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 2d Bn (Abn) 502d Inf
 1st Bde. 101st Abn Div
 Duc Pho, RVN
 310100H Aug 67
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OPORD ~~SECRET~~ SPECIAL FORCE (C)

Task Organization:

Co A
 LZ Clearing Team
 2 man Medical Team
 5 man CI Team
 1 Interpreter
 1 PIO man

Co B
 LZ Clearing Team
 2 man Medical Team
 5 man CI Team
 1 Interpreter
 1 PIO man

Co C
 LZ Clearing Team

Bn Control
 HHC(-)
 Commo Plt
 Medical Plt
 3d Plt A/326 Engr.
 3 FAC Teams
 1 Air Psy War Team

Reccecos
 LZ Clearing Team
 1 Interpreter

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1. SITUATION:

a. ENEMY FORCES: Current INTSUM

b. FRIENDLY FORCES:

- (1) One CIDG Company, Ha Thanh Special Forces Camp provide security for 2/502.
- (2) 14th Combat Avn Bn provide airlift support with 40 slicks, 10 gunships, and up to 8 Chinooks.
- (3) NSAF provides tactical air support.

2. MISSION: 2/502d Inf(-) conducts airmobile raid on D-Day, H-Hour to liberate US and Vietnamese POW's held captive at Lang Di (BS123513) and Quyet Thang (BS316535).

3. EXECUTION:

a. CONCEPT OF OPERATION:

(1) Maneuver:

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- (a) Lang Di (Camp #2): At H-Hour, D-Day, Co A lifts off Ha Thanh Staging Area, conducts airmobile raid on Lang Di POW Camp, liberates US and VN prisoners, and extracts to Ha Thanh.
- (b) Quyet Thang (Camp #1): On order, Co B lifts off Ha Thanh Staging Area, conducts airmobile raid on Quyet Thang POW Camp liberates US and VN prisoners, and extracts to Ha Thanh. Co C provides security force and blocks entrance and egress to the north, south, and east. Following extraction of Co B, Co C will extract to CARENTAN Base.

(2) Fires:

- (a) No artillery coverage is available.
- (b) Fire support will be provided by gunships, tactical air.
- (c) Aircaps:
 - (1) 0845H - AIE's with 100lb frag bombs
 - (2) 0930H - AIE's with 500lb frag bombs and napalm
 - (3) 1030H - B57's with 500lb bombs (frag) and napalm

b. Co A:

- (1) Eagle Flight provided by one plt ReconDOS; OPCON to Co A if committed in reinforcing role.
- (2) Land LZ 7 and 8 (BS123513); each LZ capable of 3 slicks.

c. Co B:

- (1) Eagle Flight provided by one plt ReconDOS; OPCON to Co B if committed in a reinforcing role.
- (2) Land LZ 1 (BS316533) and LZ 10 (BS316532); LZ's capable of handling 2 slicks.

d. Co C:

- (1) Be prepared to reinforce Co B on order.
- (2) Land LZ 2 (BS314538), LZ 3 (BS317536), and LZ 4 (BS321523); each LZ is capable of 6 slicks.

e. RECONDOS:

- (1) Provide Eagle Flight Plt (30 troops) for A Co and B Co; one Plt on ground alert at Ha Thanh.
- (2) Be prepared to reinforce Co A, B, or C.
- (3) Be prepared to search out and seize any POW work parties in fields adjacent to Camp #2. Order to be given by CO 2/502d Inf.

(2)

(4) Be prepared to secure downed chopper on order.

f. COMMO PLT:

- (1) Provide adequate radio communications with Brigade and within 2/502.
- (2) Provide adequate land line communications at Ha Thanh.
- (3) Have 2d Command and Control ship rigged with necessary commo gear.
- (4) Provide one RTO with PRC 25 to accompany CO in C&C ship.
- (5) Have sufficient batteries and spare radios on hand at FSP.

g. 3d Plt A/326 Engr:

- (1) Provide normal LZ clearing teams to each Co.
- (2) Provide adequate demolitions as requested by each CO.

h. MEDICAL PLT:

- (1) Provide normal medical coverage to the companies.
- (2) Provide 2-two man teams attached to A and B Co.
- (3) Carry sufficient medicines to sustain liberated POW's.
- (4) Provide Medivac Ship on call at Ha Thanh.
- (5) Provide sufficient stretchers to support evacuation.
- (6) US liberated POW's to be evacuated to 2d Surgical Hospital; VN POW's to be evacuated to Carentan Base.

i. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

- (1) Tentative D-Day, H-Hour is 1 Sep 67, 0840H. Decision to be made **after** latest weather forecast.
- (2) Administrative air movement to Ha Thanh on 310730H Aug 67 via CH47 A/C.
- (3) Company Commanders will select alternate PZ's and LZ's.
- (4) CO's will insure they have sufficient smoke grenades and panels.
- (5) Commo check will be made prior to departing Ha Thanh, (0800H.).
- (6) 4 flamethrowers available at FSP.
- (7) Portable loudspeakers and boltcutters provided to A and B Companies.

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- (8) Gunships and FAC will operate on fire support frequency.
- (9) Airborne radio relay team on station at 010900H Sep 67.
- (10) Airborne smoke ship on ground alert at FSP.
- (11) Airborne psy-war team on station at 010900H Sep 67.
- (12) Composition of Eagle Flight - 2H23's, 2 gunships and 6 slicks.
- (13) Briefback for CG, 1/101 @ 301600H Aug 67.
- (14) Final briefback to CO 2/502d Inf @ 311730H Aug 67.
- (15) All elements on ground perform LZ improvement if possible.
- (16) If US POW's liberated, they will not all be extracted on 1 ship.
- (17) ACL:
 - (a) Slick - 5 for insertion, 4 for extraction.
 - (b) CH 47 - 28

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

a. CLASS I: Draw prior to departure Carentan Base

- (1) Water will be provided at FSP.
- (2) Mermiteless supper meal on 31 Aug; C ration breakfast on 1 Sep 67.

b. CLASS IV:

- (1) Limited amount of sandbags at FSP.

c. CLASS V:

- (1) Draw prior to departure Carentan Base
- (2) Emergency supply, in kick out loads, available at FSP.

d. MISCELLANEOUS:

- (1) FSP will be established vicinity of Ha Thanh airstrip 31 Aug 67.
- (2) Dust off requests through Admin/Log net.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. SIGNAL:

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(1) Frequencies to be used in operation:

Bn - 45.50	Rcn - 39.60
Co A - 51.60	Fire Spt. - 45.10
Co B - 40.40	Admin/Log - 62.90
Co C - 58.30	

(2) Airborne relay on station 010900H Sep 67, call sign "95"; FAC teams can be used as a backup relay.

(3) 2d C&C ship rigged with necessary commo gear.

b. COMMAND:

(1) Tac CP - vicinity Ha Thanh airstrip.

(2) CO, 2/502d Inf - in C&C ship.

Acknowledge:

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Annexes:

B - Intelligence
F - Air Movement (TBP)

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Annex F AIR MOVEMENT TABLE FOR OPERATION STRIKE FORCE

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UNIT	NO TROOPS	NO A/C	PZ	PZ TIME	LZ	LZ TIME
Co A	83	17	Ha Thanh	H-20	#7 BS124509	H-Hour
	54	11	BS396706		#8 BS123510	0900H
Rcn	30	6	BS396706	H-10	Eagle Flight	
Co B	70	14	BS396706	B-11	#10 BS311537	B-Hour
	55	11	BS396706	(on order)	#1 BS317532	
Co C	43	9	BS396706	B+40	#2 BS314538	B+41
	44	9	BS396706	B+40	#3 BS316535	B+41
	43	9	BS396706	B+40	#4 BS320523	B+41
EVACUEES	--	4 CH47's	BS396706	1 CH47 H+10	On Call	On Call
				1 CH47 B+10	On Call	On Call

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