

Company Orders Group (Coy O Gp) 29 Dec 69.

Intention

Coy is to air assault from Eagle Farm to LZ 530700 commencing at 1030hours – then reconnaissance in force (RIF) along S. Giau from stream junction 544713 to 520750 approx. Duration 2 days.

Ground

Area of LZ and grid square (GS) 5370 – open swamp grass and patches of light bush. Going should be OK. Along S. Giau – thick jungle – going difficult. Water should not be a problem.

Situation

Enemy Agents reports that a company of approx 100 of D440 armed with AK 47, 50's, RPGs were seen in GS 5175 yesterday. Their task apparently is to interdict Route 2. Thought enemy party may be heading out along S Giau as area gives him good water and cover.

Own Troops D&E PI have been reacted to north to block area and try and make contact with coy D440

Attachments and Detachments

- a. Mini Team
- b. Assault Pioneers

Mission Coy is to air assault into LZ 530700 then RIF along axis S Giau.

Execution

General Outline Two phase operation
Phase 1 Air assault
Phase 2 RIF along S Giau

1 PI

Grouping Both phases – MFC and Medical 2IC Total 31

Task Phase 1

Last pl in air assault
Provide 7 marshallers at pick up pad
Move to SE side of LZ and take over perimeter previously secured by a sect of 3 PI.

Phase 2

Move last in coy column for move to S Giau
When ordered move through west bank securing elements of 3 & 2 PIs to east bank of river and RIF along axis

2 PI

Grouping MFC Total 31

Task Phase 1

Move after Coy HQ in air assault – Second sortie
Move to NW side of LZ and take over perimeter previously Secured by section of 3 PI

Phase 2

Move behind Coy HQ in coy column to S Giau
Secure west bank with 3 PI for crossing of 1 PI
Be prepared to deploy as directed by Sunray.

3 PI

Grouping AFO party Total 31

Task Phase 1

Assault pl into LZ.
Secure NE, NW and SW flank of LZ

On arrival of 2 & 1 PI move security elements to concentrate on NE flank
Be prepared on landing to cut out small bushes in centre of LZ

Phase 2

Lead pl in coy column in move to S Giau
Secure with 2 PI west bank for crossing of 1 PI
RIF along west bank

Coy HQ

Grouping Both phases – 19. Includes mini team

Task Phase 1

Move in first sortie with 3 PI (less 2)
Secure SW sector of LZ

Phase 2

Move behind 3 PI

Mortars Normal MFC groupings

Artillery LZ preparation for 20 minutes before landing
Fire support on call – Mediums and 105s

Engineers Mini teams of two.

Coord Instructions

Timings 1030 Lift off commences
1100 Lift off complete
1400 Crossing of 1 PI commences
1430 RIF along axis commences

Order of March

Phase 1 3PI, Coy HQ, 2 PI, 1 PI
Phase 2 To S Giau – 3PI, Coy HQ, 2 PI, 1 PI

Rate of Movement

To S Giau 500 m per hour
Along S Giau As going dictates

Boundary

S Giau inclusive to 3 PI

Direction from LZ

NE to stream junction 544713

Admin and Log

Rations 3 days

Water Water resup in area

Ammo and Equipment Normal

Command and Signal

Coy HQ Phase 1 18 first sortie
SW area of LZ
Phase 2 Behind 3 PI