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 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf  
 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div  
 Duc Pho, RVN  
 040800H Sep 67

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OPORD 32-67 (Operation COOK) (U)

References: Maps, Vietnam, 1:50,000, series L7014, sheets 6638I, 6639II, 6739II, 6738IV.

Bde OPORD 33-67 (COOK), dated 311200H August 1967.

Task Organization: Co A 2-502  
 Engr Clearing Tm.  
 Scout Dog Tm.

MIKE Force Co.

Co B 2-502  
 Engr Clearing Tm.  
 Scout Dog Tm.

Recondos 2-502  
 Engr Clearing Tm.

Co C 2-502  
 Engr Clearing Tm.  
 Scout Dog Tm.

Bn Control  
 HHC(-)  
 Hvy Mortar Plt  
 3rd Plt, A-326 Engr(-)

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1. (S-NOFORN) SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: ANNEX B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces:

- (1) 1st Bde(Abn) 101st Abn Div conducts operations to find, fix, and destroy VC/NVA forces and to neutralize VC/NVA base camps in and around Base Area 121 and northern portion on the SONG VE Valley.
- (2) 1-327 conducts airmobile displacement on D+2 to Quang Ngai airport and conducts airmobile assault into northwest portion of SIBRET AO to commence search and destroy operations to the north in zone.
- (3) 2-327 conducts airmobile assault on D-Day into southeast portion of SIBRET AO and commences search and destroy operations in zone.

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- (4) Two CIDG Companies, HA THANH CIDG Camp, establish blocking positions west of the SONG TRA KHUC River (BS4370) on suspected enemy egress routes north commencing D+2 in direct support of 1st Bde. 101st Abn Div operations.
- (5) C-320 Arty (DS)
- (6) A/2-11 Arty (155 Towed) OPCON 2-320 Arty.
- (7) 7th Air Force provides tactical air support.
- (8) 176th Assault Avn Co DS to 1st Bde. 101st Abn Div

c. Attachments and Detachments: Task Org.

2. (S-NOFORN) MISSION: 2-502 on D+3, L-Hour conducts airmobile assault into N. portion of SIBRET AO and commences search and destroy operations to north in zone.

3. (S-NOFORN) EXECUTION:

- a. Concept of Operation: ANNEX A, Operation Overlay. On D+3, L-Hour, 2-502 conducts airmobile assault from CARENTAN Base directly into SIBRET AO in four LZ's. MIKE Force moves by air to Quang Ngai Airfield on D+3 and conducts air assault into two LZ's, and commences search and destroy operations. Artillery/Air preps of all LZ's will be fired on known or suspected enemy locations. Barrier fires will be planned on avenues of approach and egress near LZ's. Priority of fires to assaulting elements until closure, then troops in contact. ANNEX C Fire Support.
- b. Co A: Land LZ APPLE, conduct search and destroy operations to north.
- c. Co B: Land LZ PEAR, conduct search and destroy operations to north.
- d. Co C: Land LZ CHERRY, conduct search and destroy operations to north.
- e. MIKE Force Co: Land LZ's MIKE N. and MIKE S., establish blocking/ambush positions on suspected enemy egress routes to north.
- f. Recondos: Land LZ PEACH, secure LZ for Tac CP until relieved, conduct search and destroy operations in AO.
- g. Hvy Mortar Plt: GS vicinity Tac CP with 2 81mm and 2 4.2" mortars, be prepared to provide a platoon sized force as Bn IAF.
- h. 3rd Plt, A-326 Engr(-): GS

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i. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) D-Day, H-Hour 020800H Sep 1967. D+3, L-Hour 050752H Sep 67.
- (2) Order of Insertion: Co B, Recondo, Co A, Co C, MIKE Force Co., Tac CP to be integrated.
- (3) Boundries are FCL's and are effective 0001H, D+3.
- (4) Each squad sized element carry VS-17 panel for identification of friendly elements.
- (5) Plan maximum use of supporting fires; precede assaulting forces by walking fires in on enemy fortified positions.
- (6) Commanders will not fire indiscriminately into populated areas.

4. (S-NOFORN) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: ANNEX D

5. (S-NOFORN) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

- a. Signal: Current SOI's in effect.
- b. Command: CO in C&C ship until airmobile assault completed and the Tac CP established.

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ANNEXES:

- A- Operation Overlay
- B- Intelligence
- C- Fire Support
- D- Admin/Log
- E- Civil Affairs/Psypops
- F- Air Movement (TBP)

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1. Situation:

a. Enemy Forces:

- 1.) Annex A (Intelligence) to OPORD 32-67
- 2.) Enemy capabilities - See current INSUMS.

b. Friendly Forces: See OPORD 32-67

2. Mission:

- a. On D-Day 2/502 (Abn) Inf supported by all available fire support means, conducts airmobile assaults on LZ's Pear, Peach, Apple, and Cherry in western portion of assigned AO. Commence operations to find, fix and destroy VC/NVA forces.

3. Execution:

a. Concept of operation: See OPORD 32-67

b. Air Support:

- 1.) General: 7th U.S. Air Force and 176th Aviation Company will support 2/502 (Abn) Inf with LZ preps, planned and on call air strikes throughout operation (COOK). Air Caps will be on station throughout insertion of 2/502 (Abn) Inf.

2.) Allocations:

- a.) One flight of TAC Air for each LZ prep armed with GP bombs and 20mm cannon.
- b.) Gunships (Number TBA) armed with 7.62 MG and rockets.
- c.) FAC and FAC Aircraft on station and on call throughout LZ preps and subsequent operations, an air observer will accompany the FCA during LZ preps when available.
- d.) Miscellaneous (Air Fire Support) Appendix I TBP.

c. Artillery Support:

- 1.) General: Artillery will support (COOK) with planned and on call fires on LZ's, suspect routes of travel, suspected enemy base camps and targets of opportunity. Priority of fires to troops in contact.

2.) Organization for Combat:

- a.) Btry C 2/320
- b.) Btry B 2/320
- c.) Btry A 2/11

3.) Miscellaneous: Appendix 2 (Arty Fire Plan)

- a.) Target List.

d. Coordinating Instructions:

- 1.) Artillery air observers on station with FAC when possible.

2.) LZ Preps

- a.) 20 minute maximum directions.

3.) Arty preps will be preceded by AF preps. Coordination between Arty LNO FAC's and Gunships is authorized for LZ preps.

- 4.) Boundaries are FOL. Fires within 500 meters of adjacent units must be cleared thru Fixed Fire P/O.

4. Admin and Log: Omitted

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nd Signal:

Signal: FD-3 45.10 (Fixed Fire 50)  
e.) Command: Omitted

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2 - Arty Fire Support

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Annex II (Arty Fire Plan) to Annex C (Fire Support Plan) to OPORD 32-67  
Reference: OPORD 32-67

1. A short intensive, combined arms prep will be conducted on each LZ as shown in TAB A (Target List). Each prep is on call.
2. H-Hour TBA  
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3. 2/502 LNO (Fixed Fire 50) will control on FD-3 45.10.
4. Firing units announce Shot, rounds complete (as appropriate) and splash.
5. Firing units establish commo on FD-3 H-20.
6. FAC, gunships will establish commo on FD-3.
7. Time check on FD-3 at H-45.
8. Each prep will be adjusted by Fixed Fire 50. Initial rounds W, HE, HE, FFE (TBA).

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Tabs: A - Target List

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**SITUATION:** The 2-502 Bn AO consists of portions of four districts, (Minh Nghia Hohn, Tu Nghia, and Son Ha). There is an estimated 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> people, all of which are Montagnards. GVN control within the AO is limited.

2. **MISSION:** To provide civil affairs support to minimize and alleviate the effects of combat operations by: minimizing casualties and property damage among non-combatants, assisting in the relocation of refugees to areas under GVN control, assisting in the extraction of food caches to GVN control.

3. **EXECUTION:**

a. **Concept of Operation:** There will be no mass population moves during this operation. A small number of refugees will be generated by the battalion's operations. The number of refugees and possible LZ sites will be reported to the Bn S-5 as soon as possible. It is anticipated that food caches will be uncovered. Caches of rice over 2 tons, and caches of salt over 1 ton will be extracted depending on the tactical situation.

b. **Coordinating Instructions:**

- (1) Refugees found in the Son Ha District will be evacuated to Ha Thanh. Ha Thanh can take up to 500 refugees at this time.
- (2) Laborers are on call to be utilized to assist in the extraction of food caches.
- (3) LZ availability should be given, when ever a report on refugees or food caches is transmitted. Also a request for **shovels** and bags should be made at this time.
- (4) Curfew for all civilians in AO is 2000H to 0500H.
- (5) All traffic on the extraction of refugees and extraction of food caches will be handled on the Admin/Log net.
- (6) Refugees will be searched and shaken down for weapons or explosives prior to loading aircraft.
- (7) Psywar operations consisting of ground broadcasts, air broadcasts, and leaflet drops are available on an on-call basis. The Bn S5 should be notified a minimum of 12 hours in advance.
- (8) There will be a strong psy-war effort on the first day of the operation utilizing CHIEU HOI leaflets, and air-broadcasts.

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GENERAL: The purpose of this annex is to provide information and requirements for Operation COOK.

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## 2. MATERIEL AND SERVICES:

### a. Supplies:

#### (1) Class I:

(a) Units will carry C-rations as follows: Co A 3 days, Co B 4 days, Co C 3 days, Mcn 5 days, Tac CP 5 days.

(b) Unit distribution of C-rations every 4 days. A-rations to companies on brown bag from Duc Pho.

(c) Tac CP will draw C-rations from ADSOC on Firefly day. Breakfast and supper A-rations to Tac CP daily when transportation is available.

(d) Emergency resupply of C-rations will be on hand at ADSOC.

#### (2) Class II & IV

(a) Unit distribution as ordered on Firefly to include Tac CP. Emergency requests will be filled based on aircraft availability.

(b) Engineer construction material will be requested through ADSOC on D+3 by all Tac CP sections.

(c) Emergency engineer construction materials will be stocked at ADSOC for companies on an on call basis.

#### (3) Class III

(a) Unit distribution, requests to ADSOC 24 hours in advance.

(b) Tac CP carry 3 day supply for initial insertion.

#### (4) Class V

(a) Units will draw basic load prior to departure from base camp. Resupply will be requisitioned with Firefly.

(b) Emergency resupply on hand at ADSOC.

(c) Mortar resupply daily as requested to ADSOC.

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- (a) Unit distribution as requested.
- (b) Water trailer at Tac CP if available.
- (c) Water cans at Tac CP must be returned to utility chopper pad as soon as empty.
- (d) Emergency water resupply at F.S.P. on call. Reaction time minimum - 1½ hours.

(6) Medical Supplies: Unit distribution as requested on Firefly. Emergency resupply on hand at Bn Aid Station.

(7) Special Supplies and Equipment:

(a) 150 protective masks will be held at FSP for on call delivery to a requesting unit. At least 10 cases of CS grenades stocked at F.S.P.

(b) 10 protective masks and 4 cases of CS grenades will be on hand at ADSOC.

(c) Pioneer tools will be available at FSP on call (approx. 50 shovels and 12 picks).

b. Transportation: ADSOC will control helicopter usage. after release of C&C by S-3.

c. Service: Units will consolidate DX and turn-ins on LZ for return to F.S.P. on Firefly day.

### 3. MEDICAL EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION:

a. Bn Aid Station at Tac CP.

b. Medevac (DUSTOFF) requests will be called to ADSOC on A/L net using standard request found in SOI.

c. C&C and utility helicopter will not pick up WHA's after dustoff has been requested without getting permission from S-4 at ADSOC.

### 4. PERSONNEL:

Strengths: PDS reports as of 1800H should be called in to Bn NLT 2030H daily.

Personnel Management:

a. All Bn personnel landing at Tac CP will be logged in by S-1 representative at ADSOC.

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processed to rear.

**Development and Maintenance of Morale:**

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a. Incoming mail will be broken down at ADSOC and distributed to elements Tac CP. Outgoing mail bag will be located at ADSOC.

b. Companies will receive mail on Fireflies.

c. Religious services as tactical situation permits.

5. MISCELLANEOUS: ADSOC will be located at Tac CP. F.S.P. will be located at Quang Ngai Airport.

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