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1st BN 12th INF  
LZ TAPE, RVN  
10 Oct 69

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REFERENCE: Map SVN, 1:50,000, Sheets 6738 II, 6738 III

TASK ORGANIZATION: No change except:

BN Control  
ADD: G/7-17 Cav (OPCON 110700H Oct 69)

1. (C) SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 173rd Abn Bde continues Operation Washington Green and conducts recon in force to determine effectiveness of recent ARC LIGHT strikes.

(2) 7-15 Arty GSR 3-319th FA.

(3) 7th AF provides TAG Air Spt.

c. Attachments and Detachments: 1/B OPCON to 3-319th, effec 100700 Oct 69.

2. (C) MISSION

1/12th conducts reconnaissance in force to determine effectiveness of ARC LIGHT strikes in area vicinity BS5512 and BS5712.

3. (C) EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation: Annex A - Operation Overlay.

(1) Maneuver: The operation will be conducted in 2 phases:

(a) Phase I. 1/12th conducts reconnaissance in force operation by combat assault with two rifle companies into LZ BS562098; conducting detailed reconnaissance of ARC LIGHT boxes bounded by BS545135, 555135, 545105, 555105; and BS565135, 575135, 565105, 575105.

(b) Phase II. 1/12th conducts extraction of two maneuver companies, on order, commencing NLT 1600H D+1.

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(2) Fires: Annex B, Fire Support. Tac Air will prep LZ vicinity BS562098 commencing H-36. (5) minute arty prep commences H-6 on LZ vicinity BS562098.

b. A Co - conducts combat assault into LZ BS562098; from there moves by foot into ARC LIGHT Box (1) to conduct BDA. On order, D+1, returns to LZ for extraction.

c. B Co - continues operations vicinity PB as indicated.

d. C Co - conducts combat assault into LZ BS562098; from there moves by foot into ARC LIGHT Box (2) to conduct BDA. On order, D+1, returns to LZ for extraction.

e. D Co - Fire Base TAPE security.

f. Recon Plat - continues operations in sector as directed.

g. Hv Mort - GS.

h. 1/C Engr -

i. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Aircraft allocation:

(a) C&C aircraft reports to TAPE 0700 D Day.

(b) (7) slicks, 2 gunships, 2 CH-47 for combat assault H-hour report to PZ vicinity of TAPE; order of march: A Co at H-20; and then shuttle of C Co follows.

(c) Aircraft allocation same for extraction.

(d) Extraction on order but NLT than 1600H, D+1 day.

(e) G/7-17 Cav OPCON to 1/12th for screening mission 0700H, D-day.

(f) D-Day tentatively 11 Oct 69.

(g) H-Hour is tentatively 0830H.

4. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Omitted.

5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL

a. Signal: Current SOI in effect.

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b. Comments in SAC CP with A Guy rear CP at LE TAFE.

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ANNEX A - Operation Overlay

ANNEX B - Fire Report

Instructions A

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ANNEX B (Fire Support) to OPORD 8-69

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1. (U) SITUATION: Basic OPORD.
2. (C) MISSION. Direct support artillery, tacair, and helicopter gunships support the operation.
3. (C) EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation:
    - (1) Maneuver: See OPORD.
    - (2) Fires: At H-36 min, tac air begins preparation of LZ grid BS562098; at H-6, 1/C/3-319th begins prep of LZ grid BS562098; at H-1 min, gunships precede troop-carrying ships to LZ grid BS562098.
  - b. Air Support: Tac aircraft prepares LZ grid BS562098 from H-36 to H-6 using MK 117, 750 lb bombs.
  - c. Artillery Support: One plat C/3-319th prepares LZ grid BS562098 from H-6 to H-1 min using VT and PD fuzes mixed.
  - d. Helicopter Gunships: Gunships make low level passes across LZ grid BS562098 ahead of troop ships and orbit above the LZ until released.
  - e. Coordinating Instructions:
    - (1) See Appendix 1, Detailed Sequence of Events.
    - (2) H-Hour, 110830H Oct 69.
4. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.
5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL.
  - a. Signal: NCS for fire during operation is FDC/3-319th.
    - (1) Frequency for fire support: 62.70.
    - (2) Call sign: Certain tents.
    - (3) Time NCS will open net: 110700H Oct 69.
  - b. Command: No change.

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APPENDIX 1 (Detailed Sequence of Events) to ANNEX B (Fire Support) to OPOD 8-69.

- H-1 hour: Commo check (FDC/3-319th) (1/C/3-319th) (FAC).
- H-50 min: PAC aircraft in vic target area.
- H-36 min: Airstrike begins.
- H-16 min: Time Hack - first arty rds on gd in 10 min.
- H-11 min: First rds on grnd in 5 min.
- H-10 min: First rds on grnd in 4 min.
- H-9 min: First rds on grnd in 3 min.
- H-8 min: First rds on grnd in 2 min.
- H-7 min: First rds on grnd in 1 min (sec by sec countdown).
- H-6 min: Airstrike ends, first arty rds on ground.
- H-5 min: Last rds on ground in 4 min.
- H-4 min: Last rds on ground in 3 min.
- H-3 min: Last rds on ground in 2 min.
- H-2 min: Last rd WP on ground in 1 min (sec by sec countdown).
- H-1 min: WP on ground; 1/C/3-319th Abn FA ECM; gunships escort troop ships to LZ.

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