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 QUAN LOI (XT8290) RVN
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OPORD 7-69 (Operation TEXAS TRAVELER) (U)

Reference: Map, South Vietnam, 1:50,000

Task Org

1/11 ACR	2/11 ACR	3/11 ACR
A/1/11 ACR	E/2/11 ACR	I/3/11 ACR
B/1/11 ACR	G/2/11 ACR	K/3/11 ACR
C/1/11 ACR	H/2/11 ACR	L/3/11 ACR
D/1/11 ACR	How/2/11 ACR	M/3/11 ACR
How/1/11 ACR	4/919 Engr (-) OPCON	2 Cos CIDG (SPT)
2/919 Engr (-) OPCON		Command & Control GP
		C&D Cos 2/7 Cav (AM) OPCON
		How/3/11 ACR
		1 Plt C/8 Engr (OPCON)
		3/919 Engr (OPCON)
		4 Mine Sweep Teams (OPCON)

1. (C) SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces: See Annex A.
- b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 1st Cavalry Division (AM):

- (a) On 240630H Nov 69, 1st Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM), places two infantry companies (AM) with a command and control group OPCON with 3/11 ACR.
- (b) O/O 8th Engr Bn, 1st Cav Div (AM), provides on inner support for 11th ACR operations in War Zone C. (See Annex C- Engineer)
- (c) O/O Div Arty, 1st Cav Div (AM), provides 11th ACR a Liaison team to support operations in War Zone C.

(2) Joint Operational Units: Operating jointly with 3/11 ACR, Special Forces CIDG companies will support 11th ACR operations in AO DALLAS with two companies and assist in security of airfield at TONG LE CHON.

c. Attachments & Detachments: Task Org.

2. (C) MISSION: At 240630H Nov 69, 11th ACR will commence area reconnaissance of the Eastern Sector of War Zone C (see Annex D) with One squadron.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations: 3/11 ACR, reinforced, conducts a multiple route, cross country penetration through AO DALLAS along axis of Route 246 executes CAs along Route 246 to clear it of obstacles. On order 1/11 ACR moves to 3/11 ACR AO and prepares for operations in War Zone C. 2/11 ACR continues operations in LOC NINH District and prepares for operations along QL 14A in the direction of BO DUC.

b. 1/11 ACR:

- (1) On order, move to vicinity XT7189 and assume responsibility for 3/11 AO.
- (2) Maintain responsibility for current AO and missions.
- (3) Coordinate with BINH LONG Sector and CO 15th ACR (ARVN) for assistance in AO's.
- (4) Assume responsibility for security of AN LOC-TONG LE CHON Road.
- (5) Be prepared to assist in security of TONG LE CHON Airfield with 1 platoon.
- (6) Be prepared to move into War Zone C to commence operations as required.

c. 2/11 ACR: Continue current missions.

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d. 3/11 ACR:

- (1) At 240630H Nov 69 commence combat assaults and ground movement into Eastern War Zone C.
- (2) Following commitment in Eastern War Zone C conduct joint operations with CIDG as required.
- (3) At 240630H Nov 69, accept OPCON of two infantry companies (AM) with a control group, one engineer platoon (AM), 3/919 Engr, and four 6-man mine sweep teams drawn from platoons of 919th Engineer Co.

e. Air Cav Troop:

- (1) Priority of effort to 3/11 ACR.
- (2) Retain ARPS in readiness for commitment into War Zone C.

f. 919 Engr Co: See Annex C - Engineer.

g. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) At H Hour, D Day 3/11 ACR assumes responsibility for AO DALLAS (see Annex D) and OPCON of any US/ARVN forces located therein. Additional AO's will be assigned to 3/11 ACR as required.
- (2) The artillery LNO assigned to 3/11 ACR will clear artillery fires within that unit's AO.
- (3) Fires within 1st Bde/2d Airborne Bde (ARVN) AO's will be cleared through 2/19 Artillery Battalion, 1st Cav Div (AM), call sign: TRAIL SPIKE 8 Freq: 61.00.
- (4) Fires will not be placed within 3 kms of the Cambodian border without approval of the Regimental Commander, closer than 2 kms without permission of Commanding General, 1st Cav Div (AM).
- (5) All air warning data for Eastern War Zone C will be posted through the 2/19 Artillery Battalion, 1st Cav Div (AM), Call Sign TRAIL SPIKE 8, Freq: 61.00.
- (6) As 11th ACR's AO in Eastern War Zone C is extended, fire support coordination will be accomplished in accordance with sub-paragraphs (2) through (6) above.
- (7) Supplemental check points in Annex B are in effect for Operation TEXAS TRAVELER.
- (8) This OPORD executes OPLAN 13-69.
- (9) OPORD effective upon receipt for execution at 240630H Nov 69.

4. (U) ADMIN & LOG: See Annex F - Logistics.

5. (C) COMMAND & SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

- (1) Current SOI/SSI in effect.
- (2) Call signs and frequencies of US/ARVN units in War Zone C:

(a) <u>US UNIT</u>	<u>CALL SIGN</u>	<u>FREQ (P)</u>	<u>FREQ (A)</u>
NCS, 1st Bde (AM)	STING RAY 65	33.30	44.05
NCS, 2-7 Cav (AM)	WHITE SCALP 65	50.20	49.10

PRIMARY

(b) <u>ARVN UNIT</u>	<u>CALL SIGN</u>	<u>FREQ</u>
SA, 2d Abn Bde	PONY CORKS 42	50.30
SA, 3d Bn	POTATO TRIALS 42	50.30
SA, 9th Bn	CHILLY CAREER 42	50.30

ALTERNATE

SA, 2d Abn Bde	GRAYSON STEWS 42	32.80
SA, 3d Bn	FAIRFAX TONSILS 42	32.80
SA, 9th Bn	NORMAL TRENCH 42	32.80

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b. 11th ACR command post remains at QUAN LOI (XT8290).

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ANNEXES:

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Annex A (Intel) to OPOD 7-69 (Operation TEXAS TRAVELER) (U)

Ref: Map, VIETNAM, 1:50,000

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION:

a. Eastern War Zone C has traditionally provided the enemy with an inviolable area from which he could provide manpower and material to the battlefield. High level headquarters, rear service installations, training centers, and hospitals are also located in this area. Additionally, there are two base areas straddling the Cambodian Border into War Zone C: Base Areas 352 and 353. These base areas not only contain the headquarters of COSVN, but are also used by main force enemy units to rest, regroup, evade friendly forces, and initiate preparatory phases for offensive operations.

b. There are two primary supply/infiltration routes traversing War Zone C: The Saigon Michelin Corridor which follows the Saigon River basin, and a system of trails and supply caches generally running diagonally from the Dog's Neck in a southeasterly direction to the Saigon River (vicinity of XT4553). Although allied operations have hampered enemy activity along these routes in past, the enemy continues to use War Zone C as a route of resupply and infiltration.

c. From mid-September until early November, enemy initiated activity in War Zone C was characterized by scattered attacks by fire, light ground probes, ground to air firings, and logistical operations. However, during the early morning hours of 4 November, FSB IKE and FSB JAMIE received ground probes while FSB ST. BARBARA and FSB VICKIE received attacks by fire. Although the K2 Battalion, 271st VC Regiment was identified as participating in the attack on IKE, no other unit identifications were obtained. At present, the future intentions of the 9th VC Division are unknown; however, it is believed that these attacks as well as others throughout III CTZ signalled the beginning of the first phase of the Winter-Spring Offensive. According to documents captured in II CTZ, the initial phase of the campaign will be from 3 November to 25 November.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

a. Essential Elements of Information:

Will the 9th VC Division continue to be targeted against allied FSB's in eastern War Zone C? If so, when, where, and with what forces will the enemy attack? If not, what is the mission of the 9th VC Division?

b. Other Intelligence Requirements (not in priority):

- (1) What is the location, organization, strength, and mission of the 271st VC Regiment, 272d VC Regiment, and 95C NVA Regiment?
- (2) What is the location and exact content of supply caches?
- (3) Is 95C NVA Regiment OPCON to the 9th VC Division.
- (4) During the period since mid-September, what have the units been doing?
- (5) How many replacements have the enemy units received since August?
- (6) When will the Winter-Spring Offensive begin? Has it already begun?
- (7) Are Saigon and LONG BINH targets of this offensive?

3. INTELLIGENCE ACQUISITION TASKS

a. Orders to attached and subordinate units

- (1) 1/11 ACR

(a) Report as obtained.

1. Enemy occupied positions.
2. Number, size, composition, and time of enemy patrols.
3. Location, size, shape, type of construction of basecamps and bunker complexes.

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Annex A (Intel) to OPORD 7-79 (Operation TEXAS TRAVELER) (U)

4. The areas unsuitable for armored operations.
5. Suitable fording sites along streams.
6. Location of large underground concrete reinforced installations.
7. Number, size, composition, and time of movement of enemy units.

- (2) 3/11 ACR.
Same as (1).
- (3) 2/11 ACR.
Same as (1).
- (4) Air Cavalry Troop.
Same as (1).
- (5) 919th Engineers.
Same as (1).

b. Requests to Higher, Adjacent, and Cooperating Units.

- (1) G2, 1st Cavalry Division (AM is requested to provide:

- (a) As obtained.

1. Fresh trail activity throughout the area.
2. Location of known bunker complexes, anti-aircraft sites, rocket/mortar firing positions, and medical facilities.
3. Location of enemy units.
4. Red Haze and SLAR coverage of the area.
5. Location of sensor fields including life span and recent activations.
6. Provide airphoto coverage of the area of operation.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERSONNEL DOCUMENTS AND MATERIAL

a. Prisoners of War. PW's will be reported to regimental S2 without delay.

b. Captured Documents. Enemy documents will be safeguarded and reported to regimental S2 without delay.

c. Captured Material. Enemy manufactured weapons, mines, and other equipment will be safeguarded and reported to regimental S2 without delay.

5. DOCUMENTS AND/OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

a. Maps. SOP distribution of maps.

b. Photos. Following airphotos have been requested:

- (1) Basic cover of the area of operation.
- (2) Annotated airphotos distributed automatically as available.
- (3) Request for preplanned air photo missions requested in accordance with TAC SOP.

c. Air Surveillance Plan. SOP.

6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

a. SOP

7. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION

a. SOP

8. MISCELLANEOUS

a. N/A

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Annex B (Supplementary Check Points) to OPOD 7-69 (Operation TEXAS TRAVELER) (U)

1. (C) At H-Hour, D-Day the following check points will supplement the Regimental Check Points system:

<u>CHECK POINT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>FEATURE</u>
A41	XT501798	Trail - Road Junction
A42	XT552768	Stream Junction
A43	XT518778	Trail Junction
A44	XT504759	Trail-Road Junction
A45	XT504767	Trail-Road Junction
A51	XT598822	Road Curve
A52	XT573841	Road Curve
A53	XT543846	Road Curve
A54	XT555835	Trail Junction
A55	XT518819	Trail-Road Junction
A56	XT562818	Trail Junction
A57	XT567849	Trail Junction
A58	XT532895	Trail End
Z41	XT403763	Trail Junction
Z42	XT442743	Trail-Stream Junction
Z43	XT452775	Trail-Stream Junction
Z44	XT407782	Trail Junction
Z45	XT492727	Road Curve
Z46	XT475762	Trail Curve
Z47	XT451764	Trail Junction
Z51	XT410839	Trail-Road Junction
Z52	XT416836	Trail-Road Junction
Z53	XT432817	TAU TUNG THINGAL
Z54	XT449844	Trail Junction
Z55	XT422857	Trail Curve
Z56	XT488856	Stream Junction
Z57	XT463819	Bridge
Z58	XT499819	Road Intersection
Z59	XT464843	Trail-Stream Junction
Y41	XT383798	Trail Curve
Y42	XT382766	Trail Junction
Y43	XT382778	Trail Junction
Y44	XT388752	Trail Junction
Y45	XT368736	Trail Intersection
Y51	XT377858	Bridge
Y52	XT379835	Ben in Trail
Y54	XT383827	Ben in Trail
Y56	XT388879	Trail Junction
Y57	XT369867	Trail-Road Junction

2. (C) Until further notice letter designations of this check point system are as follows:

A-2
 Y-4
 Z-8

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Annex C (Engineer) to OPORD 7-69 (Operation TEXAS TRAVELER) (U)

Ref: Same as OPORD 7-69

1. (C) SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces: Annex A
- b. Friendly Forces:

- (1) OPORD 7-69
- (2) 8th Engineer Bn, 1st Cav Div (AM) supports 11th ACR with:
 - (a) One (1) airmobile dozer.
 - (b) One (1) airmobile engineer platoon
 - (c) Four (4) chain saws.
 - (d) Three (3) M4T6 dry spans.
 - (e) Additional men and equipment as required.

2. (C) MISSION: On order, 919th Engineer Co, reinforced, supports 3/11 ACR in combat operations in eastern War Zone C to include clearing mines, bridging obstacles, employing demolitions, improving roads and other tasks as required.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) General: Cut-timber stockpiles have been established for construction corduroy roads, AVLB support & additional sweep teams have been located with 3/11 ACR. M4T6 dry spans have been preassembled for airlift, and chain saws and a dozer will be made available.

(2) On order, five sweep teams from the 919th Engineer Co (-) & 3/11 ACR will be airlifted to points along routes 246/244 with airmobile engineer work parties as required, and infantry/CIDG security to clear the roads & improve trafficability. See appendix 1 (Engineer Operations Overlay)

b. 919th Engineer Co:

- (1) Place 3/919 OPCON 3/11 ACR: 4/919 OPCON 2/11 ACR: 2/919 OPCON 1/11 ACR.
- (2) Place two (2) AVLB OPCON to 3/11 ACR.
- (3) Place four (4) sweep teams (one from each platoon) of six (6) men and three (3) mine detectors each OPCON to 3/11 ACR at H-2 on D-Day. On order place them OPCON 1/11 ACR.
- (4) Provide liaison officer to 3/11 ACR to coordinate work of OPCON engineer elements.
- (5) Place 1500 PG4 Water Purification Set in operation via TON LE CHON airfield.
- (6) Provide CEV & D7E Dozer to improve helicopter resupply areas, fuel & ammo storage areas, and general visibility & clearing vicinity of TON LE CHON airfield.

- c. 2/11 ACR: Provide AVLB support to 3/11 ACR as required.
- d. Engineer Platoon (AM):

- (1) Support 3/11 ACR in improving route 246 as required.
- (2) Have M4T6 dry spans available for air movement as required.

e. Coordinating Instructions: Timber for corduroy is available for airlift from stockpiles and also available along eastern portion of route 246 if required.

4. (U) ADMIN & LOG: SOP.

5. (U) COMMAND & SIGNAL (See OPORD)

Appendix
 1 - Engineer Operation Overlay

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Appendix 1 (Obstacle Descriptions) to Annex C to OPORD 7-69 (Operation
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<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
XT6082 grid sq.	Marshy area & potholes
XT5883 grid sq.	Marshy area
XT560844	Mine field
XT542844	Crater & minefield no side of road
XT529832	Bridge Out - 32' gap
XT5077 grid sq	Marshy area
XT5075 grid sq	Marshy area
XT4782 grid sq	Cratered for 200 meters
XT46258193	Bridge out 35' - 40' gap
XT445818	Crater
XT402844	Bridge out, 10 - 20' gap
XT3984 grid sq	Cratered for 200 meters

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Annex E (Fire Support) to OPORD 7-69 (Operation TEXAS TRAVELER) (U)

Reference: Same as OPORD 7-69

1. (C) Fires within 1st Bde/2d Abn Bde (ARVN) AO's will be cleared through 2/19 Artillery Battalion, 1st Cav Div (AM), call sign: TRAIL SPIKE 8, Freq: 61.00.
2. (C) Direct Support: How/3/11 ACR, 155 SP, call sign: DEAY TAVERN 73, Freq: 65.95.
3. (C) General Support:
 - a. A/6-27 175mm QUAN LOI XT809903, call sign: SLIDING RANKS 32, Freq: 42.75.
 - b. A/2/32 175mm ST. BARBARA XT276679, call sign: POWDER SERPENT 99, Freq: 43.20.
4. (C) Additional Fire Support Available:
 - a. 3/A53 (2-105mm) (ARVN) FSB JAKE XT626815, call sign: ETHEL CINCH 70, Freq: 50.40.
 - b. B/2/19 (6-105mm) (US) FSB JAMIE XT484718, call sign: TRAIL SPIKE 43, Freq: 61.00.
 - c. B/3/Abn (6-105mm) (ARVN) FSB JACKIE XT525746, call sign: ROMAN CHARIOT 52, Freq: 32.60.
 - d. A/1/30 (3-155mm) (US) FSB JAMIE XT484718, call sign: HARD CHARGER 23, Freq: 75.20
5. (U) ARA requests will be processed by 6/27 Arty, QUAN LOI.

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Annex F (Logistics) to OPORD 7-69 (Operation TEXAS TRAVELER) (U)

Ref: Same as OPORD 7-69

1. GENERAL: This annex provides for the combat service support of the 11th ACR and attached and supporting units during Operation TEXAS TRAVELER. Regt is supported by 29th General Support Group and Discom, 1st ACD.

2. (C) MATERIAL AND SERVICES:

a. Supply:

(1) Cl I:

(a) Supply point distribution QUAN LOI, operated by 3d FSE, Discom 1st ACD. Units will transport Cl I by CH-47 from QUAN LOI to forward locations.

(b) All units will maintain 3 day basic load of C rations.

(2) Cl II - No Change to SOP.

(3) Cl III:

(a) Unit distribution by fix wing to TONG LE CHON.

(b) Requests for Cl III will be submitted to 3d FSE 48 hours prior to required delivery date. Request must be made for bulk fuel in 500 gal blivots.

(c) Supply point distribution, at QUAN LOI, provided by 3d FSE 1st ACD.

(4) Cl IV:

(a) Units will request Cl IV through 266th Supply & Services Bn.

(b) Stockpiling of logs will be accomplished at TONG LE CHON and QUAN LOI.

(5) Cl V:

(a) Resupply of Howitzer ammunition will be by fixed wing to FSB JAKE.

(b) Requests for fixed wing resupply of ammunition will be to 3d FSE 48 hours prior to date/time required.

(c) ASP QUAN LOI.

b. Transportation:

(1) Primary means of resupply from QUAN LOI to TONG LE CHON is rotary wing aircraft.

(2) Request for additional wheeled transportation must be made to Regt S4, 24 hours prior to date/time required.

c. Services:

(1) Water purification point will be set up at TONG LE CHON by 919th Engr Co.

(2) Maintenance Contact Teams will be provided by 140th HEM Co.

(3) Maintenance evacuation will be unit responsibility from TONG LE CHON to QUAN LOI. 185th Maint Bn, responsible for maint evac and evac of combat loss vehicles from QUAN LOI.

(4) Troop stand-down schedule - TBP.

(5) Vehicle R&R program will continue as scheduled.

(6) Laundry facility provided by 81st QM at QUAN LOI.

(7) Mobile PX available on request through Regt S1.

3. (U) MEDICAL EVAC CORPS & HOSPITALIZATION: B Co & C Co 15th Med Bn 1st ACD in support of 11th ACR.

4. (U) PERSONNEL: Evac of deceased to 81st QM (GREGG) QUAN LOI.

Appendix

1 - Cl III, Cl V, & Personnel Requirements.

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Appendix 1 (Cl III, Cl V & Personnel Requirements) to Annex F (Logistics)
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1. AMMUNITION & FUEL REQUIREMENTS:

a. Ammunition - Class V:

(1) Following ammunition will be initially stocked and supplied
 on D, Day at TONG LE CHON by fixed wing:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
A131 7.62mm	80,000
A557 .50 cal	43,200
A071 5.56mm	16,800
B568 40mm HE	720
C705 4.2 in HE	240
C706 4.2 in ILL	160
C280 90mm HE	60
C601 90mm Cannister	60
C294 90mm HEAT	60
D381 152mm HEAT	45
D390 152mm Cannister	45
D592 152mm HE	45
D544 155mm HE	288
D505 155mm ILL	80
D540 155mm GB	288
D541 155mm WB	250
C256 81mm HE	48

(2) Resupply of Class V, other than Howitzer ammunition, will be
 on a as needed basis from QUAN LOI.

(3) Howitzer ammunition will be continued to be resupplied by
 fixed wing to TONG LE CHON at a rate of 288 rds per day.

(4) The helicopter rearm point at TONG LE CHON will be established
 on D-Day and replenished to maintain stockage level as follows:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STOCKAGE LEVEL</u>
H459 2.75" RKT Flechette	100
H490 2.75" RKT LT Pd FZ	300
A165 7.62mm MG	10,000
B572 40mm Linked	600

b. Fuel - Class III: Following fuel requirements will be supplied
 by fixed wing on D-Day at TONG LE CHON. Resupply will be on an as needed
 basis:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
MOGAS	2,000 (in blivets)
DF2	1,500 (in blivets)
JP4	20,000

Helicopter refuel point at TONG LE CHON will be operated by 11th Avn Gp.

2. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT FOR TONG LE CHON SUPPLY POINT:

a. Requirements for 3d Squadron:

1 Off (Support Flt Ldr)	1 Wrecker
3 EM (2 Rigger & 1 Rigger helper)	1 Vehicle w/radio (1/2T Jeep or M577)

b. Requirements for Air Cavalry Troop to operate rearm point at TONG
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4 EM (Rearm personnel)
 1 3/4T Truck

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ANNEX G (PSYWAR) to OPORD 7-69 (Operation TEXAS TRAVELER) (U)

1. MISSION: 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment conducts intensified PSYOPS Campaign utilizing Chieu Hoi theme, to entice NVA/VC to rally or surrender.

2. SITUATION: Enemy units in area of operation may have little or no knowledge of the Chieu Hoi program. Additionally, individuals may desire to rally or surrender who have not had the opportunity to do so because allied units have not operated in AO for over six months.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Initially the PSYOPS effort will be directed at informing the enemy of the current Chieu Hoi program. The initial confrontation will provide the NVA with the proper procedures for rallying. Special tapes prepared locally will be utilized.

b. The second phase of the operation will utilize the subtle approach. Leaflets and tapes will show the rallier that they can expect when they Chieu Hoi, the type of treatment they will receive, what happens to their personal property, and the benefits of a Hoi Chanh.

c. The third phase will utilize the "hard-sell" PSYOPS effort with leaflets and broadcasts designed to show what the allied firepower can do.

d. The 3d Squadron will be provided a 250 watt speaker system and a cartridge tape recorder with complete accessory kit and an operator, also (4) four cartridge tapes will be available, two of which will be pre-recorded for the purpose of playing each night for approximately one (1) hour.

e. The recognition signal for an enemy desiring to rally will be arms raised with hands crossed. This means of identification will be described in aerial loudspeaker missions and will be known by all participating units.

4. REPORTS: All incidents of ralliers and voluntary POWS will be reported to the Regimental S-5 expeditiously. Every attempt will be made to exploit HOI Chanhs on day of rallying. Report of broadcast time and the number of the tape utilized over the 250 watt speaker system will be made daily to the Regimental S-5.

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