2) Units will clear weapons once airborne during extraction from field. Weapons will remain cleared throughout move and thereafter.

(3) Upon arrival Chu Lai Air Strip all ordinance other than small arms ammo will be turned in at ammo turn in point.

(4) Personnel will be accounted for at all times during movement and staging.

(5) Units will stage in designated area of Chu Lai Air Strip prior to boarding and will board on order of Departure Airfield Control Officer.

(6) Unit commanders will insure no one leaves staging area.

(7) Upon arrival LZ Bronco, unit commanders will conduct movement to designated areas on order of Bn XO.

4. (C) SUPPLY & SERVICES:

a. Supply:

(1) Bn S-4 will provide rations and quarters for units remaining overnight at LZ Bronco.

(2) Bn S-4 will provide necessary items for refit.

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5. (C) SIGNAL:

a. Command:

b. Signal:

(1) Reports: SOP

(2) CA conducted on Bn net

(3) Companies will enter the movement net 30 minutes prior to scheduled pickup.

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Task Organization-No Change

1. Situation:

- a. Enemy Forces: Annex A Intelligence Overlay
- b. Friendly Forces: 11th Bde continues to conduct rice denial, interdiction, pacification and combat operations within the AO.

2. Mission: 4/3 Infantry conducts combat assaults 080700 Nov. from LZ Bronco to AO vicinity San Juan Hill; conducts squad size search and ambush patrols in company size AO thereafter.

3. Execution:

- a. Concept of this operation: See Operation Overlay.

(1) Maneuver: 4/3 Infantry effective 080700 Nov. conducts CA with A Co into two LZ's in AO XRAY, B Co two LZ's in AO YANKEE, D Co into three LZ's in AO ZULU. C Co provides security at San Juan Hill. Companies conduct squad size search and ambush/mechanical ambush operations in assigned AO.

(2) Fires:

(a) Arty prep will be fired into LZ 1 for A Co beginning at H-5. LZ 5, 6, and 7 in AO ZULU will be preped by ARTY, all others will be prep by Gunships.

(b) Priority of fires to company conducting assault.

b. A Company

(1) Conduct CA 080700 Nov. into two LZ's in AO XRAY with company minus into LZ 1 and 1 platoon into LZ 2.

(2) Conduct search patrols and ambush/mechanical ambush operations.

(3) Search and destroy VC/NVA Base Camp area vicinity BS 608469.

c. B Company

(1) Conduct CA following A Co into two LZ's in AO YANKEE, company minus into LZ 3 and 1 platoon into LZ 4.

(2) Conduct search patrols and ambush/mechanical ambush operations.

d. C Company

(1) Provide security at San Juan Hill.

(2) Conduct training as required.

(3) Conduct local small unit patrols around San Juan Hill to determine the extent of recent enemy activity.

e. D Company

(1) Conduct CA following B Co into multiple platoon size LZ's in AO ZULU.

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(2) Search Enemy Base Camp located at BS 645465; report recent enemy activity if any in area.

(3) Conduct search patrols and ambush/mechanical ambush operations.

f. Recon Platoon

(1) Conduct air movement from LZ BRONCO to LZ San Juan Hill.

(2) Be prepared to provide one element for sensor security replacement.

(3) Be prepared to conduct small unit patrols vicinity San Juan Hill to determine the extent of recent enemy activity.

g. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Co A, B and D will stage at LZ BRONCO the night prior to CA.

(2) Units will report location every hour along with situation report, or every 1,000 meters whichever occurs first.

(3) Personnel should be checked daily for control of emersion foot and skin problems during the monsoon season.

4. Supply and Services:

a. Supply

(1) Units will deploy with 3 days supply of all materials needed to sustain operations.

(2) 3 day resupply cycle; unit commanders will screen each resupply list for non-essential items prior to its submission.

(3) One (1) emergency ration will be carried by each individual.

b. Services

(1) Unit commanders will pay particularly close attention to daily status reports to ensure accurate reports are submitted.

(2) Malaria pills will be taken as prescribed. Roster check-off system in effect.

5. Command and Signal:

a. Command: San Juan Hill

b. Signal:: Current SOI

(1) Reports SOP

(2) CA net: Unit internal frequency

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Reference: a. OPLAN 2-70.  
b. Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; Series L7014: Sheets  
6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

(C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

A 4-3 Inf	Bn Control
B 4-3 Inf	Recon
C 4-3 Inf	B 6-11 Arty (DS)
D 4-3 Inf	Heavy Mortar Platoon

1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Annex A Intelligence Overlay.

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 11th Brigade continues combat and rice denial operations within the brigade AO to interdict and destroy VC/NVA.

(2) 3-1 Inf: Conducts Eagle flight operations and small unit operations in assigned AO.

(3) 1-20 Inf: Conducts rice denial and pacification operations in assigned AO.

(4) 4-21 Inf: Conducts rice denial and pacification operations in assigned AO.

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf conducts small unit operations and combined operations within assigned AO in order to interdict and destroy VC/NVA forces.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation (See Annex B Operations Overlay)

(1) Phase I (070800-110800):

(a) Maneuver. Co A conducts CA beginning 070800 Dec from LZ Bronco into multiple LZ's vic LZ 1 (BS578404), LZ 2 (BS588397), LZ 3 (BS601410), LZ 4 (BS609403). Conduct combined operations in AO Bull with ARVN ranger battalion from Bato. Co B extracts from field location PZ 1 (BS592453), PZ 2 (BS588478), PZ 3 (BS575460) to LZ San Juan, provides security for LZ San Juan Hill thereafter.

(b) Fires:

(1) Arty will fire a 5 minute prep on each LZ beginning at H-5.

(2) Priority of fires to unit involved in air movement.

(2) Phase II (110800-152400):

(a) Maneuver. Co B conducts CA, 110800 Dec from LZ San Juan to LZ's vic LZ 1 (BS669471), LZ 2 (BS653461), LZ 3 (BS636454) sweeps along routes as indicated on overlay in order to locate VC/NVA within AO Steer.

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Co D occupies squad-size blocking positions at phase line Plum (see Operations Overlay). Recon platoon conducts CA 110930 Dec from LZ San Juan to LZ vic LZ 1 (BS622432), LZ 2 (BS631424), LZ 3 (BS633441), seizes objective Shark, conducts search patrols thereafter. Co C extracts to LZ San Juan Hill for FSB security.

(b) Fires:

(1) Arty will fire a 5 minute prep on Co B LZ 1, LZ 2 and LZ 3. Recon LZ's will be prepped by gunships.

(2) Priority of fires to unit involved in air movement.

b. Co A:

(1) Conduct CA 070800 Dec into LZ 1, 2, 3 and 4 in AO Bull.

Thereafter conduct combined operations with 1 company from the Bato ranger battalion.

(2) Occupy blocking positions along the Song Ve river.

(3) Conduct squad-size search patrols and ambushes within sector.

(4) Be prepared to assist ARVN ranger company in the sweep of southern portion of the AO.

(5) Maintain commo with MACV personnel on unit internal frequency.

c. Co B:

(1) Extract from field 070800 Dec vic PZ 1, PZ 2 and PZ 3 to San Juan Hill, thereafter provide security for LZ San Juan.

(2) Conduct CA from San Juan 110800 Dec to AO Steer LZ 1, LZ 2 and LZ 3.

(3) Upon completion of CA seize objective Dolphin. Block escape routes at positions as indicated on operation overlay.

(4) On order conduct squad-size search and ambush operations in AO Steer.

(5) Be prepared to move one platoon on order to VC/NVA base camp at BS644465.

d. Co C:

(1) Continue current squad-size search and ambush patrols in AO May.

(2) Occupy blocking positions as indicated on operations overlay no later than 100800 Dec.

(3) Extract from AO May, PZ's to be determined, 110930 Dec to LZ San Juan, thereafter provide security for LZ San Juan.

e. Co D

(1) Move from AO Auburn to AO Blue beginning 060800 Dec, conduct search and ambush operations in AO Blue thereafter.

(2) Effective 091200 Dec west AO Blue boundary extension in effect.

(3) Occupy blocking positions as indicated on operations overlay no later than 100800 Dec.

(4) Continue squad-size search and ambush operations with elements not in blocking positions.

(5) Be prepared to assist Co B in the seizure of objective Dolphin.

f. Recon platoon:

(1) Conduct CA 110800 Dec to AO Stud, seize objective Shark. Thereafter conduct team size operations within AO Stud. Emphasis will be placed on routes of movement through the AO.

(2) Be prepared to assist Co B in the seizure of objective Dolphin on order.

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g. Coordinating instructions:

- (1) Submit air lift requirements to TOC 24 hrs prior to scheduled movement.
- (2) A minimum of 3 mechanical ambushes consisting of at least 2 Claymores each will be emplaced per squad.
- (3) Report locations hourly, or every 1000 meters whichever occurs first.
- (4) Loud speakers will not be used on PRC 77/25 radios.
- (5) Steel helmets will be worn, with the exception of Recon platoon.
- (6) Ample supply of demolitions will be carried to destroy all dud ordnance found in the AO.
- (7) Unit commanders review CA procedures prior to air movements.

4. (C) SUPPLY & SERVICES:

a. Supply:

- (1) Deploy with a 3 day supply of all materials needed.
  - (2) 3 day resupply cycle. Rations, water and emergency items only. Submit resupply requirements NLT 1600 hours on day prior to receipt.
  - (3) 1 meal per man will be carried as an emergency ration.
- b. Services: Unit CO will ensure adequate quantity of malaria pills and salt tablets are carried and used during the operation.

5. (C) COMMAND & SIGNAL:

a. Command: FSB San Juan

b. Signal:

- (1) CA frequency: Secure plain.
- (2) Sufficient hand flares will be carried by each patrol to provide emergency ground-to-air location marking during hours of darkness.

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ANNEX B OPERATIONS OVERLAY

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### INTELLIGENCE REPORT

1. Intelligence gathered by 4-3 Inf:

- a. On 041515 Dec 70, Co D 4-3 Inf, while on patrol at loc BS690440, spotted 5 VC/NVA. After taking VC/NVA under fire, enemy evaded to SW. While moving forward, Co D found a small base camp at BS687437.
- b. On 041755 Dec 70, while putting out mechanical ambushes, Co D spotted 3 VC/NVA in a tree located at BS687434 and engaged. Enemy evaded to N; all wore green uniforms and carried AK-47's; believed to be NVA. The heavily used trails indicated movement of travel to the W, N & E.

2. Intelligence from Brigade:

- a. 20 Oct 70, BS660460, B-3 rating, from 525 mi. VC base camp area.
- b. 261755 Nov 70, BS663510, C-3 rating, 100 men, 38 Bn, well armed.
- c. 232250 Nov 70, BS681495, A-2 rating, location 83d VC Bn, Msg POW.
- d. 261605 Nov 70, BS685460, B-3 rating, T.811 VC provincial trading organization; strength of 70 men.
- e. 7 Nov 70, BS695475, air strike with secondary explosion.
- f. 022250 Dec 70, BS727470, C-3 rating, 60 well-armed VC.
- g. 11 Nov 70, BS615590, C-3 rating, Co C18, strength of 40 men.
- h. 28 Nov 70, BS675530, C-3 rating, element of 38 local VC Bn; 100 men.
- i. Deputy village chief, Nghia Han, VC provincial hospital in area at loc BS6253-6353; BS6351-6251; VC B18 hospital at loc BS6250-6449; BS6249-6450.
- j. 14 Nov 70, BS620485, C-3 rating, unknown Bn 21 Reg; 200 men.

3. Agent Report from 525 Military Intelligence Det:

- a. A 525 Military Intelligence Group agent report evaluated B/3 stated that a supply agency subordinate to the Quang Ngai Province Front Supply Council was located in the vicinity of BS558367. In addition, the agency had a storage area at BS600375, production areas in the vicinity of BS490450 and BS500315, and husbandry camps in the Nui Lon mountain area (BS670450). Security for the agency was provided by watch towers, mines and booby traps, trenches, and secret bunkers. These are all plausible locations for logistical areas under enemy control. Recent visual reconnaissance of two of the sites mentioned has revealed a hut and heavy trails at BS558367, and numerous huts, bunkers, and cultivation near Trang Dien (BS490450). The Nui Lon mountain area (BS670450) is a traditional enemy transportation route and supply area; and agent reports in November placed the T.811 (possible AKA Quang Ngai (P)) Trading Organizations operating in the vicinity. The fact that all these sites are accessible to Base Areas 123 and 128 via the Song Ba To, gives credence to the idea of some type of logistical chain. Additionally, visual reconnaissance in November spotted possible enemy base camps with huts and bunkers at the two logical jumping-off points along the Song Ba To and Song Ne for Base Areas 123 and 128, BS4944 and BS6445.



b. An agent reports (B3) that the Mo Duc District Current Affairs Committee will be holding a convention between 10 and 20 December. The meeting will be held in either Sudi Stream area here (BS660460) or in the Da Chat Pass in this vicinity (BS630430). The purpose is to discuss several projects and problems facing the committee, and to elect new personnel to replace cadre of the Current Affairs Committee and the district units that had been killed. The agent stated that at least 14 members of the Current Affairs Committee had been killed recently. Approximately 120 representatives, including some provincial unit party members, will attend the meeting.

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D 4-3 Inf	Heavy Mortar Platoon

1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Annex A Intelligence Overlay.

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 11th Bde continues combat and rice denial operations within the brigade AO to interdict and destroy VC/NVA; Conduct cease fire truce as designated by higher headquarters for Christmas period.

(2) 3-1 Inf conducts Eagle Flight operations and small unit operations in assigned AO.

(3) 1-20 Inf conducts rice denial and pacification operations in assigned AO.

(4) 4-21 Inf conducts rice denial and pacification operations in assigned AO.

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf continues small unit operations within assigned AO with particular emphasis in Song Ve Valley and east-west routes of movement along the Battalion eastern AO boundary. Take appropriate action as required by Brigade during Christmas truce.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: 4-3 Inf continues operations 241000 Dec with Co A making a CA to LZ vic (BS598462); Co B extracts from PZ 1 (BS596474), PZ 2 (BS611473) and PZ 3 (BS598462) to San Juan Hill. Co C and Co D continue operations in assigned AO's. Priority of artillery fires will be to unit involved in air movement.

b. Co A:

(1) Conduct CA 241000 Dec from LZ SJH to LZ vic (BS598462).

(2) Move from LZ to platoon-size NDP. Employ squad-size search/ambush patrols until 241800.

(3) Upon completion of Christmas truce continue squad-size search and ambush patrols in assigned AO.

(4) Relieved from LRRP reinforcement mission upon movement to field.

c. Co B:

(1) Conduct extraction from PZ 1, PZ 2 and PZ 3 to San Juan Hill.

(2) Provide security for LZ SJH.

(3) Be prepared to reinforce Div LRRP Box in Bde recon zone within a 2 hour notice.

d. Co C: Continue assigned mission in AO.

e. Co D: Continue assigned mission in AO.

f. Recon: SJH.

g. Coordinating Instructions:

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(1) Christmas truce will be from 241800 Dec to 251800 Dec. Companies will be advised as to exact rules of engagement. Beginning 1800 hours 24 Dec, companies in field locations will set up in platoon-size NDP's. Battalion will set up for Christmas dinner not later than 251000 Dec in company defensive positions. Upon completion of Christmas meal, units will break up into platoon-size elements and disperse. At 251800 hours platoons will disperse to squad-size ambush locations.

(2) Companies will be especially watchful for enemy activity during the truce period. All breaches of the truce will immediately be reported.

(3) Submit airlift requirements to TOC 24 hours prior to scheduled move.

(4) An ample supply of demolitions will be carried to destroy all dud ordnance found in AO.

(5) Unit commanders review CA procedures prior to air movement.

4. (C) SUPPLY AND SERVICES:

a. Supply:

(1) Deploy with a three day supply of all materials needed.

(2) Three day resupply cycle. Rations, water and emergency items only.

(3) One meal per man will be carried as an emergency ration.

b. Services:

(1) Christmas dinner will be served at field locations between 1000-1400 hours. Mess hall at Bronco is tasked with field feeding.

(2) Mess back-haul will be completed prior to 1400 hours.

(3) Feeding schedule to be announced.

5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Command: FSB San Juan.

b. Signal:

(1) CA frequency: Secure plain.

(2) All companies will inspect and check all communications equipment prior to deploying to field.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

1. Intelligence gathered by 4-3 Inf in December:
  - a. Recon found 3 hooches, well used. (BS576422)
  - b. Recon found 3 hooches w/tunnel. (BS576423)
  - c. B Co found 7 hooches, long stream. (BS573459)
  - d. B Co spotted 3 VC/NVA carrying AK-47's, fled south. (BS583456)
  - e. B Co engaged with one VC/NVA with AK-47 fire. One US KIA - fled to north. (BS591453)
  - f. C Co engaged 1 VC/NVA, 1 KIA - moving SW. (BS599463)
  - g. B Co where had 1 US KIA found base camp. (BS591453)
  - h. C Co found ammo cache. (BS605471)
  - i. C Co spotted 1 VC/NVA had AK-47, fled south. (BS602458)
  - j. C Co engaged 1 VC/NVA, 1 KIA, AK-47 CIA, moving NE. (BS602468)
  - k. C Co found 10-13 structures under some tunnels. (BS601454)
  - l. C Co found 3 hooches with 3 SKS, 300 lbs. corn. (BS607464)
  - m. C Co check old base area, spotted 5 VC/NVA, 1 KIA, 1 AK-47 CIA.
  - n. B Co mech detonate, 1 VC/NVA KIA. (BS598473)
  - o. B Co found 5 graves. (BS598470)
  - p. B Co spotted 1 VC/NVA. (BS595447)
  - q. B Co found 3 tunnels and cave complexes. (BS606472)
  - r. B Co found 1 grave. (BS611467)
  - s. B Co spotted 5 VC/NVA working in field. (BS617470)
  - t. D Co spotted 1 VC/NVA moving south. (BS617437)
  - u. B Co engaged 1 VC/NVA w/pack and 1 mine. (BS614470)
  - v. C Co found a weapon cache. (BS622455)
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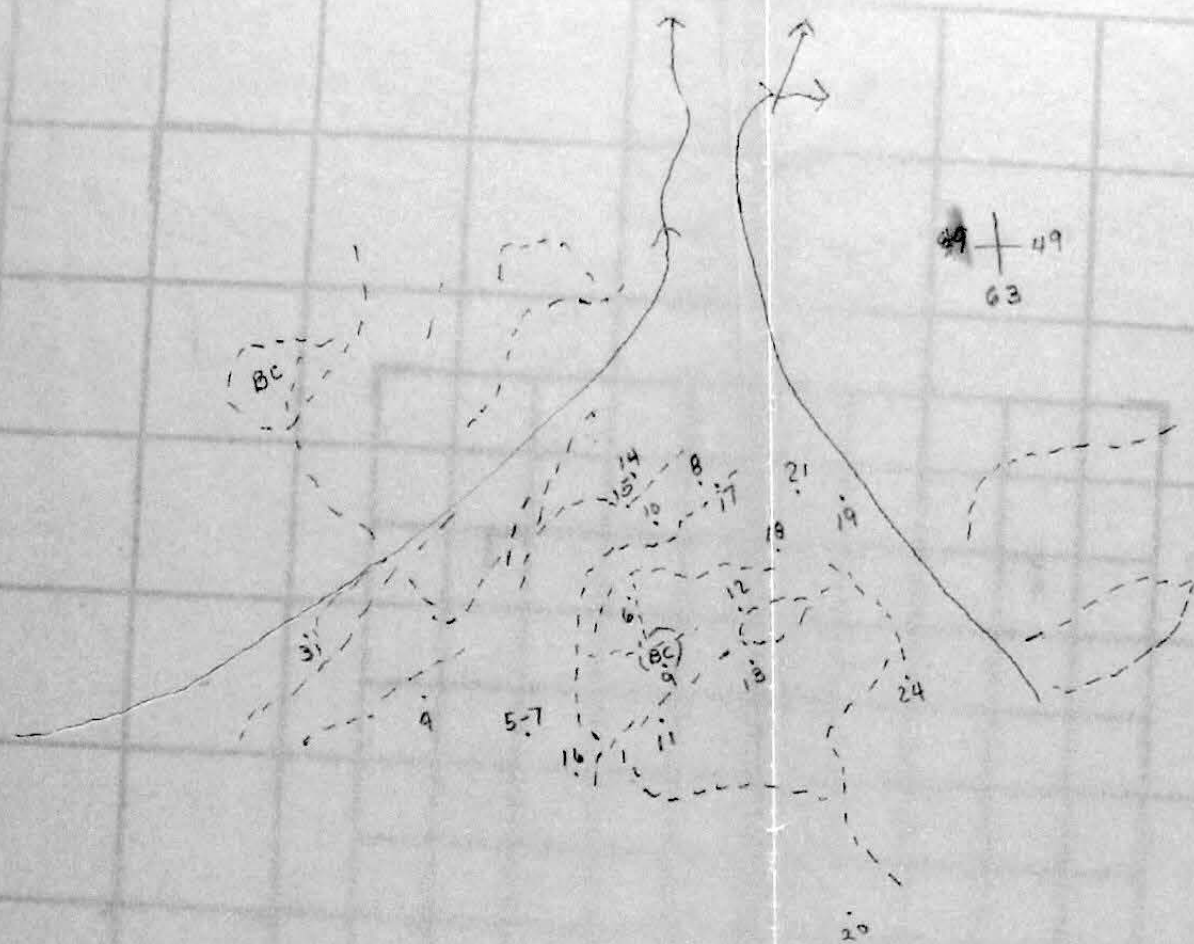
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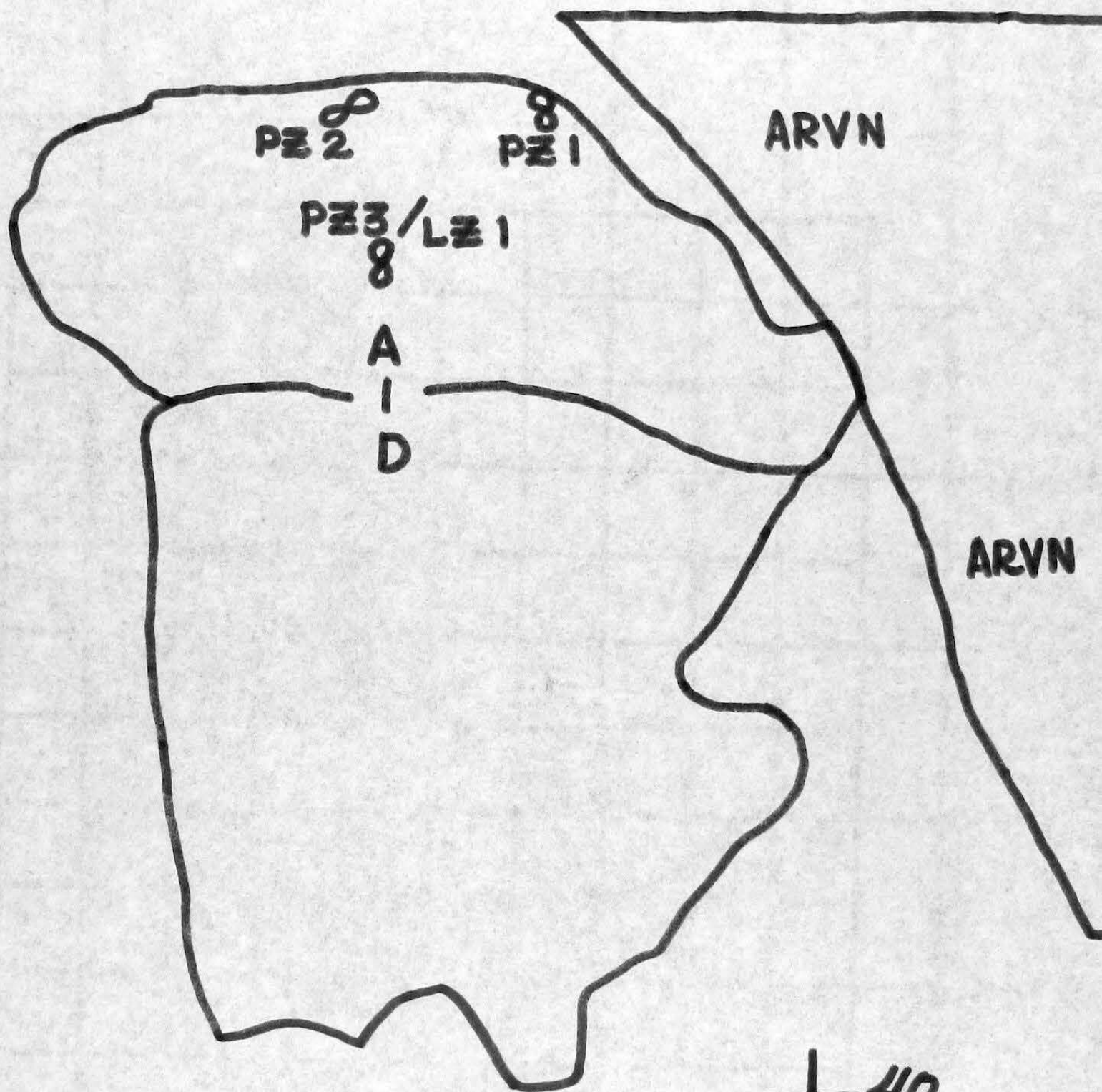
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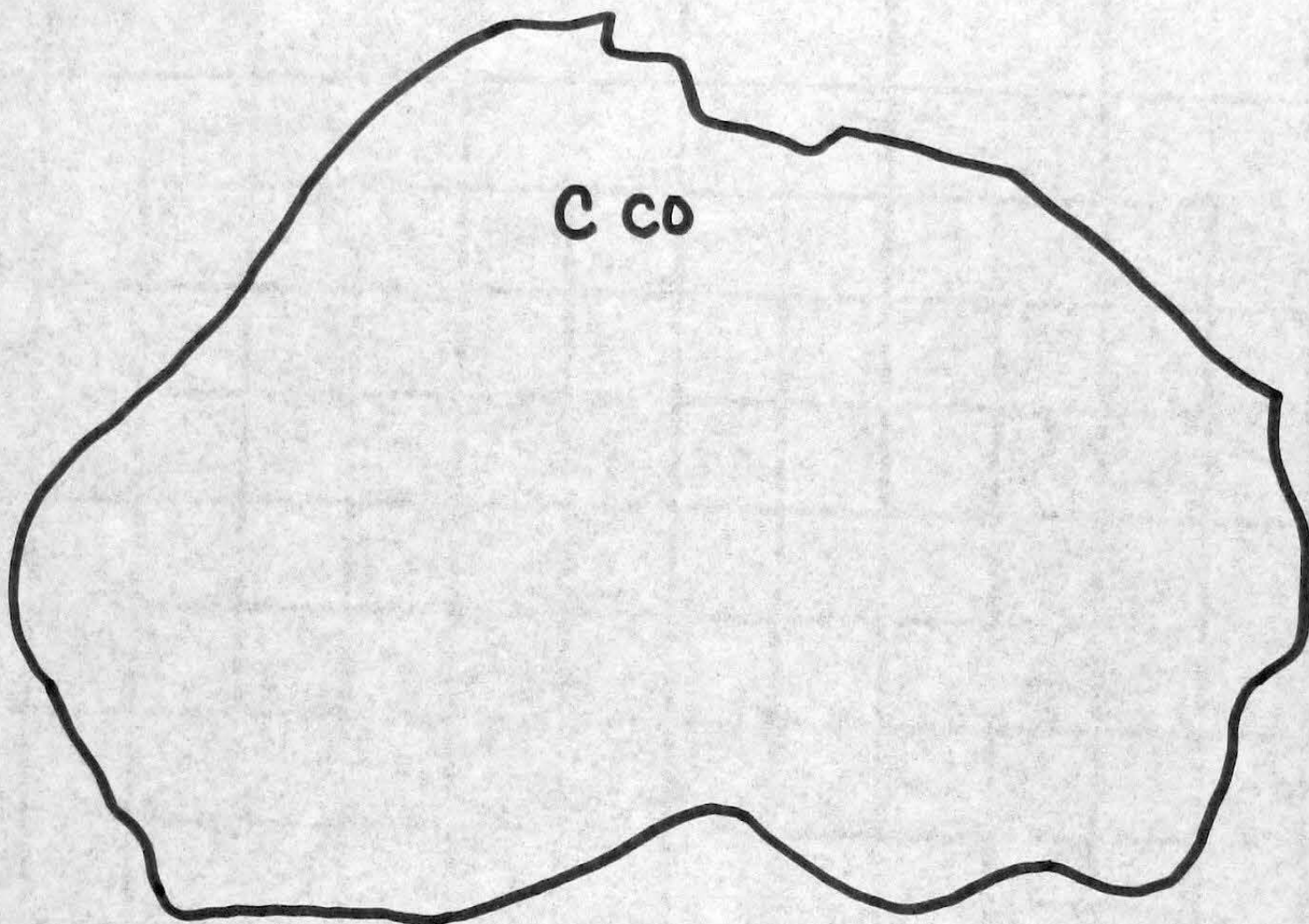
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