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Hqs, 217th Cav, 101st Abn Div
Camp Eagle, RVN (YD805168)
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Task Organization:
HHC (-) 2/17 Cav
D (-) 2/17 Cav
A (+) 2/17 Cav
B (-) 2/17 Cav
C (+) 2/17 Cav

GS:
1 APD operator 10th Chem Det

OPCON:
1 Sqd Rappelles
Engr's

Reference: Map RVN, 1:50,000, sheets 6441 IV, 6341 I, 6441 III, 6441 I, 6441 II

1. Situation:

a. Enemy: current insum 3d Bde.

b. Friendly:

(1) 101st Abn Div combat assaults in support of XXIV Corps joint operation Apache Snow with the 3d Bde, 2/17 Air Cav Squadron and 1 battalion from the 2d Bde. After assaulting LZ's vic LAOS border 101st combat elements will RIF across the Northern ASHAU VALLEY floor.

(2) 1st Bde continues operation BRISTOL BOOTS.

(3) 2d Bde assumes control of central plains/piedmont region and conducts resourced denial operation.

(4) 1st ARVN Div continues HUE defense coastal plains operations and passes OPCON of 2 ARVN Battalions to 3d Bde.

(5) 9th Marine Regt closes on a common boundary with 3d Bde and conducts operations along DA KRONG RIVER VALLEY in a mutual support effort with 2 Battalions.

c. Attachments and detachments: See task organization.

2. Mission: 2/17 Cav provides immediate combat reconnaissance to assault troops along the LAOS border; provides security for downed aircraft, on order screens TIGER MT., in support of assaulting forces.

3. Execution:

a. Concept of operation:

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a. D-1, H-1, H-2/19 Cav (-) departs to FB Ann and establishes a forward CP and refuel/ream/roger area, D Troop provides security.

b. D-1 All elements conduct minimum combat operation. Rangers extract from field locations: SNIFFER operation terminates at 1300H. A & C Troops conduct LZ recon and overflight.

c. D Day, H-hour 2/17th Cavalry in general support stages from Ann with combat elements & provides aerial LZ screening forces in sequence to the 3d Bde. Initially this force will consist of 1 Cav team and reduce to a link team replacing on station as the situation allows. A Troop is the lead troop reinforced by C Troop during initial attack. B Troop is reserve troop with the concurrent mission of securing downed aircraft.

(1) A Troop: Provides Cav team to LZ's 1 and 3 in sequence.

(2) C Troop: Reinforces A Troop and provides Cav teams to LZ 2, 4, and Tiger Mt, on D Day; LZ 5 on D+1.

(3) B Troop: Provides security forces for downed aircraft in 3d Bde AO. Aircraft downed in LZ will be secured by friendly forces, on the ground. Downed aircraft forces will stage from Currahee.

(4) D Troop: Provides CP security forces with 2 Plts. 3d Plt is Squadron reserve located at Eagle.

(5) Co. L, 75th Inf: Rangers stage Eagle.

(6) Reserves: Deploy from Scabbard.

d. Fires:

(1) Priority of gunship support to Troop A commencing on H hour.

(2) TAC Air available through 3d Bde TOC.

(3) FA priority to LZ prep and then to units in contact.

e. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) 1 hour WX delays beginning at 0700. WX decision made by CO 3d Bde.

(2) Refuel/ream point located at FB Ann. FWD control 67.60.

(3) All co-located aircraft at FB Ann.

(4) Artillery fires along air routes to LZ's have 2000 meter wide flight corridor. LZ's have 4000 meter diameter clearance controlled by ground commander.

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