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SUBJECT: Operational Guidance 9-22 November 1969.

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1. (C) General.

a. The enemy has indicated his capability of moving out of a stand-down posture to conduct attacks with little warning. With forces now deployed southward into the 1st Cav Div (AM) AO, the enemy is capable of striking ARVN and U.S. locations throughout the AO.

b. It is not believed that infiltration of supplies has reached sufficient proportions to support a sustained major campaign. It is expected that infiltration of supplies through the First Team's AO will continue to be a primary effort in order to support the Winter-Spring campaign. Attacks by fire and sapper or battalion size attacks will probably occur on selected targets.

c. The enemy has indicated, in COSVN Resolution Nine, that he plans to prevent ARVN Forces from assuming territory vacated by U.S. Forces. It is possible that ARVN Airborne fire support bases may be the primary target of enemy attacks in the First Team's AO in accordance with the COSVN resolution.

d. During the period 9-22 November, the 1st Cavalry Division, with the 11th ACR OPCON, and in close coordination with the 2d ARVN Airborne Brigade, 1st, 15th and 18th ARVN Cavalry Regiments, and the 9th ARVN Regiment, continues to direct operations toward locating and neutralizing major enemy forces and interdicting infiltration routes throughout War Zone "C", BINH LONG and PHUOC LONG Provinces; and to identifying and eliminating known and suspected base areas and cache sites. Particular emphasis will be directed toward interdicting lines of communication, neutralizing enemy elements, and capturing or destroying equipment and supplies along these lines of communication. Emphasis will continue to be placed on support of the GVN pacification program and LONG TIEN operations.

2. (C) Concept of Operation.

a. 1st Brigade/2d ARVN Airborne Brigade:

(1) The 1st Brigade with 2-5 Cav, 11th Abn Bn, and 1-12 Cav, and the 2d ARVN Airborne Brigade with the 3d Abn Bn, 2-7 Cav and the 9th Abn Bn will direct their primary effort to the western and northern portions of central and eastern War Zone "C". Intensive air reconnaissance and surveillance will continue throughout War Zone "C" to detect major NVA/VC infiltration and resupply activities. Operations will be targeted against the 95C, 271st and 272d NVA Regiments, the 50th and 82d Rear Service Elements, and artillery units in support of enemy maneuver forces. Priority of effort will be directed towards the following:

(a) Interdicting enemy infiltration routes W and NW of FSB CAROLYN, N of FSB IKE, along the SAIGON RIVER, the MUSTANG TRAIL Complex N of FSB VICKY, vicinity FSB RITA, and E and W of FSB PHYLLIS.

(b) Locating and eliminating the crossing sites along the SAIGON RIVER CORRIDOR E of FSB JACKIE and SE of FSB JAMIE.

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(c) Locating and eliminating the base areas and cache sites N, W and SW of FSB IKE, along the BA CHIEM and SAIGON RIVER, NW of FSB JAMIE, and NE of FSB JACKIE.

(d) Coordinating the maximum utilization of long range 8"/175 artillery fires in the northwestern, central and eastern portions of northern War Zone "C".

(e) Continue planning to conduct artillery raids throughout War Zone "C".

(f) Continue close liaison and coordination with SF/CIDG elements at TONG LE CHON and MINH THANH.

(2) Continue planning to reinforce FSB VICKY, JAMIE, CAROLYN or KATUM, or to open a new FSB vicinity northeastern War Zone "C".

(3) 2-5 Cav conduct operations to the N, W and SW of FSB IKE. 2-7 Cav conduct operations N and NW of FSB JAMIE, and coordinated operations with the 3d ARVN Abn Bn along the eastern side of the SAIGON RIVER. 1-12 Cav conduct ground reconnaissance operations to the N, E and SE of FSB GRANT, and W of FSB ST BARBARA in order to eliminate NVA/VC forces and to deny further entry into BA 355. 3d Abn Bn conduct operations N, NE and E of FSB JACKIE. 9th Abn Bn conduct operations against the MUSTANG TRAIL Complex and in the vicinity of FSB VICKY. 11th Abn Bn conduct operations NW, W, E and S of FSB CAROLYN.

b. 2d Brigade:

(1) Continue operations in assigned AO with the 5-7 Cav and the 2-12 Cav. Continue combined operations with elements of the 5th ARVN Division, RF/PF, and CIDG forces. Priority of effort will be directed towards the following:

(a) Interdicting the ADAMS ROAD complex with emphasis on the area W and NW of FSB BUTTONS.

(b) Conducting operations targeted against the 174th NVA Regiment, D168 Local Force Bn, and the K17 and K25 Local Force Companies.

(c) Locating and neutralizing base areas N and NE of FSB JUDIE, and SW of FSB MARY.

(d) Locating and neutralizing the bunker complex N of FSB JUDIE.

(2) Continue to conduct intensified psychological operations in the DUC BON, PHU VAN and DUC HANH Village areas in order to exert maximum pressure on the VCI.

(3) Continue to conduct combined operations with RF/PF units with emphasis toward upgrading night ambush activities giving maximum protection to villages and hamlets; conduct pre-emptive operations to deny village and hamlet areas to the enemy.

(4) Continue support for DONG TIEN and pacification programs.

(5) Continue overwatch responsibility over DUC PHONG District, to include periodic artillery raids, air strikes and persistent CS drops, to neutralize enemy fires from the E of DUC PHONG.

(6) Continue overwatch responsibility of the 1st and 18th ARVN Cav Regiments.

(7) Continue planning for convoys along QL 14 and Hwy 311.

(8) Continue planning and coordination for the introduction of one

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ARVN abn bde into PHUOC LONG Province on the following tentative dates:

17 November.....Advance Brigade Headquarters Elements

23 November.....Brigade Headquarters.

1 December.....ARVN Airborne Battalion

5 December.....ARVN Airborne Battalion

10 December.....ARVN Airborne Battalion

(9) Continue to destroy selected garden plots as determined by the PHUOC LONG Province Chief.

(10) Continue planning to open a new FSB E of CAROL (vicinity YT1189).

(11) 5-7 Cav conduct operations SW, W and NE of FSB MARY. 2-12 Cav conduct operations to the W, NW, N and NE of FSB JUDIE.

c. 3d Brigade:

(1) Continue airmobile operations in assigned AO with the 1-5 Cav, 1-7 Cav and 1-8 Cav. Continue to direct major efforts toward interdiction of the SERGES JUNGLE HIGHWAY. Increase emphasis on DONG TIEN operations with provincial and district forces, targeted against local force units. Continue to enhance the upgrading of RF/PF forces and the Vietnamization effort by conducting combined US/RVNAF operations to include denial operations to inhibit mortar fire on population centers. Tactical operations will be targeted against elements of the 7th NVA Division, 85th Rear Service Group and the D168th and D368th Local Force Battalions operating in eastern BINH LONG Province and Western PHUOC LONG Province. Priority of effort will be directed toward:

(a) Locating and fixing elements of the 141st NVA Regt.

(b) Supporting RF/PF and CIDG forces operating against elements of the 165th NVA Regt in BO DUC District.

(c) Interdicting the K16 District unit and base area vicinity XU992160.

(d) Interdicting NVA/VC main force elements operating along the SERGES JUNGLE HIGHWAY.

(e) Locating and neutralizing crossing sites along the SONG BE RIVER.

(f) Continuing defoliation of approved enemy cultivated areas in assigned AO, specifically vicinity YT0397 and XU9913.

(g) Locating and neutralizing the NVA/VC base areas vicinity XU8718, XU8704, XU9700 and XU9810.

(h) Locating and neutralizing the bunker complexes W of FSB VIVIAN vicinity XU8202 and W of FSB WESCOTT vicinity XT9289.

(i) Increasing emphasis on psychological operations to enhance the Chieu Hoi program.

(2) Continue to coordinate combined and unilateral operations with the CIDG forces of CHI LINH and DONG XOAI.

(3) Continue planning to open a new FSB NW of ODESSA (vicinity YT0180).

(4) Continue overwatch responsibility for BO DUC District.

(5) Continue to coordinate allied operations vicinity BO DUC/BU DOP.

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(6) Continue to upgrade contingency plans for the reinforcement of BO DUC District.

(7) Continue to support pacification programs of the 2d Brigade and 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in BINH LONG and PHUOC LONG Provinces, respectively.

(8) Continue to prepare for and upgrade plans to execute 1st Cav Div contingency plans for War Zone "C".

(9) 1-5 Cav conduct operations to the W, NW and SE of FSB VIVIAN. 1-7 Cav conduct operations to the N, W, S and SE of FSB WESGOTT. 1-8 Cav conduct operations to the NW, W and SW of FSB ELLEN.

d. 11th ACR (OPCON):

(1) Continue operations in assigned AO with three squadrons; continue to seek out and neutralize NVA/VC forces attempting to move along infiltration routes in the SAIGON RIVER CORRIDOR (vic MINH THANH), BINH LONG and PHUOC LONG Provinces; conduct combined operations with the 9th ARVN Regiment, 15th ARVN Cav Regiment, CIDG units and RF/PF with the following priority of effort:

(a) Continue support for DONG TIEN and pacification program emphasizing combined operations with RF/PF, to include denial operations to inhibit mortar fire on population center, formal training and civic action.

(b) Continue operations to locate, interdict, and neutralize base areas, cache sites and LOC emanating from Base Areas 350 and 352.

(c) Continue to secure convoys on QL 13.

(d) Continue operations to neutralize VC local force units and VCI.

(e) Continue as required to conduct operations vicinity FSB DEB to influence operations vicinity BO DUC/BU DOP.

(f) Up-date contingency plans for clearing of QL 14A from LOC NINH to BU DOP.

(g) Continue planning for operations in eastern War Zone "C" in support of 1st Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM), and 2d ARVN Abn Bde.

(h) Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations employing the air cav trp to intercept NVA/VC infiltration and resupply activities along the major border crossing points.

(2) Planning for contingency missions will include aerial reconnaissance, stockpiling engineer materials required for breaching obstacles, refresher training in mine detection and demolitions as required, and rehearsal of key steps in implementation of engineer support plan.

(3) Operations directed against NVA/VC base areas, cache sites, and interdiction routes will stress platoon-sized reconnaissance and combined operations with ARVN and CIDG forces.

(4) 1-11 ACR conduct operations to the N, E and S of FSB GWYN. 2-11 ACR conduct operations to the N, E and W of FSB MARGE. 3-11 ACR conduct operations to the N, E and SE of FSB JAKE.

e. DIVARTY:

(1) Continue to conduct Mini-Cav, ambush and patrolling operations in AO CHIEF utilizing 2-8 Cav and D/1-9 Cav (-). Continue to conduct combined operations with the RF/PF, national police, and the DONG XOAI and CHI LINH CIDG forces. Operations will be targeted against known and suspected rocket and mortar sites, elements of the DONG NAI Regiment, supply

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and infiltration routes and cache sites. Priority of effort will be directed toward:

- (a) Conducting daylight ground reconnaissance, patrolling and night ambushes utilizing radar and sniper teams for maximum effectiveness.
- (b) Locating, interdicting and eliminating cache sites, base areas and enemy elements.
- (c) Coordinating and conducting combined operations with PHUOC VINH District forces vicinity southern portion of AO CHIEF.
- (d) Conducting combined ambushes with RF/PF forces S of AO CHIEF.
- (e) Continuing overwatch responsibility for the SONG BE BRIDGE.
- (f) Conducting combined ambushes with PF forces NE of CAMP GORVAD.
- (g) Operating check points on the road network in AO CHIEF in conjunction with the Vietnamese National Police.
- (2) Conducting mounted reconnaissance operations in AO CHIEF.
- (3) Continue planning to conduct artillery raids throughout AO CHIEF.
- (4) Initiate operations to train and rehearse forces committed to the defense of CAMP GORVAD.
- (5) Relinquish 500 meters E of the SONG BE RIVER between the 46 and the 60 E-W grid lines on a permanent basis to the 1st Infantry Division effective ~~10/6/68~~ November; renegotiated floating boundary will be established by this Headquarters.

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