

14 Jan 67

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Op O 1/67 (Op CAMDEN)

Maps: VIETNAM, 1:25,000, XA BINH BA SE Sheet No 6430 III SE
1:5,000, HOA LONG Special

1. Sit

- a. En Forces. Annex A.
- b. Friendly Forces. No Change.
- c. Atts and Dets.

- (1) Under comd from 1600 hrs 15 Jan until rel by 1 ATF 12 NFFP
- (2) In sp from 0700 hrs 16 Jan until rel by 1 ATF One psywar ac
GVN Census pers

2. Msn. 1 ATF is to cordon and search HOA LONG YS 4264.

3. Exec.

a. Concept of Ops.

- (1) The op is multi phases over several weeks.
- (2) Phase 1. A bn gp lightly cordons and searches in detail area CARMEL.
- (3) Phase 2. A bn gp lightly cordons and searches in detail area KIM.
- (4) Phase 3. A bn gp cordons and extracts for interrogation all males and females of military age from area CARMEL.
- (5) Remaining areas are to be additional phases - detail later.

b. S RAR.

(1) Phase 1.

(a) Grouping.

- Under comd from 1600 hrs 15 Jan - CA Det
6 Interpreters.
- Under comd from 0600 hrs 16 Jan - A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- Remaining in DS - 103 Fd Bty
- In DS from 0630 hrs 16 Jan - One H13 161 Recce Flt
- In sp from 0700 hrs 16 Jan - One psywar ac
12 NFFP

- In sp from 0730 hrs 16 Jan - One Combat engr team
(on call) 1 Fd Sqn
- In sp from 0900 hrs 16 Jan - GVN Census Pers
- In sp from 1600 hrs 16 Jan - 10 TCV

(b) Tasks

- (i) Cordon from YS 413641 to YS 425648 during ni 15/16 Jan. Cordon is to be in position by 0630 hrs 16 Jan.
- (ii) Move, in APC, to cordon from YS 425648 to YS 420640 to YS 413641. This inner cordon is to be in position by 0700 hrs 16 Jan.
- (iii) When cordon complete commence a detailed search of area CARMEL.
- (iv) Assist GVN Census Pers to undertake house census in area CARMEL.
- (2) Phase 2. Continue Op WOLLONGONG.
- (3) Phase 3.

(a) Grouping.

- Under comd from 0600 hrs 18 Jan - A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
- Remaining in DS - 103 Fd Bty
- In DS from 0630 hrs 18 Jan - One H13 161 Recce Flt
- In sp from 0630 hrs 18 Jan - Det 1 Div Int Unit
6 Interpreters
One psywar ac
12 NFFP
- In sp from 0730 hrs 18 Jan - One combat engr team
1 Fd Sqn
CA Det
GVN Census Pers
Interrogation Team
- In sp from 1600 hrs 18 Jan - 10 TCV

(b) Tasks

- (i) Cordon from YS 413641 to YS 425648 during ni 17/18 Jan. Cordon is to be in position by 0530 hrs 18 Jan.
- (ii) Move, in APC, to cordon from YS 425648 to YS 420640 to YS 413641. Cordon to be in position by 0630 hrs 18 Jan.
- (iii) When cordon complete commence round up of all males and females of military age. The school area YS 419643 is to be used as the interrogation point.
- (iv) Conduct medcap and food distribution as suspects are cleared.

c. 6 RAR.(1) Phase 1. Cont Op WOLLONGONG.(2) Phase 2.(a) Grouping.

Under comd from 1600 hrs 16 Jan - CA Det
6 Interpreters

Under comd from 1600 hrs 17 Jan - A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

Remaining in DS - 101 Fd Bty

In DS from 0630 hrs 17 Jan - One H13 161 Recce Flt

In sp from 0700 hrs 17 Jan - One psywar ac
12 NFFP

In sp from 0730 hrs 17 Jan - One combat engr team
(on call) 1 Fd Sqn

In sp from 0900 hrs 17 Jan - GVN Census Pers

In sp from 1600 hrs 17 Jan - 10 TCV

(b) Tasks.

- (i) Cordon from YS 425636 to YS 423629 during ni 16/17 Jan. Cordon is to be in position by 0630 hrs 17 Jan.
- (ii) Move, in APC, to cordon from YS 419636 to YS 423629 and from YS 419636 to YS 425636. This inner cordon is to be in position by 0700 hrs 16 Jan 67.
- (iii) When cordon complete commence a detailed search of area KIM.
- (iv) Assist GVN Census Pers to undertake house census in area KIM.

(3) Phase 3. Cont Op WOLLONGONG.d. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt(1) Grouping.

- (a) Under comd 5 RAR for phases 1 and 3.
- (b) Under comd 6 RAR for phase 2.

(2) Tasks. All phases.

- (a) Move inf to cordon positions.
- (b) Remain in cordon position while inf search houses and round up persons of military age.

(c) Move suspects or stores as required from HOA LONG.

(d) Return inf to base locs at the conclusion of each phase.

e. Arty

(1) 1 Fd Regt (105mm).

(a) 101 Fd Bty. Remain in DS 6 RAR.

(b) 103 Fd Bty. Remain in DS 5 RAR.

(c) 161 Fd Bty. Remain in gen sp 1 ATF.

(2) 1/83 Arty (8 in and 175mm). Remain in gen sp 1 ATF.

(3) A Bty 2/35 Arty (155mm). Remain in gen sp 1 ATF.

f. 1 Fd Sqn. Normal tasks excl one combat engr team on 15 mins notice to move for all phases from 0730 hrs daily.

g. 161 (Indep) Recon Flt. Normal tasks excl one H13 in DS 5 RAR for phases 1 and 3, and in DS 6 RAR for phase 2.

h. Det 1 Div Int Unit.

(1) Phase 1. Six interpreters under comd 5 RAR from 1600 hrs 15 Jan.

(2) Phase 2. Six interpreters under comd 6 RAR from 1600 hrs 16 Jan.

(3) Phase 3.

(a) In sp 5 RAR from 0630 hrs 18 Jan - Det 1 Div Int Unit
six interpreters

(b) In sp 5 RAR from 0730 hrs 18 Jan - Interrogation team

(c) Task. Interrogate suspects rounded up by 5 RAR.

i. 1 ATF CA Unit.

(1) Provide civic action support in conjunction with inf during all phases. In particular, medevac and food distribution during phase 3.

(2) Provide psywar ac in sp from 0700 hrs 16 Jan. During Phases 1 and 2 the voice tape is to warn all people to stand to their houses for census taking and to warn that houses are to be searched in Ap Tay hamlet (phase 1) and Ap Long Kien hamlet (phase 2).

(3) During phase 3 psywar ac is to warn people of Ap Tay hamlet that they are to be rounded up and interrogated.

j. Coord Instrs.

(1) Areas of Cordon and Search. Annex P.

(a) Phases 1 and 3. Area CARMEL.

(b) Phase 2. Area KIM.

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- (2) Routes to Outer Cordons. As selected by bns.
- (3) Routes to Inner Cordons. Route 2.
- (4) Timings
 - (a) Phases 1 and 2 (16 and 17 Jan).
 - (I) Outer cordon in position 0630 hrs.
 - (II) Inner cordon in position 0700 hrs.
 - (III) Commence detailed search - As ordered by Inf CO.
 - (b) Phase 3 (18 Jan).
 - (I) Outer cordon in position 0530 hrs.
 - (II) Inner cordon in position 0630 hrs.
 - (III) Commence round up - As ordered by CO 5 RAR.
- (5) Air.
 - (a) RAAF. Two UHIB's on standby on LZ KANGAROO.
 - (b) USAF. No change.
 - (c) USAA. Provide a 1t fire team on standby at LZ KANGAROO.

4. Admin and Log.

- a. Tpt. 10 TCV in sp each phase from 1600 hrs for return to move. Tpt to report as required by bns.
- b. Other admin and log no change.

5. Comd and Sig.

- a. Locs. HQ 1 ATF remains present loc.
- b. Radio. Current S01.
- c. Code Words.

<u>Code Word</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Issued By</u>
FALCON	Search/Round up commenced	5 and 6 RAR
VALIENT (+) time	Tpt required (+) time	5 and 6 RAR

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Brig
Comd 1 ATF

Annexes: A. En Forces
P. Areas of Search

Distr: List Z

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