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2d Bde 1st Bn 12th Inf.
201st Troop 6537 III-10
Platoon 6536 IV-001 Bde
20530 6530 I- Platoon 6636 IV
89, 300000 June 68

OPORD 0-18

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces; Current Intsum

b. Friendly Forces;

- (1) 1/12 moves from present location to VC Valley to conduct operations against enemy forces located in the valley system.
- (2) 2d Bde continues operations with 1/22 and 1/10 Cav. in VC Valley

c. Attachments and Detachments

- (1) Scout Platoon 2/8
- (2) C Troop 1/10 Cav.

2. MISSION: 1st Bn 12 Inf. moves 300500 June 68 by road convey to Division Base Camp; continue move to VC Valley by Hook to establish FSB and conduct operations against enemy forces located in the valley system.

3. EXECUTION:

- a. Concept of Operations; Battalion moves, B-1/12 201300 June 68 Division Base Camp to close by 201700 June 68; B-1/12 conducts contact assault 300800 June 68 to 1/12 FSB location in VC Valley secures and begins construction of FSB. 300600 June 68 FSB plus C-1/12 conduct road move to Division Base Camp closing by 301100 June 68 to close FSB by nightfall.
- b. A-1/12; OPEN to 1/12
- c. B-1/12; Conduct road convey 201300 June 68 to Base Camp, stand down overnight, conduct contact assault to 1/12 FSB location 300600 June 68 to secure FSB location; with attached engineers Bn personnel begin layout and construction FSB; be prepared to receive Hook sorties of FSB at 301200 June 68.
- d. C-1/12; Conduct final extraction from 12 via 200500 on 200700 June 68 to current FSB location; Conduct road convey move with FSB 300600 June 68 to Division Base Camp. Be prepared to conduct assault into area of operations in VC Valley.
- e. D-1/12; OPEN to 1/22
- f. Hook 1/12; Move 74-2 and 74-4 prepared to REFORM be extracted from area of operations to FSB during morning of 29 June 68.
- g. Scout Platoon 2/8; Close with convey of vehicles for B-1/12; Perform escort of B-1/12 convey to Base Camp.
- h. C Troop 1/10 Cav; Close current FSB location; conduct security mission for FSB move to Base Camp area.

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- (2) Individual loading and dispersion of vehicles will be the responsibility of individual unit and section leaders
- (3) All vehicles will load by 291900 June 68.
- (4) First call on 30 June 68 0430 hours.
- (5) Convoy commanders will report and record crossing of all CP's.
- (6) Troops will sit facing out, ready to react to ambush situation.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. All personnel will carry two days rations starting on 30 June 68.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

- a. Convoy and Hook moves will be conducted on Admin Log Freq 58.35.
- b. Convoy commander of convoy of convoy 29 June 68 B-1/12 Sr. Flt. Ld.
- c. Convoy commander of convoy of convoy 30 June 68 B-4/42 Btry Commander

6. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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MOTOR MARCH FEB 1/12

No. of vehicles in convoy; 39-2 1/2 tons; 2-5tons; 2-wrechers
Escort; C Troop 1/10 Cav.
Convoy Frequency; 58.35 Admin Log
SF Time; 0600 hours
Rate of speed; 15 MPH

Distance to check point

ETA at check point

CP 1	1.5 km	0604
CP 3	7.8 km	0626
CP 38	3.5 km	0635
CP 5	2.5 km	0642
CP 7	10 km	0707
CP 9	4.5 km	0718
CP 11	11.5 km	0745
CP 13	11.5 km	0812
CP 15	5.2 km	0825
CP 17	4.5 km	0836
Base Camp	12 km	0904

Each given distance represents that from the preceding CP

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Sequence of Hook Sorties
Frog. 50.35 Call Sign Frosty Flares

Sorties

1. Personnel - PFD
2. S-3 Van
3. S-2 Comm
4. Personnel Artillery
5. No. 3 Gun w/40s
6. No. 1 Gun w/40s
7. PIC Comm
8. No. 2 Gun w/40s
9. Internal - Classified ammo w/5 pax
10. Ammo 150 lbs
11. Internal - Classified ammo w/5 pax
12. Ammo 150 lbs
13. Ammo 150 lbs
14. No. 4 Gun w/40s
15. No. 3 Gun w/40s
16. Personnel
17. C2/Comm
18. Ammo 150 lbs
19. Ammo 150 lbs
20. 1 load Hagg. stakes
21. Water Trailer/PIL
22. 4.2 Personnel/BI personnel and guns
23. 4.2 Personnel and Guns
24. 4.2 PIC
25. 4.2 Ammo
26. 4.2 Ammo
27. 4.2 Ammo
28. 4.2 Ammo
29. 4.2 Ammo
30. Misc.

Documents of 3 year intervals
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- 31. Engineer Trailer
- 32. Cargo Trailer
- 33. Horse Trailer
- 34. Water Trailer w/pump back
- 35. Water Trailer w/pump back
- 36. Small Area Area
- 37. Photo-Misc
- 38. Photo-Misc
- 39. Photo-Misc
- 40. Personal File
- 41. C-2/12
- 42. "
- 43. "
- 44. "

45. BAH CAFF
 46. VC VALLEY

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1. General:

The transition from the northeast monsoon season to the southwest monsoon, which began in March is completed in May. The air of the southwest monsoon originates in part as a warm, dry, stable air mass over Australia & merges with tropical air as it moves northward over the Indian Ocean. During passages over warm tropical waters, the air mass is rapidly modified by the addition of heat and moisture. It arrives over the area as a very moist, unstable tropical air mass which produces extensive convective clouds, heavy rainshowers and thunderstorms over most of the area, especially on the windward side of the mountain slopes. During the southwest monsoon, the lift (air blowing up the side of a mountain) provided by these mountains augments the process of convective instability (unstable air implies rainshowers/thunderstorms) to produce much cloudiness and heavy rainshower activity on the westward windward slopes as a direct result of topography.

Small changes in location can cause large changes in the observed weather. Surges do occur in the southwest monsoon which causes an increase in the recorded surface winds. Wind gusts to 20 knots are common and gusts will occasionally exceed 30 knots. Large local variation in wind direction and speed will occur in more mountainous terrain, due to the channelling effect of valleys and ridges.

2. Precipitation:

May is a wet season month. Rainfall increases everywhere and is primarily afternoon and evening rainshowers and thunderstorms. The principle factor influencing the amounts of precipitation is exposure to the moist wind flow. Higher elevations receive more precipitation.

Precipitation can be expected on 10-15 days/month for the following totals:

Monthly mean - 9"

Monthly max - 20"

Monthly min - 2.8"

24 Hr Max - 4"

3. Cloudiness:

Cloud amounts continue to increase in May. Convective clouds with bases 3,001 form during the day, late morning and afternoon ceilings are common. During May, skies are cloudy 65% of the time and the table below describes the type of cloudiness that makes up the total.

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<u>TIME (local)</u>	<u>CONDITIONS</u>	<u>MEAN NUMBER OF DAYS/MONTH</u>
0700	(No ceilings below 10,000 feet and visibility greater than five miles)	11
1000	"	10
1300	"	5
1600	"	7
1900	"	15
All hours	(Days total cloud cover less than 30% - no ceiling)	5
All hours	(Days total cloud cover forms a ceiling at some time during the day)	23

Generally, ceilings will be 3,000 feet above ground level except during surges and afternoon rainshowers/thunderstorms.

4. Visibility:

No significant improvement in the visibility occurs in May. Although the smoke and haze is decreasing, the increase in convective cloudiness decreases the slant range visibility for aircraft and rainshowers/thunderstorms will lower the visibility to 1-3 miles in local areas. Occurance of fog is decreasing with an average of one fog day per month.

5. Thunderstorms:

A thunderstorm day is defined as a day on which thunder is heard at the location. Precipitation does not have to occur. The statement "an average of one to two thunderstorms days" means that any specific location in that area averages one to two days per month with thunderstorms. The area in concern has 12 thunderstorm days per month during May. The duration of individual thunderstorms is one hour, however, continuous thunderstorm activity at any station often lasts longer than one hour due to development of additional thunderstorm cells. Typical thunderstorm weather observations are as follows:

1000 SCTD, 2000 BRKN, VSBY 2 Miles in thunderstorms (implies heavy rain), winds VRBL at 15 gust to 35 knots.

In more severe thunderstorms gusts can be as high as 50 knots. Generally, hail does not reach the surface from tropical thunderstorms, but can be found above and near the freezing level which is at 14,000 feet during May. Tornadoes occur rarely with tropical thunderstorms and do not pose a serious threat in Vietnam.

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6. Temperatures:

At these locations, temperatures for the monthly averages indicate cooler weather due to the gradual increase in the amount of cloudiness during the month.

Extreme maximum	100 (F°)
Mean maximum	90
Mean minimum	70
Extreme minimum	62

7. Relative Humidity:

The mean relative humidity for all hours of every day is 88%. A diurnal cycle does occur where the morning relative humidities often exceed 95% with the lowest humidity (70-75%) occurring in the afternoon.

<u>WINDS:</u>	<u>DIRECTION</u>	<u>SPEED</u>	<u>SPEED (SURGE)</u>
SURFACE	SW	8	25 knots
2000 Feet (Above Mean Sea Level)	SW	8	20-25 knots
5000 Feet	"	10	20-30 knots
10,000 Feet	"	7	no data
20,000 Feet	"	5	no data

During the surges, wind directions and speeds will vary considerably due to the channeling effect of mountain ridges and valleys. Occasionally, wind warnings will be issued for high gusts and turbulence.

(May Light Data) to Anx A (Intel) to OPORD 16-70 (U)

LIGHT DATA FOR MAY 1970

<u>DAY</u>	<u>EMNT</u>	<u>SR</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>EENT</u>	<u>MR</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>PHASE</u>	<u>PMI</u>
1	0604	0626	1904	1926	0306	1512	LAST QTR	25
2	0604	0626	1904	1926	0348	1608	"	16
3	0603	0625	1904	1927	0427	1703	"	08
4	0603	0625	1905	1927	0508	1800	"	03
5	0602	0625	1905	1927	0550	1857	"	01
6	0602	0624	1905	1927	0635	1955	NEW	00
7	0601	0624	1905	1927	0635	1955	"	02
8	0601	0623	1906	1928	0817	2152	"	06
9	0601	0623	1906	1928	0911	2245	"	12
10	0600	0623	1906	1929	1006	2334	"	19
11	0600	0622	1906	1929	1100	---	"	28
12	0559	0622	1907	1929	1152	0019	"	37
13	0559	0622	1907	1929	1242	0100	"	46
14	0559	0621	1907	1930	1329	0137	1ST QTR	55
15	0559	0621	1907	1930	1416	0211	"	65
16	0558	0621	1908	1930	1503	0245	"	74
17	0558	0621	1908	1931	1551	0219	"	82
18	0558	0620	1908	1931	1641	0354	"	89
19	0557	0620	1908	1931	1735	0433	"	94
20	0557	0620	1909	1932	1832	0515	"	98
21	0557	0620	1909	1932	1934	0604	FULL	100
22	0557	0620	1909	1932	2037	0658	"	99
23	0557	0620	1910	1933	2140	0758	"	95
24	0556	0619	1910	1933	2239	0903	"	90
25	0556	0619	1910	1933	2333	1007	"	81
26	0556	0619	1911	1934	---	1110	"	72
27	0556	0619	1911	1934	0021	1211	"	61
28	0556	0619	1911	1934	0105	1308	LAST QTR	49
29	0556	0619	1912	1935	0146	1403	"	38
30	0556	0619	1912	1935	0226	1457	"	28
31	0556	0619	1912	1935	0305	1552	"	18

LEGEND:

- EMNT: BEGINNING MORNING NAUTICAL TWILIGHT
- SR: SUNRISE
- SS: SUNSET
- EENT: END EVENING NAUTICAL TWILIGHT
- MR: MOONRISE
- MS: MOONSET
- PHASE: PHASE OF MOON IN QUARTERS
- PMI: PERCENT MOON ILLUMINATION

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INFO: CO 2d BDE 4TH INF DIV
CO 7/17 CAV
CO 1/22 INF

SUBJECT: OPORD 12 - 68

REFERENCE: MAP, VIETNAM 1:50,00 Series L7014
Sheets 6537 I, 6537 IV, 6538 II, 6538 III
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Task Organization:

NO CHANGE EXCEPT: A, D 1/22 OFCEN B, 1/92 ARTY OFCEN

I. (C) SITUATION

A. ENEMY: Enemy forces continue to use road in Plei Trap valley and infiltrate to east and northeast of the valley.

B. FRIENDLY: 2d Brigade continues surveillance of Plei Trap valley area provides security for artillery elements, and provides reaction forces for CING operations.

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS:
See Task Organization

2. MISSION: 1/12 Inf, commencing 240800 H Nov conducts reconnaissance in force to verify the existence of enemy camp sites and/or staging areas. If discovered, areas to be destroyed.

3. EXECUTION: 1/12 Inf, commencing 240800 H Nov, conducts CAA from Foloi Kleng airstrip to LZ located YA802992, conducts reconnaissance in force with one rifle company to determine existence of suspected enemy encampments and destroy those in existence.

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- A. Co B: Continues present mission, assumes security of LZ Base commencing 200700 H Hour.
- B. Co C: Continues present mission, prepared to reinforce Co D within 15 minutes of notification.
- C. Co D: Continues present mission.
- D. Co E: Commencing 201500 H Hour, conducts CAA from Pajal Hlong airstrip to LZ located 7182299Z. After clearance of LZ, Co D conducts reconnaissance in force a long general route; LZ, 7179899Z, 7179900Z, 71797005, 71800005, 71803998, return to LZ. Extraction from LZ will commence 201500 H Hour, whereupon Co D returns to LZ Base.
- E. Boco Flat: Continues present mission.
- F. 4,2 West Flat: Continues present mission.
- G. B Hwy, 4/12 Arty: Provides preparatory fires from LZ Swinger and P25 20; CE with priority of fires to 1/12 lat.

I. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Sequence of events: Annex A
- (2) Casualty posts will not be carried by participating Personnel.
- (3) All participating personnel will carry protective masks and entrenching tools.
- (4) One troop, 7/17 Cav, to provide gunship support for CAA and final extraction. Overhead security will be provided during operations in conjunction with local VR's.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

- A. Each person will carry one ration, C-rations, and two canteens of water.

5. COMMS AND SIGNAL:

A. COMMS

- (1) Current CCF
- (2) CAA will be conducted on Com A freq

B. SIGNAL

- (1) During CAA and final extraction SF will be airborne.
- (2) Co TSC remains at LZ Swinger.

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