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OPORD 28-67 (MALHEUR II-2) (U)

References:

- a. Maps: Vietnam, 1:50,000, series L7104, sheets 6737I,IV, 6738I,II,III,IV.
- b. Bde OPORD 29-67 (MALHEUR II-2) (U), dated 192100H June 1967.

Task Organization:

Co A
Engr Clearing Tm.
Scout Dog Tm.

Recondos:
Engr Clearing Tm.

Co B
Engr Clearing Tm.
Scout Dog Tm.

In Control
HHC(-)
Hvy. Mortar Plt.
Plt A/326 Engr

Co
Engr Clearing Tm.
Scout Dog Tm.
2 CLDG Plts. (BA TO SF Camp)

1. (S-NOFORM) SITUATION (C)

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

- (1) 1st Bde. 101st conducts airmobile assaults into ZON A0 on D-Day, H-Hour, conducts operations to find, fix, and destroy VC/NVA forces and to neutralize VC/NVA base camps; evacuate civilian population of the Song Ne Valley.
- (2) 1/327 conducts airmobile assault into the NW portion of ZON A0 and commence Search and Destroy operations SE.
- (3) 2/327 conducts airmobile assault into the SW portion of ZON A0 and commence Search and Destroy operations NE.

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- (4) Ba To CIDG Camp supports 2/502 with 2 platoons CIDG for use in the operation.
- (5) 2/320th Arty. DS to 1/101.
- (6) 2/11 Arty. GS to TFO
- (7) 7th US Air Force provides close air support
- (8) 7th US Fleet provides naval gunfire
- (9) 176th Assault Avn. Co. DS to 1/101.

2. (S-NOFORN) MISSION:

- a. 2/502 Abn Inf conducts operations to find, fix, and destroy VC/NVA forces and to neutralize VC/NVA base camps to the SW in SE portion of ZON AO; On order conduct cordon and search operations to evacuate civilian population of Song Ne Valley in zone. Be prepared to reinforce 1/327 or 2/327 on order.

3. (S-NOFORN) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Maneuver: On D-2 CIDG Co (Minh Long) conducts overland move to the W. and reverts to parent unit control on order. On D-1 Reconcos conduct airmobile displacement to Fire Base CHAMPS. Co C continue to search in present area. Co B provides security for Fire Base CHAMPS. Co A(-) conducts search and destroy operations to Fire Base CHAMPS to arrive not later than 0800H. 1 platoon Co A conducts stay behind activities in Song Ve Valley. During hours of darkness on D-1 Co B and Reconcos move along prescribed axes astride primary routes of movement in Song Ne Valley and operate in a clandestine manner for at least 48 hours. Co C makes a night move on D-1 to a position to launch search and destroy operations in eastern portion of AO. Co A provides security for Fire Base CHAMPS. On order 2/502 prepares to evacuate civilian population of Song Ne Valley. (See Annex A operation overlay)

b. Co A:

- (1) Provide one platoon for stay behind force in area X from D-1 to D+1; moves to area Y on evening of D+1 thru D+2; moves to and closes Fire Base CHAMPS on D+3 (See operations overlay).
- (2) Provide one platoon Bn IAF on 30 minutes notice.

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(3) Assume Fire Base CHAMPS security mission on D-1.

c. Co B:

d. Co C:

(1) Prepare to receive OPCON 2 CIDG platoons.

e. Reconcos:

(1) Be prepared for airmobile displacement on afternoon of D-1.

HHC(-):

(1) Hvy Mortar Flt: provides 4.2 mortar support from hill DAWN vic. BS562444.

(2) Commo Flt: establish radio relay site hill DAWN vic BS562444.

g. Platoon "A" 326th Engr:

h. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) D-Day tentatively 25 June.

(2) Boundaries are FCLs

(3) Each squad size element carry VC-17 panel for identification of friendly elements.

(4) Maximum emphasis will be placed on stealth during initial phases of the operation. Units observing Song Ne Valley will immediately report all signs of activity in the area.

(5) Co C assume Bde IAF mission effective 240001H June; 1 platoon 30 min., Co(-) 1 hour.

(6) Arty. and mortar fires will not be fired into populated areas without provocation.

(7) Emphasis will be placed on advancing with the aid of supporting fires.

(8) Elements will advance within mutual supporting distance of each other whenever possible.

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(9) WP & CS grenades are available for use in clearing bunker - tunnel complexes; protective masks available on call.

4. (S-NOFORM) ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS: Current SOP's

5. (S-NOFORM) COMMAND & SIGNAL

a. SIGNAL - Current SOI in effect

b. COMMAND - Tac CP vic Fire Base CHAMPS.

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ANNEX A: Operation Overlay

ANNEX B: Intelligence

ANNEX C: Fire Support Plan - TBP

ANNEX D: Psychological Operations - TBP

ANNEX E: Civil Affairs - TBP

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