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reference: Map, South Vietnam, 1:50,000; Series 17014

Task Organization: 1-12 Inf(-)
 1-Sec 4th MP Co
 A/4/42
 2/3/C/4th Eng

1. (C) SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM
- b. Friendly Forces: 2d Bde, terminates operations in Base Area 226 and on 10 Oct 70 deploys forces north and south of Highway 19 and in VINH THANH VALLEY to upgrade the security of the populated areas and to locate and destroy the 95B NVA Regt.
- c. Attachments and Detachments: See Task Organization.

2. (C) MISSION

1-12 Inf terminates stand-down at Camp Radcliff at 130600 Oct 70 and conducts operations in the VINH THANH VALLEY, initiates small unit operations to upgrade the security of the populated areas; conducts combined operations with RF/PF to upgrade their operational capabilities. One company on Golf Course security mission.

3. (C) EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation: 1-12 Inf moves from the stand-down area at Camp Radcliff and moves by motor convoy to LZ HARDTIMES in two phases.
 Phase I - Movement of advance party at 121300 Oct 70 and Phase II - Movement of Bn(-) at 130900 Oct 70. Upon arrival at VINH THANH VALLEY, Bn CP will locate at LZ HARDTIMES. Rifle companies locate at company patrol bases performing security mission and conducting combined operations with RF/PF forces. Resupply during this operation - by vehicle.
- b. Co A: Perform Golf Course security mission effective 111800 Oct 70.
- c. Co B: Move with march unit #1, perform advance guard mission to VINH THANH VALLEY. Occupy company patrol base(see opn o'lay), initiate small unit ops in assigned AO to upgrade security of populated areas. Be prepared to conduct combined operations with RF/PF forces.
- d. Co C: Move with march unit #1 to VINH THANH VALLEY. Occupy company patrol base(see opn o'lay), initiate small unit ops in assigned AO to upgrade security of populated areas. Be prepared to conduct combined ops with RF/PF forces. Provide one(1) platoon for security of LZ HARDTIMES and provide one(1) squad for security of advance party.
- e. Co D: Move with march unit #1, perform rear guard mission to VINH THANH VALLEY. Occupy company patrol base(see opn o'lay), initiate small unit ops in assigned AO to upgrade security of populated areas. Be prepared to conduct combined ops with RF/PF forces.
- f. Evy Mort: Move with march unit #1 to LZ HARDTIMES. Provide general support for 1-12 Inf in assigned AO.
- g. A/4/42: Move to LZ HARDTIMES, provide DIRECT support for 1-12 Inf in assigned AO.
- h. Sec 4th MP Co: Provide security for convoy enroute. Remain at LZ HARDTIMES. Provide security missions as required.
- i. 2/3/C/4th Eng: Move with march unit #1. Perform construction and maintenance missions as required in assigned AO.
- j. Recon Plats: Move to assigned AO, perform security missions to upgrade security of the populated areas(see o'lay).
- k. Generalizing Instructions:
 - (1) Vehicles for move will be spotted as follows:
 - a. Co B, Eng, Bn CP, A/4/42, Recon, and Co C company street facing Golf Course.
 - b. Co C, D, on their company street facing Golf Course.
 - c. Bn Trains join column via airport road. Follow Co B.
 - (2) Truck capacity (2 1/2) - 18 personnel.
 - (3) SP - See strip map.
 - (4) CP - See strip map.
 - (5) RP - See strip map.
 - (6) All units be loaded and ready for movement NLT 130830 Oct 70. Mvmt to SP to start at 0830 hours.

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- (7) ITC Commanders: West route(s) guided from station area to SF. Exit every other portion of Co B to allow trains to join column.
- (8) Escort Security: ITC
- (9) ITC vehicles accompany companies to company patrol base.

4. (C) SERVICE SUPPORT

- a. Transportation provided by ITC ITC to plus organic vehicles.
- b. Vehicles spotted at loading areas ITC 0730 hours 13 Oct 70.
- c. Each individual carry 4 days Class I, and basic load of Class V.
- d. Co B1 will provide Class IV from LA BARRACKS.
- e. Vehicle Allocation: See Road Movement Table.
- f. Company patrol bases resupplied from LA BARRACKS.
- g. In Trains at LA BARRACKS.

5. (C) ORDER AND SIGNAL

- a. Signal:
 - (1) Current ITC, ITC in effect.
 - (2) Exit companies report movement of SF, CP's and SF and closure

of company patrol base.
b. Command: In and group follows Train, arrives and then operates from LA BARRACKS.

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ANNEX A (Road Movement Table) to OPORD 16-70
 Reference: Map, South VietNam, 1:50,000; Series L7014

1. Average Speed: Road - 30 MPH; Town or Village - 15 MPH; Catch Up Speed - 35 MPH.
2. Traffic Density: 10 Vehicles per KM. (100 meters between vehicles)
3. Halts: No Scheduled Halts. Unavoidable Halts (See ANNEX D).
4. Route: ALPHA (See Strip Map)
5. Critical Points:

LOCATIONS	DESCRIPTION
SP 492455	At Secondary Road & HWY 19
CP1 582438	Major Curve on HWY 19
CP2 627472	RJ Hwy 19 & 3A
CP3 640506	Junc Stream & Song Con River
CP4 629548	RJ 3A & Secondary Road
RP 613577	Junc of Shoi Xen River & Hwy 19
LZ HARDTIMES 615606	
6. Main Route to Start Point: See Strip Map (Guides posted at critical Points by HHC Commandant.)
7. Main Route from Release Point:
 - a. Quartering Party - HWY 3A to LZ HARDTIMES
 - b. March Units - See OPNS O'LAY
8. March Units:

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DATE	ORGANIZATION AND COMMANDER	NO OF VEHICLES	FROM	TO	ROUTE	CRITICAL POINTS	AIR TIME	OTHER TIMES
	LTC Harris En CMD Group 2/3/4th Eng	2- 1/2T 1-2 1/2T	CP RADCLIFF	LZ HARDTIMES	ALPHA	CP CP1- CP2- CP3- CP4- RP- LZ	0903 0907 0916 0950 1010 1019 1026	0904 0928 0947 0959 1011 1020 1027
	Lt Sytma Hvy Mort Plat	3-2 1/2T	CP RADCLIFF	LZ HARDTIMES	ALPHA	CP CP1- CP2- CP3 CP4- RP- LZ	0905 0924 0928 1000 1012 1021 1028	0906 0930 0939 1001 1013 1022 1029
	Lt Wise En Recon Plat	2-2 1/2T	CP RADCLIFF	Coord 637574		CP CP1 CP2 CP3 CP4 RP	0907 0931 0950 1002 1014 1023	0908 0922 0951 1003 1015 1024
	Cpt Nettles Co C	7-2 1/2T	CP RADCLIFF	Coord 613585		CP CP1 CP2 CP3 CP4	0909 0935 0952 1004 1016	0911 0935 0954 1006 1018

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ARCH UNIT	DATE	ORGANIZATION AND COMMANDER	NO OF VEHICLES	FROM	TO	ROUTE	NO OF CRITICAL POINTS	ARRIVAL TIME	CLEAR TIME
		Cpt Hickson Co D	7-2 1/2T	GP RADCLIFF	Coord 605565	Route	87-407455 87-422434 87-427472 87-440506 87-443548	0912 0916 0955 1007 1019	0914 0938 0957 1009 1021

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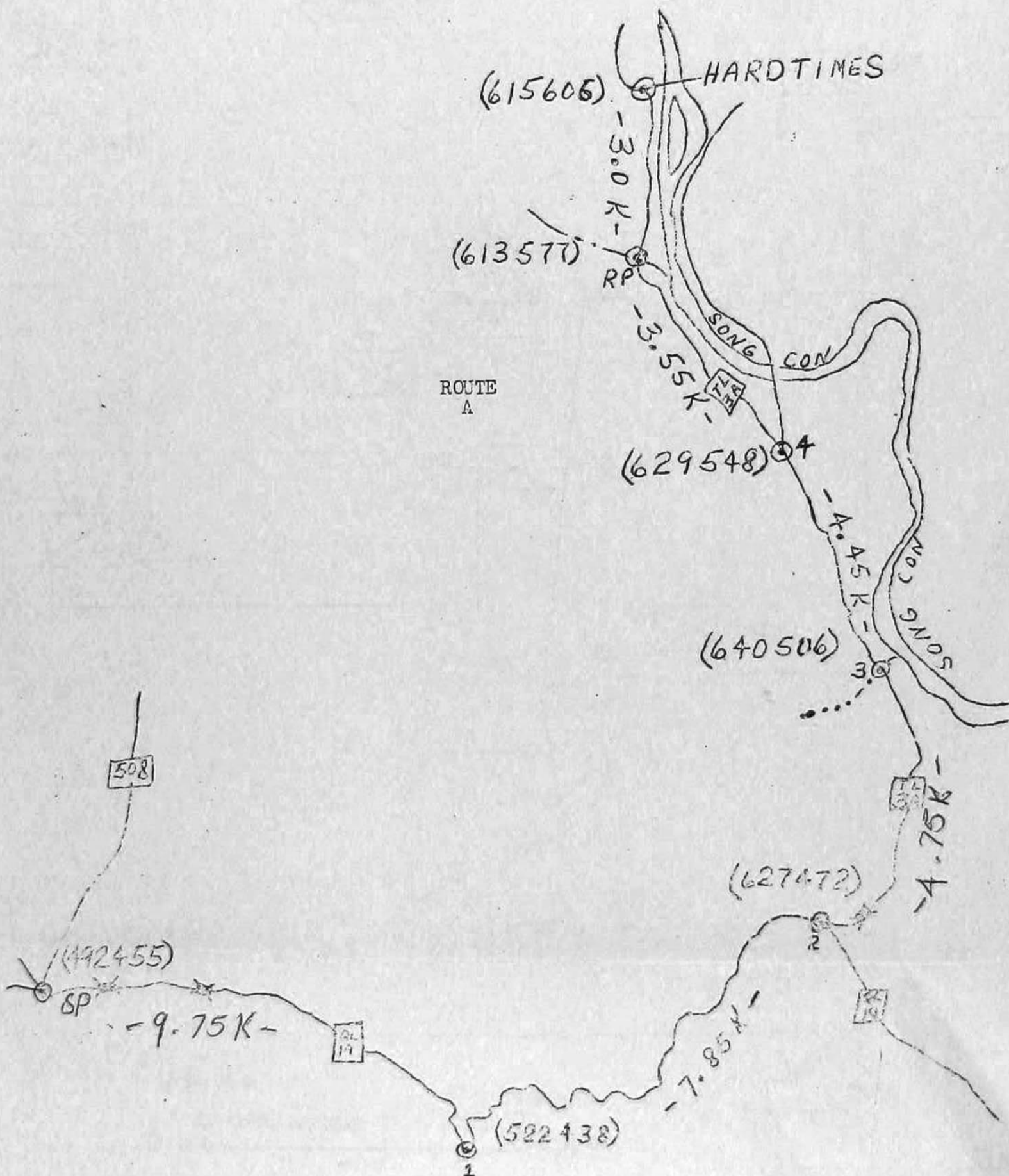
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Annex B (Strip Map) to OPORD 16-70
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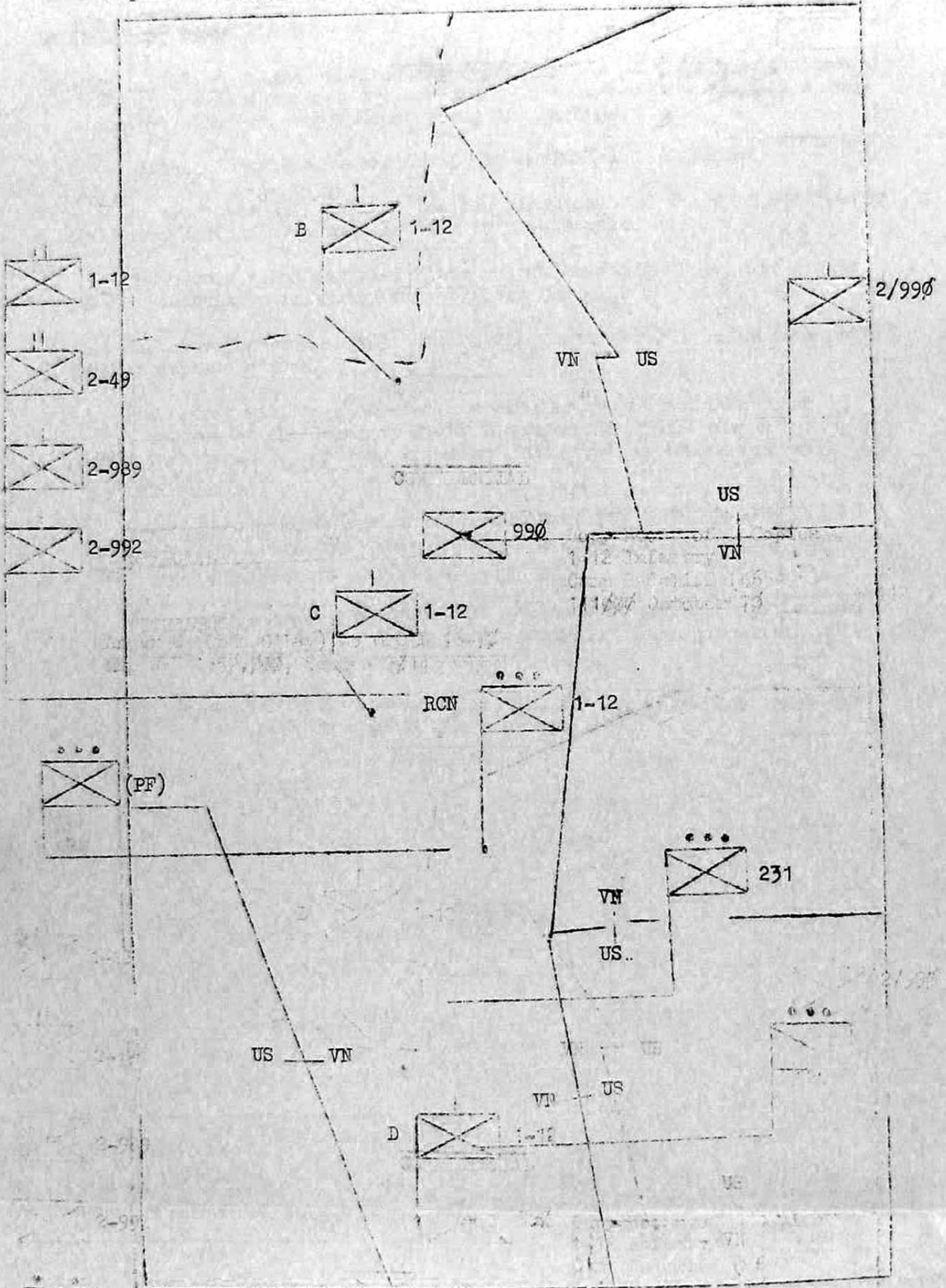
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ANNEX D (Halts Procedure) To OPORD 16-70
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HALTS DURING MOTOR MOVEMENT

1. There will be no scheduled halts on Highway 19. Emergency halts enroute may be made provided convoys are assembled in a secure area such as a camp, base support base, or pump station along the highway.
2. Unavoidable, unscheduled halts will be conducted as follows:
 - a. All vehicles will pull to the far right side of the road but remain on the paved surface to permit traffic to pass unrestricted.
 - b. The convoy commander will place guards, warning flags, and lights or flares (security permitting) at the front and rear of the convoy.
 - c. The convoy commander will organize security around the halted convoy to prevent surprise attack.
 - d. The convoy will be closed to a vehicular gap of not less than 25 meters if ordered by the Security Force Commander to facilitate security command and control. Otherwise, the normal interval of 100 meters will be maintained.
 - e. Convoy personnel will stay in close proximity to their vehicles for control purposes and will wear the steel helmet, fragmentation jacket, and carry their weapons.
 - f. Escort gun-vehicle personnel will continue to man their automatic weapons and provide security for the halted convoy. These personnel will not dismount from their vehicles.
 - g. Indigenous personnel and vehicles will not be allowed to congregate around military vehicles or congest the highway.

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