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Infantry units

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**Item: 1 Battalion Royal Australian
Regiment**

Additional Annex material

[1 Apr - 30 Jun 1965]

Period covered: 311600 MAR TO 031800 APR 65.

Maps: Australia 1:50,000 - Glen Gullie, Doyle's Creek, Borriandy, Putty,
Howes Valley, Glen Paries, Melling.

Gen.

↓ Reports continue to indicate an infiltration through western sector.
No significant changes in en activities central and eastern sectors.

En Ops During Period

2 a. Strand Dispositions: No change from perintrep 11.

b. OR BATT. No change from perintrep 11

c. En contacts.

- (1) alt 010600 HAS friendly light aircraft sighted small en party
at 376 340
- (2) Friendly ptl contacted small en patrol 618427 at 011600 hrs
No CAS
- (3) Friendly ptl contacted en at str 10 at 616 363
at 011730. En cas 11210
- (4) Toe R reported smoke at 450 355 at 021700 hrs.
- (5) Unident forest ranger found murdered at 532 386 at
031200 hrs. Probably killed by en infiltrators.
- (6) Friendly ptl loc recently used en camp at 354 306 at
031700 hrs. Camp probably used by approx 10 men for one ni.

En Intentions

3 No change from perintrep 11

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1st Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
HOLSWORTHY NSW

/ Apr 65

OPS 1.

{ No change from Verbal orders except }

CONFIRMATORY NOTES TO VERBAL ORDERS BY COMD
1 RAR BN GP AT HOLSWORTHY AT 1030 HRS 1 APR 65

2. Mission. To loc and destroy the enemy infiltrating through our allotted operational area.

3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline

- (1) Locs and boundaries. Annex P.
- (2) Move to GOSPERS LG by CARIBOU ac D/D+1.
- (3) The operation will be in three phases.

(a) Phase one.

- (i) Coys deploy immediately after arrival at GOSPERS into sector Q, where they will patrol fwd into sector P in order to hit the enemy early by patrolling and ambush.
- (ii) Timing. This phase will last until night D+2/D+3. D day is 4 Apr 65. Timings local (K).
- (iii) Enemy Strengths. Sect gps.

(b) Phase 2.

- (i) By 0900 hrs D+3 coys will have moved SE and past enemy fwd elms into sector Q where they should hit the enemy again by patrol and ambush on probable infiltration routes.
- (ii) Enemy strenghts. Pl gps.

(c) Phase 3.

- (i) No timings can be given although coys should be prepared to move into sector R on D+5.
- (ii) Positioning in sector R is assigned to :
 - A. Block enemy routes into 8 RAR area.
 - B. Bring sub units closer to enable rapid redeployment and conc against larger parties of enemy if loc.
 - C. Maint a reserve of one coy.

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b. A Coy.(1) Grouping. Annex A.(2) Tasks.

- (a) Phase 1. On arrival GOSPERS LG move immediately by foot into sector Q and patrol fwd into sector P to loc and destroy enemy. Loc first LS 361186.
- (b) Phase 2. By 0900 hrs D+3 move sub units into sector Q and establish con of possible enemy infiltration routes.
- (c) Phase 3.
- (i) Remain sector Q and block EAST-WEST track in gen area of MT WIRRABA 5116.
- (ii) Bn res from time of arrival in sector R.

c. B Coy.(1) Grouping. Annex A.(2) Tasks.

- (a) Phase 1. Move by hel on D+1 to sector Q and patrol fwd into sector R to loc and destroy enemy. Loc first LS 5724
- (b) Phase 2.
- (i) Be estb in sector Q by D+3 and in con of possible enemy infiltration routes.
- (ii) Provide protection and admin sp ~~for~~ Mor Pl which will deploy in your area on D+2.
- (c) Phase 3.
- (i) Remain sector Q until required to conc for Bn op.
- (ii) Block routes into 8 RAR area.
- (iii) Be prep to sp Bn op in either your area or C and D coy areas of sector R.

d. C Coy.(1) Grouping. Annex A.(2) Tasks.

- (a) Phase 1. Move by hel on D+1 to sector Q and patrol NORTH into sector P until night D+2/D+3 to loc and destroy enemy. Loc first LS 5223.
- (b) Phase 2. Be estb in sector Q by D+3, and in con of enemy infiltration routes.
- (c) Phase 3.
- (i) Be prep to move into sector R and continue to loc and destroy enemy.
- (ii) Be prep to conc quickly for participation in a Bn op.

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e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping. Annex A.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1. Move by hel to sector Q. Patrol and ambush to loc and destroy enemy in sector P. Loc first IS 5022.

(b) Phase 2. By D+3 be in conc of probable enemy infiltration routes in sector Q.

(c) Phase 3.

(i) Be prep to move into sector R and continue task of loc and destruction of enemy.

(ii) Be prep to conc at short notice for participation in Bn op.

f. Mors.

(1) Allotment of MFCs. Annex A.

(2) Loc. B Coy area. Annex P.

(3) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1. Move on D+2 to posn in B Coy area.

(b) Phase 2. Sp sub units within range.

(c) Phase 3. Continue sp sub units within range and be prep to move to sp Bn op.

g. Atk Pl.

(1) Loc. With Bn HQ.

(2) Tasks.

(a) 3 tracker teams are to be ready for deployment at all times.

(b) Act as Bn reserve in phases 1 and 2.

(c) In phase 3 be prep for a special task. Details later.

h. Aslt Pnr Pl.

(1) Loc. With Bn HQ.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Assist in unloading A Echelon.

(b) Prepare Bn HQ area for occupation at GOSPERS MT.

(c) Be prep to assist in the prep of HLGs for coys from D day.

(d) After D+2 be prep to move by hel and/ a foot to prep HLG for mov or resup of deployed sub units.

(e) Protection for Bn HQ.

(f) If time permits to continue roping drills.

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j. Arty.

- (1) Allotment of FOOs. Annex A.
- (2) Tasks.
 - (a) Move from GOSPERS LG on D+3 by hel to selected posn in gen area 5315.
 - (b) Sp sub units in range.
 - (c) When in range, coys will submit DF tasks as per SOP.

k. Engrs.

- (1) Loc. A Echelon until required forward.
- (2) Grouping. Annex B.
- (3) Tasks.
 - (a) Assist in the prep of defences of A Echelon.
 - (b) Be prep to move by foot/hel to construct HLG/DZ for deployment sub units.
 - (c) Hold def stores in A Ech under direction OC A Echelon.

l. Air.

- (1) Indep Flt 16 Lt Ac Sqn. (3 FW 3 RW)
 - (a) Loc. GOSPERS LG. One RW ac to posn at Bn HQ IS after stand down daily.
 - (b) Tasks.
 - (i) FW. Daily comms flts as per SOPs.
 - (ii) RW.

- A. Liasion and comd duties.
- B. Casevac.
- C. Resupply.

- (c) OC with Bn HQ.

(2) 9 Sqn RAAF. (4 IRONHOIS)

- (a) Loc. GOSPERS LG.
- (b) Tasks. Mov of B,C, and D coys, Mors and A Field Bty to allotted areas immediately after arrival at GOSPERS LG.

(c) Provisional Timings.

B Coy	0600 hrs D+1
C Coy	0900 hrs D+1
D Coy	1200 hrs D+1
Mors	1400 hrs D+2
A Field Bty	0600 hrs D+3

- (d) Maint tasks. As arranged by OC A Echelon with fwd ATOC.

(3) ALO. With Bn HQ.(4) ~~One Tpl 130 Sqn ASSU.~~ Remain A Echelon.

- m. Det 1 Coy RAASC.
- (1) Grouping. Annex A.
 - (2) Loc. A Ech.
 - (3) Tasks. Assist in the operation of the maint plan.
- n. Co-ord Instrs.
- (1) Timings.

(a) D day	4 Apr 65
(b) Phase 1	D day to D+2
(c) Phase 2	D+2 to D+5
(d) Phase 3	When ordered.
 - (2) Order of mov from GOSPERS LG.
 - (a) A Coy
 - (b) B Coy
 - (c) C Coy
 - (d) D Coy
 - (e) Mors
 - (f) A Field Bty.
 - (3) Boundarys. Annex P.
 - (4) Phase Lines. Annex P.
 - (5) Sectors. Annex P.
 - (6) Clearance to op outside sub unit boundarys.

As given in SOPs.
 - (7) Coy Mov.
 - (a) Coy HQs are to move from vicinity of one HLG to the next.
 - (b) HLG/DZs are to be secured before ac or stores are landed. Sub units will advise tactical clearance to ac by laying panels in the code letter of the day. (See annex B). Bn Hq will be advised of security of LZ by sending nickname PHONE RING.
 - (c) When Coys require assistance to clear an HLG 24 hrs notice is to be given and the projected area secured before dml parties are roped in.
 - (d) Coys are to ensure that their HQs are positioned to obtain best comms to Bn Hq by at least one of the nets avail.
 - (8) Air.
 - (a) Fwd ATOC at GOSPERS LG.
 - (b) Tcl ASSU at GOSPERS LG.

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4. Admin and Log.

- a. Con of admin will be centralised under comd OC A Echelon.
- b. Scales.
 - (1) Rifle Coys. Tac scales.
 - (2) Remainder. Light scales. A Ech be prep to hold balance when sub units drop to tac scales for deployment.
- c. Ammo.
 - (1) Rifle Coys. SOP.
 - (2) Mor. SOP scale carried to B Coy area.
 - (3) Arty. 3 days scaling, total 85 rpg HE, 5 rpg SMK.
- d. Rats.
 - (1) All tps going forward from GOSPERS LG are to carry 3 days cbt rats plus one day emergency ration.
 - (2) Resupply will be every second day starting on the day after the sub unit moves out.
 - (3) Resupply chart is at Annex K.
- e. Water.
 - (1) All sub units will move from GOSPERS with 2 gallons per man carried in yokes and/or jerricans. Every man will move with full water bottles. This does not apply to A Coy who will move with water bottles and yokes full.
 - (2) Resupply by hel will be on a one for one basis after the first resupply.
 - (3) Comds are to ensure that a reserve of 2 gals per man is maint at all times during the ex when the Coy HQ is stationary.
- f. POL. POL stocks for 1 RAR Sigs Tp vehs will be maint at A Echelon.
- g. Postal. SOPs.
- h. Med.
 - (1) Allocation of med assts and SBs. Annex A.
 - (2) RAP and Aeromedical evacuation Unit at A Echelon. RAP opens at GOSPERS LG at 1500 hrs D day.
 - (3) Evacuation.
 - (a) Fwd GOSPERS LG. SOPs.
 - (b) Rear GOSPERS LG by RAAF AEV.
 - (4) Malaria. Full anti-malaria precautions are to be taken and roll books marked. RMO is to issue simulated paludrine to coys. To commence D-2.
 - (5) First Aid. All sections, or equivalent, are to carry section first aid kits drawn from the RAP.
- j. Resupply by air. Resupply chart Annex K. Indent as per SOPs.

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k. PW. SOPs.

l. CA. All civilians found in the area will be treated courteously and assisted if encountered.

m. Returns. OC A Ech is responsible for all AQ returns as per 1 TF Standing Orders for Operations.

5. Comd and Signal.

a. Locs.

(1) Bn HQ. Initially at GOSPERS LG then moves to GOSPERS MT for phases 1 and 2. May move for phase 3.

b. Electronic Silence.

(1) Silence is imposed on all electronic eqpt except rr, air TC comms and radio op on con schedules in Bn area. Locs Coy HQs are to be notified prior to move from GOSPERS LG. Contact will be by air liasion.

(2) Silence is to be broken for all eqpts on first contact or on receipt of codeword SCOONER from HQ 1 TF, whichever is earlier.

c. Codewords.

Serial	Codeword	Meaning	Issued by
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	MONSTER	Fly in 1 RAR to GOSPERS LG completed.	1 RAR
2.	SCHOONER	Break electronic silence.	HQ 1 TF
3.	WALRUS	First contact with enemy.	1 RAR SUB UNIT
4.	MIDDY	Intention to prep and launch Bn op	1 RAR

d. Nicknames. Annex C.

e. Radio.

(1) Radio silence is imposed as per para 5. b. Listening watch will be maintained from departure from GOSPERS LG.

(2) Radio Diagrams. Annex J.

(a) Comd Net VHF. Appendix 1.

(b) Comd Net HF. Appendix 2.

(c) Admin Net VHF. Appendix 1.

(d) Admin Net HF. Appendix 2.

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- (3) Nicknames. Annex D.
 - (4) Freq Allocation. Annex E.
 - (5) Authentication Codes. Annex F.
 - (6) Address Groups. Annex G.
 - (7) NIS. Annex H.
- f. Line. SOPs.

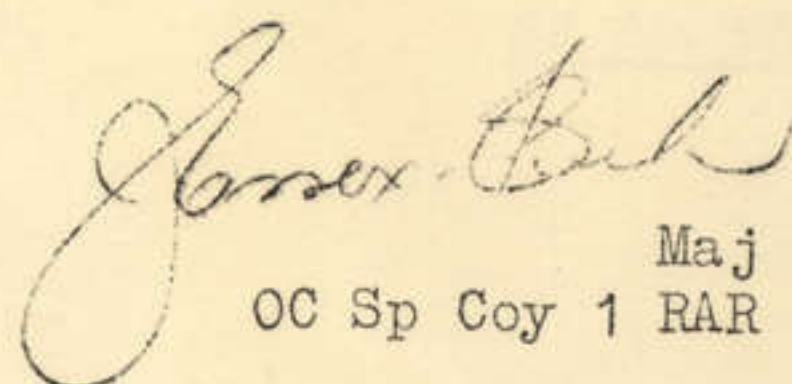
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Lt Col
CO 1 RAR

Annexes.

- A - Grouping.
- B - Codes.
- C - Summary and block allocation of nicknames.
- D - Signals Nicknames.
- E - Freq Allocation.
- F - Authentication Codes.
- G - Address Groups.
- H - NIS.
- J - Radio Diagrams.
- K - Resupply Chart.
- P - Boundaries.

Distr. Attached.

Authentication


Maj
OC Sp Coy 1 RAR

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ANNEX A TO CONFIRMATORY
NOTES TO VOs CO 1 RAR
dated 1 Apr 65

GROUPING

1. A Coy

Att from 0700 hrs 2 Apr

Med asst RAAMC
four SBs

2. B Coy

a. Att from 0700 hrs 2 Apr

FOO party A Bty (five)
MFC
Med asst RAAMC
four SBs

b. Under comd for admin from
D plus 2

Mor pl

3. C Coy

Att from 0700 hrs 2 Apr

FOO party A Bty (five)
MFC
Med asst RAAMC
four SBs

4. D Coy

Att from 0700 hrs 2 Apr

FOO party A bty (five)
MFC
Med asst RAAMC
four SBs

5. A Echelon

a. Under comd from time of
arrival GOSPERS LG until
redployment forward

25 Field Tp RAE

b. Under administrative comd
from time of arrival at
GOSPERS LG.

Det Indep Flt 1 Div Lt Ac Sqn

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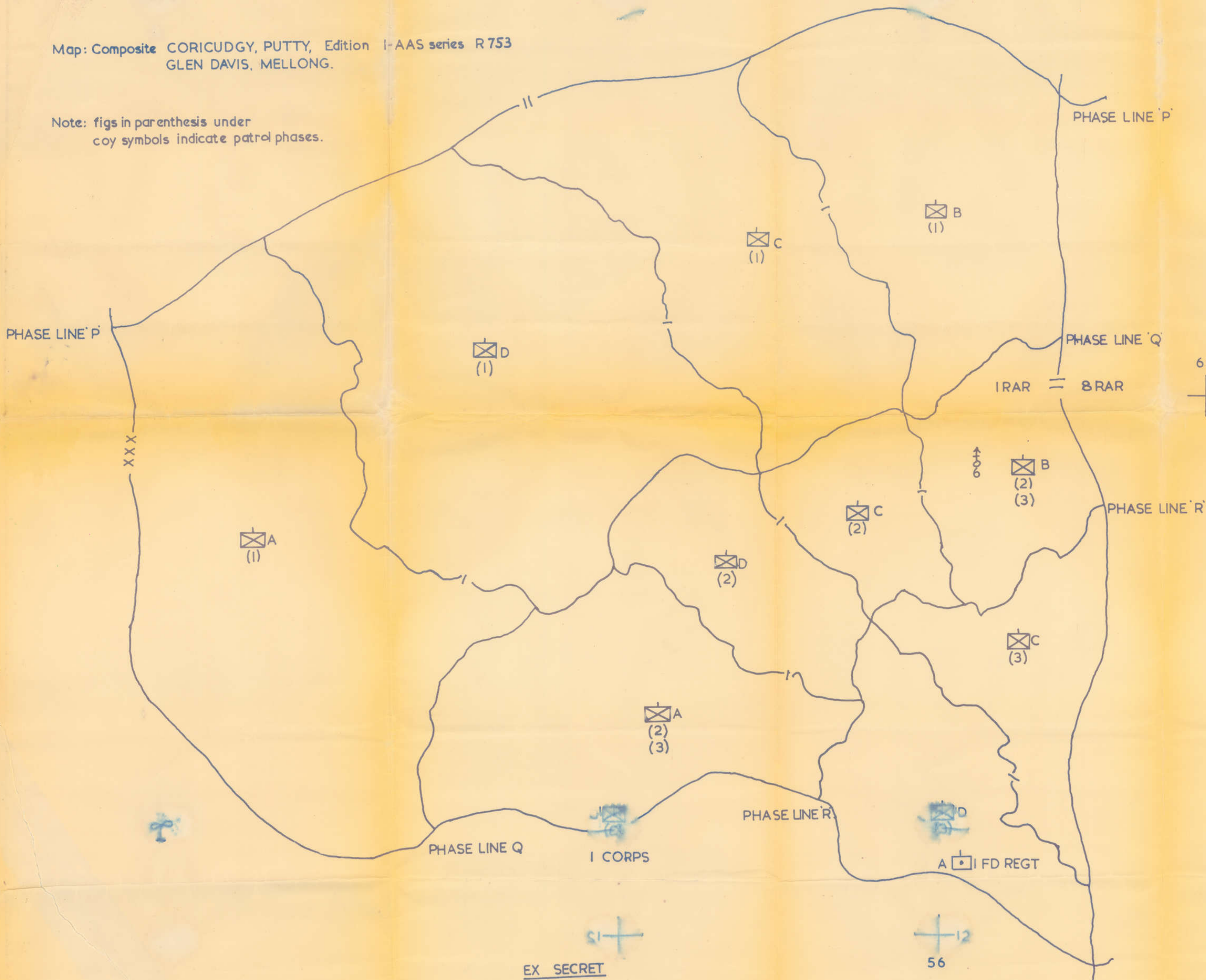
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PLANNED LOCATIONS IRAR Bn Gp Ex SKY HIGH TWO

ANNEX P TO CONFIRMATORY NOTES
OF VO's CO IRAR
dated 1 Apr 65

Map: Composite CORICUDGY, PUTTY, Edition I-AAS series R 753
GLEN DAVIS, MELLONG.

Note: figs in parenthesis under
coy symbols indicate patrol phases.



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4 APRIL 65

COMMANDER'S DIARY D. JAY
 NARRATIVE

Reference 2118

PLACE AND GRID REFERENCE	DAY OF MONTH	HOUR	EVENT OR INFORMATION	AWM LETTER IN ENCLOSURE NUMBER
HOLSWORTHY CAMP TO HAWKESBURY RACE COURSE		0545	Move out of Bn Group commenced to Transit Camp at Richmond	-
RICHMOND RAFF BASE TO GOSPERS ALF		1200	Move out of Bn Group by Coribau commenced 29 challenges completed which included Bn HQ, A Squadron, A Coy, H Coy (- Moss Pl).	-
Gospers ALF TO GREEN I		1400	Asst Puro deployed to clear same as an HLG returned Gospers ALF 1820 hrs task not yet completed.	-
GOSPERS ALF TO GR 391174		1600	A Coy moved out on foot to Coy post	-
-		-	Electronic silence maintained during 24 hours	-

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COMMANDER'S DIARY

D+1 DAY

RASCAMP 2116

NARRATIVE

PLACE AND GRID REFERENCE	DAY OF MONTH	HOUR	EVENT OR INFORMATION	AIR LETTER AND ENCLOSURE NUMBER
RICHMOND RAAF BASE TO GOSPERS ALF		0605	No 30 chall arrived Gosper and final chall for day was No 68.	-
GOSPERS ALF TO GREEN 2		0700	B Coy complete at Gosper ALF and fly out to COY team commenced and completed at 0825 hrs.	-
GOSPERS ALF TO GREEN 1		0700	See Ault bus to Green 1 to finish clearing same returned Gosper at 1530 hrs.	-
GOSPERS ALF TO MT GOSPERS		0900	Anti TK 11 plus see Ault bus to Mt Gosper to prepare team if required by BuHy.	-
GOSPERS ALF TO GREEN 2 then TO GS 5422		1000	C Coy + sec of Engineers flew out to Green 2 then by road west to own Coy location. complete at Green 2 1150 hrs.	-
GOSPERS ALF		1040	ITF commander visited BuHy departed 1200 hrs	-
GOSPERS ALF TO GREEN 1		1300	D Coy complete at Gosper ALF 1120 hrs move and plus see Engineers to Green 1 completed 1420 hrs	-

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COMMANDER'S DIARY

D+1 DAY

Return Calls

NARRATIVE

PLACE AND GRID REFERENCE	DAY OF MONTH	HOUR	EVENT OR INFORMATION	AWM LETTER AND ENCLOSURE NUMBER
		1500	SCHOONER - Radio silence lifted at 1500 hrs by ITR	
GOSPERS ALF		1500	MOR pl complete and moved into location at Gospers in surf of Bu.	
GOSPERS ALF		1600	See for A Bty in form and in surf of A Coy	
		2000	COY LOCSTATS A Coy Hq + 3Pl 390 174 - RED 3 1Pl 355 244 2Pl 395 204 B Coy Hq + 5Pl 576 248 - GREEN 2 4Pl 582 274 6Pl 570 297 C Coy Hq + 7Pl + 8Pl 551 218 - GREEN 3 9Pl 6-5 5525 D Coy Hq 511 224 - GREEN 1 10Pl 516 231 11Pl 500 242 12Pl 491 214	

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D+2 DAY

PROFORMA CALLS

NARRATIVE

PLACE AND GRID REFERENCE	DAY OF MONTH	HOUR	EVENT OR INFORMATION	ANNEX LETTER AND ENCLOSURE NUMBER																																
548 258		0945	WALRUS - first contact with En made by C Coy.	-																																
543190		1310	See Engineers complete in location	-																																
GOSPERS ALF		1330	GOC R. COMD visited the location	-																																
GOSPERS ALF TO BLACK 2		1230	Fly out of Bell hms complete to new location	-																																
GOSPERS ALF TO GREEN 2		1445	Fly out of Moss completed to new location	-																																
390174 TO 508169		1815	A Coy move completed by RW re	-																																
GOSPERS ALF		1800	Remaining 22 chals from Richmond complete.	-																																
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D+3 DAY

ROSEANA CAMP

NARRATIVE

PLACE AND GRID REFERENCE	DAY OF MONTH	Hour	EVENT OR INFORMATION	AIR LETTER AND ENCLOSURE NUMBER
MT GOSPERS TO BLACK 2		1000	Anti TIC moved to new loc.	-
GOSPERS ALP		1030	Brig T A B MacArthur DSO visited the loc	-
-		1115	Bn boundary changed to 14 Northings	-
GOSPERS ALP TO BLACK 1		1400	A Bty in act of bn at new loc	-
GOSPERS ALP TO GREEN 4		1530	Move out of bn by commenced. Control taken over by 9C until 1900 hrs.	-
GREEN 4		1800	Captured En doc received from A Coy the loc	-
-		2000	COY LOCSTATS A COY 495 166 B COY HQ + SPL 585 164 - BLACK 2 6PL 594 146 4PL 598 103 C COY 552 217 - GREEN 3 D COY 518 186 - GREEN 5	

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D+4 DAY

PROSOPANO CAMP

NARRATIVE

PLACE AND GRID REFERENCE	DAY OF MONTH	HOUR	EVENT OR INFORMATION	AIR LETTER AND ENCLOSURE NUMBER
GREEN 3 TO BLACK 3		0930	C COY in form in new location	-
GREEN 5 TO BLACK		1000	D COY in form in new location	-
		2000	COY LOCSTATS A COY 495166 B COY HQ + 5PL 585164 - BLACK 2 4PL 578 163 6PL 584 146 C COY HQ 564193 - BLACK 3 7PL 561179 8PL 559180 9PL 565175 D COY 566138 - BLACK 1	

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D+5 DAY ROTATIONS CALLS

NARRATIVE

PLACE AND GRID REFERENCE	DAY OF MONTH	HOUR	EVENT OR INFORMATION	AIR LETTER AND ENCLOSURE NUMBER
BLACK 2 TO BLACK 1		0930	Anti H moved to new location.	-
-		1115	Change of km boundary on East flank by I TF.	-
495166 TO BLACK 1		1415	A Coy now in new location	-
GREEN 4 TO BLACK 2		1630	Engineers now complete in new location.	-
GREEN 4 & BLACK 2 TO BLACK 1		1500	Asst Pns in new location	-
-		2230	Sub units of B Coy & D Coy moving now and will be in place by first light the 10 APR.	-
-		2000	COY LOCATIONS A COY 566138 - BLACK 1 B COY 585164 - BLACK 2 C COY 564193 - BLACK 3 D COY 575135	-

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D+6

Pasopana Camp

NARRATIVE

PLACE AND GRID REFERENCE	DAY OF MONTH	HOUR	EVENT OR INFORMATION	AUX LETTER AND ENCLOSURE NUMBER
-		0600	Sub units of B + D COYS in position.	
BLACK 2		1500	Chief of General Staff - Sir John Wilton initiated the Bn at start of attack.	
			COY LOCSTATS A COY 585164 - BLACK 2 B COY 585164 - BLACK 2 C COY 566138 - BLACK 1 D COY 566138 - BLACK 1	

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Confirmation of Verbal Orders

IRAR 11
091145Z
APR 65
OP52

1. SIT - NO CHANGE
2. MISN - IRAR is to destroy the em in the area of GOND RUSH.

3. EX

a/ Gen Outline

The attack will take place with a two Coy assault, sp by Arty and Mors, cleaning and driving em into cut off posns provided by two coys.

b/ A Coy

1. Res Coy in! the attack.
2. Grouping - No Change
3. TASK
 - a. To airland at BLACK TWO and move 400 yds behind C Coy towards em on GOLD RUSH.
 - b. To be prepared to clear the Eastern flank of GOND RUSH as req.
4. REORG at BROKEN DOLL.

c/ B Coy

1. To act as cut off gp.
2. Grouping - cts grouped with 2 secs of 25 FDTA
3. TASK - To block em escape route to the North from BLACK TWO RIDGE to TUPA CREEK both incl.
- b/ To secure SL at ABSENT FATHER for CPA Cops
- c/ Responsible of security of BLACK TWO
4. REORG at and secure bridge at BOTTOM DOLLAR.

d/ C Coy

1. Forward Coy in the attack
2. Grouping - cts grouped with 1 sec 25 FDTA on arrival at BLACK TWO
3. TASK
 - a/ Move by air from BLACK THREE to BLACK TWO and move to ABSENT FATHER.
 - b/ Clear BLACK RIDGE TWO and capture GOLD RUSH
 - c/ Sp A Coy as req on EASTERN flank of GOLD RUSH.

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4/ RE-ORG - Re-org on GOLDRUSH

e/ DCoy

1/ To act as cut off gp.

2/ Grouping - cts gpcd with ATRK PL UC

3/ TASK

a) Block en escape route from GOLDRUSH to S.W and SE

b) Hold a pl in res and 'on call' to TAC Party for pursuit roll.

4/ RE ORG - Re-org at the creek and Road junction at GR 595130

f/ ATRK - UC DCoy

g/ TASK

a) Secure BLACK ONE

b) cdt H+15 be prepared to move by Heli to TIM WHISTLE at GR 618149 to block en escape route on track to COHU - PUTTY RD.

2/ RE ORG

h/ 25 F-D TP

1/ GROUPING

a) 2 secs UC B Coy

b) 1 sec UC C Coy

j/ Arty and Mors.

1/ cts per TASK TABLE issued (FIRE PLAN SNOW DROP) covers likely tgs for guns and mortars which fire on the initial obj on time programme.

2/ Tasks table covers likely tgs for guns and mortars which fire on the initial obj on time programme.

3/ Rate of fire is Slow Rate and may be adjusted by OPC and MFC.

4/ cdir OP is avail for opportunity tgs.

5/ RE ORG - Coys are to submit DF Tasks ASP on completion of re-org.

k/ CO-ORD INSTRS

1/ Timings

a) H HOUR 101400K

b) C Coy at BLACK TIND 10310K

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- c) A Coy at BLACK TWO 101340K
 d) TAC PARTY at BLACK TWO 101340K

2/ BDYS

cds per Grace P ATT.

3/ S.L

cds per Grace P ATT.

4/ AXIS - South along BLACK TWO Ridge.5/ EXPLOITATION

- a) Re-org is to be as rapid as pos. All coys are on short notice to move in pursuit of em.
 b) No B Coy or D Coy Blocking Force will be lifted without concurrence of TAC PARTY.

REPORT LINES - Line running EW through feature at GR 597142

4/ ADM + LOG

- a) Ammo - Normal.
 b) Dress and equip
 1. Ech packs will be stocked as follows -
 a) C Coy once clear of BLACK TWO will deposit packs with B Coy.
 b) A Coy packs will be left at BLACK ONE
 2. Items will be recovered after completion of op.
 c) MED - Casewac will be handled as follows:-
 1. A Coy, B Coy and C Coy will casewac to BLACK TWO for AIREUAC
 2. D Coy will casewac to BLACK ONE until success then if possible will be brought to BOTTOM DOLLAR for AIREUAC via existing LP.
 d) Prep to Move
 1) C Coy will be prepared to move from BLACK THREE at H-90 mins
 2) A Coy will be prepared to move from BLACK ONE at H-60 mins.

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5. Word AND SIG

a BHQ remains present loc.

b Joe Party moves to BLACK TWO and remains in B boy area until success sig then moves to BOTTOM DOLLAR.

c NICKNAMES

1 Rough Tyne

issued by a boy and b boy when fly in to black two complete

2 Toby Jug

issued by C. Coy on 05.02.02 when being captured

3 Rowed Oats

issued by A Coy when en cleared from E flank of BLACK TWO ridge.

4 BLACK BELT

issued by all boys when netting complete.

d PASSWORD

a West Kirby

e PHOUR

OSUS HRS

b ACK.

Reine Capt for
CO
LT COL

HELICOPTER TRANSPORT.

COY MOVES ON SKY HIGH TWO

DATE	SERIAL	DATE	UNIT	FROM	TO	TIME FROM	TIME TO
+1	1	5 APR	B Coy	GR 360148	GR 575247	0700	0825
+2	2	5 APR	C Coy	GR 360148	GR 575247	1000	1150
+1	3	5 APR	B Coy	GR 360148	GR 511226	1300	1420
+2	4	6 APR	A Coy	GR 390174	GR 515165	1600	1815
+3	5	7 APR	B Coy	GR 575247	GR 585164	1200	1400
+3	6	7 APR	BHQ	GR 360148	GR 515165	1530	1700
+4		8 APR		NIL			
+5	7	9 APR	A Coy	GR 515165	GR 564142	1215	1415
+6	8	10 APR	C Coy	GR 562193	GR 585164	1200	1300
+6	9	10 APR	B Coy	GR 564142	GR 360148	1600	1800
+6	10	10 APR	A Coy	GR 564142	GR 585164	1300	1400
+7	11	11 APR	C Coy	GR 564193	GR 360148	1500	1615
+7	12	11 APR	D Coy	GR 564142	GR 360148	1700	1800
+7	13	11 APR	A Coy	GR 564142	GR 360148	1615	1700

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HQ 1 TF
THE HOLES

10 Apr 65

OPS

Op Instr No.5

To: Lt Col IRW BRUMFIELD, ~~CO~~ 1 RAR

1. SIT

a. En.

Elms 1/907 Bn continue to infiltrate SOUTH. It appears certain their msn is to attk our Adm Area and maybe harass our MSR. Present indications are that my greatest threat is from the NORTH and EAST of HIGH WOLLEMI. The en in your area has NOT been particularly successful so I should only at the most a bn(-) to cope with.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) I anticipate that you will have completed your task as laid out in my Op Instr 4 by first light 11 Apr.
- (2) The 8 RAR area is going to need additional effort. I am going to redeploy 1 TF to place more effort on this area and our MSR.
- (3) I have been directed by Comd 1 Corps to release you to 1 Div which is ~~pre~~paring now a new operation to dislodge the major threat forward of our FEBA in the area of CESSNOCK.

2. MSN

You are to move to your conc area in HOLSWORTHY by last light 13 Apr 65.

3. EXEC

a. Gen Outline

- (1) Tac elms 1 RAR Gp are to conc at ALF GOSPERS on my order using resources already allotted. NO move before 0600 hrs 11 Apr 65 except for non essential stores.
- (2) Non essential stores should be moved out by last light 10 Apr 65.
- (3) Mov rear ALF GOSPERS to RAAF Base RICHMOND is to be by CARIBOU (6) of det 38 Sqn RAAF.
- (4) Mov rear RAAF Base RICHMOND to conc area HOLSWORTHY by TCVs of det 1 Coy RAASC is to be arranged by my HQ.

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b. Co ord Instrs(1) Grouping. NO change except-

(a) Sec 1 Comp Pl RAASC under comd of 1 RAR for mov.

(b) Det Indep Flt 16 Army Lt Ac Sqn less rd and rail mov elms under comd 1 TF first lt 12 Apr 65. 65

(2) MCCP to be loc with ATLO RAAF Base RICHMOND.(3) TCV Route. RAAF Base RICHMOND - RICHMOND - KINGSWOOD - LUDDENHAM - BRINGELLY - HUME HIGHWAY - CROSS ROADS - HOLSWORTHY.(4) Rd Mov.

(a) Max speed - 30 MPH.

(b) Individual running for stores.

(c) Chalk packets (3 TCVs to ea 2 chalks).

(d) Rec. Ring 101 Inf Wksp Tele 6053-8111.

4. ADM AND LOGa. Material and Svcs1. Unit Stores mov direct to 1 RAR loc in conc area where they are to be sorted under arrangements of 1 RAR. Units are to be responsible for subsequent pick up of own stores as arranged by 1 RAR.2. Rats

(a) One CARIBOU Sortie equivalent is to be retained until last series of Army Chalks.

(b) 207 Combat rats 1 man to be issued to RAAF at ALF GOSPERS 13 Apr 65.

5. COMD AND SIG(a) Locs

(i) HQ 1 Div Remains present loc.

(ii) HQ 1 TF Remains present loc.

(iii) 1 RAR Group Re-opens new loc HOLSWORTHY not later than first light 13 Apr 65.

(b) Radio(i) TG Net Rear Link

Mov with 1 RAR rear details. Prepares to close down on receipt codeword FILTER.

Close down receipt codeword TANKARD.

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(Radio cont)

(ii) Comd Voice Net Rear Link

Mov with HQ 1 RAR

Prepare to close down on receipt codeword WHALER.

Close down for mov on receipt codeword BEAKER.

Re-open on arrival new loc HOLSWORTHY.

Close on receipt codeword ROOSTER.

e CODEWORDS

Serial (a)	Codeword (b)	Meaning (c)	Issued by (d)
1.	FILTER	TG Net Veh ready for mov out with 1 RAR rear details.	1 RAR
2.	TANKARD	TG Net close down.	1 TF
3.	WHALER	Comd Net Veh ready for mov out with HQ 1 RAR.	1 RAR
4.	BEAKER	Comd Net Voice Close down for mov to new loc.	1 TF
5.	ROOSTER	Comd Net Voice close down.	1 TF
6.	PLATTER	1 RAR mov to new loc completed.	1 RAR

Brigadier
Commander 1 TF

DISTR

List A

One pallet 1,

*Mr Webster
16 h h af*

PRECEDENCE ACTION

PRIORITY

FR 1 RAR
TO A COY
B COY
C COY
D COY
Sp COY
Adm Coy
Mor Pl
Sigs Pl
Aslt Pnr Pl
Anti Tank Pl
A Fd Bty 1 Field Regt RAA
25 Field Tp RAE
1 RAR Sig Tp
Tcl 130 Sqn ASSU
Det Indep Flt 1 Div Lt Ac Sqn
ALC RAAF
Det 1 Coy RAASC
HQ 1 Corps
8RAR
2RAR
HQ 1 Tf
CO
2IC
Adjt

Apr 65
DATE TIME GROUP
02 0030 Z

217/3/24(G)

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ORIGINATORS NUMBER

OPS 703

SLIDEX . EX SKY HIGH TWO . cards unit No1 Card 5 will be known as Card No 5. Air
Logistic Support No 1 will be known as Card No 1 . ACK



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FROM	1 TF
TO	1 RAR 2 RAR 3 RAR 8 RAR List A

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

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ORIGINATORS NUMBER

G 1

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EXTRACTS FROM SITREPS 1 TF UNITS (.) PERIOD 040600K TO 041800K
 APR 65 (.) ONE (.) 1 RAR (.) NO COMMS (.) TWO (.) 2 RAR (.) EN (.)
 NO CONTACT (.) BRAVO (.) OWN SIT (.) LOCS NO CHANGE (.) THREE (.)
 3 RAR (.) ALFA (.) EN (.) BN TRACKER TEAM REPORTED MOV SE OF APPROX
 TWO SECS OF EN ALONG PUTTY CREEK 6134 WITHIN LAST 48 HRS (.) NO
 CONTACT (.) BRAVO (.) OWN SIT (.) LOCS NO CHANGE (.) FOUR (.) 8 RAR
 (.) ALFA (.) EN (.) FRIENDLY AIR RECCE FIRED ON IN AREA PUTTY 6330
 BY EST TWO LMGS (.) DESERTED FARM BLDG AT OWENSDALE 7132 SHOWED SIGNS
 OF RECENT EN OCCUPATION (.) PROBABLE EN STR ONE SEC (.) TRACKS FROM
 BLDG LEAD SW (.) BRAVO (.) OWN SIT (.) BN HQ LOC 663263 (.) 103
 BTY LOC 659277 (.) DEPLOYMENT CONTS

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From IRAR			PREFIX GR
To 9 Sqn RAAF, 16 LtAL San Fwd ATOC A Bty 1 Fd Reg, A Ech, A Coy B Coy C Coy D Coy ITF			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
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041800 - 051800

Sum @ to enemy activity.

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From IRAR			PREFIX GR
To ITF, 25 FOTPRAR, A Bty 1FO Reg 9SQN RAAF, 16 LTAL SQN, FWDATA, IRAR Sig Det, A Coy, B Coy C Coy D Coy, AFCh.			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
Info			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

ISUM @ From 052000K to 06^{1800 K}~~060000~~ En @ continued moving Ad mainly on suspected routes @ contacts @ at GRH101668KIA @ GR5592368KIA I WIA @ GR5482482KIA @ WPNs and equipment losses @ Small arms level only @ confirmation of ident of A Coy 1907 Regt from mortally wounded en @ likely en in vicinity of their Pn RV @ Rate of progress on schedule for est attack @.

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To <i>ITF</i>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

Info A Coy, B Coy, C Coy, D Coy
a Ech ABty 1st Regt 25th RAR

~~061800K~~ 07 1800K

Slides Card 5 figures 4.2 isum ⊙ En continuing South and East along infiltration routes ⊙ 2 contacts were made at GR 560237 and 654715 full details not received ⊙ one ~~en~~ PW captured by 2 RNSWR ⊙ Info received platoon R.V. revealed at GR 463153 ⊙ PW was travelling with a sec of 8 ⊙ En tracks located GR 553194 estimated sec strength and further tracks GR 556193 of larger force ⊙ En losses 1 KIA one PW ⊙ En docs captured and being sent under separate cover ⊙ En now in form of R.R.V.S and in future are likely to be moving in large group along same routes ⊙

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From IRAR To ITP			PREFIX GR SECURITY CLASSIFICATION ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

Info A Ed. A Coy B Coy C Coy D Coy
A B Coy 1st Coy, 25th RAE.

From 071800 K to 081800 K. En movement continued as anticipated along infiltration routes. 6 contacts at GR 567217, GR 569198, Block 1, GR 560185, GR 599133, Green 4. 3 sightings at GR 597128, Block 1, GR 599135. Tracks of En found at GR 560185 estimated pl strength. From En does captured movement of En takes place first 3 hrs and last 3 hrs of daylight, password of RV's GO TIGER, Nickname of RV OKLAHOMA, Land Code X, Beaches on route and movement will take place up until 10 Apr, RV likely to be near a road. Eastern boundary of En area extended eastwards as En movement taking place on present boundary. Losses 9 KIA, 10 PW. En have definitely reached their RV's and future contacts with them will be dangerous below Coy level. They appear to be on schedule of their Coy RV and are likely to be harbored in it within 24 hours. Indication would show it to be in the vicinity of the ford at GR 602131.

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Info A Ech, a boy, B boy C. Coy
D. Coy A Boy IF O Regt

I am @ 081800K to 091800K @ contact @ Army and
 montano destroyed MG posn at GR 594173 at 154342 @
 15 sightings in the area or leading to the area
 of a spur in Dq 6013 where the En are conc in the
 vicinity of a cave @ sighting here included 3 affs
 3 emp 1 CSM 1 Sgt 2 cpls 6 TORs plus 2 vehs and
 tent at GR 618149 @ losses not confirmed upon losses
 one MG @ En are now in the area of their Coy
 R.V. and are likely to be complete by first light
 10 Apr and in view of number of contacts and
 sightings are not likely to delay their attack
 on Maintenance Reg as they must realise their
 presence is known ^{in full} to us @.

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Sum 0 091800K to 101800K 0 En 0 Consistent sightings of the En in the area of cove on ridge where R.V. situated was maintained by Pl patrols 0 This c/s launched a two sub unit offensive of c/s 1+3 when R.V at 1430 hrs with c/s 2, 4, 61, 62 + E1 in blocking posn resulted in the en suffering heavy losses over this period of 86 cas 0 There are still elements at large but it is considered unlikely that it would be more than half Pl strength 0 c/s 2 has sighted a section and are keeping them under observation at GR 625148 0 The en have obviously suffered a major setback on these flank and any remaining forces here must withdraw and reorganize this however will depend on GRARs success or failure 0

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From 1RAR			PREFIX GR
To ITF			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER 0PS4

Info

Horstat as at 1430K 0 ALPHA 0 this e/s NO change 0
 BRAVO e/s 1, e/s 61, e/s 62 Black One 0 ~~CHARLIE~~ CHARLIE 0 e/s 2
 e/s 8, e/s 51 at ~~BR~~ Black Two 0 DELTA e/s 3 Black Three 0
~~ECHO~~ ECHO 0 e/s 4 GR 597123 (still moving) 0
 (Coded in Sbc and sent)

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Info		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <u>OPS 1</u>	

SITREP @ EN @ NTR @ OWN TPS @ LOCS @
 COY HQ GR 390174 @ 1 PL@GR 354245 @
~~IRAR~~ Ambush loc GR 357246 @ Sept @ ~~IRAR~~ to
 GR 368236 @ 2 PL@GR 395204 @ See ptes to
 GR 403225 and GR 380219 @ 3 pl@ with coy HQ
 @ Ambush loc GR 388170 @ Pl@ and Recce pte
 along rd to GR 503166 @ DF Tasks @ A1
 GR 387168 @ A2 GR 395210 @ A3 GR 392178 @
 A4 GR 394172 @ TOPOGRAPHICAL @ WP Available
 for coy at GR 379185 @ Rat Str@ plus 3
 (Umpire Gp) @ Request amend MAINT@EM A1
 accordingly @ FUTURE INTENTIONS @ Intend leave
 this loc 0745 hrs D+3 @ Request pick up
 of empty Terricans D+3 ~~from~~ NOT after
 0730 hrs @

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HQ 1 TF
THE HOLES
8 APR 65

1RAR ✓
8RAR

INTERROGATION REPORT

... The attached report from No 2 Joint Services
Interrogation Unit is forwarded for information.

J. J. J. J. Capt
IO 1TF

IO 1RAR

REPORTING. Required by Comd 1TF.

SITREPS. 1 hour after last light & 1 hour
after last light.

LOCSTATS Immediately following changes in
locations.

ISUMS. As at 1800 hrs to be submitted
no later than 2000 hrs daily.

TOPO INFO. Continuous. Tracks etc

CAPTURE OF POW Message and written report
IMMEDIATELY

INTERVIEW BELOW

Reheartyk IO (2)
1TF.

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SECONDARY INTERROGATION REPORT

Serial No. 563
Date 7 Apr 65
Indetification Pte 2nd Class YING TONG
Unit A Coy 1/907 Bn
Captured Gd Sq 3614 (Map Australia 1=50,000 Glen Davis)

Description of Subject

A truculent and unintelligent soldier who has apparently taken little interest in his military surroundings. A conscript with a record of disciplinary breaches. Is ideologically unsound but of little interrogation potential. Subject was in good physical condition, though overweight.

Arms / Equipment

Dressed in standard PMF battle dress, carrying a US Surplus M2 carbine with 50 rds of .30 ammunition.

Information

Member has infiltrated with elements of his company from 1/907 Bn base rear X3 (possibly Mt CORIADAY). The march started on 20 Mar approximately and his patrol covered 5-10,000 yards each day.

The aim of his section was to infiltrate through own troops (not identified) and meet up with the remainder of his platoon and later his company at a place called X15, some days march to the EAST of where he defected.

Radio instructions to his Commander on 6 Apr 65 directed his patrol to engage soft opportunity targets in own troops area to tie up own troops who could otherwise be operating further EAST.

Subject said the other members of his patrol walked faster than he could and when he held them up, they called him "ba muoi lam" (translated "slob" or "worthless fellow"). This insult plus the relentless pressure of countless Australian patrols convinced him he should defect.

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EXERCISE SKYHIGH TWO

VISIT - BRIG T. F. B. MACADIE. DSO

ITINERARY - WED 7 APR 65

0900 Arrive Control HQ.
0905 Briefing and tour of Control HQ.
0925 Depart Control HQ for AASO by staff car.
0930 Tour AASO and ATLO.
1000 Depart RAAF Base RICHMOND for ALF GOSPERS by CARIBOU.
1020 Arrive ALF GOSPERS. Met by CO 1 RAR. Tour of HQ 1 RAR,
1 RAR Ech and Coy loc by IROQUOIS.
1330 Arrive MSP.
1400 Arrive NO 9 Sqn.
1430 Depart ALF GOSPERS by CARIBOU.
1500 Arrive RAAF Base RICHMOND.
1515 Depart for SYDNEY by staff car.

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Info		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>OPS 3</i>	

Slidex Air Logistic Sp card No 1 Figures 51

SITREP 110 From 100600K to 101800K @

ONE @ En Forces @ Alpha @ Refer ISUM and SITREPS of 10 Apr 65 @

TWO @ Own Sit @ Loc of fwd Elms as folo c/s 1, c/s 4 and c/s 61 at

BLACK ONE @ c/s 2, c/s 3, c/s 8 and c/s E1 at BLACK TWO @

This c/s at GREEN FOUR @

c/s 62 at (NT RQ GD FY VB) (GR 615150)

This c/s is regrouping in order to comply with your ops instr

No 5 of 10 Apr 65 c/s 1 had UN, CB, PH, RC, BF, NF, (Fig 2 cas)

during op of today @ Summary of op is contained in ISUM.

THREE @ Adm @ NTR

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Info		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER OP54	

Slidex @ Air logistic Support Cord 1 Figures 42 @
 SITREP N67 070600 to 080600 @ En @ c/s 13 captured 1 en and loc 8
 others Grid square 4715 at 071040K @ En later shot while trying to escape @
 one doc taken from en dead @ en troops tracks loc by c/s 4 GR 552194
 tracks lead S down creek @ further recce loc tracks and large en overni
 camp at GR 556193 @ Contact 071930K at GR 560237 2 en no cas @ c/s 2
 ambushed 2 en GR 567217 at 071630K 2 en KIA @ approx 6 en contacted this
 c/s pt 1 of 3 at 072000K and shell drake fired DF SOS @
 Own Troops @ Alpha @ Phase 3 now under way @ Bravo @ Loc stat @ this c/s
 (Slidex) LK, CM, TH, AT, BQ @ c/s 1 (Slidex) DR, HP, RN, QY, CW @ c/s 2 (Slidex)
 LR, VM, BZ, WF, AN @ c/s 3 (Slidex) DK, EC, GS, JY, VB @ c/s 4 (Slidex) LK, XR, VT,
 DA, JB @ Shell drake (Slidex) DR, NC, XT, NZ, EV @ Charlie @ Adm @ NIL.

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To <i>ITF</i>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <i>SECRET</i>
			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>OPS 7</i>

Info *A Ech*

*Sitrep 090600 to 092000 hrs. Alpha @ En Isum ops 6 of 090730Z and en sighting reports @ Bravo @ Own situation @ As per locstat of 1430 hrs except c/s 4 REO 7 Datum point 1 * (ZI QP) @ c/s moved towards SE corner of Bn bdy where en RV likely @ By patrolling them and use of Hawkeye En movement constantly under observation @ Admo NTR @ GENERAL @ 3 NOVUF casevocs.*

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SITREP 9 @ En Forces @ No change @ Own Forces @ No comms with c/s 4 @
Remainder No change @ Locstars @ No change

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Info

SITREP 8 05 at 081800K @ SLX Air Log Sp Cord I Figs 14 @ ONE @ En Forces @ Alpha @ c/s 1
 NTR @ Bravo @ c/s 3 @ Contact at 0945 hrs at GR 560198 resulting in 5 en KIA @ Contact
 1310 hrs. at GR 566178 @ BH, EZ, TU @ Charlie @ c/s 2 contact at 071620 K at GR
 560235 with 2 en KIA @ Contact at 071920 K at GR 560235 with 2 en KIA @ Contact of
 10 en at GR 577164 and engaged by c/s 8 and PW, MI, NZ, AO, XB Est 6 en KIA

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while remainder headed south along creek line @ Delta @ c/s 4 NTR @
 Echo @ c/s 61 Contact at GR 599133 WE, HB, JU, in poor health so VH, AZ, BS, PV,
 BV, RI, KP, VS, BW, received report received of est en pl str in area @ Two @
 Friendly forces @ Alpha @ c/s 1 DZ, UH, KM, IB, WL @ Bravo @ c/s 2 NTR @ Charlie c/s 33 @

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FT, JK, TU, TK, IB, @ Delta @ c/s 4 NTR @ Echo @ other tps NTR @

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Info		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>OPS3</i>	

SITREP N66 061800K TO 070600K @ ENEMY @ NO FURTHER CONTACTS @ OWN SITUATION @ NO CHANGE @ ADM @ NO CHANGE @ GENERAL @ NODUF CASEVAC Pte GEORGE AT GREEN ONE WITH INTERNAL PAINS BEING EVACUATED 0700HRS BY AC

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From <i>1RAR</i>		PREFIX	GR
To <i>1TF</i>		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <i>SECRET</i>	
Info		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>OPS 2</i>	

SITREP N65 060630K to 061800K @ En @ Contacts with A Coy 1/907 Regt @ En Proceeding SE mainly along infiltration routes @ 5 Contacts were made as reported @ Old en camp from previous night for est 7en at GR 565247 @ En now must be within days march of PI RV's @ Own Situation @ A Coy at GR 575766 @ B Coy NO Change @ C Coy NO Change @ D Coy GR 520270 PI patrol ambushes have now all been withdrawn S of phase I boundary @ PI Ambushes successfull No Casualties to own forces @ Adm NO Change @ GENERAL @ ac were grounded until 1200 hrs.

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To <i>1TF</i>		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <i>UNCLAS</i>	
Info <i>2RAR</i> <i>8RAR</i>		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>OPS 1</i>	

SLIDEX CARD 5 Fig 35 © Sitrep from 051800K to 060630K ©
En © No change © Own Forces © No change © Adm © No Change

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To <i>ITF</i>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <i>SECRET</i>
			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>OPS 4</i>

Info

*SITREP at 051150K @ En NIL Contact @ Own Forces @ Bn HQ @ No
change @ A Coy 392174 @ B Coy 574247 @ C Coy 574247 @ D Coy
Gospers LG @ HLG in ^{process} possession of construction for D Coy moved
Adm @ No Change @*

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To <i>1TF</i>		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <i>SECRET</i>	
Info <i>8RAR</i> <i>2RAR</i>		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>OPS 8</i>	

*SITREP No 0 To 0 050800Z Apr 65 0 ONE 0 Enemy NTR 0
TWO 0 Own Site 0 Locat c/s 1 GR 390174 cmm c/s 2 GR 576248cmm
c/s 3 In loc no details cmm c/s 4 GR 511224 0 Ops Continue
as programme 0 THREE 0 Adm No Change 0 FOUR 0 NTR 0*

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To <i>IRAR</i>		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <i>EX SECRET.</i>	
Info		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>OPS 1</i>	

*SITREP @ EN @ NTR @ OWN TPS @ LOCS @ Coy HQ GR 390174 @
1PI @ GR 354245 @ Ambush loc GR 357246 @ SEC Ptl to GR 368236 @ 2PI @
395204 @ SEC Ptl to GR 403225 and GR 380219 @ 3PI @ with Coy HQ @ Ambush loc
GR 388170 @ PI Comd Recce Ptl along Rd to GR 303166 @ DF Task @ A1 GR 387168 @
A2 GR 395210 @ A3 GR 392178 @ A4 GR 394172 @ Topographical @ WP Suitable for Coy
at GR 379185 @ RAT Str @ Plus 3 (Umpire gp) @ Request amend Maint dem accordingly
@ FUTURE INTENTIONS @ INTEND Leaving this loc 0745 hrs D+3 @ Request
Pick up of empty Jerrycans D+3 Not after 0730 hrs @*

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Info		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>OPS 2</i>	

*SITREP N62 @ 041800Z to 042145Z @ ONE @ ENEMY emm NIL Contact @
Two emm OWN SIT A Coy minus 1PI GR391174 emm 1PI A Coy area square
3620 emm B Coy Fly out to GREEN 2 emm Bn HQ no change @ THREE Adm
No Change @ FOUR VR First Lt indep Flt 16 Lt ac Sqn NTR*

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To <i>1TF</i>		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <i>SECRET</i>	
Info		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>OPS 4</i>	

SITREP Nel @ 040545 to 041800 En - Nil Contacts @ Own Sit
Locat A Coy GR 391174 cmm BN HQ GR 357148 cmm Remainder @ P
Bn at transit Camp @ Adm Normal @

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RED 1 - GR 401146

RED 2 - GR 362186

RED 3 - GR 390174

GREEN 1 - GR 511226

GREEN 2 - GR 575246

GREEN 3 - GR 552217

GREEN 4 - GR 515166

GREEN 5 - GR 518186

BLACK 1 - GR 566138

BLACK 2 - GR 585164

BLACK 3 - GR 564193

BLACK 4 - GR 543188



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Quote in Reply

217/1/2

ADDRESS C Coy 1 RAR
HOLSWORTHY

Apr 65

1 RAR

DEBRIEF EX "SKY HIGH TWO"

The Battalion

1. It is felt that a further section in each platoon would be more advantageous than another platoon in the company. At the moment, with non-effectives, present platoons are too small. A further section would enable a platoon to tackle more difficult situations without the necessity of bringing in another platoon.
2. The light scale is still too heavy. It has been suggested, and I am inclined to agree, that an echelon pack be used containing spare greens, underwear, boots etc. These could be made available, situation permitting, on maintenance request. Alternatively, the resupply of all items on the commodity code be made available and these written off as operational casualties.
3. Air mov was not satisfactory because of the RAAF safety restrictions. This of course would not apply in case of war.
4. If we are to be issued 44 pat webbing as other bns are when they go abroad, I suggest we use it here to train with. The present webbing is uncomfortable and does not hold enough.

Training

1. More trg is needed in searching and tracking .
2. More trg is needed in area ambushes.
3. Despite lectures before the ex few remembered lessons on the enemy.
4. Security was, on the whole, good.
5. Personal ^{comms} was not good.
6. Battle fitness was not to required standard.
7. More trg needed in silent mov and signals, especially mov.
8. The counter ambushes were, on the whole, well planned and everyone knew their job.
9. Protection at rest etc needs more trg.
10. Alarm systems require initiative trg.
11. Health consciousness good.
12. Hel drills were well done.
13. With Pl Sgt or above, construction of LZ and DZ was good.
14. Wpn maintenance was good at CHQ but Pl Comds state there was a tendency to neglect wpns at pl level when going was tough.
15. Because of the penalties imposed by losing eqpt there were very few losses and no damage.
16. More practice required at the Pl and sec level on the use of hand signals.

Security of information

1. Most soldiers show real fear of radio and only those with a great deal of trg show any confidence. When they are good they are very good but when they are bad they are shocking.

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2. At times Bn HQ used veiled speech in order to pass msgs. This could easily be understood by the enemy or misunderstood by coys.

Communications

General comms were good at all levels. A number of good results of air drops were accomplished by talking the plane into the DZ. A small sec radio would be ideal for control by Pl comd in difficult country and on patrols. Home made TV wire aerials were used by C Coy.

Weapons and equipment

1. The M 60 comes in for a great deal of criticism regarding the loss of parts and spares. Generally amongst the older soldiers the 7.62 Bren is preferred.
2. M4 P at webbing as used in MALAYA is far better than that now used.
3. The present use of different types of webbing makes an uncomfortable and inadequate load.
4. Sleeping bag could be issued as an alternative to the present sleeping gear.
5. Water/wings practically useless. They either had holes but even those without would not hold water.
6. Footwear was generally good but a calf length boot instead of gaiters would be preferred. Majority of coy had blisters after a short march.
7. Clothing - no comment
8. Axes could have been dropped before cutting of DZs or LZs. This would of course mean that we would have no attachments to blow pads for us.
9. The greatest range of diet is in the 2 man packs. A great wastage was noted in the 24 hr pack. Majority of biscuits were thrown away as was the margarine and tea. Rice could take the place of biscuits and coffee the place of some of the tea. Butter if possible as in 10 man packs

Administration

1. Casevac was very slow. eg BLACK 3. The same sit occurred with PW.
2. Health was very good.
3. PW brought quickly to CHQ but very poor evac to higher control.
4. Returns went off well but rarely was an ACK made to a Maintdem within 36 hrs. No ack of back loading requests.
5. Morale was excellent during the ex. but the RAAF but a stop to it at the finale.
6. An O PDEM took 36 hrs to get through for batteries.

Rope drills

Not used.

Air Support

1. Whenever possible sp was available
2. Proforma s were brief and to the point
3. Without RWAC coys would have had long marches without rations. The obvious drawback in the use of RWAC in air mov is the fact that the en could estimate our str and pinpoint our new posn.
4. Little/was used with RWAC. However comms were good with FWAC.
5. Air recce was well worth while because of new roads and state of water sups not shown on maps. However, the pilots must be made aware of the obvious faults of flying low over occupied areas. The circling of any posns would not only endanger the ac crew and passngers but disclose to the en our possible intentions.

FAINING ON PARADE

GENERAL

1. Fainting on parade is not uncommon when personnel have to stand to attention for a long period in hot weather. Fainting may occur when there is a reduction in the amount of blood circulating through the brain. This reduction may occur through lack of muscular tone, especially in those muscles of the abdomen and legs, which causes an inadequate return of blood from the lower parts of the body.

2. The following predispose to lack of muscular tone and, therefore, may predispose to fainting:-

- (a) Ill ventilated humid atmosphere
- (b) Overheating
- (c) Interference, by clothing, with respiration. This prevents an adequate supply of oxygen from entering the lungs and, therefore, the circulation.
- (d) Untrained personnel standing for long periods in the erect position without movement.
- (e) Alcohol consumed within 24 hours of a long parade.

PREVENTION

3. Measures to prevent fainting on parade, therefore, aim at overcoming the above conditions. These measures may be summarized as follows:-

- (a) Will power to overcome the faint feeling is all important.
- (b) Personnel must be physically fit and training to ensure this should be commenced at least one month before the parade.
- (c) Clothing and equipment should not restrict respiratory movements of lungs and upper abdomen and should not constrict the neck. In hot weather, underclothing should be reduced to a minimum. The head should be well protected from the sun.
- (d) As often as practicable, long periods of standing should be punctuated by commands to change position. Long periods of standing to attention should be avoided.
- (e) Personnel should concentrate their gaze at some interesting object in the distance.
- (f) Personnel should be trained to "wiggle their toes" and move their kneecaps during long periods of standing to attention. This assists in returning blood to the heart from the legs.
- (g) Personnel should not, as far as practicable, face glaring or reflecting surfaces.

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- (h) Irritating bulky meals and alcohol should be avoided before a parade, but a light nourishing meal should be eaten within 3 hours of the parade.
- (j) Personnel who fell ill or faint during training should not take part in a ceremonial parade, unless time permits of them being raised to the necessary standard of physical fitness.

Appendix 1 to
Annex H

SUGGESTED DIET

D - 1 day

- Breakfast - Normal
- Lunch - Reduced meat, no extra salt
- Dinner - Reduced meat, no extra salt. Unlimited carbohydrate (bread, potatoes, cauliflower) and vegetables.
- Beverages - No alcohol, tea or coffee after 2100 hours.

D Day

- Breakfast - Neither meat nor eggs. Unlimited carbohydrate. One cup only of weak tea with minimum milk.
- During the morning - Half pint of water or fruit juice.
No tea or coffee.
- N.B. The important exceptions are fluid, protein rich foods, salt and diuretic kidney irritants such as alcohol, caffeine, theine etc.
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

17/2/34

1st Battalion
The Royal Australian
Gallipoli Battalion
HOLSWORTHY N
3 Apr 65

EXERCISE SKYHIGH TWO
SAFETY

C Coy File 217 / 1 / 2

Appt	Action	Info	Initial
OC	✓		
2 IC			
CSM	✓		
COMS			
OC 9 PL			
OC 10 PL			
OC 11 PL			
OC 12 PL			
ORC			

1. In view of the unusually dry conditions likely in the exercise area unless rain falls, it is considered should impose even more stringent fire precautions than that down in Annex C to the General Instructions.

2. Particular care is to be exercised in respect

- (a) Smoking - butts must be thoroughly extinguished.
- (b) Fires must be lit in safe places and thoroughly extinguished when no longer required.
- (c) Blank rounds should only be fired in the air, NOT into grass or foliage of trees.
- (d) NO Aldershot grenades are to be issued until authorised by the Exercise Director (to ECHELON with coy stores).
- (e) Flares are to be fired only when required for emergency purposes

3. In the event of a bush fire endangering the life of any soldier and relief being beyond the capacity of the local commander a NODUF Cp immediate message is to be sent to superior Headquarters. Should this become serious the exercise will be halted. The Chief Umpire is then to report to CO 1 RAR, who is to take command of all facilities and resources in the exercise area and extricate the soldiers concerned then gain control of the fire.

4. The Umpire organisation is to be used as a safety organisation at all times. The Chief Umpire, Maj HARPER, is appointed Chief Safety Officer. Other umpires are to assume safety responsibilities at their various levels accordingly.

5. All soldiers entering the exercise area are to be advised of the danger involved and the restrictions imposed by their commanders on entering the exercise area.

Remarks



Capt
Adjt

ROUTINE

1 RAR

FILE No.

27-1-21

DATE

-9 APR 1965

IN 32/08
R 072345Z
FM ONWPENDIV SYDNEY
TO 1 RAR |
3 RNSWR
5 RAR
MILCOMMAND

BT

UNCLAS A 338 AHQ 274/32/2 OF 22 MAR 65 PARAGRAPH 25. ANZAC DAY 1965
CEREMONIAL PARADE CANBERRA, REHEARSAL.

ONE. KEY PERSONNEL RQUIRED FOR REHEARSAL ON 23 APRIL 65 ARE AS FOLLOWS
ALPHA. 1 RAR REPRESENTATIVES. (IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT 1 RAR PARTY CONSIST
OF CO CMM GUARD COMDCMM RSM AND COY DOMDS.

BRAVP RAA 1 ~~XXX XXXXXX~~ ~~XX~~, ~~XXXXXXX~~ DIV OFFICER COMMANDING UNARMED
DETACHMENT REPRESENTING ALL CORPS,

CHARLIE. OFFICER COMMANDING UNARMED PARTY CMF FROM 3 RNSWR.

TWO REHEARSAL ON 23 APR 65 IS NOW TO BE HELD AT TIMES EQUIVALENT TO THOSE
ON ACTUAL PARADE ON 25 APR 65.

THREE. APPROVAL IS GIVEN FOR MOVEMENT BY AIR TO CANBERRA AND RETURN ON 23
APR 65. UNITS ARE TO ADVISE HQ 1 DIV OF AIR BOOKINGS REQUIRED ASP DUE TO
POSSIBLE HEAVY BOOKINGS OVER ANZAC DAY WEEKEND

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080347Z

27234 CART JF MILLER is to be one
of our Coy Comds.

in 21/29

PRIORITY

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UNCLAS A345 ANZAC DAY 1965 CEREMONIAL PARADE CANBERRA. MOVEMENT

~~OF 034 59 ; ?344EEEEEEEEEE~~ OF PERS TO CANBERRA AND RETURN.

ONE . FOL INFO IS REQUIRED BY 15 APR 65.

ALF . NUMBER OF PERS FROM 1 RAR AND 5 ARA.

BRAVO . PICK UP POINTS IN 1RAR CMM 5 RAR NAD EEEEEEE 5 RAR AND 1 FD REGT

~~LINEEEEEEE~~ REGT LINES.

CHARLIE . NAMES OF UNIT TPT/ LIAISON OFFRS.

DELTA . NAMES OF 2 OC TRAINS FROM 1 RAR.

ECHO . NAMES OF OFFRS/NCOS TO BE CARRIAGE CMDS AN BASIS 9X 1 RAR CMM

1 X 5RAR AND 1X ALL COPRS DET.

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FOXTROT. NAME OF 1 RAR OFFR TO TPT OFFR IN CANBERRA AND IF A PRIOR RECCE IS REQUIRED FOR HIM.

TWO. FIRST TRAIN SIX CARRIAGES 384 PERS ETD ~~0338~~ ETD 0338 HRS ETA 0845 HRS RETURN ETD 1330 HRS ETA 1837 HRS. SECOND TRAIN FIVE CARRIAGES 256 PERS ETD 0415 HRS ETA 0930 HRS RETURN ETD 1410 HRS ETA 1916 HRS.

THREE MOVEMENT UNIT LIES TO LIVERPOOLAND RETURN BY ST TPT.

FOUR. COORD CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT HQ E COMD 21 OR 22 PAR 65 .

DETAILS TO BE ADVISED

~~BT~~

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1 RAR
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HEADQUARTERS
EASTERN COMMAND
VICTORIA BARRACKS
PADDINGTON, NSW

1 Div (2) ✓
Camp (2)
CRAASC HQ E Comd
Copy to:
RSL&AILA,
Anzac House,
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

VISIT OF 7 RNZIR BAND

1. 7 RNZIR Band will be in SYDNEY for the Anzac Jubilee commemoration from 22 Apr - 30 Apr 65 and is to be quartered at E Comd Pers Dep.
2. Approval has been given for the Band to participate in the Cenotaph ceremony on 29 Apr 65.
3. A rehearsal of the ceremony is to be held at 1000 hrs Wed 28 Apr at Victoria Barracks. Camp HQ E Comd is to make suitable arrangements with the Cenotaph Guard and with the band.
4. Transport of the band and instruments is to be arranged by Camp HQ E Comd for the rehearsal and on 29 Apr.

1 RAR 30/3/127

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Major
DAAG 1 Division
12 APR 1965

Lt Col
W AAG



In reply quote
233/1/1

First Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
Callipoli Barracks
HOLSWORTHY NSW

20 Apr '65

OFFICER TRAINING 29 APR '65

1. Officer Training will be held in the Bn Theatre on 29 Apr '65 at 1330 hrs. The training will stop at 1630 hrs and continue at 1900 hrs.

... 2. The training will consist mainly of a complete debriefing of Exercise SKY HIGH TWO. The Debrief proforma is attached.

3. The following subjects will be discussed separately,

(a) Administration and Resupply: Maj P.G. SHARP

(b) Air movement : Maj H.M. LANDER

4. All officers are to attend.

5. Written answers to the questions in the Annex are to be submitted by companys and are to be with the C.O. by 1630 hrs Mon 3 May '65. Rifle Companys are to make a careful appreciation as to the benefits that would have been achieved had they had four platoons and the disadvantages of only having three; as a special case is being made for the reintroduction of the fourth platoon.

[Handwritten Signature]
Lt-Col
CO 1 RAR

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DEBRIEF PROFORMA: EX SKY HIGH TWO

1. The aim of this proforma is to give 'guide lines' to the ex debriefing. The debrief will be held to ascertain what is required to make the Battalion more efficient under the setting of Ex SKY HIGH TWO.
2. Consideration is to be given to a critical appraisal to the following:
 - (a) Organisations, weapons and equipment
 - (b) Groupings.
 - (c) Tactical doctrine
 - (d) Standing Orders for Operations.
 - (e) Administrative procedures.
 - (f) Communications including security.
 - (g) Maintenance system.
3. The following assessments are to be made:
 - a. The Battalion
 - (1) Is the rifle company organisations suited for counter insurgency and counter infiltration operations?
 - (2) Are the tactical light and heavy scales suitable?
 - (3) Is the battalion air movement organisation, both rearward and forward of the main ALG, suitable?
 - (4) Is the equipment of the rifle companys satisfactory? What additions or deletions do you recommend?
 - (5) Support Company
 - (a) Was the organisations and equipment for the platoons satisfactory?
 - (b) Were the channels of communications provided by the mortar platoon used satisfactorily?
 - (c) Were any deficiencies noted in either the organisation of the mortar platoon or the ability to carry out its tasks? If there were outline them and give the means for rectifying them.
 - (d) Was there a case for the anti tank pl to be trained in the use of dogs?
 - (6) Training Are we well enough trained in
 - (a) Patrolling, including searching and tracking?
 - (b) Ambushing, at section and platoon level including area ambushes?
 - (c) Knowledge of the enemy?
 - (d) Skilled in security - disposal of rubbish, particularly on the move?
 - (e) Personal camouflage and concealment?
 - (f) Battle fitness for marching and patrolling with heavy loads?
 - (g) Silent movement and signals?
 - (h) Counter ambush drills?
 - (j) Protection
 - (i) At rest?
 - (ii) At water Points?
 - (iii) platoon bases?

- (k) Alarm systems?
 - (l) Health consciousness?
 - (m) Helicopter drills?
 - (n) Knowledge of DZ and LZ construction, markings and the reception of drops?
 - (o) Weapons maintenance?
 - (p) Equipment consciousness?
 - (q) Passing of information down to the individual?
- (7) Passage of information. Does information flow quietly both upwards and downwards?
- (8) Security of Information. Voice procedure, concealment of intention to move by helicopter, including any indication of helicopter flight paths, locations and nicknames of LZs?
- (9) Is battalion Headquarters operating effectively?
- (10) Communications
- (a) Are the equipments suitable? What changes do you suggest?
 - (b) Is there a need for better communication with aircraft and with the RAAF?
- (11) Weapons and equipment Comment on:
- (a) Suitability of present equipments.
 - (b) Adequacy of fire support available to and within the rifle company.
 - (c) Web equipment
 - (d) Sleeping gear.
 - (e) Porterage equipment
 - (f) Footwear
 - (g) Clothing
 - (h) Equipment for cutting DZs and LZs
 - (j) Ration packs, also consider the aspect of carrying 3 to 4 days rations and the replacement of the 24 hour Combat Pack by the Hard rations scales.
- (12) Administration Comment on:
- (a) Casualty evacuation.
 - (b) Health and resistance to hardship.
 - (c) Handling of PW
 - (d) A returns
 - (e) Morale
 - (f) Maintenance planning
 - (g) Replacement of equipment.
 - (h) Effectiveness of resupply procedures
 - (j) Landing of LOB stores and equipment.
- (13) Roping drills
- (a) Are these satisfactory?
 - (b) Did they satisfy a tactical need that cannot be effected by another means?
 - (c) What security aspects are involved?

(14) Air support

- (a) Were you briefed sufficiently in the use of air and your responsibilities in relation to its employment?
- (b) What further requirement in relation to request proformas is required?
- (c) What particular benefits did you achieve by the use of air? What did you lose by the employment of helicopters for tactical movement?
- (d) Could you communicate successfully?
- (e) What did you gain by having reconnaissance by light aircraft both before and during the exercise?

ROUTINE

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UNCLAS CP 8977 FOR 1 RAR.

REF TELECON RSM MCKAY/RSM STEER. ANZAC DAY INFO AS FOLLOWS.

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The Royal Australian Regiment
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4 May 65

BACKGROUND TO SOUTH VIETNAM

POLITICAL BACKGROUND

1. A country of old INDO CHINA which was under FRENCH rule from the latter half of the 19th Century up until 1954. When FRANCE realizing they would have no hope of maintaining FRENCH rule any longer negotiated an armistice thus ending the 'Seven Years' war in INDO CHINA. At GENEVA on 21 July 54 VIETNAM was partitioned into a Communist state NORTH of the 17th Parallel known as the Democratic Republic of VIETNAM (NORTH VIETNAM) with its capital at HANOI and chief of state HO CHI MINH and a Nationalist state, SOUTH of the 17th Parallel known as the Republic of VIETNAM (SOUTH VIETNAM) with its capital at SAIGON.
2. SOUTH VIETNAM had former Emperor BAO DAI as its Chief of State until 23 Oct 55 when over 98% of the electorate deposed him and declared NGO DINH DIEM, then Prime Minister as Chief of State, he immediately proclaimed himself President of the Republic under a provisional constitution. A new constitution was proclaimed in Oct 56 with NGO's National Revolutionary Movement (NRM) being elected to 66 of the 123 seats. Again in 1959 and 1963 elections resulted in overwhelming wins for the NRM.
3. NGO, the President was a devout Catholic, dedicated to defeat Communism and progress was being made against the Viet Cong guerillas (Communists).
4. However, in Nov 63 due mainly to his over ambitious ideas and the extension of his resources and plans and the depression of Buddhists his regime were overthrown and Ngo assassinated and the new assembly dissolved by a successful Coup d'etat. The new Military Revolutionary Council (MRC) showed a noticeable lack of drive and were thus overthrown in another Coup d'etat in Jan 64 led by Maj Gen NGUYEN KHANH who as Chairman of the MRC then became Prime Minister of a joint Military-Civilian Govt including members of the previously outlawed DAI Viet Party and installed the deposed Maj Gen DUONG VAN MINH as titular Chief of State. The MRC on 16 Aug 64 elected Gen KHANH as President but after rioting and demonstrations he resigned after 7 days. The demonstrations were demanding a return to a Civilian Govt.
5. On 27 Aug 64 the MRC dissolved itself and the Head of State now comprised a triumvirate of Generals MINH, KHANH and KIEN as Co-Presidents forming a temporary National Military Leadership Committee. A peoples assembly was to be formed within 2 months with the present Govt remaining on until then. The decision was reached under stress of Religious rioting among Buddhists and Catholics. As a result of an abortive Coup d'etat on 13 Sep 64 Gen KHIEM, Defence Minister appeared no longer to be an effective member of the triumvirate. A new group of 'Young Generals' had emerged as an important fraction and they included Gen KY, Commander of the Air Force and Gen THI, Commander 1 Corp.
6. On 20 Sep 64 a revolt took place against the Govt by tribesmen from the Central Highlands serving in the Civilian Irregular Defence Group which was considered to be Viet Cong inspired.

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7. A Charter drawn up by the High National Council was promulgated on 20 Oct and the triumvirate transferred powers to the Council that day, thus ending Military rule.

8. PHAM KHAC SUI, a Politician became Chief of State and Prime Minister TRAN VAN HUONG then formed a new Govt. On 20 Dec 64 in a semi Coup d'etat, the armed forces dissolved the High National Council because of counter revolutionary elements but still pledged support for the President and Prime Minister. On 9 Jan 65 a joint Civilian/Military communique pledged a return to a full Civilian Govt as soon as practical.

9. In a bloodless Coup d'etat on 27 Jan 65 which dismissed the HUONG Govt the armed forces resumed control with General KHANH again in power, he immediately called for a joint council which included the armed forces, religious factions and selected 'notables' and proposed the setting up of a new Representatives Assembly which he failed to achieve. The resultant Coup d'etat on 19 Feb led by former Gen PHAT and Colonel THAO failed but led to the removal of Gen KHANH as Commander in Chief being replaced by Gen TRAN VAN MINH, Gen KHANH ultimately departed from SOUTH VIETNAM as a Roving Ambassador. A new Govt was formed by Dr PHAN HUY QUAT which is currently trying to settle down with the Armed Forces and Buddhists as the two forces to contend with.

CLIMATE VEGETATION, ANIMAL LIFE

10. Tropical monsoon area - equatorial in the SOUTH getting milder to the NORTH. In the SOUTH rains from May to Oct and in the NORTH from Sep to Feb. SAIGON has approx 60 inches and the highlands in the NORTH over 100 inches. Temperatures will drop to levels where either a Field Jacket or Pullover are required.

11. The SOUTH in the hills has tropical evergreen forests with palms, with Paddy and light scrub in the lower lying regions.

12. In the mountainous areas animal life is plentiful with DEER, BUFFALOES, WILD OXEN, ELEPHANTS, TIGERS, PANTHERS.

13. Fish and Shell Fish abound in rivers, streams and lakes.

CURRENCY

14. The Piastre

POPULATION

15. Is approx 16,000,000,
including 600,000 CHINESE
650,000 MONTAGNARDS (Mountain People)
800,000 Refugees from N. VIETNAM - 1954.

LANGUAGE

16. Is VIETNAMESE with FRENCH being spoken among the educated classes with a tendency for ENGLISH to be spoken by the educated younger generation.

PEASANTS

17. Most of the population live in the country in villages surrounded by bamboo perimeters and are largely self governing communities known as Hamlets. The Govt is trying to organize this system throughout the country for their safety from VIET CONG attacks.

RELIGION

18. Mainly ancestor worship influenced by Confucianism and Buddhism, with more than 2,000,000 RC's.

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STORAGE AND SAFE KEEPING OF QUEENS
AND REGIMENTAL COLOURS 1 RAR

1. Owing to the possible 1 RAR operational commitment it may be necessary on occasions to place the Queens' and Regimental Colours into an Ordnance depot for safe keeping.
2. Should the occasion arise, permission is requested to place the Colours into storage.


Lt Col
Commanding Officer

ROUTINE

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1 RAR

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TO 1 RAR

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UNCLAS A482 YOUR 27/8/3 OF 6 MAY 65. QUEENS AND REGIMENTAL COLOURS.
ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLICATION CEREMONIA (1958) IS
APPROVED. REQ FWD MEMO ADVISING ALL RELEVANT DETAIL WHEN STORAGE
IS COMPLETEED

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STORAGE AND SAFE KEEPING QUEENS AND REGIMENTAL COLOURS 1 RAR

Reference 1 Div A482 of 11 May 65.

1. The Colours of the First Battalion Royal Australian Regiment were placed in safe keeping with 2 BOD MOOREBANK at 1430 hrs 12 May 65.
2. The Colours were placed in storage with the ceremonial that should be awarded consecrated Colours in accordance with the publication Ceremonial 1958.
3. The detail of the ceremonial is set out below:-
 - (a) Both Colours were taken from the Officers Mess (cased) by the Ensigns where they were received by the usual Colour Party. No compliments were paid to the Colours
 - (b) The Colour Party, RSM and Band were taken by vehicle to the gates of the Ordnance Depot where they were debussed and formed up in an area previously arranged by both RSM's.
 - (c) Order of forming up, Band, Colour Party 15 paces in rear with the RSM facing the Colour Party ready for the uncasing. 2 drummers were in rear of the RSM to assist in the uncasing and to carry the cases.
 - (d) The Colours were then uncased, the escort being brought to the present by the Queen's Ensign, prior to that Colour being uncased, after the uncasing the Colours were brought to the carry and "Point of War" was played by the band, the uncasing party saluting.
 - (e) On the command escort shoulder arms the uncasing party came back to attention (working with the escort) and fell in, drummers rejoining the band, RSM 4 paces in rear of the Colour Party.

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(f) The senior ensign ordered the quick march and the band, preceeding the Colour Party to the storehouse playing "Auld Lang Syne"

(g) Arrival at the storehouse

On arrival at the storehouse the Colour Party was halted, the Ensign ordered the escort to present arms and "Point of War" was played.

(h) With the escort still remaining at the present the Colours were cased by the RSM.

(j) The escort were brought back to the shoulder arms and the Ensigns brought the cased Colours to the slope.

(k) On the order of the Queens Ensign both Ensigns and the RSM marched to the door of the Storehouse the band playing the Regimental March (Waltzing Matilda).

(l) The storehouse holder Mr E.J. BOWERY had a table prepared at the door and received the Colours from the Senior Subultan with dignity fitting the occasion, the 'Q' procedures were carried out prior to the arrival and after the departure of the Colour Party.

(m) The Ensigns and RSM rejoined the escorts and under command of the senior Subultan marched back to the forming up place for dismissal, the music for the return to the FUP was the Regimental March and Our Director.

4. The OO Group 3 Mr E.J. BOWERY was to be congratulated on his assistance both before the storing and during the ceremony, as this was the first occasion the storage of Colours has happened in peace time any normal Q procedures could have detracted from the ceremony.


Lt Col
Commanding Officer

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To 1 RAR ✓			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLAS
Info			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER A56

THE COLOURS @ the colours
 were aimed between 1400-1600
 17 Jun 63 @ Condition OK

Seen PA

[Signature]
 18 Jun

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DATE 23 MAY 1963

D Coy
1 RAR

21 May 63

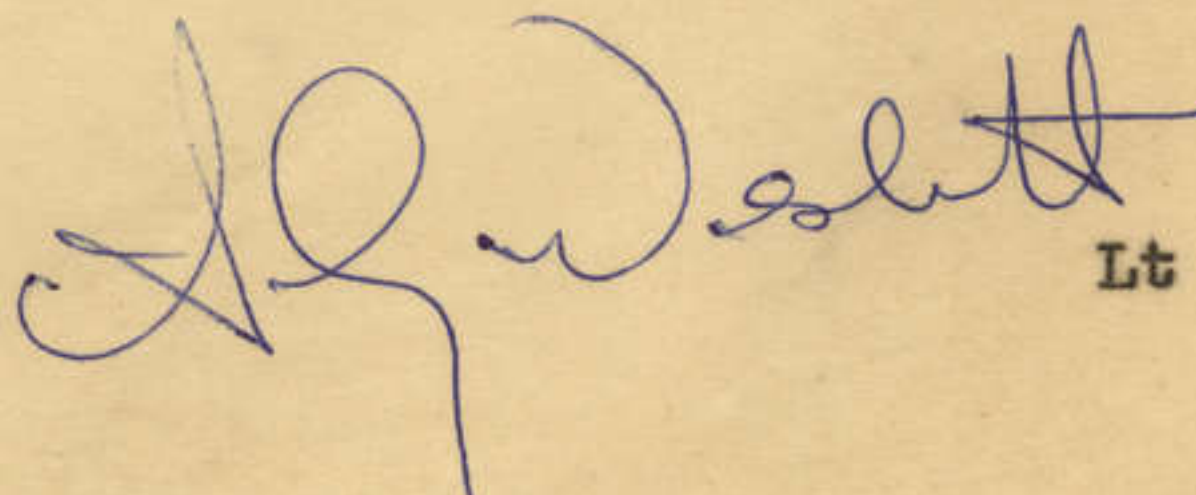
THE COLOURS

1 RAR

1. I inspected the Queen's and Regimental Colours at 1330 hours 21 May 63.
2. Both Queen's and Regimental colours showed signs of wear which if allowed to remain unchecked will result in serious damage.
3. At this stage all wear is concentrated in vital spots and is due to tension and strain placed on the Colours during normal ceremonial duty, and is mostly in the form of split material and stitching.
4. ~~Queen's~~ An attempt has been made previously to repair the Regimental colour by patching, this has been proved most unsatisfactory as have other repairs carried out at the same time. The only remedy now appears to be to replace the complete parcel concerned.
5. There is some mildew on the Colours due to continued storage in damp weather and insufficient periods of airing.
6. ~~Attached are diagrams showing damaged portions of the colours.~~

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Colours be dispatched to the makers for a complete overhaul.
2. That a "Colours Log Book" be instituted to be kept with the colours to record repairs and airings.
3. That the Colours be aired at least once weekly by a party of two Lieutenants appointed by roster, the roster being maintained by the Senior Lieutenant.
4. That the colours be displayed more frequently to the Battalion, possibly in the Regimental Museum - the armed escort being provided by the duty Coy.


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COLOURS . 1 RAR colours will be delivered for repairs 25 Jun

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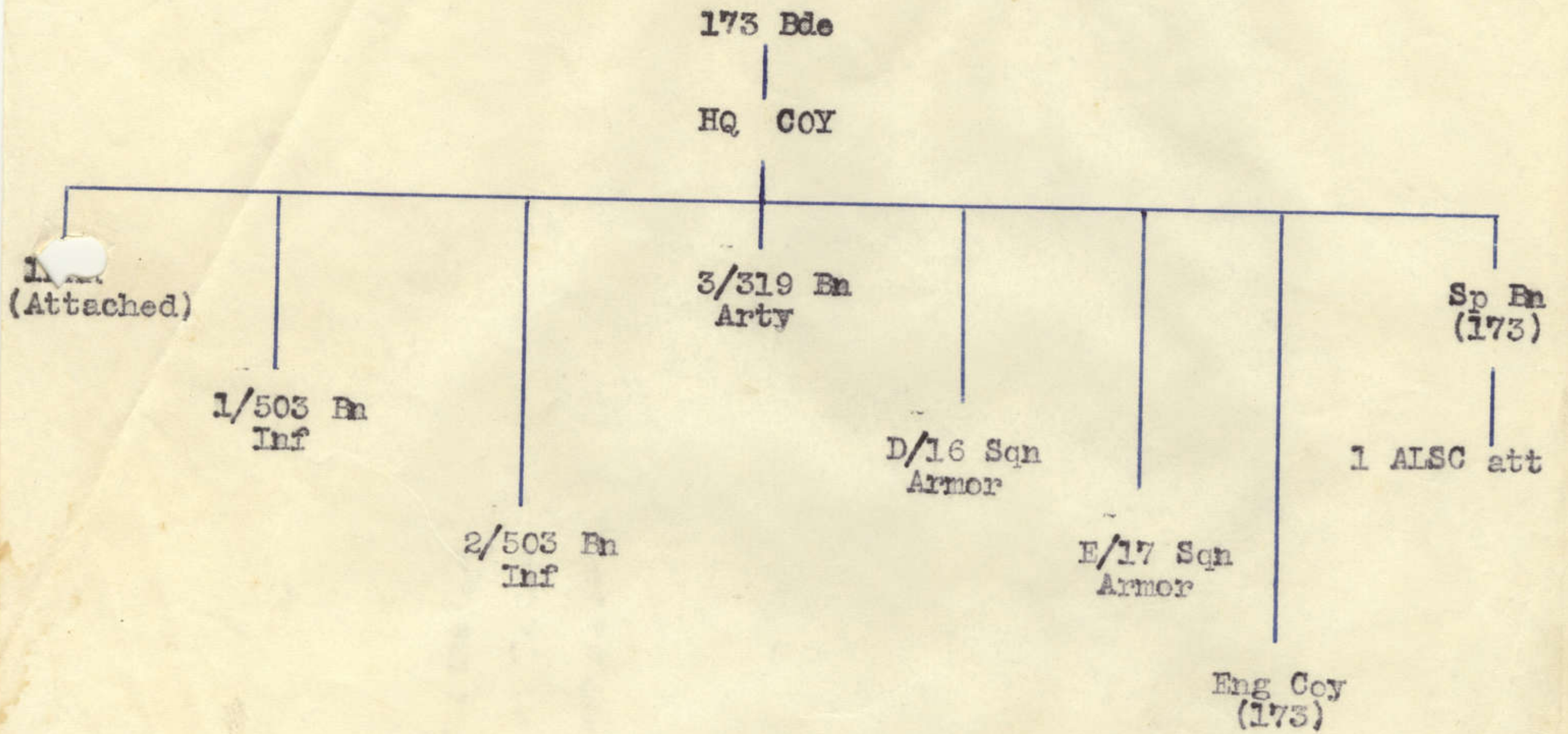
INFO PAK COMD MESS

ALPHA @ REFERENCE I RAR COMPANY PATROLLING TAOR. DATED 20 JUN 65 @
ORDERLY OFFICER @ PARA 4 @ DELETE '1500 hrs' ADD '1530 hrs' @ BRAVO @
EVENING MEAL AVAILABLE IN BN COMD MESS @

W. J. Mansfield

Asst Asst.

ORGANIZATION OF 173RD AIRBORNE BDE (SEP)



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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE)
APO U.S. Forces 96250

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6 June 1965

SUBJECT: Letter of Instruction: Roles and Missions of 1st Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment and Australian Logistical
Support Company

TO: Commanding Officer
1st Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment

Reference: Brigade Field SOP

1. Purpose: This letter outlines command relationships and sets forth roles and missions of the 1st Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) and the Australian Logistical Support Company (ALSC) under the current situation in Viet-Nam.

2. Command: RAR and ALSC with assigned units are attached to 173d Airborne Brigade (Separate) for operational command and administrative and logistical support.

3. Operations: Operations will be conducted in three (3) progressive stages:

a. Stage I: Security of assigned sectors of airfield defenses:

(1) Defense of an intermediate extended zone (tactical assembly area).

(2) An outer tactical area of responsibility (TAOR) covering the most likely areas of assembly and avenues of attack. Aggressive patrolling must take place in this zone.

b. Stage II: Deep patrolling and offensive operations:

(1) Reconnaissance and offensive operations that contribute to the security of the airfield and serve to prevent massing of enemy forces for surprise attack on the airfield. Initially these will be conducted unilaterally in easily identifiable TAOR's from which all RVNAF and RF have been excluded. TAOR's may be permanent or temporary.

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(2) Movement to and from TAOR's will be coordinated by this headquarters with CG III Corps.

(3) As experience is gained, the scope of these offensive operations will be increased to include ARVN forces in adjacent but separate and clearly defined TAOR's.

c. Stage III: Search and destroy and reserve reaction operations in coordination with RVNAF.

(1) Stage I and II continue.

(2) Combat support will be provided to RVNAF to include search and destroy and reserve reaction operations throughout III Corps tactical zone.

(3) In coordination with high command, COMUS MACV may direct CG, 173d Abn Bde to conduct search and destroy or reserve reaction operations either unilateral or combined outside the III Corps tactical zone.

4. Roles and Missions:

a. RAR will:

(1) Occupy tactical assembly area (Stage I) (Para 3a(1))

(2) Be responsible for TAOR commencing 20 June 65 (Stage I) (Para 3a(2))

(3) Conduct essential training, especially airmobile training, as coordinated by this headquarters with III Corps prior to 20 June 1965.

(4) Be prepared to execute operational missions by 20 June 1965 as directed by this headquarters (Stage II)

b. ALSC will be integrated into 173d Support Battalion and provide logistical support for RAR.

5. Administration and Logistics: Reference has been forwarded under separate cover. Provisions of reference apply.

1 Incl:
Stage I Operations

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ELLIS W. WILLIAMSON
Brigadier General
Commanding

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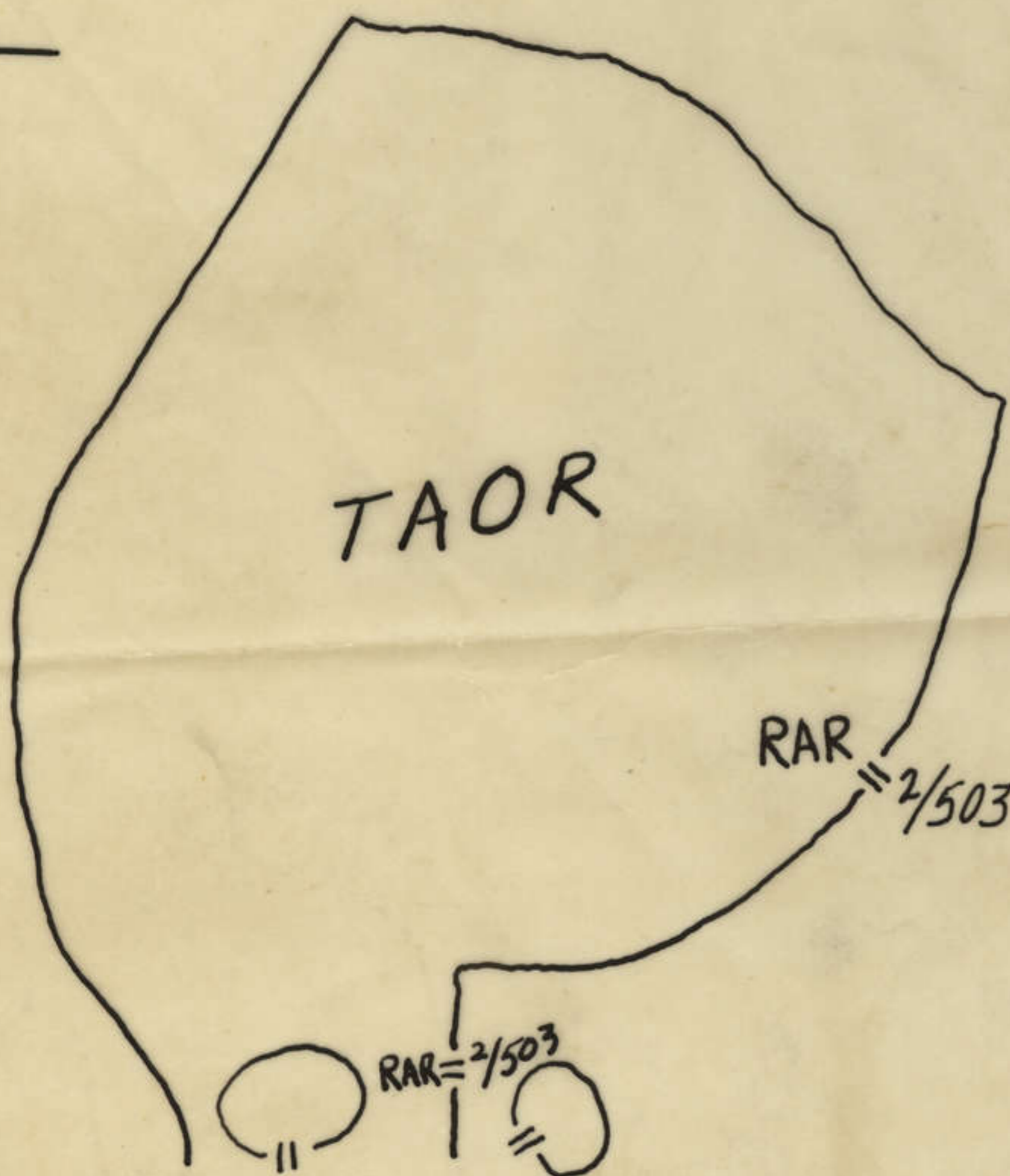
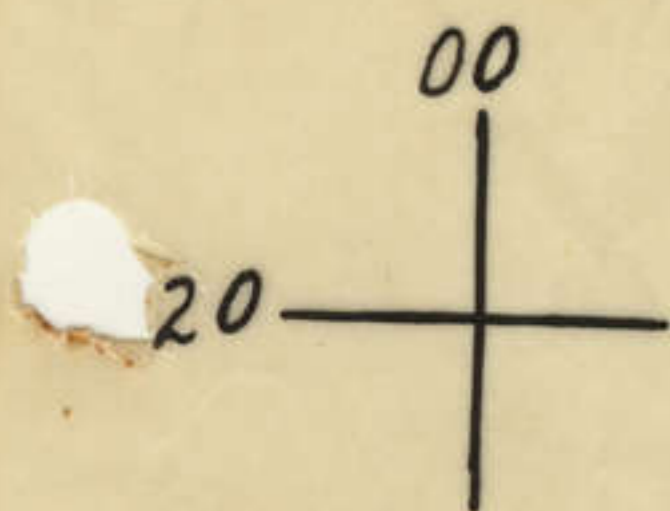
STAGE I - OPERATIONS

1. RAR will occupy tactical assembly area shown in attached overlay.
2. Defensive fires will be planned under provisions of letter, this headquarters, RIABN-C, Subject: Defensive Fire Plan, TBP.
3. Assume responsibility for TAOR shown on overlay commencing 20 June 1965. Popular Forces (PF) will remain in villages along Dong Nai River. Villages will not be entered except on order this headquarters. Aggressive patrolling will be conducted in TAOR. Patrols will be of sufficient size (approximately 30 men) to provide security against small unit surprise. Patrol plans will be approved by this headquarters. Night ambush sites will be submitted to this headquarters NLT 1200 hours on date of execution.

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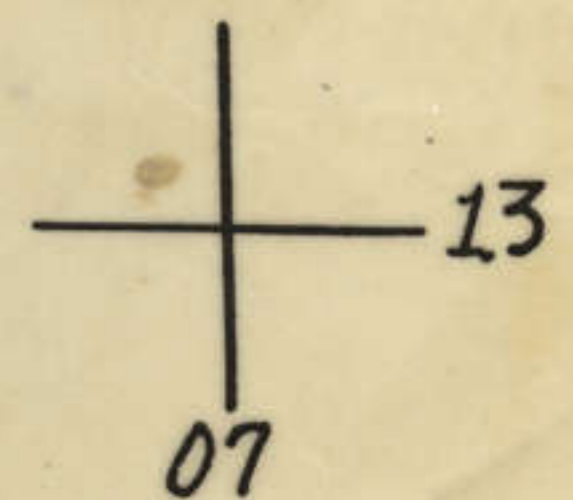
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Bien Hoa, RVN
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OPLAN 6-65

REFERENCES: Bde OPORD 12-65

TASK ORGANIZATION:

REACTION FORCE ALPHA

Co D(-) Spt Bn
1 Plat, Bde HHC
2 Aidmen, Co B Spt Bn
1 Aidman, Bde HHC

REACTION FORCE BRAVO

Spt Bn (-)
2 Plat, Bde HHC
3 Aidmen, Bde HHC

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: See Annex A Bde OPORD 12-65.

b. Friendly Forces:

- (1) US Air Force provides inter-theater airlift and TAC Air Support to 173d Abn Bde (Sep).
- (2) 145th Avn Bn provides direct support aircraft to 173d Abn Bde (Sep).
- (3) 173d Abn Bde (Sep) conducts search and destroy operation of tactical area of responsibility North (TAOR NORTH) to find, fix, and destroy Viet Cong forces supplies, and equipment.

2. MISSION: TF REAR be prepared to reinforce TF 1/503, 2/503 or 3/319 by Air or to block and repel penetration of Bde perimeter.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) On order reinforce TF 1/503, 2/503 or 3/319 by air.
- (2) On order block penetration of Bde perimeter or repel by counterattack.

b. Reaction Force ALPHA: On order move by helicopter to reinforce TF 1/503, 2/503, 3/319 or by foot or vehicle to block penetration of Bde perimeter, or repel by counterattack.

c. Reaction Force BRAVO: Upon commitment of Reaction Force ALPHA, be prepared to assume Reaction Force ALPHA's mission.

d. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Report location and progress every two hours on the even hour.

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required by this headquarters

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- (2) Tactical air available on call to Bde Hqs.
 - (3) Smoke grenades and red panels will be carried. Color of smoke and intended purpose will be announced by using unit only after grenade has been activated.
 - (4) Supporting fires lift or shift on VERBAL command of Airborne Fire Control Team. Emergency signal for lifting supporting fires, VIOLET smoke from U6A.
 - (5) Although the assigned sector of operations may have been declared a free fire zone, possibility exists that friendly nationals may be encountered in the area. Fire at personnel when fired on or when an obvious hostile act is being or is about to be committed.
 - (6) Extreme care will be taken to prevent damage to Pagodas and other religious shrines.
 - (7) Points of origin will be used by all units in reporting locations. Points will carry category names, user will choose name from category. EXAMPLE: Location is at coordinates 054220. Report would be "BETTY" - RIGHT 2,4 DOWN 1.
 - (8) CAR - 0330; STATE 0326; GIRL 2323; COLOR 0319
 - (9) Reconnaissance by fire is encouraged. Fire from supporting weapons will be used to protect units moves when threatened.
 - (10) Reaction force ALPHA will assemble at Engr LZ at 101245 H Jun 65 for briefing and airmobile training.
 - (11) Reaction forces will be on immediate standby in unit area during period 110600 H Jun 65 to 151200 H Jun 65.
 - (12) OPLAN 6-65 becomes OPORD 6-65 on implementation.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: Annex F, Bde OPORD 12-65.
5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:
- a. Signal:
 - (1) Current SOI
 - (2) Frequences & Callsigns TBA
 - b. Command:
 - (1) Bn CP - no change
 - (2) Reaction Forces: Select and report

Acknowledge

STAIGERS
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ANNEXES

- A - Reaction Force Security Plan
- A - Distribution

DISTRIBUTION: Annex Z (Distribution)

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ANNEX A (Reaction Force Security Plan) to OPLAN 6-65

Reference: Bde OPORD 12-65

1. Mobilization For Airmobile Operation:

- a. In the event of a mobilization for an air mobile operation to a Brigade area of influence, the Reaction Force ALPHA will be notified by a conference call from PARACHUTE to the following:

- (1) PROVIDE 3
- (2) PARACHUTE 34

- b. The message disseminated will be as follows: "Reaction Force ALPHA (BRAVO) Mobilization - AIR - Assemble WHITE - End of Message - Read Back".

- c. Upon receipt of that message units will assemble their reaction force personnel and transport them to assembly area WHITE immediately. Upon arrival at assembly area WHITE, operational control of these personnel converts to the Reaction Force Commander. Transportation will stand-by the WHITE area to transport Reaction Force Personnel to the departure airfield.

2. Mobilization For Ground Operations:

- a. In the event of a mobilization for ground operations for the Brigade Rear Defense, the reaction force will be notified by a PARACHUTE conference call in the same manner as in paragraph 2a above.

- b. The message disseminated will be as follows: "Reaction Force ALPHA (BRAVO) Mobilization - GROUND - Assemble (RED) or (BLUE) - End of message - Read Back".

- c. Upon receipt of that message units will assemble their reaction force personnel and transport them to the designated assembly area immediately. Upon arrival at the assembly area, operational control of the personnel converts to the Reaction Force Commander. Personnel deployed in this type operation will ~~normally~~ be transported to the action area by means designated by the Rear Area Security Commander.

3. In the event of VC actions against the Rear Area perimeter the unit or units receiving the action will immediately report such action by the most expeditious means available to them to the Brigade S-2/3. The report will give the area of action by referencing the grid system shown in App 1 (Grid Overlay), direction of the attack, estimated number of VC and the type weapons employed by the VC. Such a message from E/17th Cav might read as follows: "Receiving VC attack in BRAVO 2 area from left front, 100 VC, small arms."

4. SIGNAL:

- a. The Reaction Force ALPHA Commander will be in the Bde Cmd Net/FM. His call sign will be . The call sign for RF BRAVO Commander will be in the Bde Cmd Net/FM. His call sign will be

- b. The internal communications of the Reaction Forces will be by AN/PRC-10 radio. The call signs and frequencies will be as follows:

- (1) ALPHA
- (2) BRAVO

- c. Support Battalion will monitor as necessary upon deployment of the Reaction Force(s).

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ANNEX A (Reaction Force Security Plan) to OPLAN 6-65 (cont)

5. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Units will insure that their participating personnel are immediately available on a 24-hr basis during Brigade Operations.
- b. Units will insure that transportation for their Reaction Force Personnel is immediately available on a 24-hr basis during Bde Opns.
- c. Equipment not normally worn or carried by the alert personnel in their unit areas, i.e. M-60's, steel helmets, M-79 ammo, 7.62 ammo for M-60's etc. will be consolidated in a central area within the unit or loaded aboard designated unit alert personnel transporters.
- d. Any changes to alert personnel at anytime will be forwarded to the particular Reaction Force Commander concerned in writing.
- e. PROVIDE 2/3 will notify units of the beginning and ending period of the 24-hour alert status.

Appendixes:

- 1 - Grid Overlay
- 2 - Reaction force Structure & Equipment.
- 3 - Communications (Radio) Diagram.

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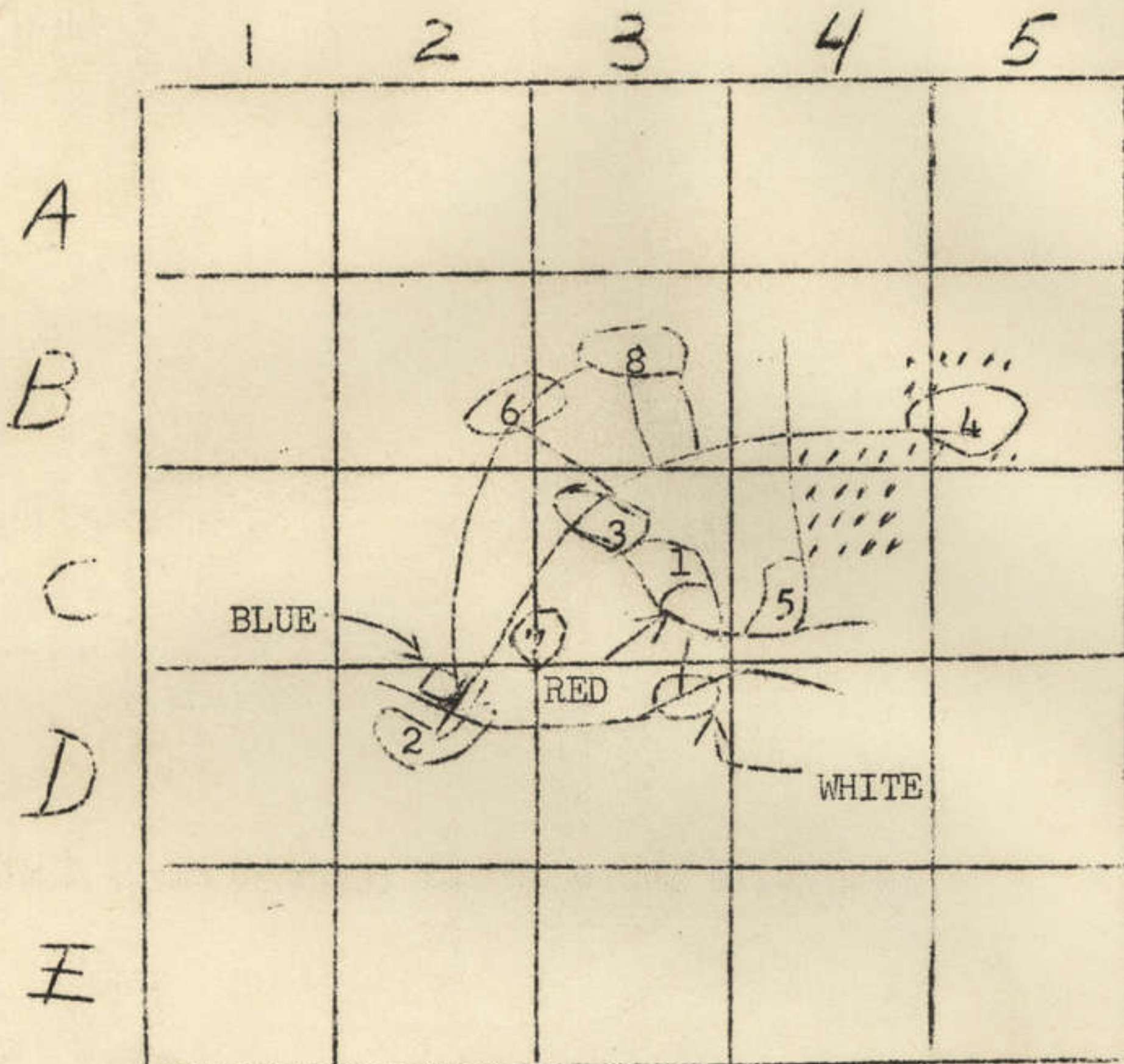
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Appendix 1 (Grid Overlay) to ANNEX A to OPLAN 6-65

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- RED - Bde CP
- WHITE - ARVN OP
- BLUE - Spt Bn

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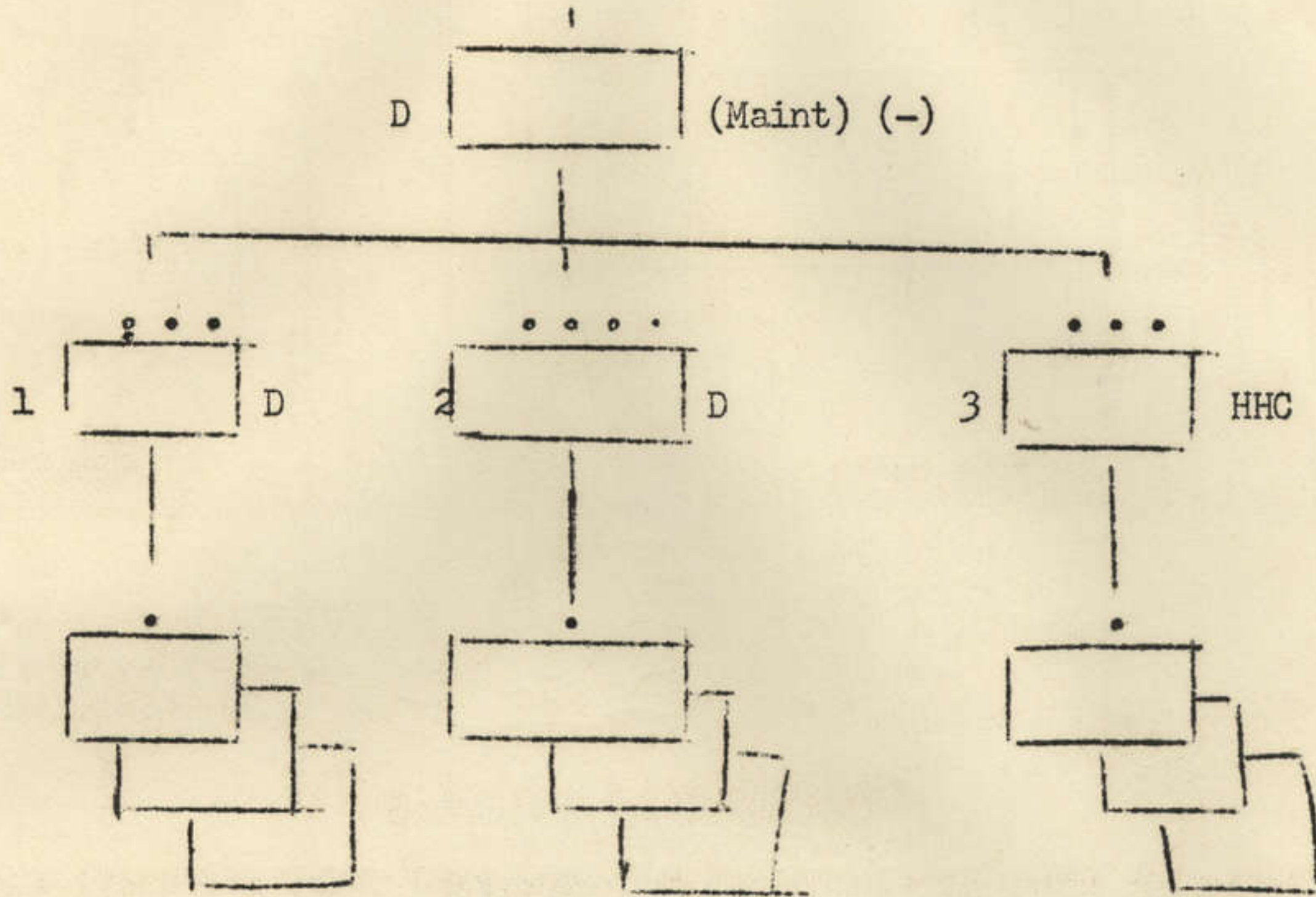
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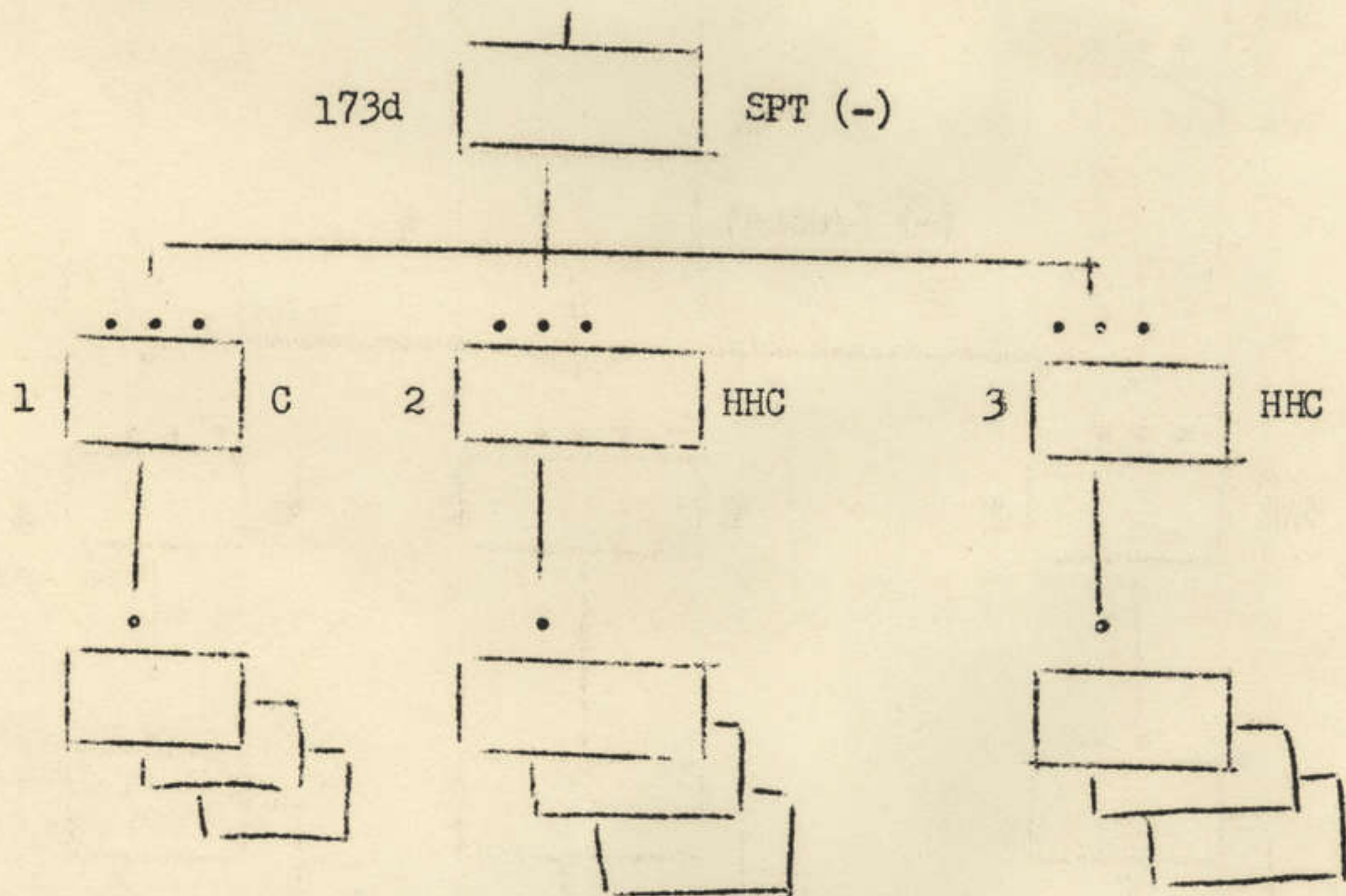
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Appendix 2 (Reaction Force Structure and Equipment) to ANNEX A to OPOrd 6-65

1. Reaction Force ALPHA



2. Reaction Force BRAVO



Company Hqs

- CO
- XO
- 1st Sgt
- 2 - RTO's w/PRC-10's
- 2 - Msgrs/drivers

Rifle Platoon

- Pltn Ldr
- Pltn Sgt
- RTO w/PRC-10
- Aidman
- 3 - Rifle Squads (modified)

Rifle Squad (modified)

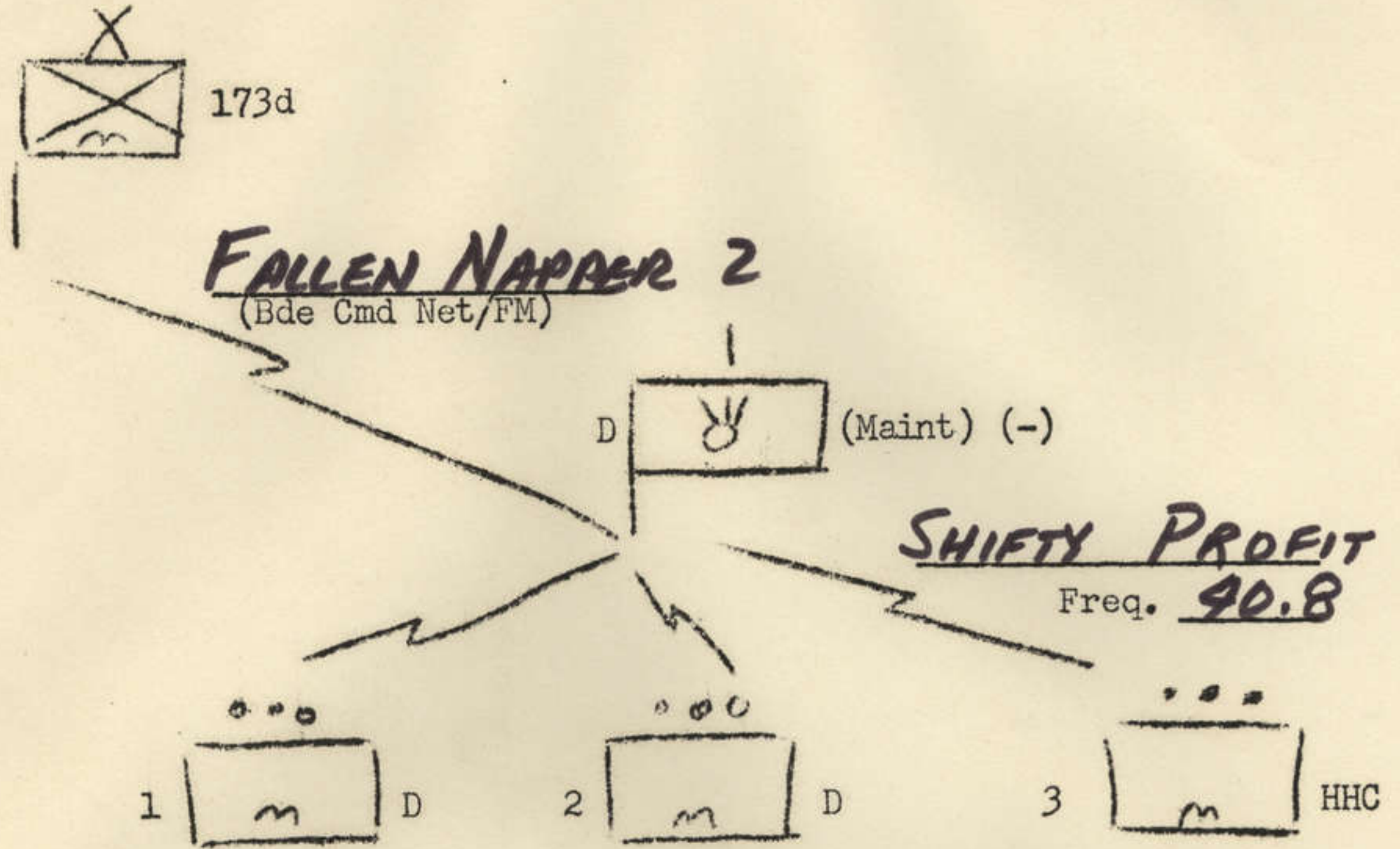
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- MG w/ M60
- Asst. MG
- 6 - Riflemen (3 - w/M-79's)

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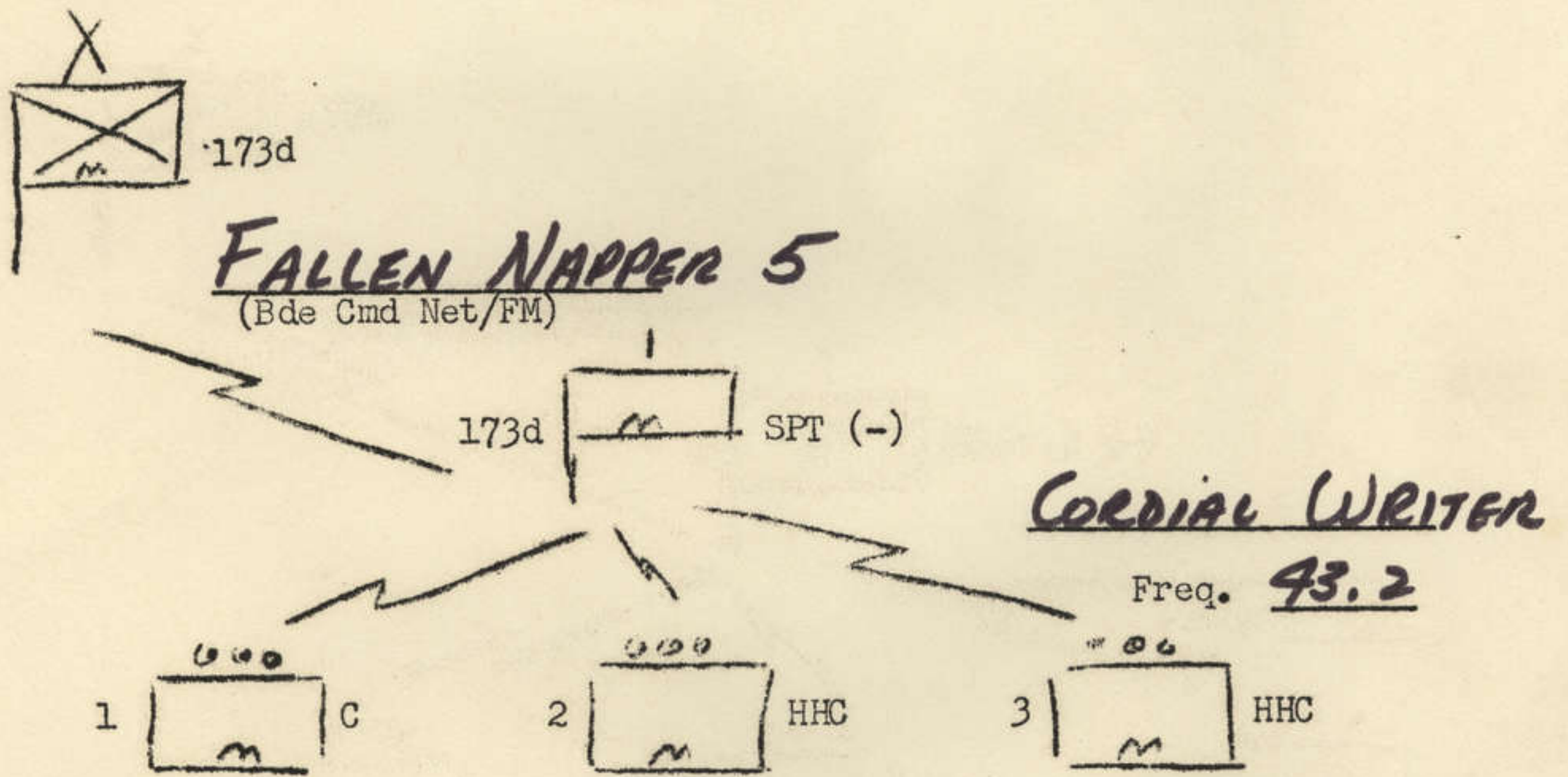
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Appendix 3 (Communication (Radio) Diagram) to ANNEX A to OPORD 6-65

1. Reaction Force ALPHA



2. Reaction Force BRAVO



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OPERATION ORDER 13-65

References: Same as OPORD 12-65

Task Organization:

TF 1/503:

No change

TF 2/503:

2/503d Inf
E/17th Cav
One Squad, 173d Engr Co
Two Scout Dog Teams (3 men, 2 dogs)
Vietnamese Police (3)

TF 3/319:

3/319th Arty (- one Btry)
D/16th Armor
Engr Team, Engr Co (3 men)
Composite Plat (40 men), Spt Bn
Psy Opns Team (7 men)
Vietnamese Police (3)

TF REAR: (Lt Col Staigers, Commanding)

173d Spt Bn (-)
Engr Co (-)
HHC (-)

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy:

- (1) See OPORD 12-65
- (2) Situation Overlay. See Appendix I to OPORD 12-65

b. Friendly:

- (1) U.S. Air Force provides TAC air support to 173d Abn Bde (Sep).
- (2) 145th Avn Bn provides direct support aircraft to 173d Abn Bde.
Annex B (Army Aviation)

2. MISSION: 173d Abn Bde (-) conducts search and destroy operations in Tactical Area of Responsibility 13-65 (TAOR 13-65) commencing D-Day H-Hour to find, fix and destroy Viet Cong forces, supplies and equipment. Annex D, Operation Overlay.

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3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: 173d Abn Bde (-) conducts search and destroy operations in six (6) phases:

- (1) Phase I - TF 3/319 moves by convoy D-Day H-Hour to position CHRYSLER, occupies position and completes registration by H+1 hour 30 minutes D-Day.
- (2) Phase II - TF 2/503 conducts Airmobile assault, landing LZ FORD commencing H+2 hours 10 minutes D-Day.
- (3) Phase III - TF 2/503 conducts search and destroy operations in TAOR 13-65 from D-Day to D+2.
- (4) Phase IV - TF 2/503 Mortar Plat is extracted by airlift from LZ FORD on TF 2/503 order.
- (5) Phase V - TF 2/503 is extracted by airlift from LZ BUICK commencing 1500 hours D+2.
- (6) Phase VI - TF 3/319 returns to present locations commencing 1730 hours D+2.

b. TF 1/503: Continue present mission. Be prepared to initiate movement to Bien Hoa area on one hour notice.

c. TF 2/503:

- (1) Conduct Airmobile assault on LZ FORD commencing H+2 hours 10 minutes D-Day.
- (2) Staging Area: Bien Hoa AB
- (3) Conduct search and destroy operations in TAOR 13-65 until 1500 hours D+2.
- (4) Find, fix and destroy Viet Cong forces, supplies and equipment.
- (5) Organic Mortar Platoon will be extracted from LZ FORD on your order.
- (6) Prepare for extraction from LZ BUICK. Extraction commences 1500 hours D+2.
- (7) Alternate LZ for assault and extraction is LZ CHEVY.

d. TF 3/319:

- (1) Move by convoy to Position Chrysler commencing D-Day H-Hour.
- (2) Complete occupation and registration in position Chrysler NLT H+1 hour 30 minutes D-Day.
- (3) Provide direct support fires to TF 2/503 NLT H+2 hours 10 minutes D-Day.
- (4) Return to present locations commencing 1730 hours D+2.
- (5) Fire Support (Annex C).

e. TF REAR:

- (1) Rear Area Security
- (2) Be prepared to provide a 100 man (20 slicks) Ready Reaction Force on order this headquarters.

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f. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Sequence of events (Annex E)
- (2) Report location every hour using Points of Origin.
- (3) Points of Origin: Annex D, Operation Overlay.
- (4) Timing of all operational phases subject to change on order this headquarters.
- (5) Rules of engagement SOP (See OPORD 12-65)
- (6) Psychological Operations (Annex H).
- (7) Reconnaissance by Fire: The movement of all elements will be ^{supported} by the fires of either the Arty Bn or organic 107mm Mortars. Each Company Commander will periodically use artillery and/or heavy mortar fires to confirm locations and perform reconnaissance by fire. TAC Air Spt and armed helicopter fires will be used as often as appropriate, to include placing fires on suspected targets.
- (8) Use of Smoke: SOP (See OPORD 12-65)
- (9) Lifting or shifting supporting fires: SOP (See OPORD 12-65.)
- (10) Deputy Bde Commander will be prepared to establish command liaison at the headquarters of the adjacent ARVN Unit.
- (11) D-Day H-Hour: 150600H June 1965.
- (12) Intelligence reports indicate area has been mined and booby traps are abundant. Appropriate cautions will be emphasized.
- (13) This headquarters is prepared to provide a team to assist in destruction of large supplies of food on request.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: Annex F

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

- (1) Bde Communications Platoon will provide radio relay (FM and AM) at Position CHRYSLER for the Bde Cmd Net FM, Bde Admin/Log Net FM and Bde Cmd Ops Net AM.
- (2) Units carry two day battery supply and prepare resupply as required.
- (3) Radio Nets 20-5, Ops Code KAC AE-733 in effect.

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b. Command:

- (1) Bde Main CP present location.
- (2) Bde TAC CP airborne.
- (3) Units report CP locations when established.

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- A - Not used
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Annex B (Army Aviation) to OPORD 13-65

References: Same as OPORD 13-65

1. SITUATION:

- a. Enemy: OPORD 12-65
- b. Friendly: OPORD 13-65

2. MISSION: 145th Aviation Battalion provides airlift helicopters, escort and fire support aircraft and aerial platform for FO.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept: 173d Abn Bde (-) supported by 145th Avn Bn conducts airmobile operations during phases II, IV and V of OPORD 13-65.

- (1) Phase II - Airlift TF 2/503 from Bien Hoa AB to LZ FORD in 5 lifts. LZ time D-Day 0810 hours. Alternate LZ CHEVY.
- (2) Phase IV - Airlift 107mm Mortar Plt, TF 2/503 from LZ FORD to Bien Hoa AB in 2 lifts on order D+1.
- (3) Phase V - Airlift 2/503 from LZ BUICK to Bien Hoa AB in 5 lifts. LZ time D+2 1500 hours. Alternate LZ CHEVY.

b. 145th Aviation Battalion:

- (1) Provide thirty (30) troop carrier helicopters to support airmobile operations in Phases II & V.
- (2) Provide seven (7) troop carrier helicopters to support extraction of 107mm Mortars in Phase IV.
- (3) Provide helicopter medical evacuation coverage from D-Day H-Hour until D+2 1830 hours.
- (4) Provide OLF for aerial platform from D-Day H-Hour until D+2 1830 hours.
- (5) Provide one (1) light fire team (UH-1B) to augment Brigade capability from D-Day 1030 hours until D+2 1500 hours.
- (6) Control and coordinate loading zone activities.
- (7) Provide pathfinder team for extraction of TF 2/503 on D+2.

c. Aviation Platoon, 173d Abn Bde (Sep):

- (1) Provide three (3) UH-1B's to Bde LOC for resupply operations D-Day H+2 until D+2 1600 hours.
- (2) Provide one C&C UH-1B to CG, 173d Abn Bde from D-Day H-Hour until D+2 1830 hours.
- (3) Provide two (2) U-6A's for airborne Command Post from D-Day H-Hour until D+2 1830 hours.

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- (4) Provide one light fire team to CG, 173d Abn Bde for armed escort and aerial fire support of units from D-Day H-Hour until D+2 1830 hours.

d. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Helicopters load SOP - See OPORD 12-65.

- (2) Airborne FO on station:

D-Day - 0630 to 1900 hours

D+1 - 0600 to 1900 hours

D+2 - 0600 to 1830 hours

- (3) 145th Aviation Battalion SOP for airmobile operations.

- (4) Loading time for initial lift of TF 2/503 is D-Day 0745 hours.

- (5) Aircraft will be organized in three (3) elements of 10 aircraft each. Types of aircraft by number TBA.

- (6) Staging area will be runway 15-33 Bien Hoa AB.

- (7) 107mm Mortar extraction to be in two (2) lifts with seven (7) helicopters each. Aircraft will land in trail beside loads spaced fifty (50) meters apart. Mark first load with panel and smoke on request of flight leader.

- (8) All Army aircraft entering TAOR 13-65 on other than preplanned airmobile assaults will contact FSCC (Casper Control - 242.4) for clearance into area and information on artillery fire and tactical air support.

- (9) Plan possible refueling after 4th lift. Be prepared to continue without refueling

- (10) Unit DACO meet pathfinder representative 20 minutes prior to loading time at Bien Hoa AB.

- (11) Armed helicopter support is available on call through Brigade Command net from D-Day 1030 hours until D+2 1900 hours.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: Annex F.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

- (1) All Army aircraft in TAOR will monitor UHF Frequency 242.4 mc.

- (2) Casper Control is NCS for UHF.

b. Command: OPORD 13-65

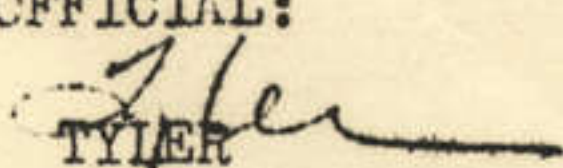
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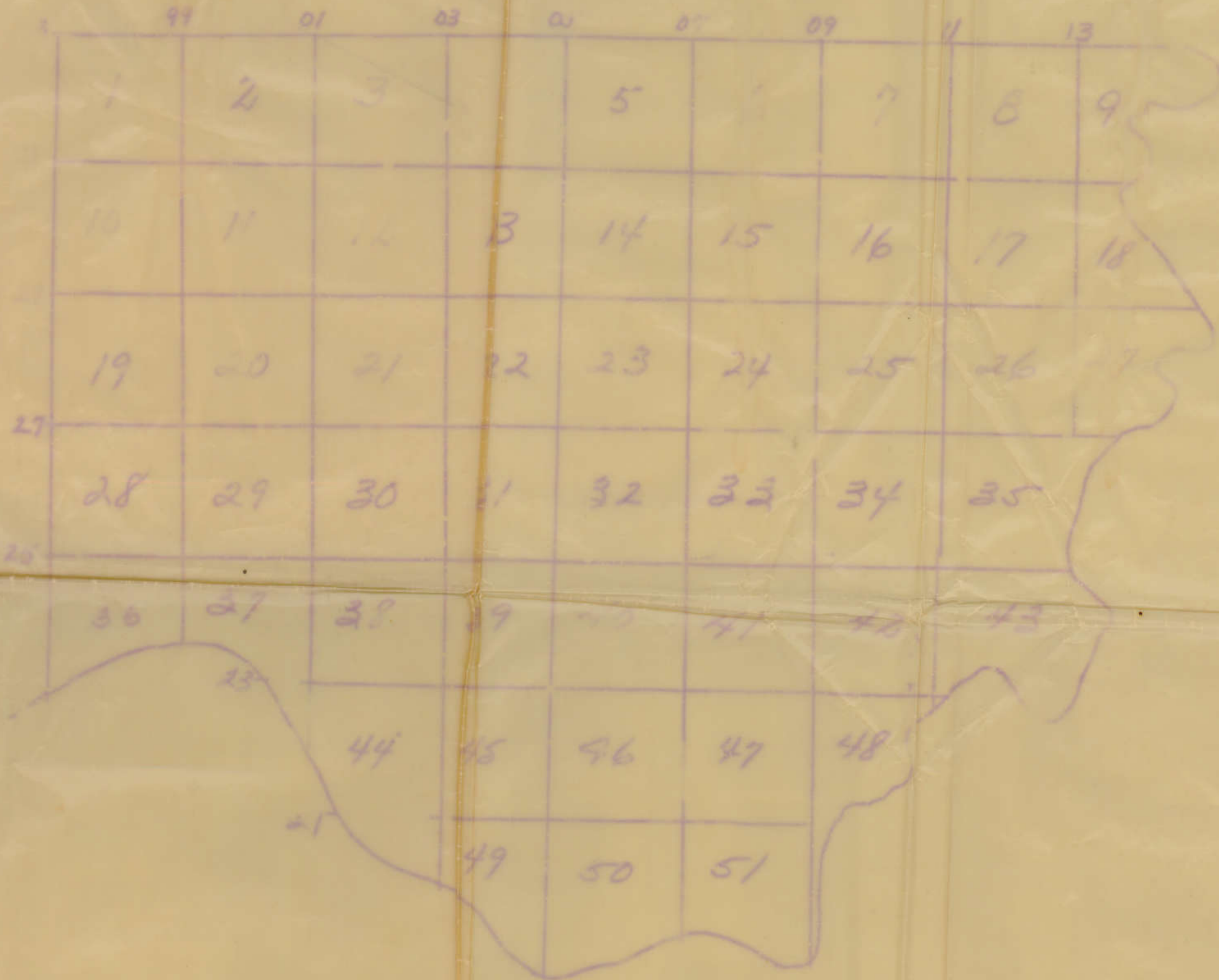
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Annex C (Fire Support) To OPORD 13-65

References: Maps 1:50,000, 6344I and 6344II.

Time Zone: Hotel

1. SITUATION: OPORD 13-65

2. MISSION: 173d Abn Bde (Sep) conducts search and destroy operation within Tactical Area of Responsibility 13-65, (Annex D, Opns Overlay, OPORD 13-65) commencing D-Day, H-Hour.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of operation:

(1) General: OPORD 13-65

(2) Maneuver: OPORD 13-65

(3) Fire Support:

(a) D-Day - TF 3/319th Arty moves to position CHRYSLER, conducts registration vic LZ CHEVY. Artillery and Tac Air provide preparatory fires on LZ FORD, and fires in support of TF 2/503d Inf in TAOR.

(b) D+1 and D+2 - Artillery and Tac Air fires in support of TF 2/503d Inf in TAOR.

b. Air Support:

(1) D-Day - Provide twenty (20) minute period of preparatory fires on LZ FORD, beginning H+1:45 (150745H-150805H). Maintain fighter-bomber aircraft with mixed ordnance loads on air alert from H-Hour (150600H) until completion of air landing operation on LZ FORD by TF 2/503d Inf. There after maintain ground alert aircraft.

(2) D+1 - D+2, maintain ground alert aircraft.

(3) Coordinating Instructions:

(a) FAC coordinate with FSCS to insure all Artillery preparatory fires have ceased before Tac Air enters area. D-Day, LZ FORD, last rounds fired in Artillery preparation will be two (2) Green Smoke Shells.

(b) FAC coordinate with FSCS to insure all Tac Air is clear of LZ before armed helicopters enter area.

(c) Tac Air coordinated with Artillery and Mortars fires for Air Space control and utilization at Bde (Sacked Typhoon 7), 2/503d Inf (Slinky Layout 2) FSCS's on FD Net #1 (35.lmc).

(d) Air Support Request: SOP dated 9 June 65.

c. Artillery Support:

(1) TF 3/319th Artillery moves at D-Day, H-Hour (150600H) to area CHRYSLER, register vic LZ CHEVY. Fire fifteen (15) minute preparation on LZ FORD beginning H+1:30 (150730). Last rounds in preparation will be two (2) Green Smoke Shells, fired at center of LZ FORD (vic coord 042267), with a five hundred (500) foot HOB to signal Airborne FAC that preparation has ceased. Verbal confirmation will also be made to Bde FSCS over Bde FC Net.

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(2) TF 3/319th Artillery: DS TF 2/503d Inf

(3) TF 3/319th Arty remain in position CHRYSLER until released on order on D+2 after extraction of TF 2/503d Inf from TAOR.

d. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Emergency signal for lifting fires will be VIOLET Smoke Grenade dropped from U6A.

(2) All firing units maintain Air Sentinels to insure no aircraft are visible on or close to the GT Line during firing.

(3) TF 3/319th Artillery provide one (1) Air observer to Bde Aviation Section to be airborne in O-1 Aircraft during periods 0600 - 1900 hours daily during operation. Operate on FD Net #1 (Slinky Layout 7). Conduct fire missions as necessary and provide radio relay for Artillery as necessary.

(4) Unobserved fires will not be fired closer than five hundred (500) meters from friendly elements and will not be fired without prior registration.

(5) Alternate LZ (LZ CHEVY, vic coord 080262).

(a) LZ CHEVY is the alternate LZ for both introduction and extraction of TF 2/503d Inf.

(b) Decision to shift to alternate LZ will be made by Bde Commander.

(c) After announcement of a new landing time (over Bde Cmd Net) Artillery and TAC Air fires will be executed on alternate LZ.

(d) Artillery will have data computed so as to be able to immediately implement the commander's decision.

(e) TAC Air on air alert will be prepared to execute fires on LZ CHEVY on call from FSCS to Airborne FAC.

(6) Points of Origin:

(a) Coord 0323 - Category "BIRD" Type

(b) Coord 0722 - Category "GIRL" Name.

(c) Coord 0625 - Category "BOY" Name.

(d) Coord 0428 - Category "FOOD" Type.

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: OPORD 13-65.

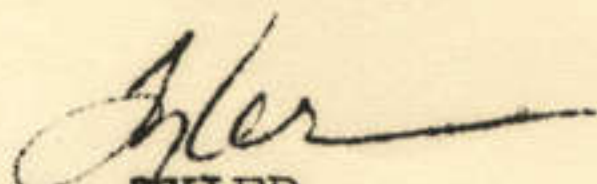
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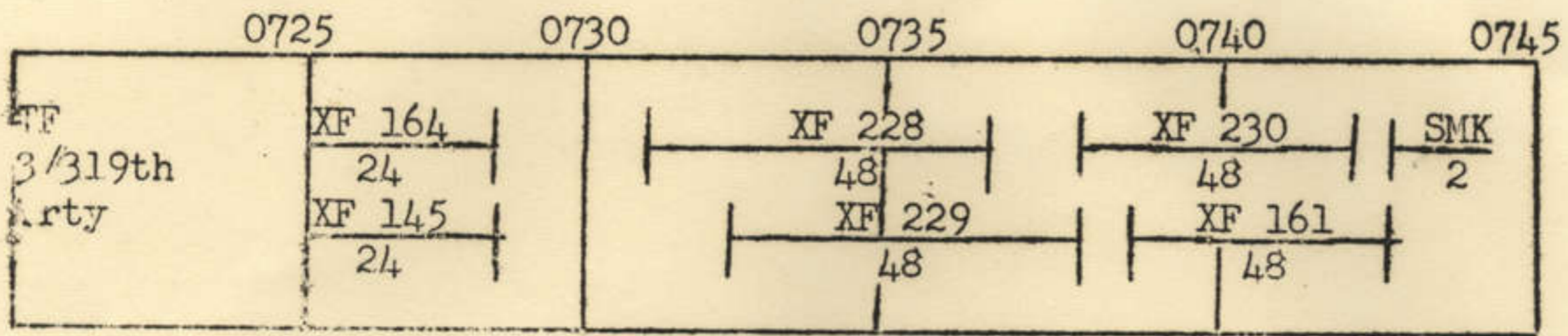
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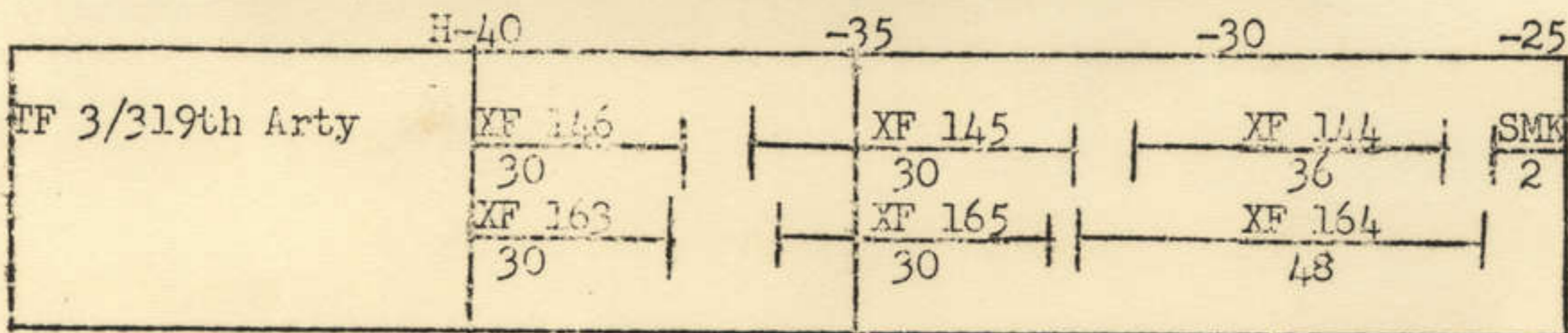
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1. Target List - Target list dated 4 June 65.
2. Schedule of Fires:

Preparation, D-Day, LZ FORD



Preparation, On-Call, D-Day, LZ CHEVY (H-Hour: Designated landing time of Airmobile Force)



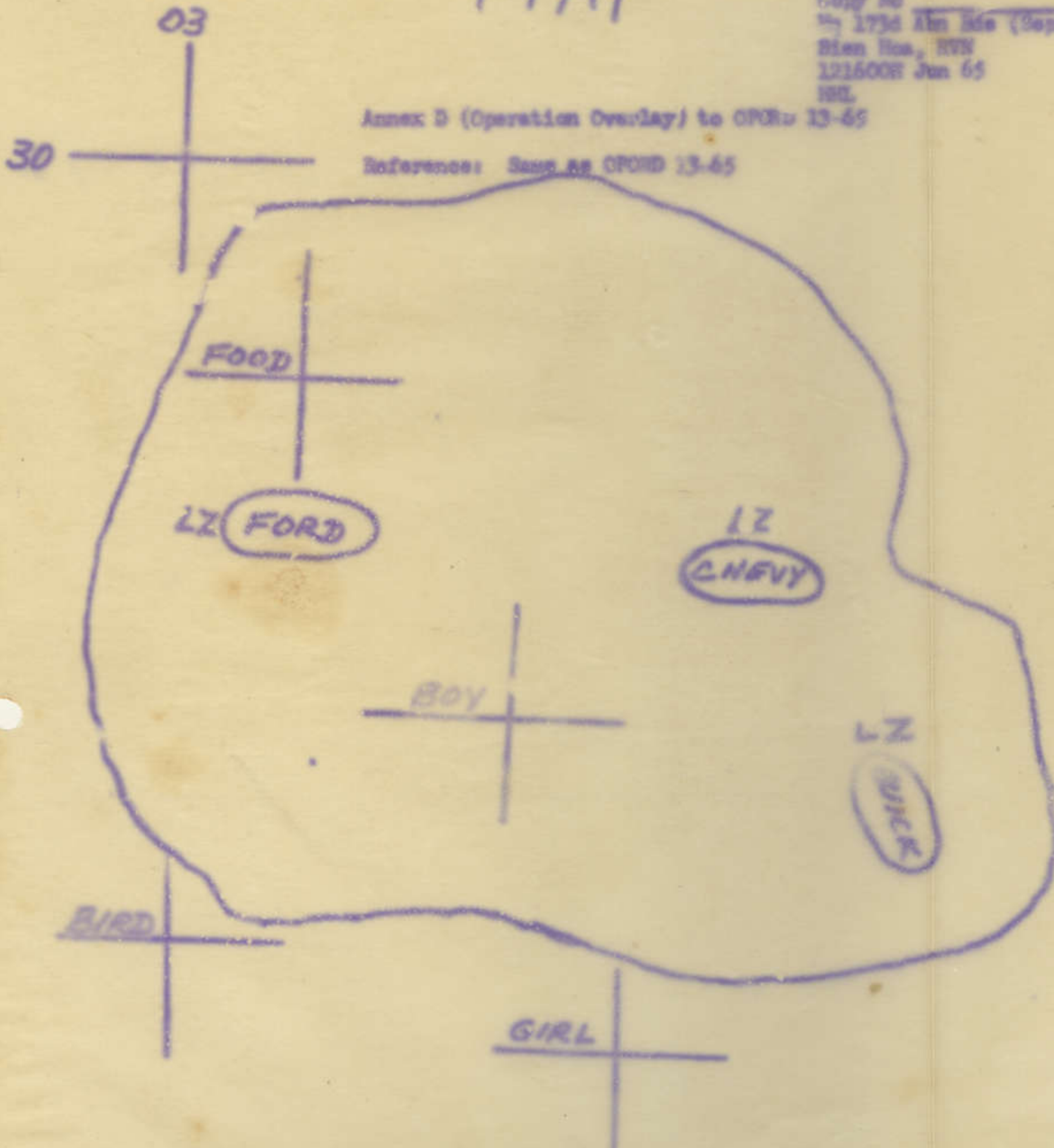
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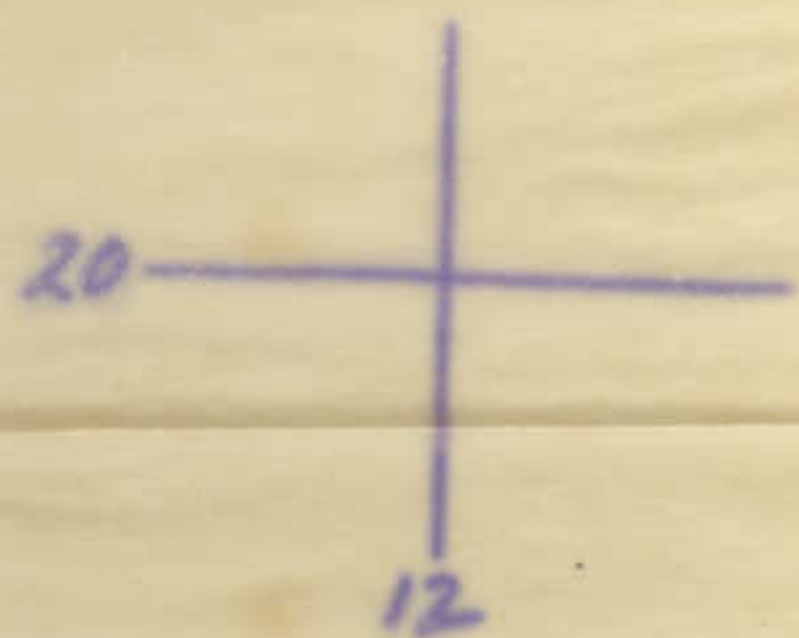
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Annex E (Sequence of Events) to OPORD 12-65 - D-Day H-Hour - 150600H
June 65 (Timing of all operational phases subject to change on order
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<u>Item #</u>	<u>D-Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
1	D-3	121600H June 65	Bde issues OPORD 13-65
2	D-1	141400H	Units submit implementing orders
3	D-Day	150600H	D-Day, H-Hour
4	D-Day	150600 - 150730	TF 3/319 moves to Psn CHRYSLER and registers
5	D-Day	150730 - 150745	Arty preparatory fires LZ FORD
6	D-Day	150745 - 150805	AF pre-strike LZ FORD
7	D-Day	150805 - 150810	Armed choppers pre-strike LZ FORD
8	D-Day	150810	TF 2/503 lands LZ FORD
9	D-Day	150810 - 152400	TF 2/503 conducts search and destroy operations
10	D+1	160001 - 162400	TF 2/503 and TF 3/319 continue mission
11	On Call		TF 2/503 Mortar Plat extracted from LZ FORD
12	D+2	170001 - 171500	TF 2/503 and TF 3/319 continue mission
13	D+2	171500 - 171730	TF 2/503 extracted from LZ BUICK
14	D+2	171730 - 171830	TF 3/319 returns present location

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Annex F (Administration & Logistics)

References: Maps: See OPORD 13-65

TIME ZONE: Hotel

1. General:

- a. This Annex outlines the logistical and administrative responsibilities and procedures for support of OPORD 13-65.
- b. Unit distribution will be utilized for all resupply during conduct of operation.
- c. 2/503d and 3/319th will establish resupply points at Brigade Supply facilities Vic 012145 NLT 150730 June 1965.
- d. All requests for resupply will be relayed over Bde Adm/Log Net. (Prim Freq 41.1 mcs, Alt Freq 52.1 mcs). Bde Signal (Rear) will relay request to Bde LOC. 2/503d and 3/319th will have personnel in LOC on 24 hours basis during the entire conduct of the operation.
- e. Units will submit request for resupply to Bde LOC. Bde LOC will coordinate utilization of resupply helicopters.

2. Materiel Services:

a. Supply:

- (1) Class I: As directed by unit commanders. Coordinate with LOC prior to 131700H.
- (2) Class II & IV:
 - (a) Units will carry only items necessary for conduct of operation.
 - (b) Resupply requirements will be forwarded to unit representative at Brigade LOC by most expeditious means available.
- (3) Class III: Requirements for resupply of Class III will be forwarded to unit representative at Brigade LOC by most expeditious means available.
- (4) Class V:
 - (a) Units will carry ammunition to fullest extent of capability.
 - (b) Resupply requirements will be forwarded to Brigade LOC by most expeditious means available.
 - (c) ASR as follows (based on rounds per weapon per day).

1.	81mm HE W/PD	13 rounds
2.	81mm w/o fuze	4 rounds
3.	81mm Illum	1 round
4.	81mm WP	2 rounds
5.	105mm HE w/o fuze	46 rounds
6.	105mm HE w/pd fuze	8 rounds
7.	105mm Green Smoke	1 round

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<u>8.</u>	105mm Smk HC	1 round
<u>9.</u>	105mm Red Smoke	1 round
<u>10.</u>	105mm Smk WP	6 rounds
<u>11.</u>	105mm Smk Yellow	1 round
<u>12.</u>	105mm Illum	1 round
<u>13.</u>	4.2 HE w/pd	5 rounds
<u>14.</u>	4.2 Illum	1 round
<u>15.</u>	4.2 WP	3 rounds
<u>16.</u>	4.2 HE w/o fuze	6 rounds

(5) Water:

- (a) All personnel will carry two full canteens.
- (b) 2/503d and 3/319th will bring all available water cans to resupply point located in Brigade Supply facilities.
- (c) Units will fill all available water cans and position at resupply points for rapid resupply.
- (d) Requirements for additional water cans will be forwarded to Brigade LOC.
- (e) Individuals will carry Halizone Tablets.

(6) Salvage equipment:

- (a) Units will evacuate salvage equipment to fullest extent of capability.
- (b) Requirements for evacuation above unit capabilities will be forwarded to Brigade LOC.

(7) Captured equipment and/or supplies: as prescribed by Field SOP.

b. Transportation:

(1) Motor:

- (a) CO, 173d Spt Bn will provide transportation for the movement of Task Force 2/503d from present positions to Bien Hoa Airfield on D-Day. Direct coordination with CO Task Force 2/503d is authorized.
- (b) CO, 173d Spt Bn will provide transportation for the movement of Task Force 2/503d from Bien Hoa Airfield to 2nd Bn area.
- (c) CO, 173d Spt Bn will augment Task Force 3/319th organic Transportation capability if required for the movement of Task Force from present positions to vic 072187 on D-Day and return from vic 072187 on D+2.

c. Services:

- (1) Organizations: No change in current 173d Spt Bn facilities located vic 996138.
- (2) Technical Services:
 - (a) All technical services located vic 996138.

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(b) 173d Spt Bn will give priorities for services as follows:

1. 2/503d.
2. 3/319th.
3. Troop E, 17th Cav.
4. D/16th Armor.
5. 173d Eng Co.
6. HHC, Bde.
7. 173d Spt Bn.

(3) 173d Spt Bn will assist units in preparing helicopter resupply loads and will maintain control on supplies and water cans extracted from operational area until termination of the complete operation.

3. Medical Support.

- a. Unit aidmen will accompany all platoon sized units.
- b. Battalion Surgeons will join Brigade Surgeon to operate HHC Brigade Aid Station (Vic Coord YT 013145).
- c. All medical evacuation will be by helicopter.
 - (1) 57th Med Det (Dust Off) will provide one (1) helicopter to accompany heliborne operations and one (1) helicopter for stand by at Brigade Aid Station for duration of operation.
 - (2) Requests for medical evacuation will come over Brigade Command Net.
 - (a) Brigade Surgeon will monitor all requests and dispatch Dust Off.
 - (b) Essential information for dispatch of medical evacuation helicopter is:
 1. Call Sign of Requesting unit.
 2. Location.
 - (c) The medical evacuation helicopter upon dispatch will contact requesting unit on respective Battalion Comd net for specific landing instructions.
- d. All patients evacuated from the operational area will be brought to Brigade Aid Station for treatment and/or further evacuation to Saigon.
- e. Hospitalization of all patients requiring more extensive treatment than Brigade Aid Station will be in Saigon, either 3d US Army Field Hospital or US Navy Hospital, Saigon, as directed by MACV Medical Regulating Office.
- f. Motor convoys during operation will be covered by standby Medical Evacuation Helicopter.

4. Personnel: Reports as per Field SOP.

5. Miscellaneous:

- a. Brigade S4 will continue operations at present location.
- b. CO, 173d Spt Bn will establish Bde LOC vic 012145 NLT 14 June 1965.

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6. Reports: All Logistical Reports in accordance with Bde Field SOP.

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Annex H (Psy Opns) to OPORD 13-65

References: Same as OPORD 13-65

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) The Viet Cong has continuously conducted propaganda campaigns designed to convince the civilian population that the U.S. forces are in Vietnam to colonize their country.
- (2) The Viet Cong are attempting to cause unrest among the people with propaganda of U.S. bombing of civilians including women and children.
- (3) The Viet Cong stresses that VN Government Officials are mere lackeys of U.S.

b. Friendly Forces: OPORD 13-65.

c. PsyOps Attachments: 7-man Team with TF 3/319 including 1 ea Korean, Philippine, Australian, U.S., VN Off plus 2 U.S. EM.

2. MISSION: To conduct ground psychological operations among local people in conjunction with the search and destroy operations against the Viet Cong forces.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations:

(1) PsyOps Team Leader will conduct ground survey of immediate area of operations to determine accessibility of local population. He will establish contact with the local village officials and outline the PsyOps program.

(2) Program of Activities:

- (a) Conduct hamlet to hamlet canvass of local people visiting as many homes as possible. Activities will include question and answer sessions where allied officers can explain their presence and emphasize themes as listed below. Civic action requests and requirements will be noted for possible accomplishment.
- (b) Distribute gifts and printed matter among local people. Gifts will be procured by PsyOps detachment thru Catholic Relief Services, Care, and USIS.
- (c) Limited medical treatment will be provided on daily basis. Unit medic will accompany team into hamlets each day.
- (d) Loudspeaker broadcasts will be made on the perimeter stressing Chieu Hoi themes and harrasing noise affects and requesting civilians to stay away from gun positions.

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(3) PsyOps Objectives:

- (a) To explain to the civilian population why the U.S. and Allied Forces are in the area and what they are doing.
- (b) To explain that the Allied Forces are here upon the request of the VN Government.

(4) Themes:

- (a) All military efforts are aimed at restoring peace for the people; appeal to people for cooperation.
- (b) Highlight the support of Allied Countries in the fight against the Communist aggressors in Vietnam, particularly the assistance of the United States, Republic of Korea, Australia, and Philippines.

(5) Capabilities:

- (a) The team will be equipped with one UIH/5 loudspeaker unit which is capable of broadcasting approximately 3,000 meters.
- (b) The team will have an English speaking Vietnamese, thus making it possible to organize and conduct meetings with the village chief and elders.

b. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Team Leader will be responsible for planning and supervising the preparation of leaflets and programs to be conducted during the operation.
- (2) The Task Force Commander will determine whether the team should remain with the Task Force throughout the operation. Should he determine that the conduct of PsyOps is impractical due to the situation, he may request that the team be extracted via resupply aircraft.
- (3) Necessary security element will be coordinated with and, if available, will be provided by the Task Force Commander for PsyOp Team's Operations.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: Annex F (Administration and Logistics).

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal: Annex G (Signal)


b. Command: PsyOps Teams attached to TF 3/319.

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Ser (a)	Date (b)	A (c)	B (d)	C (e)	D (f)	COY RESPONSIBLE FOR VACANT COY AREAS (g)
1	20	Patrol	Patrol	Rest	Patrol	
2.	21	Rest	Patrol	Reserve	Patrol	C
3.	22	Reserve	Rest	Patrol	Rest	A
4.	23	Patrol	Reserve	Patrol	Rest	B
5.	24	Patrol	Patrol	Rest	Reserve	D
6.	25	Rest	Patrol	Reserve	Patrol	C
7.	26	Reserve	Rest	Patrol	Patrol	A
8.	27	Patrol	Reserve	Patrol	Rest	B
9.	28	Patrol	Patrol	Rest	Reserve	D
10.	29	Rest	Patrol	Reserve	Patrol	C
	30	Reserve	Rest	Patrol	Patrol	A

- Briefings are to be given at 1600 hrs two days before the coy mov out date.
- The reserve ^{coy} responsible for the security of the patrolling coy areas is to establish liaison on the day before the patrolling coy moves out. The reserve coy is at 30 minutes readiness to move from 0001hrs to 2359hrs on the date that it is reserve coy.
- The rest coy is at two hours notice to move from 0001hrs to 2359hrs on the day on which it is rest coy.
- Reserve coys are to provide an Orderly Officer to operate the Bn CP from 0730hrs to 1800hrs on the day of their reserve duty. This system will commence on 22 Jun. On the reserve coy being called out the orderly officer is to return to his coy on receipt of the warning order.
- Operations will often conflict with these timings. Patrol schedules will be altered to conform and coys will be advised.

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1. ADD TO:

Paragraph 3

q. 1/RAR:

(1) Be prepared to provide a company size Ready Reaction Force, ready to move from Bn area within one (1) hour of notification, for employment in TAOR 13-65. The initial company is to be followed by an additional company size force each succeeding hour thereafter until entire Bn is committed.

2. CHANGE:

Paragraph 3f(11) - D-Day H-Hour: 230600H June 1965.

All references to dates and times will be changed accordingly.

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.. TASK ORGANIZATION:

a. TF D/16th Armor (Capt Jordon Commanding)

D Co, 16th Armor
Troop E, 17th Cav
1 Btry, 3d Bn, 319th Arty
Engr Team, 173d Engr Co (2 men)
1 Psy Opn Team
1 Light Fire Team
1 RRC Team
3 ARVN Observers

b. Eagle Flight 2/503d Inf

3 lifts of fifty (50) men each

2. MISSION: Commencing 230700H June 1965, TF D/16th Armor moves along Route SHOW to Position "WADE" to conduct fording operations. Return to base position NLT 231900H June 1965.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: TF D/16th Armor moves along Route SHOW to Position "WADE" to conduct fording operations with D/16th Armor's APC's. Arty Btry will go into position and fire from vicinity Position "WADE". Area to fire into TBA. Troop E, 17th Cav will furnish security on the march and security of Position "WADE". At completion of fording opns, TF D/16th Armor will return to base camp along Route SHOW.

b. TF D/16th Armor: See mission above.

c. Eagle Flight 2/503d Inf: Be prepared to move three (3) lifts of fifty (50) men each on ten (10) minutes notice. Plan on ten (10) slicks for movement.

d. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Air recon conducted 22 June 1965.
- (2) Air cap and one (1) light fire team will support the operation.
- (3) TF will be accompanied by three (3) ARVN observers to be provided by Bde.
- (4) Attachments effective 221500H June 1965.
- (5) Report situation to this hq on the hour. Report crossing all check points and closing into unit area.
- (6) Two (2) OIF's will be airborne; one (1) for FAC, and one (1) for AO.

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- (7) Tow-Bars will be carried.
- (8) Bde (-) continues present mission.
- (9) Determine trafficability of roadnet off of Route SHOW as shown on overlay, Annex A.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: (Omitted)

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

- a. Bde aerial CP airborne during operation.
- b. Current SOI in effect.

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A - Operation Overlay

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- 1 - CG
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- 2 - Bde S4
- 1 - Bde Avn Officer
- 2 - D/16th Armor
- 2 - E/17th Cav
- 2 - 3/319th Arty
- 2 - 2/503d Inf
- 2 - Engr Co
- 1 - Psy Opn Det
- 1 - RRU Det
- 1 - Spt Bn
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References: Map sheets 6344II and 6343I

1. SITUATION:
 - a. Enemy forces: Current 1SUM.
 - b. Friendly forces:
 - (1) 173d Abn Bde occupies and defends present base camp area vicinity Bien Hoa A.B.
 - (2) 3/319th Arty in general support of 173d Bde.
 - c. Attachments and detachments: No change.
2. MISSION: 2/503d occupies and defends base camp vicinity coordinates 026152.
3. EXECUTION:
 - a. Concept of operation: 2/503d occupies and defends base camp employing "B" Company on the west, "A" Company on the north, "C" Company on the east, and Headquarters Company on the south. Each rifle company will be prepared to fire one 81mm mortar barrage as part of the final protective fires (Annex B, Fire Support Plan).
 - b. "A" Company:
 - (1) Attachments: No change.
 - (2) Occupy and defend north sector of base camp.
 - (3) 81mm mortars have 6400 mil firing capability. Be prepared to fire close defensive fires in "C" and HQ Company sectors and fire HQ Company barrage when FPF is called for in that sector.
 - c. "B" Company:
 - (1) Attachments: No change.
 - (2) Occupy and defend west sector of base camp.
 - (3) 81mm mortars have 6400 mil firing capability. Be prepared to fire close defensive fires in "A" and "C" Company sectors and fire "C" Company barrage when FPF is called for in that sector.
 - d. "C" Company:
 - (1) Attachments: No change.
 - (2) Occupy and defend east sector of base camp.
 - (3) 81mm mortars have 6400 mil firing capability. Be prepared to fire close defensive fires in "A" and "B" Company sectors and fire "A" Company barrage when FPF is called for in that sector.
 - e. Headquarters Company:
 - (1) Attachments: No change.
 - (2) Occupy and defend south sector of base camp.
 - (3) Medical Platoon and Communications Platoon remain in GS.
 - f. Mortar Platoon:
 - (1) GS.
 - (2) Be prepared to support defense of 1/RAR and D/16th Armor.
 - g. Coordinating instructions:
 - (1) The base camp will be defended under two conditions: maximum occupation and minimum occupation. The following provisions will apply under both conditions:
 - (a) Each unit will prepare a minimum of 20 Y-shaped fortified positions with overhead cover over the base of the Y, and a two-man capacity. A minimum of five bunkers spaced evenly along the unit sector will be manned with two men each during the hours of darkness

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- (b) Automatic weapons will be layed on final protective fire azimuths during the hours of darkness.
- (c) Final protective fires will be fired within the limits of 329° through 197° (Part I). Final protective fires outside these limits will not be fired until an enemy assault has positively been identified within the sector 197° through 329° (Part III). Bde HQ will be notified when any consideration is given to firing FPF within this sector.
- (d) Maximum use will be made of illumination when under attack.
- (2) During periods of maximum occupation, the following provisions will be in effect:
 - (a) Ambush patrols, reconnaissance patrols, and OP's will be utilized to maintain an offensive posture.
 - (b) Units will be prepared to repel an enemy penetration in any other unit's sector with supporting fire and by counterattacking with one platoon.
- (3) During periods of minimum occupation, the following provisions will be in effect:
 - (a) Bn 4.2 inch mortars and 81mm mortars will normally not be available. Supporting fires will be provided by 1/RAR.
 - (b) Unit rear detachments will consist of a minimum of 20 personnel, to include at least one NCO.
- (4) Annex A, Final Protective Fires Plan.
- (5) Annex B, Fire Support Plan.
 - (a) Long range fires: Fires outside C1, C2, and fires between 197° through 329°, will be fired only after permission has been granted from Brigade Headquarters.
 - (b) Close defensive fires will be fired only in the limits authorized for long range fires. Close defensive fires outside these limits will be fired only on permission from Brigade Headquarters.
 - (c) Final protective fires will be fired within the limits authorized for long range fires (Part I). FPF outside these limits will not be fired until an enemy assault has been positively identified within this sector (Part II). Bde HQ will be notified when any consideration is given to firing FPF within this sector.
 - (d) Fires within the battle area (i.e., within the base camp itself) will be fired in the event the base camp has been overrun.
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See ADMINO 1-65.
- 5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:
 - a. Signal:
 - (1) Current SOI, current authentication tables, and Opns Code HE-73 are in effect.
 - (2) Wire will be used under normal conditions. Bn Command Net will be open during an attack.
 - (3) Emergency signal to fire FPF is a red star cluster.
 - b. Command:
 - (1) Authority to fire FPF is limited to the Battalion CO.
 - (2) Rear Detachment Commander TBA.

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- A-Final Protective Fires Overlay
- B-Not Used
- C-Fire Support Plan
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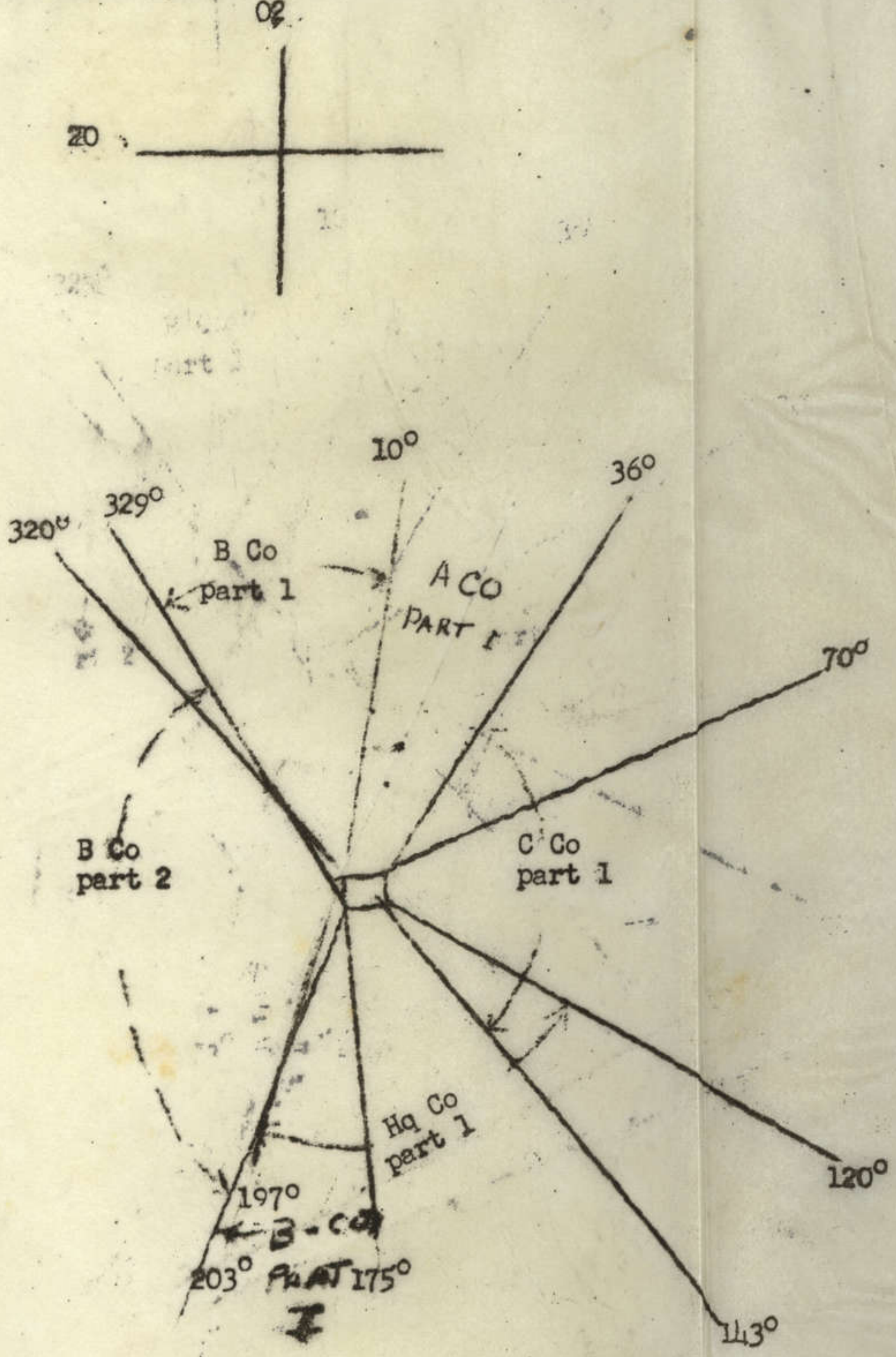
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Annex C (Fire Support Plan) to OPORD 23-65

Map Reference: 1:50,000

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION: OPORD 23-65

2. MISSION: OPORD 23-65

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of operation:

(1) Maneuver: OPORD 23-65

(2) Fire support: 3/319 Arty, 107mm Mortars 2/503, 1/RAR 81mm mortars, and 81mm mortar sections of 2/503, support 2/503 with long range fires to each weapon's maximum range in battalion section of responsibility. Each 81mm mortar section of 2/503 fire close in fires and barrages in defense of battalion. 81mm mortar of 1/RAR fire close in fires and a barrage in support of 2/503.

b. Artillery support:

(1) 3/319 Arty support 2/503 in their sector with long range fires. Fire close in defensive concentrations as close to 2/503 area as troop safety will allow.

(2) 107mm Mortar Platoon, 2/503, GS of 2/503. Fire long range fires and close in fires as close as troop safety will allow. Be prepared to lay on barrage for 1/RAR and support 1/RAR with close defensive fires. Be prepared to support any Bde unit with fire when requested.

(3) A Co 81mm Mortars: Have 6400 mil firing capability. Be prepared to fire close in defensive fires for HHC and C Co. Fire HHC barrage when that company calls for its final protective fires. When not firing lay on HHC barrage. Be prepared to support B Co with a barrage.

(4) B Co 81mm Mortars: Have 6400 mil firing capability. Be prepared to fire close in defensive fires for A and C Co. Fire C Co barrage when that company calls for its final protective fires. When not firing lay on C Co barrage.

(5) C Co 81mm mortars: Have 6400 mil firing capability. Be prepared to fire close in defensive fires for A and B Co. Fire A Co barrage when that company calls for its final protective fires. When not firing, lay on A Co barrage. Be prepared to support B Co with a barrage.

(6) 1/RAR Mortars support 2/503 with fires whenever possible. Be prepared to fire barrage in 2/503 area when this unit calls for its final protective fires.

c. Coordinating instructions:

(1) Red star cluster is signal to fire final protective fires.

(2) All firing units be prepared to support any Bde unit with fire when requested.

(3) Direct wire lines will be laid from Co CP to 81mm mortar section firing its barrage.

(4) Each FDC will lay a wire to Arty LNO switchboard.

(5) A Wire line will be laid from Arty LNO with 1/RAR to switchboard at 107mm Mortar Platoon 2/503.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: OPORD 23-65

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: OPORD 23-65

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XC 605	03591555	35M	Road	On Call
XC 606	03191535	40M	Rubber Plantation	On Call
XC 608	02811453	35M	Wooded Area	On Call
XC 609	02281447	35M	Trail	On Call
XC 610	02521483	35M	Trail Junction	On Call
XC 611	02511535	45M	Rubber Plantation 2/503d Compound	On Call

<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>BARRAGES</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
"A" Co 02422570-02521570	Fired by "C" Company mortars	
"B" Co 02151505-02151515	Fired by either "C" Co or "A" Co mortars	
"C" Co 02831565-02911555	Fired by "B" Company mortars	
HHC 02821503-02901510	Fired by "A" Company mortars	
2/503d 02061570-02161570	Fired by R.A.R.	

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13	Mortar Platoon
14	Reconnaissance Platoon
15	Communications Platoon
16	Medical Platoon
17	Artillery LNO
18-19	173d Airborne Brigade (Separate)
20	3/319th Artillery
21	1/RAR
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1. TASK ORGANIZATION:

- a. TF 2/503
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RRU Team
Engr Sqd
3 Vietnamese Police
- b. TF 3/319
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Cav Troop
3 Viet Police
- c. 1/PAR

2. MISSION: TF 2/503 conducts search and destroy operations in assigned area commencing 240815H June 65 to find, fix and destroy Viet Cong forces, supplies and equipment. (Annex A Operation Overlay).

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: TF 2/503 conducts search and destroy operations commencing 240815H Jun 65 with airmobile assault on LZ BOAT. Extraction will be from LZ SAIL commencing 241700H Jun 65. TF 3/319 will provide direct support fire from position TUG.

b. TF 2/503:

- (1) Conduct airmobile assault on LZ BOAT commencing 240815H Jun 65. Plan on 30 slicks.
- (2) Staging area: Bien Hoa Air Base
- (3) Alternate LZ for assault is LZ SAIL.
- (4) Conduct search and destroy operations of assigned objectives and TAOR until 241700H Jun 65.
- (5) Extraction will be from LZ SAIL commencing 241700H Jun 65.
- (6) Companies will take one (1) 81mm mortar each. No 107mm mortars will be taken.

c. TF 3/319

- (1) Move by convoy to Position TUG commencing 240630H Jun 65.
- (2) Complete occupation and registration in Psn TUG NLT 240735H Jun 65.
- (3) Fire 15 min preparation on LZ BOAT from 240735H to 240750H Jun 65 (Annex B, Schedule of fires).
- (4) Provide direct support fires to TF 2/503.
- (5) Return to present locations on order upon completion of TF 2/503 extraction.

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d. 1/RAR:

- (1) Provide a company-size Ready Reaction Force on one (1) hour notice. Plan on ten (10) slicks.
- (2) Be prepared to provide additional companies on successive one (1) hour notice.

e. Bde (-): Continue present mission.

f. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Sequence of Events: (Annex C)
- (2) Suppressive fires on LZ BOAT as follows:
240735 - 240750 - Arty preparation
240750 - 240810 - AF preparation
240810 - 240815 - Armed chopper pre-strike

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: SOP

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

- a. Bde aerial CF airborne during operations.
- b. Current SOI in effect.

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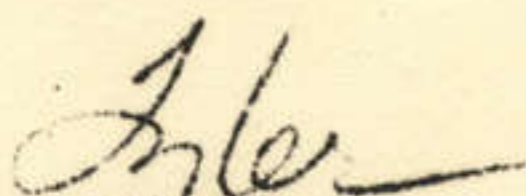
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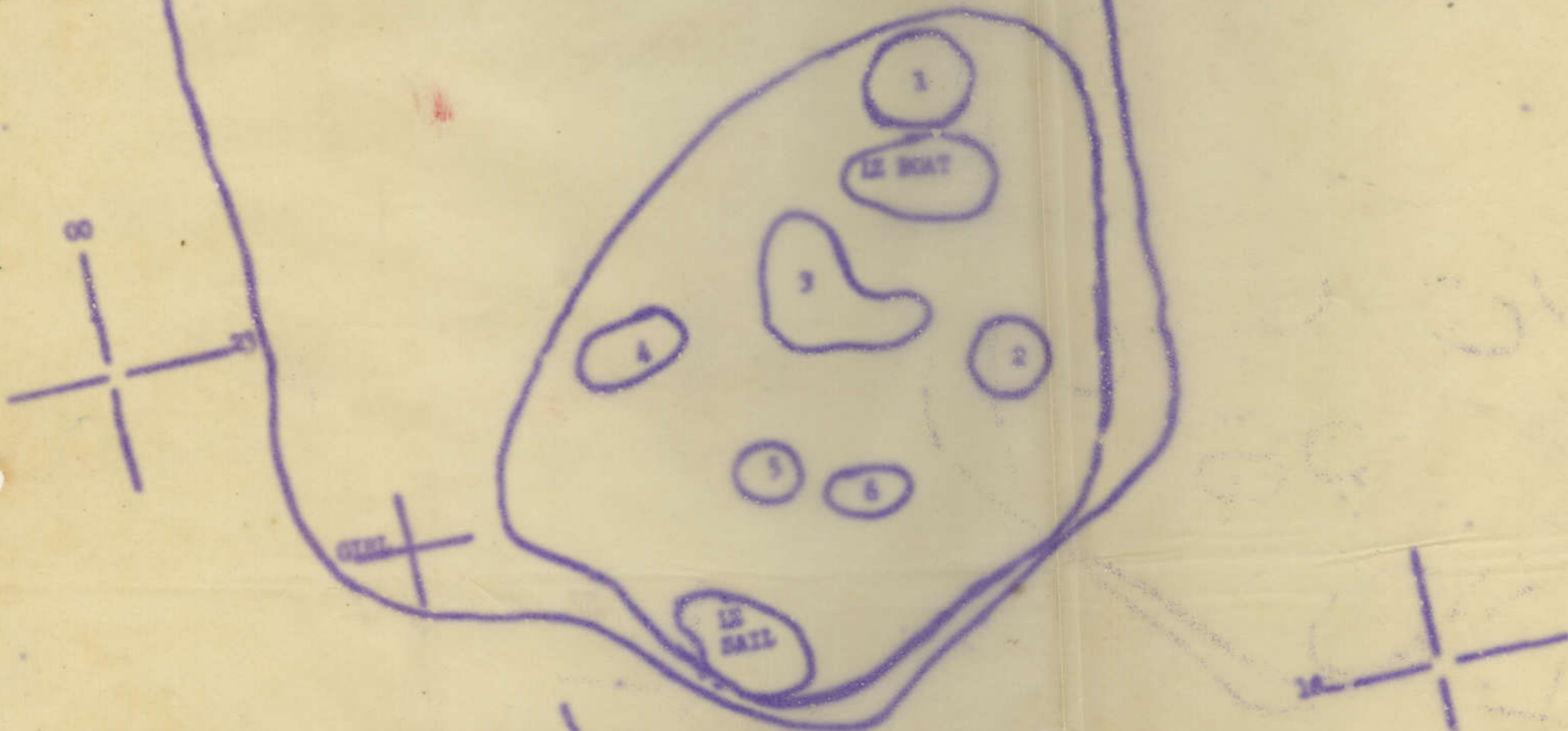
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Annex B (Schedule of Fires) to FRAG ORDER #4

References: Same as FRAG ORDER #4

1. Schedule of Fires (Target List) - See Appendix 1.
2. Last rounds fired on LZ BOAT will be smoke rounds fired at coordinates 070230 (Red Smoke).
3. Bn FDC contact FSCC on Bde FC Net (38.3) when last rounds have been fired.

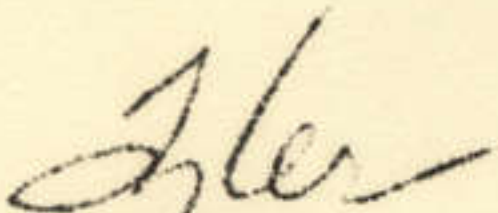
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Appendix 1 (Target List) to Annex B (Schedule of Fires) to Frag. Order #4

1. Schedule of Fires (Target list dated 4 June 65)

	0735	0737	0739	0741	0743	0745	0747	0749	0750
"E" Btry 3/319	<u>XF 031</u> 18		<u>XF 032</u> 18	<u>XF 030</u> 18		<u>XC 037</u> 18	<u>XF 125</u> 18		
"C" Btry 3/319		<u>XF 036</u> 18	<u>XF 124</u> 18		<u>XF 032</u> 18		<u>XF 033</u> 18		(RED) <u>Smoke</u> 2

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ANNEX C: Sequence of Events to Frag Order 4-65

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DATE - TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1	231300 Jun 65	Bde issues Frag Order #4
2	240630 - 240735	TF 3/319 moves to Psn TUG and completes registration
3	240735 - 240750	Arty preparatory fires LZ BOAT
4	240750	1st Lift TF 2/503 loads
5	240750 - 240810	AF preparatory fires LZ BOAT
6	240810 - 240815	Armed chopper pre-strike
7	240815	1st lift TF 2/503 lands LZ BOAT
8	240815 - 241700	TF 2/503 conducts search and destroy operations
9	241700	TF 2/503 commences extractions from LZ SAIL.
10	On Order	TF 3/319 returns present locations

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OPERATION ORDER 15-65

REFERENCE: Same as OPORD 13-65

TASK ORGANIZATION:

- a. TF 1/RAR
1/RAR
Four (4) FO Teams (12 men)
Vietnamese Police (4)
- b. TF 3/319
3/319th Arty (- one Btry)
E/17th Cav
Psy Opns Team (7 men)
Vietnamese Police (3)
- c. 2/503d Inf

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy: No known VC numbered units have been reported operating in or about the area of operations. One (1) unevaluated intelligence report located 300 VC coord YT 100035 to YT 115046 on 18 June 65. Aerial recon of above location revealed no unusual activity. Throughout the year VC have been placing dirt mounds and established road blocks along highway 15. Highway 15 is not considered safe for vehicular movement due to ability of the VC to interdict the highway at will. For EEI and all other intelligence requirements see Annex A (Intelligence) to OPORD 11-65.

b. Friendly:

- (1) US Air Force provides TAC Air support to 173d Abn Bde.
- (2) 145th Avn Bn provides direct support aircraft to 173d Abn Bde.

2. MISSION: 173d Abn Bde (-) conducts search and destroy operation in tactical area of responsibility 15-65 (TAOR 15-65) commencing D-Day, H-Hour to find, fix and destroy Viet Cong forces, supplies and equipment (Annex A Operation Overlay)

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: 173d Abn Bde (-) conducts search and destroy operations in five (5) phases:

- (1) Phase I - TF 3/319 moves by convoy 0600 hrs, D-Day to Position 20, occupies position and completes registration. MLT 0750 hrs D-Day.
- (2) Phase II - TF 1/RAR conducts airmobile assault, landing Obj 5 commencing D-Day, H-Hour.
- (3) Phase III - TF 1/RAR conducts search and destroy operations in TAOR 15-65 from D-Day to D+1.
- (4) Phase IV - TF 1/RAR is extracted by airlift from Obj 12 commencing 1200 hrs D+1.

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(5) Phase V - TF 3/319 returns to present locations on order D+1.

b. TF 1/RAR:

(1) Conduct airmobile assault on Obj 5 commencing D-Day, H-Hour. Plan on 4 lifts of thirty (30) slicks (556 personnel and 4-81mm mortars).

(2) Staging area: Bien Hoa Air Base.

(3) Alternate LZ for assault is Obj 9.

(4) Conduct search and destroy operations in TAOR 15-65 until 1200 hrs D+1.

(5) Find, fix and destroy Viet Cong forces, supplies and equipment.

(6) Prepare for extraction from Obj 12. Extraction commences 1200 hrs D+1.

c. TF 3/319

(1) Move by convoy to Psn 20; commencing 0600 hrs D-Day.

(2) Complete occupation and registration in Psn 20 NLT 0750 hrs D-Day.

(3) Provide direct support fires to TF 1/RAR NLT H-Hour, D-Day.

(4) Return to present locations on order D+1.

(5) Annex B, Fire Support.

d. 2/503d Inf:

(1) Provide a company size Ready Reaction Force on one (1) hour notice. Plan on ten (10) slicks.

(2) Be prepared to provide remaining rifle companies on successive one (1) hour notice.

e. Bde (-): Continue present mission

f. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Sequence of Events (Annex C)

(2) D-Day, H-Hour: 250835H June 1965

(3) The following are considered SOP and explanation can be found in OFORD's 11-65 and 12-65.

(a) Use of smoke

(b) Emergency lifting of fires

(c) Rules of engagement

(d) Points of Origin

(e) Reports

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(4) Suppressive fires will be fired on Obj 5 as follows:

250750 - 250810 - Arty Prepares Obj 5

250810 - 250830 - AF Prepares Obj 5

250830 - 250835 - Armed Chopper Pre-Strike

(5) Supports for Hi Power line through area have minefields around base. These will not be tampered with. Extreme caution will be used to prevent damage to the High Power line.

(6) Artillery and bombs will not be fired in "Limited Fire Area" shown.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: SOP

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal: Current SOI (20-6) in effect

b. Command:

(1) Bde aerial CP will be airborne over objective area.

(2) TF: Select and Report.

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(4) Suppressive fires will be fired on Obj 5 as follows:

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Annexes:

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b. Command:

(1) Bde aerial CP will be airborne over objective area.

(2) TF: Select and Report.

Acknowledge

(4) Suppressive fires will be fired on Obj 5 as follows:

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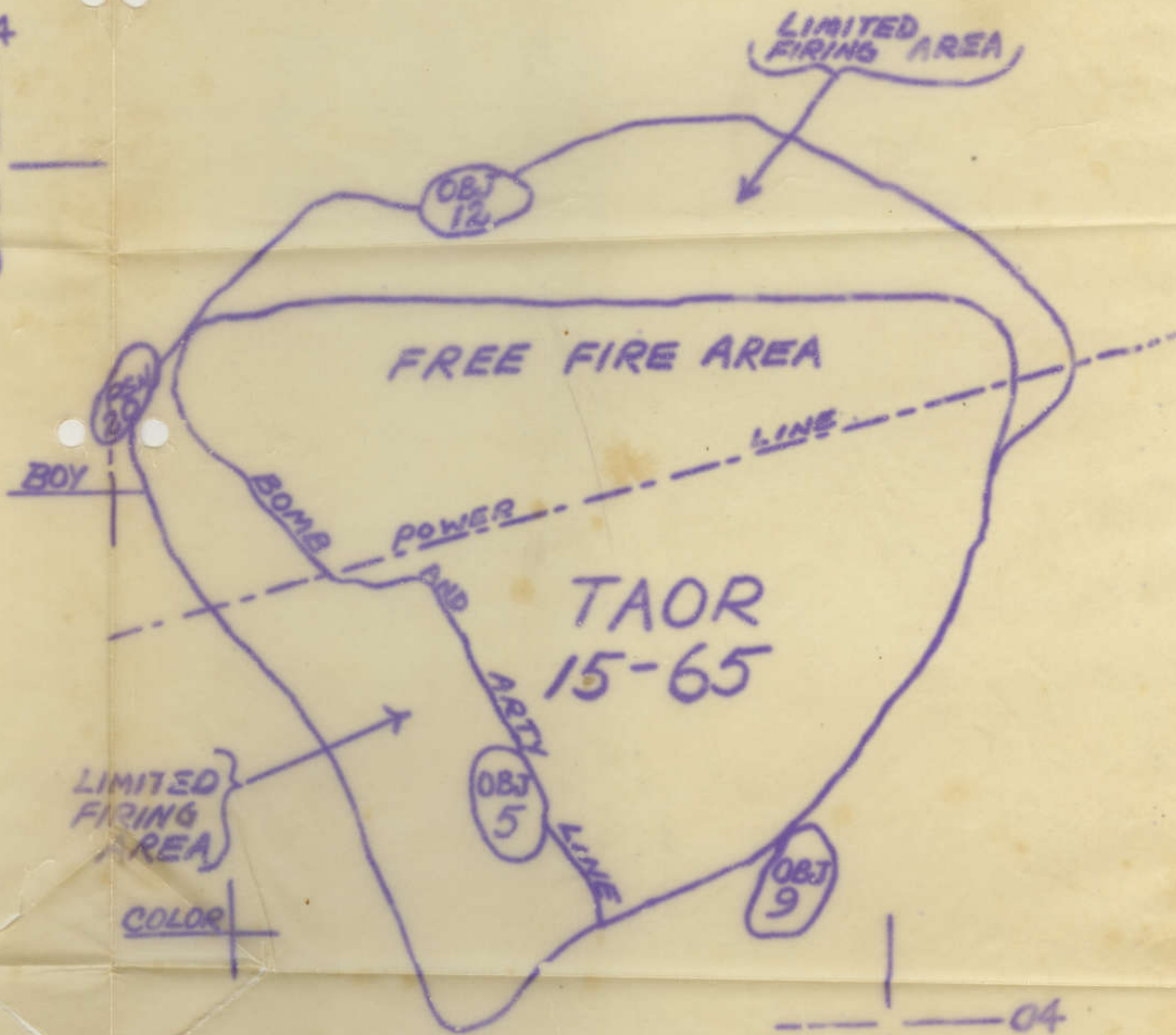
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Annex B (Fire Support) to OPORD 15-65

References: Same as OPORD 13-65

Task Organization:

TF 1/RAR:

1/RAR
Vietnamese Police (4)
4 FO Teams (12 men)

TF 3/319th (- one Etry)
E/17th Cav
Psy Ops Team (7)
Vietnamese Police (3)

1. SITUATION: See OPORD 15-65
2. MISSION: 173d Abn Bde (-) conduct search and destroy operations in Tactical Area of Responsibility 15-65 (TAOR 15-65) commencing D-Day, H-Hour to find, fix and destroy Viet Cong Forces, supplies and equipment (Annex A, Operations Overlay).
3. EXECUTION:
 - a. Concept of Operation:
 - (1) General: OPORD 15-65
 - (2) Maneuver: OPORD 15-65
 - (3) Fire Support:
 - (a) D-Day, TF 3/319th Artillery moves to Fsn 20 at H-2 hrs 35 mins (250600H) conducts registration center of sector. Artillery and TAC Air provide preparatory fires on Obj 5.
 - (b) D+1, Artillery and TAC Air fire in support of TF 1/RAR in TAOR.
 - b. Air Support:
 - (1) D-Day, Provide twenty (20) minute period of preparatory fires on Obj 5 beginning at H-25 minutes (250810H). Maintain fighter bomber aircraft with mixed ordnance loads on air alert H-Hour (250835H) until completion of air landing operation on Obj 5 by TF 1/RAR. There after maintain ground alert aircraft.
 - (2) D+1 Maintain ground alert
 - (3) Coordinating Instructions:
 - (a) FAC coordinate with FSCC to insure all Artillery preparatory fires have ceased prior to TAC Air Entering Area. D-Day last rounds fired in Artillery preparation will be two (2) Yellow Smoke Shells.
 - (b) FAC coordinate with FSCC to insure all TAC Air is clear of LZ before armed helicopters enter area.

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(c) TAC Air coordinate with Artillery and Mortar Fires for Air Space Control.

(d) Air Support Request: SOP dated 9 June 65.

c. Artillery Support:

(1) TF 3/319th Arty moves at D-Day, H-2 hrs 35 mins (250600H) to position 20 and conduct a registration center of sector. Fire twenty (20) minute preparation vic of Obj 5 beginning at H-45 (250750H) Last rounds in preparation will be two (2) yellow smoke shells. Fire at coordinates YT 088063 with a 500 ft height of burst to signal Airborne FAC that preparation has ceased. Verbal confirmation will be made with FSCC over the Bde FC Net.

(2) TF 3/319th remain in position 20 until released on order D+1 after extraction of TF 1/RAR.

d. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Emergency Signals for lifting fires will be Violet Smoke dropped from U6A.

(2) All firing units will maintain Air Sentinals to insure no aircraft are on or close to GT Line during firing.

(3) TF 3/319th Arty provide one (1) Air Observer to Bde Aviation Section commencing 250600H - 1900 hrs thru D+1. Operate on FD Net #1. Conduct Fire Missions and radio relay for artillery as required..

(4) Unobserved fires will not be fired closer than 500 meters to friendly elements and will not be fired without prior registration.

(5) Alternate LZ is Obj 9 SEE Appendix for alternate preparatory fires.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: OPORD 15-65

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: OPORD 15-65

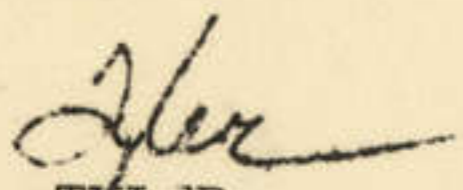
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Appendix 1 (Schedule of fires) to Annex B (Fire Support) to OPORD 15-65

1. Schedule of Fires: (Obj 5)

	H-45	H-43	H-41	H-39	H-37, H-35	H-33	H-31	H-29	H-26	H-25
105	XE 507 20	XE 509 20	XE 511 20		XE 512 20				XE 514 20	
105		XE 508 20	XE 510 30		XE 507 12		XE 513 36			XE 514 2

2. Alternate Schedule of Fires; (Obj 9)

	20	18	16	14	12	10	08	06	04	01	00
105	XE 515 20	XE 517 20	XE 519 20			XE 520 20				XE 522 20	
105		XE 516 20	XE 518 30		XE 516 12		XE 521 36				XE 518 2

- a. Concentration XE 514 will be two (2) shell smoke (Yellow)
- b. Concentration XE 518 will be two (2) shell smoke (Yellow)

3. Target List

XE 507	086 070	Wood Line
XE 508	089 070	Wood Line
509	089 068	"
510	087 068	"
511	087 066	"
512	089 066	"
513	089 064	"
514	087 064	"

Alternate

XE 515	101 052	Wood Line
516	102 053	"
517	104 054	"
518	105 055	"
519	107 056	"
520	109 057	"
521	111 057	"
522	114 055	"

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Annex C (Sequence of Events) to OPORD 15-65

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DATE - TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1	241200H June 65	Bde issues OPORD 15-65
2	250600 - 250750	TF 3/319 moves to Obj 20 and registers
3	250750 - 250810	Arty prepares Obj 5
4	250810 - 250830	AF prepares Obj 5
5	250830 - 250835	Armed chopper pre-strike
6	250835 (D-Day, H-Hour)	1st lift TF 1/RAR lands Obj 5
7	250835 - 261200	TF 1/RAR conducts search and destroy operations
8	261200	TF 1/RAR commences extraction from Obj 12
9	On Order	TF 3/319 returns to present locations

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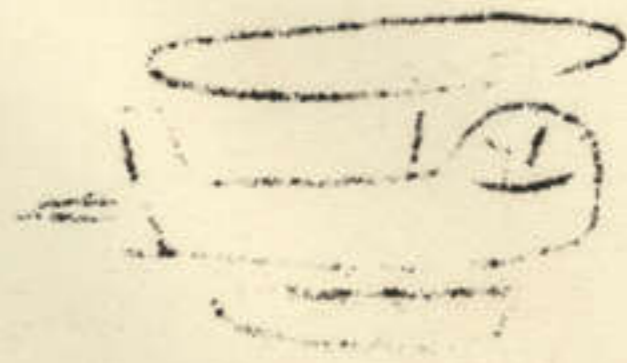
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Operation Order 25-65

Reference: Map sheets 6344I and 6344II

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy forces: Annex A, Intelligence.

b. Friendly forces:

- (1) U.S. Air Force provides pre-assault air support to 173d Abn Bde (Sep). Annex C (Fire Support Plan).
- (2) 145th Avn Bn provides direct support aircraft. Annex B (Army Aviation).
- (3) TF 3/319 provides direct support fires NLT D-Day H+30 minutes.
- (4) TF 1/503 on left TF 2/503. See Annex E (Sequence of Events) for movement of this TF.
- (5) TF RAR provides Bde reserve of company size force to be moved within 1 hour's notice.

c. Attachments and detachments:

- (1) One (1) squad, 173d Engineer Company effective 271200H June 1965.
- (2) Three (3) Vietnamese Policemen effective 271800H June 1965.
- (3) Four (4) men, 3d RRU Detachment effective 271200H June 1965.
- (4) Two (2) men, 172d MI Detachment effective 271200H June 1965.
- (5) One (1) man, Target Research Analysis Center (TRAC) effective 271200H June 1965.

2. MISSION: TF 2/503 conducts airmobile assault on LZ NORTH commencing D-Day H+3 hours 21 minutes (231051H June 1965) to seize and secure LZ NORTH, facilitate passage of TF 1/503 to SW of objective D, conducts search and destroy operations in sector from D-Day through D+3 to find, fix, and destroy Viet Cong forces, supplies and equipment, and prepares for extraction from LZ ALL commencing 1500 hours D+3 (011500H July 1965).

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of operation: The operation will be conducted in 3 phases commencing on D-Day.

- (1) Phase I - TF 2/503 conducts airmobile assault, landing on LZ NORTH D-Day H+3 hours 21 minutes, seizes objectives A, B, C and D, secures landing of TF 1/503 and facilitates passage of 1/503 to SW of objective D to secure objective G and H.
- (2) Phase II - TF 2/503 conducts search and destroy operations in assigned sector from D-Day to D+3.
- (3) Phase III - TF 2/503 is extracted by helicopter from LZ ALL commencing D+3, 1500 hours.

b. Concept of Phase I and II - TF 2/503 departs Bien Hoa by helicopter, order of march A, Comnd Gp 1, B, C, Comnd Gp 2 and Hq Co, conducts airmobile assault on LZ NORTH commencing D-Day H+3 hours 21 minutes with A Company seizing and securing the LZ, B Company seizing objective A, C Company seizing objective D and HHC seizing objective C. TF 1/503 is then passed SW of objective D, assisted by C Company. After B, C and HQ Companies have landed, A Company seizes objective B. On order A Company moves to objective E, B Company to objective F, HQ Company to LZ NORTH. Companies remain on these positions for the night. C Company remains on objective D. Each unit sends out ambushes at night and conducts search and destroy operations around each objective during the day.

c. A Company:

- (1) Attached:
 - (a) 3 EM 173d Engr Co effective 271200H June 1965.
 - (b) 1 Vietnamese Policeman effective 271800H June 1965.
- (2) Seize and secure LZ NORTH.
- (3) On order, seize Objective B.
- (4) After seizure of objective, conduct search and destroy operations around objective.
- (5) On order, move to Objective E. Place ambushes around objective during the night.

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d. B Company:

- (1) Attached:
- (a) 3 EM 173d Engr Co effective 271200H June 1965.
 - (b) 1 Vietnamese Policeman effective 271800H June 1965.
- (2) Seize and secure objective A.
- (3) Conduct search and destroy operations around objective.
- (4) On order, move to objective F. Place ambushes around objective during the night.

e. C Company:

- (1) Attached:
- (a) 3 EM 173d Engr Co effective 271200H June 1965.
 - (b) 1 Vietnamese Policeman effective 271800H June 1965.
- (2) Seize and secure objective D.
- (3) Provide guides to assist the passage of TF 1/503 to the SW of objective D.
- (4) After passage of TF 1/503, conduct search and destroy operations around objective.
- (5) Remain on objective D. Place ambushes around objective during the night.

f. HQ Company:

- (1) Attached: 1 EM 173d Engr Co effective 271200H June 1965.
- (2) Seize and secure objective C.
- (3) Conduct search and destroy operations around objective.
- (4) On order, return to LZ NORTH. Place ambushes around objective during the night.

g. Medical Platoon:

- (1) Attach 2 extra medics to each rifle company.
- (2) Continue normal operations in base camp.
- (3) Bn Surgeon will augment Bde Clearing Station.

h. Communications Platoon:

- (1) Provide two RC-292's to each command group.
- (2) Continue normal operations in base camp.
- (3) Provide rear area security.

i. Coordinating instructions:

- (1) Rear area commander, Capt Westmoreland.
- (2) Sequence of events - Annex E.
- (3) Report location every hour, 15 minutes prior to the hour using points of origin (Annex D - Operations Overlay).
- (4) Rules of engagement - SOP.
- (5) All attachments terminated effective upon return to Bien Hoa.
- (6) Each rifle company carry one (1) 81mm mortar.
- (7) Alternate plan: Land LZ SOUTH, A Company seize objective N, B Company objective O, Hq Co objective P. Bn moves north to seize objective 6, J, I, on order. Bn extracted LZ NORTH. Code word to switch to alternate LZ for extraction (LZ SOUTH instead of LZ ALL) "EXECUTE REBEL".
- (8) Recon by fire - SOP.
- (9) Use of smoke and panels - SOP.
- (10) Exercise extreme caution in moving dead and wounded and/or enemy or abandoned friendly equipment. VC frequently will boobytrap WIA's, KIA's and equipment.
- (11) Bde prepared to provide a team to assist in destruction of large supplies of food, on request this headquarters.
- (12) D-Day H-Hour: 280730H June 1965.
- (13) Speed of execution is not required. Thoroughness of search and destroy operations will take precedence.
- (14) Recognition signal between U.S. and ARVN: TBA.
- (15) Time Code:
- (a) D-Day and D+2:
 - 1. H - 0730
 - 2. A - 1030
 - 3. B - 1315
 - 4. C - 1710
 - (b) D+1 and D+3:
 - 1. A - 0600
 - 2. B - 0920
 - 3. C - 1340
 - 4. D - 1645

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: Annex F

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

- (1) Radio nets 20-6 and OPS CODE KAC HE-734 in effect.
- (2) Supporting fires lift or shift on verbal command of airborne fire control team.
- (3) Emergency signal for lifting supporting fires violet smoke from U6-A aircraft.

b. Command:

- (1) Assembly area for CP: TBA
- (2) Both command groups vicinity LZ NGRTH initially.

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Annex A (Intelligence) to OPORD 25-65

Reference: Maps: Vietnam Series L701 Sheet No. 6344 I and II, 1:50,000

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY OPERATION: Viet Cong forces of platoon to regimental size have been reported in and moving through the area of operations (War Zone "D"). This area is considered home base for numerous VC units. Extensive training, logistical resupply and storage activities and rest and recuperation activities are conducted throughout the area. The area of operations is well tunneled and entrenched. In the BADA area, (YT 042360), skeleton type buildings have been reported as housing VC personnel.

Due to the nature of VC operations in the area, their forces range from recruits to main line units. Recruits are funneled via supply routes to relatively safe training areas in War Zones "C" and "D". VC security elements and many well camouflaged booby traps and punji pits may be encountered. Depending on the VC activities presently being conducted in the III Corps area, enemy forces in War Zone "D" may vary in size and strength from a small security force to several battalions. Enemy weapons reported in the area range from individual small arms and automatic weapons to 57 mm RR, and 60 and 81 mm mortars. See Appendix 1, (Enemy Situation Overlay).

2. INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS:

a. EEI:

- (1) What is the location, identification and strength of enemy units in our operational area?
- (2) Does the enemy plan any organized offensive action against brigade units? If so when, where, and in what strength?

b. Other Intelligence Requirements:

- (1) With what type weapons are the enemy armed? What is their condition and ammunition status?
- (2) What is the nature and extent of enemy logistics operations, and where are their locations?
- (3) What is the nature and extent of enemy fortifications, buildings and communications?
- (4) What indications can be found of enemy organization, identification and morale?

3. ORDERS AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Omitted.

4. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. PW's will be evacuated to Brigade Collection Point vicinity Brigade Logistics Helicopter Pad. Resupply helicopters returning to the Brigade Logistics Base (rear) should be used with proper security provided when possible. PW's may be briefly interrogated by capturing unit if a language capability exists. PW's will not be taken in CP areas. The "Five S's", Search, Segregate, Silence, Speed and Safeguard will be applied in handling PW's.
- b. Captured documents and material will be reported immediately and evacuated through intelligence (PW) channels. Documents and material found on PW's will be evacuated with them. Documents and PW's will be tagged with appropriate information on time, location and circumstances of capture.
- c. Extreme caution will be exercised in search of enemy installations, personnel and handling of material. The discovery and elimination of possible booby traps must be a consideration prior to any search.
- d. Intelligence reports indicate that mines and booby traps are abundant in the operational area. Caution will be emphasized.
- e. The probability exist that the VC's have been using charcoal burners as a cover for arms and ammunitions caches. Such structures should be carefully examined to determine if they contain material.
- f. Counterintelligence: Compromise of callsigns, countersigns or any classified operational item will be reported to the Bn S2 immediately.
- g. Escape and Evasion: Personnel separated from their unit should remain generally stationary in the area where contact is lost for 24 hours if security permits. Streams in the operational area generally tend to flow southerly toward the Dong Nai River where directions should be asked to the friendly hamlet, THAI HUNG.

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Extreme caution should be exercised in orienting movement along streams or trails. Units are encouraged to adopt special buddy systems, SOP's and signals to maintain personnel accountability and prevent individual separation.

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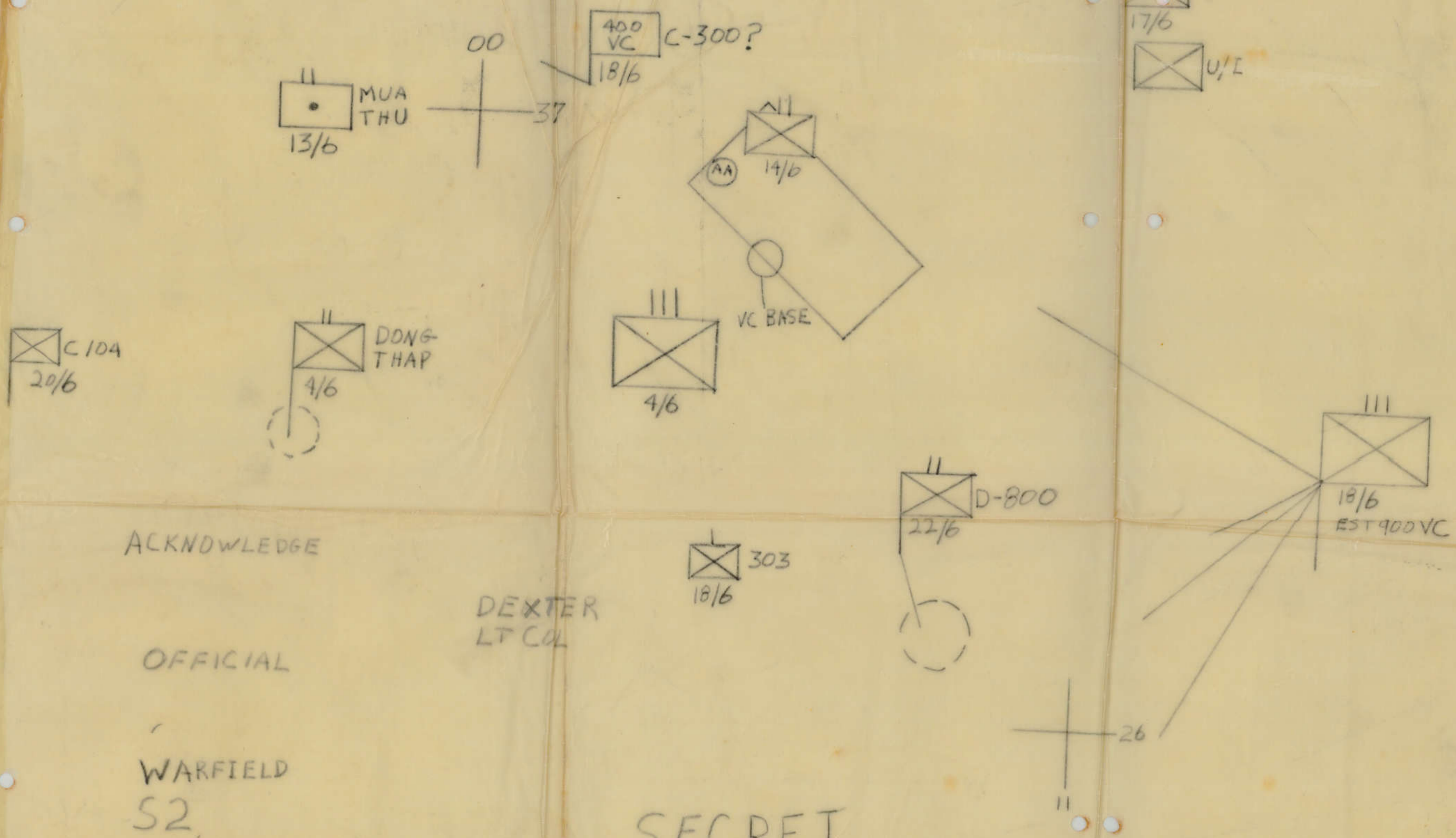
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Annex B (Army Aviation) to OPCR 25-65

1. GENERAL:

- a. Aircraft for helicopter assault will be organized in 2 lifts of 73 aircraft each lift. Elements TBA.
- b. Units will use type loads for UH-1B's for planning purposes. Aircraft used will consist of UH-1B, UH-1D and CH-34C. Actual type aircraft to be issued D-1.
- c. Staging area will be runway 15-33, Bien Hoa Air Base.
- d. DACO is Capt Java. DACO will meet aviation battalion pathfinder at Bien Hoa Air Base twenty (20) minutes prior to loading time of first lift.
- e. S4 is responsible for movement of troops from base camp to departure airfield.

2. LOADING PLAN:

a. Chalk designation:

<u>CHALK</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
1-39	A Co
40-44	Cmd Loads 1-5
45-84	B Co
85-123	C Co
124-126	Cmd Loads 6-8
127-146	HQ Co

b. Loading time:

- (1) Chalks 1-73, D-Day, 1020 hours.
- (2) Chalks 74-146, D-Day, 1105 hours.

3. EXTRACTION:

a. Extraction will be by 50 clicks in 3 lifts. Units will plan the following numbers of chalks at 5 personnel each:

- (1) A Co - 39
- (2) B Co - 40
- (3) C Co - 39
- (4) HQ Co - 22
- (5) Cmd Gp 1 - 5
- (6) Cmd Gp 2 - 3

b. Order of extraction TBA. Each unit will appoint an extraction officer. This officer will meet extraction DACO (S3 Air) at LZ ALL NLT 2 hours prior to extraction.

4. Turn around time for lifts is 25 minutes.

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Annex C (Fire Support Plan) to OPOD 25-65

1. SITUATION: Same as OPOD 25-65.
2. MISSION: Same as OPOD 25-65.
3. EXECUTION:
 - a. Concept of operation:
 - (1) Maneuver: Same as OPOD 25-65.
 - (2) Fire Support: D-Day TF 3/319th Artillery moves to position "B" and conducts registration, center of sector. Artillery and TAG air provide preparatory and repressive fires on LZ NORTH, and fires in support of 173d Abn Bde (Sep) with attachments. Priority of fire to TF 2/503d Infantry.
 - b. Air Support:
 - (1) D-Day - D+3: Provide continuous air cover 0600 to 1800 hours. Continuous aircraft on ground alert. Flare ship on station 1900 hours to 0600 hours.
 - (2) D-Day:
 - (a) 1006 hours to 1046 hours, execute preplanned air on LZ NORTH.
 - (b) 1051 hours, strafe perimeter of LZ NORTH.
 - c. Artillery Support:
 - (1) D-1: TF 3/319th Arty (3 firing batteries and 1 platoon ARVN 155 Arty (three 155 tubes) plus other attachments move to position "A".
 - (2) D-Day:
 - (a) 0630 hours to 0800 hours TF 3/319th Arty moves to position "B" and conducts registration.
 - (b) 0946 hours to 1006 hours, TF 3/319th Arty fires preparation on LZ NORTH.
 - (c) D-Day - D+3: In DS of 173d Abn Bde with attachments.
 - d. Coordinating instructions:
 - (1) All fire missions will be sent to Bde FSCC for approval prior to firing. Aircraft will use area grid system.
 - (2) All firing units, including 81mm mortars, will maintain air sentinels to insure no aircraft are visible on or close to the GF line during firing.
 - (3) Emergency signal for lifting fires will be Violet smoke grenade dropped from U6A.
 - (4) TF 3/319th Arty provide (2) air observers to be airborne over TAOR from 0600 - 1900 hours daily. Conduct fire missions and provide radio relay for TF 3/319th Arty as necessary.
 - (5) Unobserved fires will not be fired closer than (500) meters of friendly elements and will not be fired without prior registration.
 - (6) One recon sergeant from "B" Co FO team will be attached to Recon Platoon effective D-Day. Recon Platoon will provide an RTO. Callsign TBA.
 - (7) All FO's and LNO will operate on FD #1. Be prepared to switch to other FD nets on order.
 - (8) FO's report location to Bn FDC and LNO at least one each hour.
 - (9) Target list TBA.
 - (10) Last rounds of arty preparation on LZ NORTH will be Red smoke.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: OPOD 25-65.
5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: OPOD 25-65.

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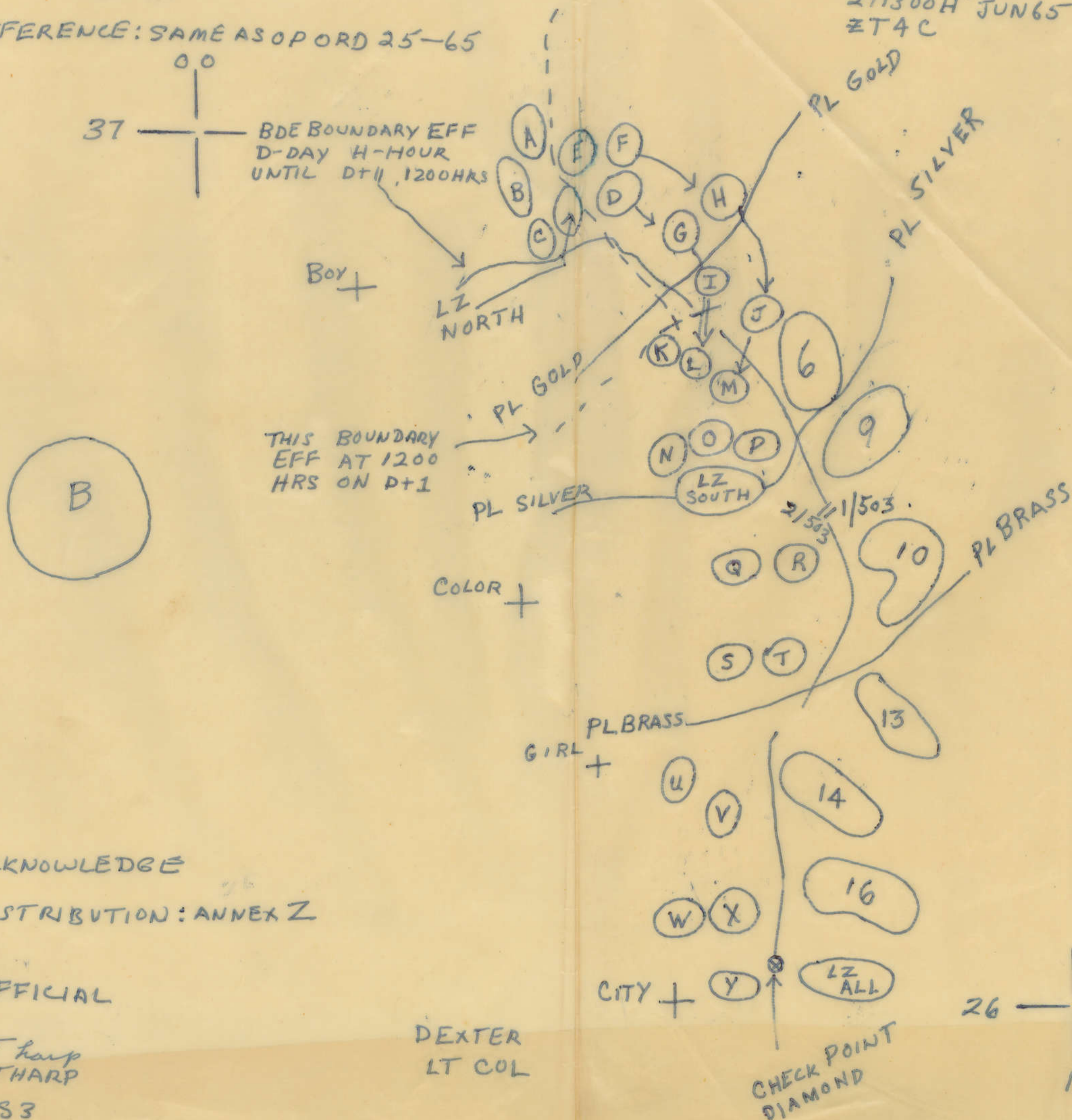
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ANNEX D (OPERATIONS OVERLAY)
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Annex E (Sequence of Events) to OPORD 25-65

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE-TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
1	D-Day	281030	1st lift departs Bien Hoa
2	D-Day	281051	1st lift lands LZ NORTH
3	D-Day	281513	Last Bde lift lands LZ NORTH
4	D-Day	281100-281600	Objectives secured, searching opns conducted
5	D-Day	281400-281900	1/503 passes SW of obj D and secures obj G and H
6	D-Day	281600-281900	Bn establishes perimeter, sends out ambushes
7	D+1	290600-291200	1/503 seizes obj J and 6
8	D+1	290600-291200	2/503 follows 1/503 and remains on obj J
9	D+1	291200	New boundry between ARVN and 173d becomes effective
10	D+1	291200-291900	2/503 attacks from obj J to seize obj K through P
11	D+1	291200-291900	1/503 conducts search and destroy opns SE to PL SILVER
12	D+1	291500-291700	ARVN extracted from LZ NORTH
13	D+1	291900-292400	1/503 establishes perimeter around obj 6 and 2/503 establishes perimeter around obj N through P
14	D+2	300600-301900	1/503 seizes obj 9 and 10
15	D+2	300600-301900	2/503 seizes obj Q through T and conducts search and destroy operations to PL BRASS
16	D+2	301900-302400	1/503 establishes perimeter around obj 10 and 2/503 establishes perimeter around obj S-T
17	D+3	010600-011500	1/503 seizes obj 13, 14, 16, and secures LZ ALL
18	D+3	010600-011400	2/503 seizes obj U-Y
19	D+3	011400-011500	2/503 moves to and establishes contact w/ 1/503 at CP DIAMOND and prepares for extraction
20	D+3	011500-011700	2/503 extracted under 1/503 cover

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ANNEX F (Administrative & Logistics) to OPORD 25-
Reference: Same as OPORD No 25-65
Time Zone: Hotel

1. General:

- a. This annex outlines the logistical and administrative responsibilities and procedures for support of the 2d Bn (Abn), 503d Inf during the current operation.
- b. Unit distribution by helicopter will be utilized for all resupply during the conduct of this operation.
- c. 2/503d resupply point will be established VIC 012145 NLT 280800H June 1965.
- d. All request for resupply will be forwarded to the Bn forward CP on the logistical net.
- e. Log net will be opened at 280800H June 1965.
- f. All units coordinate with the Bn S-4 concerning daily rations, water, and battery resupply requirements NLT 271500H June 1965.

2. Material and Services:

a. Supply:

(1) Class I:

(a) Feeding schedule for the 2/503d:

	B	D	S
D-Day	A	C	C
D+1	C	C	C
D+2	C	C	C
D+3	C	C	C

- (b) All personnel will carry 1 meal to be consumed noon 28 June.
- (c) Each unit will submit strength figures for rations in the forward and rear area NLT 271500H June 1965.
- (d) Rear detachment personnel will follow the feeding schedule listed above.

(2) Class II & IV:

- (a) Units will carry only the equipment necessary to accomplish the mission.
- (b) All units and sections will insure that a switchboard operator and a supply representative is left with the rear detachment.
- (c) Recovery of water cans and cargo nets will be accomplished in open area. The following guidelines must be followed:
 - 1. The helicopters must approach into the wind or within 45° of that direction.
 - 2. A cleared area must be selected that allows an approach of 300 feet and a minimum of 100 feet wide. The pilots will not attempt to extract a load from a smaller area.

(3) Class III: Any requirements for Class III may be forwarded to the Bn CP by the log net.

(4) Class V:

- (a) Units will carry a double basic load of Class V as specified by the unit commander.
- (b) Units will carry a double basic load of smoke grenades.
- (c) Units will carry an increased load of blasting caps and detonating cords. A 50 pound package of C-4 explosives will be prepared for delivery to each unit on call.

(d) ASR as follows (based on rounds per weapon per day):

1.	81mm HE W/PD	15.0 rds
2.	81mm w/o fuze	1.0 rds
3.	81mm Illum	1.0 rds
4.	81mm WP	1.0 rds

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- (5) Water:
 - (a) All personnel will carry 2 full canteens.
 - (b) Each unit will turn in all water cans, excess to mess hall requirements, to the Bn S4 NLT 281500H June 65. These cans will be returned upon completion of this operation.
 - (c) HHC will provide 1 water trailer to the Bn S4 280800 June 65.
 - (d) Unit XO's will insure that all water cans are placed in cargo nets and prepared for recovery as outlined in paragraph 2(b).
- (6) Salvage Equipment:
 - (a) Salvage equipment will be tagged by the unit and evacuated with the water cans.
 - (b) Requirements for equipment beyond this capability will be forwarded to the Bn CP on the log net.
- (7) Captured material and/or supplies as prescribed in the field SOP.

b. Transportation:

(1) Motor

(a) 15 2 1/2 ton trucks will arrive at the RJ west of HHC area at 280830H June 65.

(b) Movement of chalks will be as follows:

Chalk	Trans Arrive Bn Area	Depart	Arrive Air Base
i -73	0830	0900	0920
74 - 146	0950	1000	1020

(c) MP escort will be provided by the Bde PMO.

3. Medical Evacuation and Hospitalization:

a. Evacuation:

- (1) All medical evacuation will be by air evacuation (helicopter).
- (2) All patients will be evacuated to the Brigade aid station located at grid coordinates YT013145.
- (3) Helicopter evacuation will be provided by the 57th Helicopter Company (Med Evac). Two (2) med evacuation helicopters will be available - 1 VIC objective area, 1 on standby VIC Brigade aid station.
- (4) Requests for medical evacuation will be transmitted through the Battalion Command Net.
- (5) Medical evacuation call sign is "Dust Off":
 - (a) Essential information when requesting medical evacuation:
 - 1. Unit's call sign
 - 2. Location
 - 3. Nature of casualty - type of casualty (eg litter or walking)
 - 4. Special equipment required
 - 5. Replacement medical supplies required.

b. Hospitalization:

- (1) Battalion surgeon will be located at Brigade aid station.
- (2) There will be two (2) additional medical aidmen attached to each lettered company for the exercise. One (1) medical aidman with Command Group 1. A medical coordinator with Command Group 2, and one (1) medical aidman with Rcn Platoon. Each medic will possess two (2) smoke grenades for evacuation.
- (3) Casualties will remain in so far as possible at the Brigade Aid Station. Serious casualties will be evacuated from the Brigade Aid Station to (1) 3rd field hospital and (2) Saigon Naval Hospital, in that order of priority.
- (4) Equipment of hospitalized personnel will be tagged by the Brigade Aid Station, and returned to the Bn S-4 (Rear)

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4. Personnel and Administration:

a. Casualty Feeder Report (DA Form 1156):

Any individual having information concerning a casualty will record such information on DA Form 1156 (Casualty Feeder Report) as soon after the incident as possible. A booklet of these forms will be made available to squad, platoon and similar group leaders and other persons who will be responsible for collecting and reporting such data to the unit commander. The unit commander is responsible for forwarding the report to the Bn S-1 as soon as possible.

b. Witness Statement (DA Form 1155)

In cases of death where remains are not recovered, or an individual is reported missing or missing in action, or captured, DA Form 1155 will be completed and attached to the feeder report, or submitted as soon as possible thereafter.

c. Personnel Separated From Unit:

During combat operations, individuals frequently become separated from their units and attached themselves to other units. Unit commanders will promptly report the whereabouts and status of such individuals to the commander of the unit to which the individuals are assigned.

d. Time of Submission of Reports:

Reports will be submitted on a continuing basis by the most expeditious method available.

e. All reports concerning casualties will be transmitted by land line when available and the administrative and logistics radio net when land line is not available.

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References: Ltr, Hqs 173d Abn Bde (Sep) dated 9 June 1965, Subject: "Base Camp Defense Plans"
Annex A Operations Overlay, Bde Bivouac Area.

TASK ORGANIZATION:

Strike Force DELTA

Co D (MaInt)(-), 173d Spt Bn
1 Plat Co C (S&T), 173d Spt Bn
3 Aidmen, Co B (Med), 173d Spt Bn

1. SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces: Current ISUM
- b. Friendly Forces: Current Bde OPORD
- c. Assumptions:

- (1) 173d Abn Bde (Sep)(-) conducts Airmobile operations not in vicinity of Bien Hoa Air Base.
- (2) Upon departure of 173d Abn Bde (Sep)(-) from Bien Hoa, 173d Spt Bn coordinates stay behind forces and directs defense of Bde Bivouac Area until return of Bde Forces.

2. MISSION: 173d Spt Bn directs defense of Bde Bivouac Area.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Stay behind forces each unit continues defense of assigned sector.
- (2) In event enemy attks Bde perimeter after the situation is developed, blocking forces will be positioned to limit penetration.
- (3) After penetration is contained Strike Force DELTA or other forces will be committed to reduce penetration and restore the Bde Bivouac Area.
- (4) Fire Support Plan: Annex B.

b. 1/503 Inf:

- (1) Defend present assigned sector.
- (2) Prevent enemy penetration from direction of CP J.
- (3) Prepare to occupy blocking psn vic CP as directed.
- (4) On order counterattack to seize CP as directed to destroy enemy in penetration.

c. 2/503 Inf:

- (1) Defend present assigned sector.
- (2) Prevent enemy penetration from East between CP D and 200 meters South of CP B.

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- (3) Prepare to occupy blocking psn vic CP as directed.
- (4) On order counterattack to seize CP as directed to destroy enemy in penetration.

d. 1/RAR:

- (1) Defend present assigned sector.
- (2) Prevent enemy penetration from CP D West to 100 meters NE CP G.
- (3) Prepare to occupy blocking psn vic CP as directed.
- (4) On order provide APC protection for Bde Hqs.
- (5) On order counterattack to seize CP as directed to destroy enemy in penetration.

e. E/17 Cav:

- (1) Defend present assigned sector.
- (2) Support by fire West elements of RAR.

f. D/16 Armor:

- (1) Defend present assigned sector.
- (2) Coordinate with 2/503 exact limiting point 200 meters South CP B.

g. 3/319 Arty:

- (1) Defend present assigned sector.
- (2) Support by fire, Annex B.

h. Spt Bn:

- (1) Defend present assigned sector.
- (2) Organize Strike Force Delta.
- (3) Prepare to occupy blocking psns vic CP as directed.
- (4) On order committ Strik Force DELTA to destroy enemy.

i. 173d Engr:

- (1) Defend present assigned sector.
- (2) Prevent enemy penetration between CP G and H.

j. Bde HHC:

- (1) Defend present assigned sector.
- (2) Prepare to receive APC from RAR.

k. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Effective for planning on receipt, for execution on order.
- (2) Unit disposition of stay behind forces to S3 Spt Bn MLT 1200 hrs D-1.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: No change

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

- (1) Current SOI in effect.
- (2) Wire is primary means of communication.

b. Command:

- (1) CO initially located Spt Bn CP.
- (2) Fire Spt CC located Bde CP.

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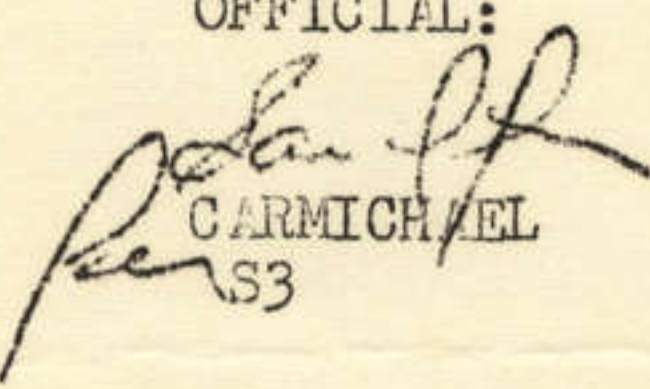
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a. Signal:

- (1) Current SOI in effect.
- (2) Wire is primary means of communication.

b. Command:

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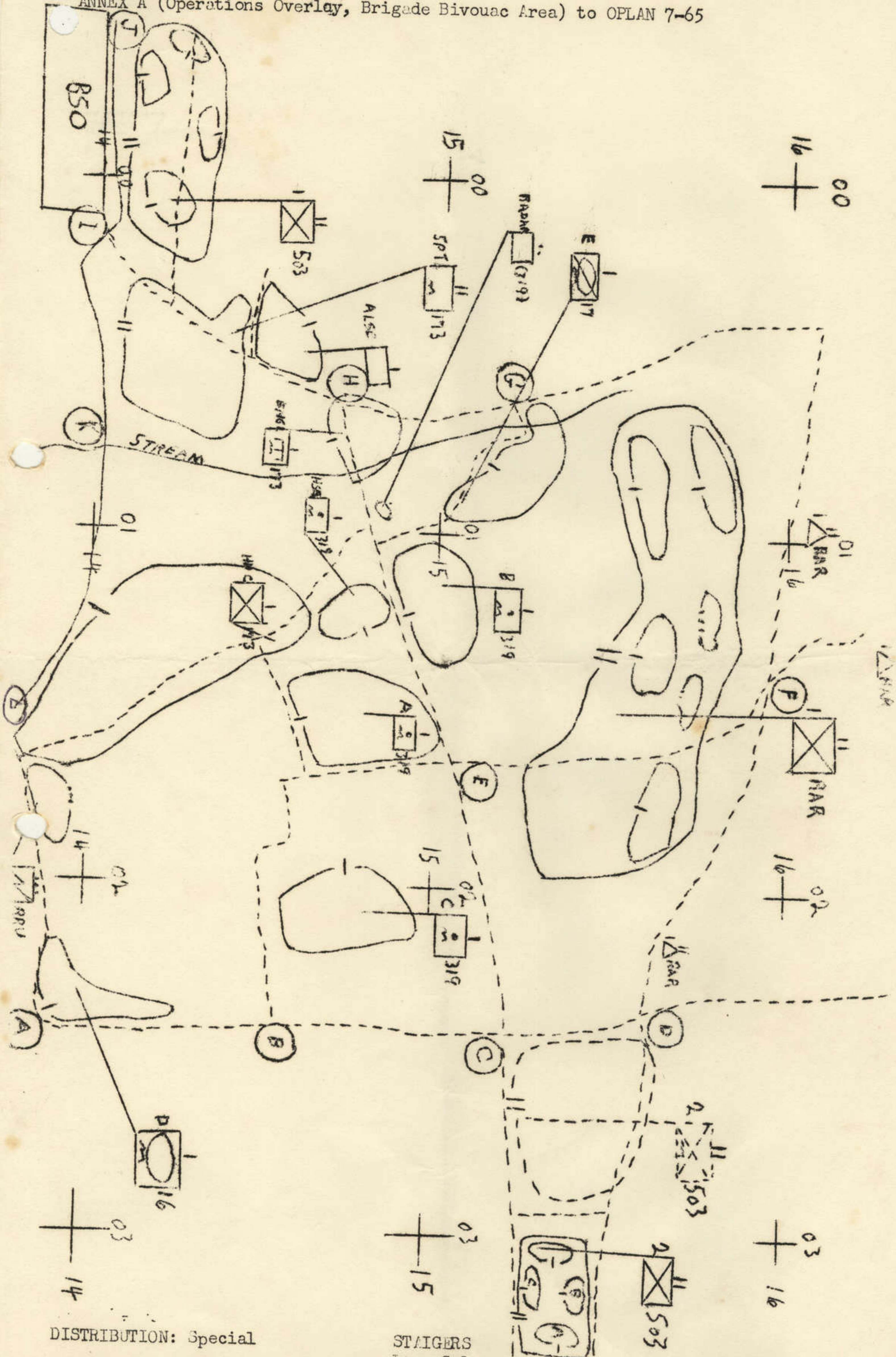

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Arrange transportation for 1/RAR from present position to Bien Hoa and for movement of RAR into Tan Uyn area and then to here on 30 June.

~~1/~~ Commanding Officer, 1/RAR to S3, 173d Airborne Brigade (Separate) and 145th Aviation Battalion:

I will move 560 men, 4 - 81mm mortars, 1 slick load of ammo and jerry cans to the objective area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE)
APO U. S. Forces 96250

RIABN

29 June 1965

173d FRAG Order Number 5

At 290945 June the Commanding General issued the following verbal order:

Persons present:

Colonel Jackson - Commanding Officer, AAFV
Lieutenant Colonel Brumfield - Commanding Officer, 1/RAR
Major Clark - S3, 1/RAR
Major Klein - Executive Officer, 145th Aviation Battalion
Lt Reed - S2, 173d Abn Bde (Sep)
Lt Col Tyler, S3, 173d Airborne Brigade (Sep)
Captain Rollins - S4, 173d Abn Bde (Sep)
Captain Bliss - Avn Officer, 173d Abn Bde (Sep)
Captain Howard - ALO, 173d Abn Bde (Sep)
Lt Col Staigers - Commanding Officer, 173d Spt Bn

To Commanding Officer, 1/RAR from Commanding General:

1. Be at Bien Hoa Air Field at 291410 Jun ready to load.
2. Plan on 50 slicks, take off time 291430 June.
3. Mission - Land vic coord XT993326 commencing approximately 291445 June. Secure SE S & W portion, present position TF 3/319, investigate as far to S & W as time permits. Upon withdrawal of TF 3/319 from "B", be prepared to screen ahead along route RED LEG. Be especially alert for mines, booby traps, and ambushes. You will operate directly under 173d Airborne Brigade (Separate) command. Either my DCO or I will be in the forward CP. Attach your APC's to TF Rear Commander (Lt Col Staigers) effective 291400 June for rear area security and securing convoy movement on 30 June. Two slicks and a light fire team are available now for recon. Artillery FO's will be made available to you in the objective area.

To Executive Officer, 145th Aviation Battalion:

1. Lift 1st/RAR into LZ XT993326 in same slicks moving in to extract ARVN Airborne Brigade.

To S4, 173d Airborne Brigade (Separate):

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APPENDIX P

FRAG ORDER 11

Directed TF Org 1st RAR

TO 1RAR

1RAR Bn is directed to move 1 COY into area A9 commencing 240800 H (DTG) by VEHICLE to establish unit perimeter in assigned area, conduct limited daylight patrolling, and maintain a tight night perimeter. Rules of engagement SOP. Unit to remain in area A9 until 251000 H (DTG) then initiate return to this area. Unit will be prepared to move to area ✓ and continue mission prior to returning to this area at - (DTG). 3/319th Arty will support by fire. Spt Bn will be prepared to augment unit transportation on call.

Coordinating Instructions

- a. Battalion report selected company and route
- b. CO of selected company (and Bn representative if desired) will attend coordination meeting at Dong Nai Sector at 231600 H (DTG). Unit CO will coordinate with ARVN commander on link-up points, LNO's and guides.
- c. Brigade will furnish one (1) National Policeman per company to be picked up at S3 Opns Center at 240730 H (DTG).
- d. Unit will deploy with Arty FC.
- e. Unit carry AS DESIRED 81mm Mor. Other Special equipment -.
- f. Unit will mark helipad and be prepared to mark N,S,E, & W limits with panels.
- g. Air request relayed this HQ via Bn Net.

h. Battalion will maintain control on Bn Fm Net. Bn will provide committed unit with capability of maintaining entry into Bde Cmd as well as Bn Fm Net. Bde will initiate hourly commo checks with committed unit. Unit will use call sign assigned on Bn Fm Net.

j. Battalion will report tactical situation hourly. Deployed unit will take and install antenna 292.

k. Loss of commo between Battalion and deployed unit will be reported this HQ ASAP.

l. Aerial resupply and recon available this HQ on request.

m. 1RAR will provide convoy security to and from area. A9.

n. Be especially careful of booby traps.

o. Report attitude of local populace.

p. Other special instructions:

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Acknowledge

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Brig Gen

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HQ Aust Army Force VIETNAM
SAIGON

17 Jun 65

1 RAR
ALSC

VISIT BY LT GEN SIR JOHN
WILTON K.B.E., D.S.O., C.B.
CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF

1. In confirmation of verbal advice the CGS will visit 1 RAR and ALSC on Wednesday 23 Jun 65.
2. Planned itinerary is as follows:-
 - 1140 hrs - Depart VUNG TAU by US helicopter.
 - 1210 hrs - Arrive HQ 173 AB Bde. Met by Comd 173 AB Bde, CO 1 RAR and OC ALSC.
 - 1240 hrs - Depart HQ 173 AB Bde in 1 RAR transport for 1 RAR.
 - Lunch 1 RAR.
 - Inspect 1 RAR and APC Tp.
 - 1545 hrs - Depart 1 RAR in ALSC transport. Meet CO 173 AB Bde Sp Bn.
 - Inspect ALSC.
 - 1645 hrs - Depart HQ 173 AB Bde for SAIGON.
3. HQ 173 AB Bde has been advised separately of the visit and the helicopter has been arranged by HQ MACV.

2/....4. The CGS

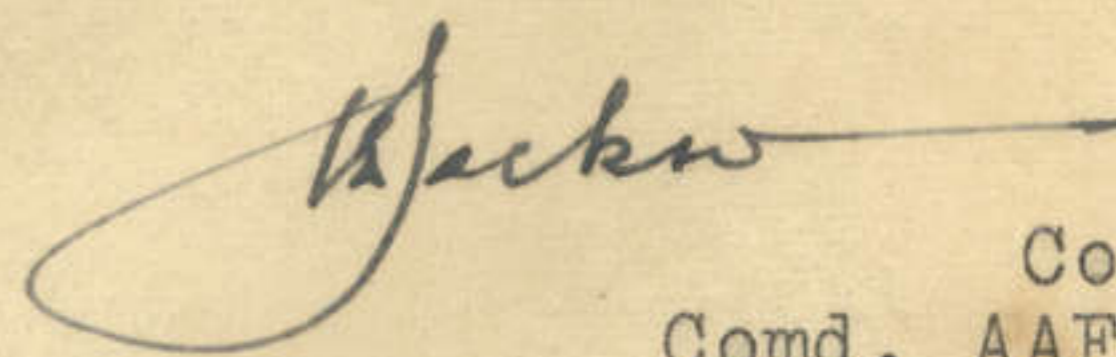
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4. The CGS will be accompanied by Col JACKSON, COMAAFV;
Lt Col N MILLS, USMC Representative COMUSMACV; Lt Col R GARDNER,
Mil Asst to CGS.

5. ALSC will, if possible, arrange for CO 173 Sp Bn
to meet the CGS in the ALSC area.



Col
Comd, AAFV

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1RAR
BIEN HOA
22 Jun 65

VISIT OF THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF
LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR JOHN WILTON KBE CB DSO ON 23 JUN 65

1. The Chief of General Staff Lt Gen Sir John WILTON KBE CB DSO and Col O D JACKSON Comd AAFV will visit 1RAR at BIEN HOA on 23 Jun 65.

2. The itinerary for the visit is as follows:-

Serial	Time	Event	Remarks
1.	1245 ¹²³⁰ hrs	Arrival at 1RAR hel pad	
2.	1300 ¹²⁴⁵ hrs 1330 ¹³¹⁵ hrs	Lunch in Offrs ^{Comd's} Mess	To attend- ^{21e} OCs B Coy, C Coy, D Coy, Sp Coy, Adm Coy, Adjt
3.	1330 ¹³¹⁵ hrs 1545 ¹⁵¹⁵ hrs	Inspection of 1RAR posn in order of Adm Coy, PWH, B Coy, C Coy, D Coy	
4.	1545 ¹⁵³⁰ hrs	Departs Hel Pad for ALSC and Sp Bn	

NOTE:


- Coy ~~Comds~~ are to meet the CGS at the entrance to their position.
- All areas are to be clean and tidy; particular attention ~~will~~ ^{is to} be paid to the tents.
- Only persons on official 'rest' ~~will~~ ^{are to} be inside pl tentage.

3. This document is classified 'SECRET' until 30 Jun 65 when it may be downgraded to 'CONFIDENTIAL' and destroyed.

Distribution

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B Coy
C Coy
D Coy
Sp Coy
Adm Coy
PWLH
Det 709 Sig Tp
~~ERC~~
~~IC~~

cc
21e
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Comd's Diary


Lt Col I
CO 1RAR

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I RAR Officers present at 1 Jul 65.

2507	Lt Col	IRW	BRUMFIELD	CO
235034	Maj	HM	LANDER	2IC
335092	Maj	JB	HEALY	OC A Coy
335062	Maj	ID	McFARLANE	OC B Coy
28362	Maj	JJ	TATTAM	OC C Coy
235045	Maj	EJ	HARPER	OC D Coy
311479	Maj	J	ESSEX-CLARK	OC Sp Coy
28755	Maj	PG	SHARP	OC Adm Coy
29113	Capt	RA	DUCIE	Adjt
235200	Capt	DF	PAUL	2IC A Coy
235227	Capt	PM	ARNISON	2IC B Coy
311468	Capt	MF	LE BARS	2IC C Coy
26931	Capt	D	ROTHWELL	2IC D Coy
37811	Capt	MC	PECK	Mor Pl Comd
235204	Capt	MJ	CARROLL	Sig Pl Comd
1252	Capt	TJ	BUCKLEY	QM
43723	Capt	J	CAMPBELL	RMO
215711	Lt	JD	McNAMARA	Asst Adjt
242772	Lt	KA	ANDERSON	Aslt Pnr Pl Comd
18270	2lt	EJ	CULPEP	1 Pl Comd A Coy
37615	2lt	NE	BROWN	2 Pl Comd A Coy
38175	2lt	GOG	WILLIAMS	3 Pl Comd A Coy
37772	2lt	GE	BOLEPHO	4 Pl Comd B Coy
37479	2lt	WF	HINDSON	5 Pl Comd B Coy
215014	2lt	PA	SIBREE	6 Pl Comd B Coy
54726	2lt	JP	DWYER	7 Pl Comd C Coy
61317	2lt	WE	KAINE	8 Pl Comd C Coy
215573	2lt	RD	LOFTUS	9 Pl Comd C Coy
38049	2lt	OS	LIND	10 Pl Comd D Coy
18252	2lt	JR	BOURKE	11 Pl Comd D Coy
215340	2lt	CE	LEGGETT	12 Pl Comd D Coy
29265	Lt	DN	COLLINS	2IC Mor Pl
315119	Lt	CJ	PEACOCK	Atk Pl Comd
16264	2lt	WJ	GILES	TO
36822	2lt	JF	IRVINE	AQM
216196	Lt	IM	GUID	IO
37979	Capt	J	CUDMORE	Chaplian (Attached)
51407	Lt	R	HILL	PWLM (Attached)
	Brig	A	HALL	Salvation Army (Attached)