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1st Bde. 101st Abn Div
2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf
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OPORD 25-67 (Operation MALHEUR) (U)

References: Maps, Vietnam, 1:50,000 series L7104, sheets 6737I,IV, 6738I,II
III,IV.

Task Organization: Co A(-)2/502
Engr LZ Clearing Tm
Scout Dog Tm

Bn Com
HHC(-) 2/502
Plat /A/ 326 Engr
(DS)(-)

*2/502
20 Aug 67
RSD
DKA*

Co B2/502
Engr LZ Clearing Tm
Scout Dog Tm

CIDG Co
F.O. Tm
Engr LZ Clearing Tm

Co C 2/502
Engr LZ Clearing Tm
Scout Dog Tm
81 MORTAR SQD

Recondos 2/502
Engr LZ Clearing Tm
Scout Dog Tm

1. (S-NOFORN) SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces: Annex C, Intelligence
- b. Friendly Forces:

- (1) 1st Bde. 101st Abn Div conducts airmobile assaults into Bastogne AO D-Day, H-Hour and conducts operations to find, fix, and destroy VC/NVA Forces and to neutralize VC/NVA base camps.
- (2) 2/327 Inf conducts airmobile assaults into LZ's in NE portion of Bastogne AO, D-Day H-Hour and commences Search and Destroy operations to the SW.

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- (3) 1/327 Inf establishes blocking positions in South portion of Bastogne AO, oriented to the North.
- (4) Minh Long CIDG Camp supports 1-101 Abn Bde with troops for use in the operation.
- (5) Btry. 2/320th Arty. DS to 2/502 upon commitment of 2/502.
- (6) 2/11 Arty. GS to Task Force Oregon.
- (7) 7th U.S. Air Force provides close air support.

2. (S-NOFORN) MISSION:

- a. PHASE I: 2/502 establishes fire base in West portion of Bastogne AO with one Btry. 2/320 Arty. and one Btry. 2/11 Arty. and secure fire base with one company on D-1. 2/502(-) remains Vic Carentan Base and prepares to reinforce Bastogne AO on order.
- b. PHASE II: On order 2/502(-) conducts airmobile assaults into NW portion of AO and conducts Search and Destroy operations to the E. and SE. On commitment provides one platoon OPCON to 1st Bde. 101st Abn Div for Carentan Base Security.

3. (S-NOFORN) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation

- (1) PHASE I: On D-1, Co C conducts airmobile assault vic BS563447 and establishes security for fire base camp, 2/502(-) remains vic. of Carentan Base and prepares to reinforce Bastogne AO on order. 2/502(-) as Bde. reserve provides IAF (1Plt. 30 min, Co(-) 1 hr. Bn(-) 2 hours.
- (2) PHASE II:
 - (a) PLAN A (Annex A Operation Overlay): Co B conducts airmobile assault into LZ vic. BS592408 and recondo Checkerboards to the NE and establishes blocking positions to the East covering possible routes of movement.

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(a) CONT: Co A(-) conducts airmobile assault into LZ BS604435 and Recondo Checkerboards to the E. and SE and establishes blocking positions to the E. Recondos conduct airmobile assault into LZ BS576435 and Recondo Checkerboard to the South in order to screen the South flank. CIDG Co reinforced (-) ~~AB~~ screens the North flank. Priority of fire initially to Co ~~B(-)~~ then to unit in contact.

(b) PLAN B: Co B conducts airmobile assault into LZ BS550468, Recondo Checkerboard to the E., block South end of valley, and prepare to sweep N. into the valley. Co A(-) conducts airmobile assault into LZ BS587537, Recondo Checkerboard blocking North end of valley and prepare to sweep South into valley. CIDG Co conducts airmobile assault into LZ BS576435 and Recondo Checkerboard to the South and prepare to establish blocking positions on routes of egress to the South. Recondos conduct airmobile assault LZ BS576435 and prepare to screen South flank. Priority of fire, initially to Co A(-) then to unit in contact (See Annex B overlay)

b. CoA:

- (1) Provide one Plt. OPCON to 1st Bde 101st Abn Div for ~~AB fire~~ base security. OPCON effective upon commitment of 2/502(-).
- (2) Bde. IAF 050800H June- 060759H June 67

c. Co B:

- (1) Bde. IAF 030800H June- 040759H June 67
- (2) Bde. IAF 060800H June- 070759H June 67

d. Co C:

- (1) Bde. IAF 040800H June- 050759 June 67
- (2) Prepare to receive 1 mortar sqd. eff. D-1

e. Recondos:

f. HHC(-):

g. CIDG Co Reinforced (-):

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- h. Heavy Mortar Platoon: Attach C Co with one mortar sqd. effective D-1.
- i. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) D-Day, H-Hour, tentatively 7 June, decision D-1, H-Hour TBA.
 - (2) Boundries are FCL's
 - (3) Each sqd. size element carry VS-17 panel, smoke and flares for identification of friendly elements.
 - (4) Plan maximum use of supporting fires to precede assaulting force by walking fires in on fortified positions.
 - (5) Bde. IAF: 1 Plt. 30 min. Co(-) 1 hr.
 - (6) Coordination between commanders directed.
 - (7) Units test fire weapons each morning.
 - (8) Co's operate in no smaller than platoon size elements, platoons mutually supporting.
- 4. (S-NOFORM) ADMIN. & LOGISTICS: Current SOP
- 5. (S-NOFORM) COMMAND & SIGNAL:
 - a. Signal: Current SOI in effect.
 - b. Command:
 - (1) Tac CP (PHASE I) - Carentan Base
 - (2) Tac CP (PHASE II) - BS563447
- 6. Downgrading Instructions: GP4.

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Annexes:

- A- Overlay Plan A
- B- Overlay Plan B
- C- Intelligence
- D- Air Movement Plan: TBP
- E- Fire Support: TBP

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