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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS		
	IN	OUT					
01	0001		(U) JOURNAL OPENED				
02	0100		(g) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW		
03	0200		(g) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW		
04	0300		(g) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW		
05	0400		(g) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW		
06	0500		(g) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW		
07	0600		(g) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW		
08	0700		(g) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	AJH		
09	0800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same except Ren at BS705778.	BDE,DO	AJH		
10	0900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 2nd plat closed on CP; Co D 2nd plat (-) at BS- 528822, 2nd sqd BS525925, 1st plat BS- 506826, Co (-) on PZ with Co A; Ren now moving NE.	BDE,DO	AJH		
11	0915		(C) Rec'd intel rept fr 198th Bde. (See S2 files).	DO,S2	AJH		
12	0915		(C) Co A CA schedule: IZ at IZ BUFF 0900H - PZ's at IZ West & IZ East (BS- 712821 West) and (BS719811 East) at 0910H. Co A 1st plat CA'd into IZ West and the Co (-) went in at IZ East.	BDE,DO cont	AJH		
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12	cont		Co B CA schedule: PZ at LZ BUFF at 0920H - PZ's BS688781 and BS681798 at 0931H. Co B 2nd plat CA'd into LZ #1 (BS688781) and the 3d plat went into LZ #2 (BS681798) and the Co (-) went into LZ #3 (BS681798) at 0937H.				
13	0925		(C) Co A 1st plat at BS712800 engaged 2 VC evading with neg res then CIA the 2 VC after gun ships wounded them; neg ID's/docu. Dust Off called at 0935H and completed at 1000H.	BDE,DO	AJH		
14	1000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 1st plat BS712821, Co (-) BS719811; Co B 2nd plat BS688781, 3d plat BS681798, Co (-) BS695800; Co D closing on LZ BUFF; Rcn BS708796.	BDE,DO	AJH		
15	1030		(C) Co A at BS712821 engaged 5 VC MAM's evading res in 3 VC KIA by SA fire 1 VC WIA/CIA and 1 escaped. Neg ID's/wpns/docu.	BDE,DO	AJH		
16	1100		(C) Co B 1st plat at BS683798 has 60 detainees and med supplies. 2nd plat at	BDE,DO	AJH		
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16	cont		BS685792 has 3 VC KIA MAM's neg wpns KIA evading, and 2 VC WIA - not serious will Dust Off at later time. Plus 70 detainees including 10 MAM's with ID's. 3d plat at BS695799 has 260 detainees, 20 MAM's and MAF's, plus 2 MAM's believ- ed to be fr the 38th VC Bn. Also engag- ed 11 VC evading with SA fire res in 11 VC KIA; neg wpns/ID/docu.				
17	1100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 1st plat BS706818, Co (-) BS718807; Co B 1st plat BS683798, 2nd plat BS685792, Co (-) BS 695799; Rcn BS712797; Co's C & D same.	BDE,DO	AJH		
18	1200		(C) Rcn plat became OPCON to Co B.	Rcn, Co B	AJH		
19	1200		(C) (Late Entry): At 1115H Co A at BS- 706818 fd 1 wounded VC MAM with multiple frag wounds hiding in a bunker. VC had neg ID/docu but did have 1 Chi Com gren. Routine Dust Off completed at 1205H.	BDE,DO	AJH		
20	1200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	AJH		
21	1200		(C) Strength status of PRU's; with Co B 21, with Rcn 6.	DO	AJH		
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22	1200		(C) Co A 2nd plat at BS718806 fd 1 US pistol belt with US grens and med supplies. Co A 1st plat detained 7 MAF's at BS708818.	BDE,DO	AJH
23	1300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) moving out, 1st & 2nd plat same; all other loc same.	BDE,DO	AJH
24	1400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	AJH
25	1500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) same, 2nd plat BS714803, 1st plat moving; all other loc same.	BDE,DO	JPC
26	1500		(C) Co B 3d plat has 3 VC KIA evading and 1 VC KIA in tunnel and 6 VCS app in a tunnel at BS701808.	BDE,DO	JPC
27	1515		(C) Co A 3d plat at BS708807 fd 1 VC ruck sack with shoulder pack of rice with blood on it; in ruck sack fd training schedules and docu.	BDE,DO	JPC
28	1540		(C) (Late Entry):. At 1410H Co B 4th plat at BS712797 wounded 1 VC wearing black PJ's evading S. VC had an ID.	BDE,DO	JPC
29	1600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same except Co A	BDE,DO cont	JPC
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29	cont		(-) same, 1st plat BS703812.				
30	1600		(C) Co B total for today 635 detainees	BDE,DO	JPC		
			29 VCS evac'd to CHIC and captured misc				
			med supplies.				
31	1610		(C) Co B at BS701808 app 1 VCS age 21	BDE,DO	JPC		
			believed to know some info. Will hold				
			until tomorrow.				
32	1615		(C) Co B at BS704795 has 1 VC KIA age 30	BDE,DO	JPC		
			to 40 wearing black PJ's. VC was evad-				
			ing. Also 1 US WHA in lower leg by				
			shrapnel ricocheting. Line #146 Yates,				
			Luckey R. PFC US53457705. Evac'd to Chu				
			Lai by C&C.				
33	1655		(C) Co B 3d plat at BA700805 has 1 VC	BDE,DO	JPC		
			KIA who was hiding in a false wall; 25				
			yrs old wearing black PJ's, neg ID/wpn.				
34	1700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; CoA same; Co B				
			(-) BS694798, 1st plat BS696804, 2nd				
			plat BS704795, 3d plat BS698802; Co's C				
			& D same; Ren BS687783.				
35	1700		(C) Rec'd URI rept. (See S2 files).	Do,S2	JPC		
36	1720		(C) Co B 3d plat at BS700805 has 1 VC KIA	BDE,DO	JPC		
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36	cont		who was hiding in a false ceiling in a hootch and would not come out. Co B burnt the hootch and the VC was burnt to badly to recognize age or clothing.																
37	1730		(C) Co A 1st plat at BS706814 fd 1 VCS F 60yrs old hiding in a hole with SA wound in left calf, wearing black PJ's. Neg ID and Dusted Off at 1755H.		BDE,DO	JPC													
38	1800		(C) Co A 3d plat at BS708808 detained 3 VCS F age 30 to 55. Being evac'd to CHIC by the Utility ship.		BDE,DO	JPC													
39	1800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same except Co B (-) same, 3d plat BS702803; Rcn BS696-786.		BDE,DO	JPC													
40	1815		(C) Bn strngth rept: Co A 108, Co B 104, Co C 118, Co D 99, Co E 82.		Posted	JPC													
41	1815		(C) Co B at BS701805 app 6 MAM's VCS, 1 confirmed VC village chief, 1 confirmed VC; neg ID's/wpn/docu.		BDE,DO	JPC													
42	1900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same except 3d plat Co B at BS701801.		BDE,DO	JPC													
43	1935		(C) Co A 1st plat at BS705815 rec'd AM		BDE,CO,DO	JPC													
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43	cont		fire with neg cas. 81mm being fired																
			contact broken at 1940H.																
44	2000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	JPC														
45	2010		(C) Ren plat at BS696786 KIA 1 VC who	BDE,CO,DO	JPC														
			was probing their perimeter and threw																
			in a gren but there were neg US cas.																
			VC approx 25 yrs old neg wpn/ID/docu.																
46	2100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same except 3d	BDE,DO	JPC														
			plat Co B at BS698798.																
47	2200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	JPC														
48	2300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	JPC														
49	2330		(C) Rec'd msg fr Bde: Rept relayed fr	CO,DO	DW														
			Comd Gen US Security Command. A PW																
			committee chief captured in Binh Dinh																
			(interrogated at Quin Nhon) stated that																
			the general Communist offensive will																
			start against cities and posts on 15-																
			0600H Feb 69. He states the offensive																
			will appeal to the populas and soldiers																
			to join with them in the attack. Info																
			cannot be evaluated.																
50	2355		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW														
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51	LOG Summary:		4-3 Inf continues offensive sweep and search ops with																
			Co's A & B vic BS700800, Co C at the CHIC, and Co D securing the LZ BUFF.																
			At 0915H Co A & B started a CA into LZ's BS712821, BS719811, BS688781 and																
			BS681798. At 0925H Co A 1st plat at BS712800 CIA 2 VC WIA by gun ships.																
			At 1030H Co A engaged 5 VC at BS712821 res in 3 KIA, 1 WIA/CIA and 1 escaped.																
			At 1100H Co B rept'd that they had 390 detainees, 14 VC KIA, 2 VC WIA/CIA, 30																
			VCS and 2 VC CIA. At 1200H Rcn plat became OPCON to Co B. At 1200H also																
			Co A at BS706818 rept'd finding 1 WIA VC in bunker with a Chi Com gren in																
			his possession, detained 7 MAF's and fd a pistol belt with a US gren and med																
			supplies. At 1500H at BS701808 Co B rept'd 3 VC KIA evading, 1 VC KIA and 6																
			CIA in a tunnel. At 1515H Co A at BS708807 fd a VC pack with docu and misc																
			items in it. At 1610H Co B WIA/CIA 1 VC who was evading S of their pos at BS-																
			712797. At 1610H Co B at BS701808 app 1 VCS (believed to have some info).																
			At 1615H Co B at BS704795 KIA 1 VC who was evading and also had 1 US WHA by																
			ricocheting shrapnel. At 1655H Co B at BS700805 KIA 1 VC who was hiding in																
			a false wall of a hootch. At 1720H Co B at BS700805 KIA 1 VC who was hiding																
			in a false ceiling by burning the hootch. At 1730H Co A fd 1 VCS F wounded																
			by SA fire hiding in a hole and got her Dusted Off. At 1800H Co A detained																
			3 VCS F at BS708808 and evac'd them to CHIC. At 1815H Co B at BS701805 app																
			4 VCS and 2 confirmed VC. At 1935H Co A 1st plat rec'd AW fire with neg cas																
			and contact was broken at 1940H. At 2010H Rcn at BS696786 KIA 1 VC who threw																
			a gren in their perimeter with neg US cas. At 2330H 4-3 Inf rec'd a msg																
						cont													
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DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE _____

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 706814

2. REQUESTOR JAILS 4m

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER _____ AMBULATORY ✓

4. NATIONALITY: US _____ VN ✓ FWF _____

5. NATURE OF INJURIES gunshot in leg left calve

6. CATEGORY: URGENT _____ PRIORITY _____ ROUTINE ✓

7. CONDITION & TYPE OF PICKUP SITE good

8. SECURITY OF PICKUP SITE secure

9. WEATHER AT PICKUP SITE clear

10. MARKING (SMOKE, PANELS, LIGHTS, ETC.) Smoke

11. RADIO FREQUENCY 45.70 CALLWORD Jails 4m

12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES ✓ NO _____

13. REMARKS: VC Suspect

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY Rafter 15

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY Chu Lai Control TIME 1715

TIME COMPLETED 1825

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR 1 DATE 14 Feb 69

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 10 loc 712800

2. REQUESTOR Bongo Jails

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER 2 AMBULATORY

4. NATIONALITY: US VN 2 FWF

5. NATURE OF INJURIES lost neck + leg

6. CATEGORY: URGENT PRIORITY ✓ ROUTINE

7. CONDITION & TYPE OF PICKUP SITE good

8. SECURITY OF PICKUP SITE secure

9. WEATHER AT PICKUP SITE good

10. MARKING (SMOKE, PANELS, LIGHTS, ETC.) Smoke

11. RADIO FREQUENCY 45.70 CALLWORD Bongo Jails 10

12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES ✓ NO

13. REMARKS: VCS evading

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY TIME 0935

TIME COMPLETED 1000

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE 14 Feb 69

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 695802 - 689795

2. REQUESTOR DUSTOFF JETS 4th ROOAK SIGNET

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER ✓ AMBULATORY _____

4. NATIONALITY: US _____ VN 3 FNF _____

5. NATURE OF INJURIES GUNSHOT WOUNDS FROM SMALL ARMS

6. CATEGORY: URGENT _____ PRIORITY _____ ROUTINE ✓

7. CONDITION & TYPE OF PICKUP SITE Good

8. SECURITY OF PICKUP SITE SECURE

9. WEATHER AT PICKUP SITE Good

10. MARKING (SMOKE, PANELS, LIGHTS, ETC.) Smoke

11. RADIO FREQUENCY 45.70 CALLWORD DUSTOFF JETS 4th

12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES ✓ NO _____

13. REMARKS: VC Suspect

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY 1st Lt. Roper 15

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY 1st Lt. Dustoff TIME 1125

TIME COMPLETED 1205

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE 14 FEB 69

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 706818

2. REQUESTOR Bongo Jails 4

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER ✓ AMBULATORY _____

4. NATIONALITY: US _____ VN 1 MF _____

5. NATURE OF INJURIES Frog wounds

6. CATEGORY: URGENT _____ PRIORITY _____ ROUTINE ✓

7. CONDITION & TYPE OF PICKUP SITE Good

8. SECURITY OF PICKUP SITE SECURE

9. WEATHER AT PICKUP SITE Good

10. MARKING (SMOKE, PANELS, LIGHTS, ETC.) Smoke

11. RADIO FREQUENCY 45.70 CALLWORD Bongo Jails

12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES ✓ NO _____

13. REMARKS: VC Suspect

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY Lengthy later 15

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY CPL LAT Distoff TIME 1125

TIME COMPLETED 1155

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE 14/12

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 712797

2. REQUESTOR B co

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER _____ AMBULATORY _____

4. NATIONALITY: US ~~US~~ VN ☒ TWT _____

5. NATURE OF INJURIES shot

6. CATEGORY: URGENT ~~URGENT~~ PRIORITY 1 ROUTINE _____

7. CONDITION & TYPE OF PICKUP SITE good

8. SECURITY OF PICKUP SITE Secure

9. WEATHER AT PICKUP SITE clear

10. MARKING (SMOKE, PANELS, LIGHTS, ETC.) smoke

11. RADIO FREQUENCY 45.70 CALLWORD Red oak Signal 40

12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES ☒ NO _____

13. REMARKS: 1/C Suspect

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY ~~Signal 14~~ After 15

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY Chutai Control TIME 1410

TIME COMPLETED 1430

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LZ BUFF (BS541825) RVN
131400H Feb 69
PAC

FRAGORD 1-69 to OPORD 2-69, HQ 4-3 Inf

Reference: No change.

1. Task Organization: 13 BS and 13000 to 13000. No firing at personnel.

Co A/4-3 Inf

Tm VN National Police

HHG (-)/4-3 Inf

Battalion Control

Co B/4-3 Inf

Tm VN National Police

Recon Platoon

Platoon H Trp 17th CAV

Co C/4-3 Inf

Tm VN National Police

Co D/4-3 Inf

Co E/4-3 Inf (-)

2. 4-3 Inf conducts cordon and offensive sweep operations via BS700800 to find and destroy VC main/local force units and VC village infrastructure.

3. Co A:

- 140815H Feb 69 conduct CA from coordinates BS530830 to LZ #1 (BS709818) and LZ #2 (BS719811).
- Conduct offensive search and sweep operations via BS709818 and BS719811 to the South West.

4. Co B:

- 140815H Feb 69 conduct CA from LZ BUFF to LZ #1 (BS695801), LZ #2 (BS686785), and LZ #3 (BS682797).
- Conduct offensive search and sweep operations via BS695801, BS686785, and BS682797 to the North East.

5. Co C: Continue present mission.

6. Co D:

- Secure PZ (BS530830) for Co A and then close on LZ BUFF morning of 14 Feb 69.
- Secure and improve defensive positions on LZ BUFF.

7. Co E (-):

- Recon Platoon: Set up blocking force from coordinates BS705784 to

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- BS717789 and screen to the North East with APC's from H Trp 17th CAV.
b. Hvy Mort Plat: GS from BS728763.
c. GS Sec; GS LZ BUFF.

8. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Co B will coordinate fires vic MFL.
b. River West of 73 NS grid line belongs to ARVN's. No firing at personnel on river in the area.
Acknowledge. A separating area of the 10th IS Battalion, and has been the separating area and base camp area for the past two years. This battalion has approximately 300 VC. The Battalion is normally deployed by companies within the hamlets and villages in this area.

a. Air and Air Defense. The only DAVIS
LTC intelligence weapons the VC are known to possess are 82 caliber machine guns, anti-air weapons and small arms.

Annex A: Intelligence and Overlay
Annex B: Operations Overlay

Distribution: S. The enemy throughout the area has to be expected to attempt to fire living devices in great numbers as friendly units. When large scale operations are conducted, the VC and local guerrillas have been participating in these and have in single with the local populace, even joining the various attacks. They do not appear to have any weapons, other than, machine guns, and other small arms. Small groups are expected to be organized. If the enemy is more TULLY
83 and experienced has indicated that the VC and guerrillas can be expected to result in large numbers of 10th and 17th, however, it will remain possible and report to the various positions.

9. BATTLE CAPABILITIES:

a. Capability #1 Attack within the AO with elements of one local force battalion and one local force company with possible reinforcements by the local force battalion. He would give special consideration to the early stages of the operation concentrating on one weak point in an attempt to break through our lines.

b. Capability #2 Defend within the AO from prepared trenches, tunnels and fighting holes with all or part of the units mentioned above.

c. Capability #3 Maintain or sustained contact with allied forces by signaling with the local populace and hiding in prepared tunnel complexes located throughout our AO and conducting to small actions to include sniping, probing, mining and surprise fighting devices and harassment with sniper fire and mortar fire.

4. Capability #4 Withdraw by withdrawing his forces at the beginning through

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Annex A: Intelligence

1. ENEMY SITUATION:

a. Enemy Military Situation: Local enemy forces have enjoyed relative freedom of movement except for infrequent friendly operations by ARVN and Americal Division elements, the most recent being RUSSELL BEACH (13 Jan 69 to 8 Feb 69). The area is VC dominated, and their control was uncontested by GVN until operation RUSSELL BEACH. Everyone should be considered as either VC or a sympathizer and all men of military age must be considered as members of VC forces in the area. The AO is the principal operating area of the 48th LF Battalion, and has been the operating area and base camp area for the past two years. This battalion has approximately 200 VC. The battalion is normally deployed by companies within the hamlets and villages in this area.

b. Air and Air Defense. The only air defense weapons the VC are known to possess are 30 Caliber machine guns, automatic weapons and small arms.

c. Availability of Reinforcements. Enemy forces available to reinforce within 3 hours are the 30th LF Battalion and the T-18 LF company.

d. Tactics: The enemy throughout the area can be expected to attack by fire small allied forces, conduct sniper fire on helicopters and employ mines and surprise firing devices in great numbers to harass friendly units. When large allied units have moved into the area, the VC and local guerrillas have gone into hiding in tunnels and caves or mingle with the local populace, even joining the refugee streams. They do not oppose friendly troops except by mining, ambushes, sniper fire, and occasional mortar attacks. Small patrols are subject to ambushes. If the enemy is surprised, past experience has indicated that his initial confusion and disorganization can result in large numbers of KIA's and PW's, however, he will recover quickly and resort to his evasion practices.

2. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

a. Capability #1 Attack within the AO with elements of one local force battalion and one local force company with possible reinforcements by one local force battalion. He would give special consideration to the early stages of the operation concentrating on one weak point in an attempt to break through our lines.

b. Capability #2 Defend within the AO from prepared trenches, tunnels and fighting holes with all or part of the units mentioned above.

c. Capability #3 Evade direct or sustained contact with allied forces by mingling with the local populace and hiding in prepared tunnel complexes located throughout our AO and resorting to small actions to include probes, ambushes, mining and surprise firing devices and harassment with sniper fire and mortar fire.

d. Capability #4 Withdraw by infiltrating his forces at the beginning through

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through friendly ground positions, across the rivers or along the heavily wooded areas to undetermined areas under VC control.

3. CONCLUSIONS:

a. The enemy will probably adopt capability #3 Evade. He can conceal himself due to his ability to blend with the local population and have their support. His knowledge of the terrain. His evasion tactics including hiding of weapons not used in harassing attacks and his knowledge of allied combat operation in which the forces do not remain in the area for long periods of time.

b. The enemy will also probably adopt capability #4 Withdrawal. His knowledge of routes of escape will enable him to reach prepared caves and tunnels if given time and he is patient in waiting underground for sustained periods of time.

c. S-2 Comment: It is felt if trapped the enemy would defend to the last man.

4. TERRAIN STUDY:

a. The AO is predominately flat with an average elevation of 10 to 30 meters and one mountain BS698822 (elevation 108 meters) and one peak BS693797 (elevation 61 meters); Virtually the entire lowland is covered with rice paddies and dryland fields, walled by dikes up to two feet in height. Paddies on sloping ground are characteristically terraced and roughly rectangular in shape.

b. Drainage: The principal drainage media in the AO is the Song Dien River and the Song Ham Giang River. These rivers vary in width from approximately 10 meters to 100 meters and range in depth from 1.2 meters to 2 meters. The bottoms are silty sand or gravel with a few areas of mud. Drainage in this area is excellent.

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141500H Feb 69
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FRAGORD 2-69 to OPORD 2-69, HQ 4-3 Inf

Reference: No change.

1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf	HHC (-)/4-3 Inf
Tm VN National Police	Battalion Control
Co B/4-3 Inf (+)	Platoon H Trp 17th CAV
Tm VN National Police	Tm VN National Police
Co C/4-3 Inf	
Co D/4-3 Inf	
Co E/4-3 Inf (-)	

2. 4-3 Inf continues cordon and offensive sweep operations vic BS700800 to find and destroy VC main/local force units and VC village infrastructure.
3. Co A: 150700H Feb 69 set up blocking force from coordinates BS705810 to BS715801.
4. Co B (+): 150700H Feb 69 conduct offensive sweep and search operation with Recon plat and plat H Trp 17th CAV from coordinates BS693796 to BS704805.
5. Co C: Continue present mission at CHIC.
6. Co D: Continue to secure and improve defensive positions on LZ BUFF.
7. Co E (-):
 - a. Recon plat: OPCON to Co B.
 - b. Hvy mort plat: GS LZ BUFF with 1 sqd DS from coordinates BS729762 for companies A and B.
 - c. GS Sec: GS LZ BUFF.
8. Coordinating Instructions:
 - a. Co B will coordinate fires vic NFL.

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- b. River West of 73 NS grid line belongs to ARVN's. No firing at personnel on river in the area.

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Annex A: Operations Overlay

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