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LZ TAPE, RVN

29 Sep 69

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REFERENCE: Map Sheet, RVN #6738, AN LAO, 1:50,000.

TASK ORGANIZATION: No Change.

1. (C) SITUATION:

(a) ENEMY FORCES: Annex A - Intelligence.

(b) Friendly Forces:

(1) 173rd Airborne Bde participates in combined US/ARVN operation commencing 1 Oct 69.

(2) 3/503rd conducts search and clear operation as a composite battalion in AO GINGER commencing 010800 Oct 69.

(c) Attachments and Detachments: None.

2. (C) MISSION:

1/12th participates in combined US/ARVN operation commencing 010900 Oct 69; conducting search and clear operation in AO SUSAN, and blocks movement of enemy forces to the South.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

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

(1) Maneuver

Phase I: 1/12th conducts airmobile assault with one company into upper AN LAO VALLEY (AO SUSAN) commencing 010900 Oct 69.

Phase II: 1/12th moves by foot two (2) companies into upper AN LAO VALLEY (AO SUSAN) commencing 010700 Oct 69.

Phase III: Upon insertion into AO, Battalion conducts search and clear operation in AO SUSAN; blocks as required to prevent enemy movement to the South; one company remaining at LZ TAPE for employment as Brigade immediate reaction force.

(2) Fires: Annex C, Fire Support. A ten (10) minute preparation will be fired for CA, Tac Air prep available on call. Priority of fires to A Co. initially, thereafter to Brigade immediate reaction force (C Co.).

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- (b) A Co. on 010900 Oct 69 moves by airmobile assault from PZ MUSTANG (BS745121) to LZ vicinity grid (BS795173). Thereafter conducts search and clear operation in sector.
- (c) B Co. on 010700 Oct 69 moves by foot from PB at grid (BS752138) initially to vicinity (BS752168). Thereafter conducts a search and clear operation in sector.
- (d) C Co. - Fire Base TAPE security initially until committed as Brigade immediate reaction force in AO BARBARA.
- (e) D Co. on 010700 Oct 69 moves by foot from PB at grid (BS745150) initially to vicinity (BS740170). Thereafter conducts a search and clear operation in sector.
- (f) Recon Plat - on 010700 Oct 69 commences RIF as directed from vicinity grid (BS740150).
- (g) Hv Mort Plat - Fire Base TAPE.
- (h) B/4-42 (DS) - priority of fires initially to A Co., thereafter to C Co. if committed.
- (i) 1/C/4th Engr. - Be prepared to commit personnel as required for demolition requirements in AO on order, *and other engineer tasks.*
- (j) Coordinating Instructions:
  - (1) ACL for UH-1 aircraft (6) PAX.
  - (2) ACL for CH-47 aircraft (35) PAX.
  - (3) Aircraft Resources:
    - (a) (16) Slicks, (3) Hooks, (1) CC ship.
  - (4) All elements submit timely reports on all items encountered of intel nature, and any other significant events.
  - (5) *Comms - in addition to hourly SITREPs*
  - (6) A combined ARVN/US coordination center for this operation commences operation at 40th ARVN CP 30 Sep 69.
  - (7) If Brigade reaction force is committed, a force of sufficient strength will be constituted by the 173rd Airborne Bde to secure TAPE.
  - (8) Fires within 500m of a common boundary will be coordinated through the Bn Arty LNO.
  - (9) Anticipated duration of operation (5) days.
  - (10) Backhaul of light organics each day will be provided by this hqs.

4. (C) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

(a) Administration:

- (1) Casualty reports: Each forward element responsible for casualty reporting on a timely basis to this hqs.
- (2) Strength Reports: A daily strength report will be furnished by this hqs, current each day NLT 1700 hrs.

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(b) Logistics:

- (1) Bn Trains remain vicinity No. English; continue resupply for forward elements from No. English and FB TAPE.
- (2) Resupply: By helicopter controlled by this hqs (all classes).
- (3) Med Evac: Normal Dustoff SOP as required, called to this hqs.
- (4) PW Cell Pt. Evacuate to 172nd MI Det (BS75012) LZ ENGLISH.

5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

- (a) Signal : Current SOI in effect; Index 50C-10.
- (b) Command: CP located LZ ENGLISH.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

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ANNEXES: A - Intel  
B - Operation Overlay  
C - Fire Support

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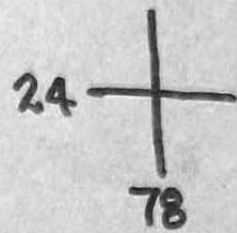
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ANNEX B TO  
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AO GINGER

$3/503^1 = 1/12$

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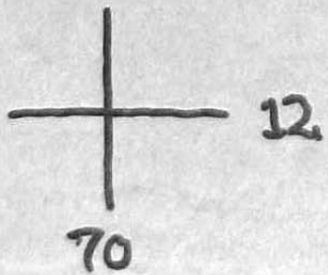
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