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SUBJECT: AFTER ACTION REPORT FOR OPERATIONS IN THE DELTA AND RUNG SAT SPECIAL ZONE (15 MAY 1967 - 30 JUNE 1967)

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1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED AS AN AFTER-ACTION REPORT FOR THE 4TH BATTALION 47TH INFANTRY'S OPERATIONS IN THE DELTA AND THE RUNG SAT SPECIAL ZONE (15 MAY 1967 THROUGH 30 JUNE 1967). THE BATTALION'S MAIN MISSION DURING THIS PERIOD WAS TO SEARCH AN ASSIGNED AREA OF OPERATIONS FOR VIET CONG GUERRILLAS AND MAIN FORCE ELEMENTS. ONCE CONTACT WAS MADE WITH THESE ELEMENTS CONTACT SHOULD BE CONTINUED UNTIL THE ENEMY HAS BEEN DESTROYED OR CONTACT IS BROKEN BY THE ENEMY.

2. MOST OF THE OPERATIONS IN THIS PERIOD WERE CONDUCTED IN BATTALION-SIZE OPERATIONS. OUR BATTALION USED THREE COMPANIES TO SEARCH AREAS OF OPERATION USING THE NAVY'S ARMORED TROOP CARRIERS AS THEIR TRANSPORTATION INTO THE AREAS OF OPERATIONS AND BACK TO THE MOBILE RIVERINE BASE. THE BATTALION HAS BEEN LOCATED ABOARD THE USS COLLETON FROM 2 JUNE 1967 THROUGH 30 JUNE 1967. THE COLLETON WAS LOCATED NEAR THE DONG TAM BASE CAMP FROM 2 JUNE UNTIL 3 JUNE 1967. THE MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE MOVED FROM DONG TAM TO NHUE IN THE SOI RAP RIVER ON 4 AND 5 JUNE 1967. THE COLLETON WILL CONTINUE TO BE OUR BASE OF OPERATIONS.

3. THE MAJORITY OF CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY WERE MADE WITH UNITS OF SMALLER THAN PLATOON SIZE. TWO TIMES THE BATTALION MADE CONTACT WITH COMPANY-PLUS ELEMENTS. THE CAM SON OPERATION ON 15-16 MAY WAS THE FIRST CONTACT THE BATTALION EXPERIENCED WITH A LARGER THAN COMPANY-SIZE ELEMENT. THIS CONTACT LASTED ALMOST EIGHT HOURS WITH AN ENEMY COMPANY-PLUS ELEMENT IN A FORTIFIED POSITION. THE LONG AN OPERATION OF 19, 20 AND 21 JUNE WAS THE OTHER CONTACT WITH A LARGE ENEMY FORCE. THE BATTALION MET AN ENEMY MAIN FORCE BATTALION IN A FORTIFIED POSITION AND ANNIHILATED IT IN A TWENTY-HOUR CONTACT. THE TWO MAJOR CONTACTS ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE READER OF THIS REPORT.

4. OPERATIONS OVERLAYS AND CHARTS ARE PROVIDED IN THIS REPORT TO GIVE LOCATIONS AND REFERENCES FOR THE OPERATIONS MENTIONED. REFERENCES WILL BE MADE IN THE NARRATIVE (SECTION 1, ANNEX A) TO THE OVERLAYS AND CHARTS IN SECTION 1, ANNEX B.

5. THIS REPORT SHOULD BE USED AS A TEXT FOR FURTHER USE BY COMMANDERS OPERATING IN THE SAME AREAS OF OPERATION THAT THE 4TH BATTALION 47TH INFANTRY OCCUPIED DURING THIS PERIOD.

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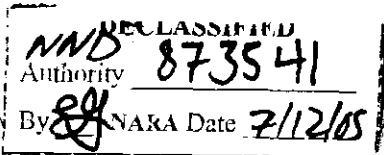
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SECTION I-ANNEX A (OPERATIONS SUMMARY) TO AFTER ACTION
(15 MAY 1967 TO 30 JUNE 1967)

1. THE 4TH BATTALION 47TH INFANTRY WAS RELIEVED OF THEIR MISSION IN THE LUNG SAT SPECIAL ZONE ON 12 MAY 1967. THE BATTALION MOVED ITS ELEMENTS FROM BEARCAT AND VUNG TAU ON 13 MAY 1967. HQ, ALPHA, BRAVO AND CHARLIE COMPANIES AND THE RECON PLATOON HAD BEEN LOCATED ABOARD THE USS COLLETON SINCE 8 MAY 1967. BRAVO, CHARLIE, HQ COMPANIES AND THE RECON PLATOON MOVED FROM THE USS COLLETON TO VUNG TAU HARBOR BY LST. THERE WAS TRUCK TRANSPORTATION TO THE AIRPORT FOR THE COMPANIES. HEADQUARTERS, BRAVO AND CHARLIE WERE TRANSPORTED FROM VUNG TAU TO DONG TAM BY CARIBOU FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT. SINCE THERE WERE ONLY TWO AIRCRAFT MOST OF THE DAY, THIS OPERATION TOOK ALL DAY. ALPHA 4/47 INF WAS MOVED FROM THE USS COLLETON TO DONG TAM VIA RIVERINE MOVEMENT ABOARD RIVER FLOTILLA 1 BOATS. THE BATTALION WAS MOVED TO DONG TAM INCLUDING ELEMENTS OF ECHO COMPANY AND HQ FROM BEARCAT ON 13 MAY 1967. ECHO AND HQ COMPANIES MADE THIS MOVE VIA TRUCK CONVOY. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT DURING THIS MOVE.

2. 14 MAY 1967 WAS USED BY THE 4TH BATTALION 47TH INFANTRY TO SET UP A BASE CAMP AT DONG TAM. THE BATTALION CONSTRUCTED OVERHEAD COVER IMMEDIATELY AND ESTABLISHED QUARTERS FOR THE TROOPS. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT OR INCIDENTS.

3. 15 MAY 1967 (4/47 INF) THE SPEARHEADERS CONDUCTED OPERATIONS ON OPERATION HO TAC XVIII. ALPHA 4/47 INF CONDUCTED AIRMOBILE MOVEMENT FROM DONG TAM TO A FORWARD FIRE SUPPORT BASE VIC XS765367. ALPHA WAS THE SECOND BRIGADE REACTION FORCE. ALPHA 4/47 INF MOVED BY AIRMOBILE COMBAT ASSAULT AT 151000 MAY 1967 FROM THE FORWARD FIRE SUPPORT BASE TO LZ GOLF VIC XS210428. ALPHA 4/47 INF MOVED SOUTH TO A LOCATION TO RELIEVE SOME OF THE PRESSURE FROM CHARLIE 4/47 INF AT XS212408. CHARLIE 4/47 INF WAS UNDER HEAVY ENEMY FIRE FROM A POSSIBLE COMPANY-PLUS VC ELEMENT. ALPHA 4/47 INF ENGAGED THE ENEMY AT XS212408. ALPHA 4/47 INF GOT 22 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC POW, AND CAPTURED ENEMY WEAPONS INCLUDING 3 M1 RIFLES, 1 AUTOMATIC WEAPON (7.62MM), 1 40MM ROCKET LAUNCHER, 1 GREASE GUN, 2 THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS AND SEVERAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF HOME-MADE AND FACTORY-MADE GRENADES. ALPHA 4/47 INF CAPTURED 2 MEDICAL BAGS, A HOME-MADE GAS MASK, AND 1000 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION. BRAVO 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT FROM DONG TAM AT 150520 TO WHITE LEACH VIC XS200399. BRAVO 4/47 INF MOVED TO VIC XS210410. THIS COMPANY WAS HELD AS BATTALION RESERVE THROUGHOUT THE DAY. BRAVO 4/47 INF DESTROYED 1 SAMPAN 30' X 10' AND KILLED 10 VC (BC) AT 151950. BRAVO 4/47 INF WAS REVERTED TO THE RECON OF THE 3RD BATTALION 47TH INFANTRY FOR THE REST OF THE OPERATION. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT FROM DONG TAM BASE CAMP AT 150530 MAY 1967 TO WHITE BEACH VIC XS200399 FOR A 150845 INSERTION. CHARLIE 4/47 INF PROCEEDED TO VIC XS212408. CHARLIE 4/47 INF WAS HIT BY A COMPANY-SIZE VC ELEMENT FROM FORTIFIED POSITIONS. ARTILLERY AND AIR STRIKES WERE CALLED IN ON THIS POSITION. THIS BATTLE LASTED FROM 151100 MAY 1967 UNTIL NIGHTFALL. CHARLIE 4/47 INF FOUND 29 DETAINEES, 25 VC KIA (BC), AND 2 VC KIA (HQB). CHARLIE 4/47 INF CAPTURED 3 US CARBINES, 1 M1 RIFLE (US), 1 THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUN, 1 40MM CHICOM ROCKET LAUNCHER, ASSORTED GRENADES AND MANY DOCUMENTS. CHARLIE 4/47 INF RECEIVED 1 KIA AND 14 WIA. ECHO 4/47 INF'S RECON PLATOON CONDUCTED RIVERINE ASSAULT FROM DONG TAM AT 150530 MAY 1967 TO REMAIN ABOARD THE NAVY ATC'S AS THE NAVY REACTION FORCE. RECON WAS DROPPED VIC XS214423 AT 151000 MAY 1967. THEY RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE WHEN THEY LANDED; THERE WAS NO FURTHER CONTACT. THE NAVY SUPPORT ON THIS OPERATION WAS BLOCKING IN THE STREAMS ON THE EAST AND WEST SIDE OF THE AREAS OF OPERATION. AT 151000 THE NAVY HAD BOATS VIC XS223400 AS A

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BLOCKING FORGE. THE VIET CONG HAD A HEAVILY FORTIFIED POSITION ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RACH TRA TAN RIVER. HAD 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLES AND MANY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. ONE BOAT (ATC) TOOK SEVERAL HITS. THE NAVY SUFFERED 6 WIA ABOARD THIS BOAT. THE COMMAND AND CONTROL BOAT TOOK ONE 57MM ROUND IN ITS BOW (NO CASUALTIES). THE NAVY HAD APPROXIMATELY 20 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLE ROUNDS FIRED AT THEM IN THIS LOCATION. LATER THAT AFTERNOON THE NAVY WAS ATTACKED AT THE SAME LOCATION WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. (SEE SECTION 1, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE 1 FOR REFERENCE).

4. 16 MAY 1967 ALPHA 4/47 INF CONTINUED OPERATIONS VIC XS213408. ALPHA 4/47 INF FOUND FOUR ADDITIONAL VC KIA (BC). ALPHA 4/47 INF FOUND 1 TON OF WHEAT VIC XS215407. THEY LEFT THIS WHEAT IN PLACE. ALPHA 4/47 INF FOUND 5 BUNKERS AT XS223408. ALPHA 4/47 INF WAS EXTRACTED VIA RIVERINE FROM XS218397 AT 161450 MAY 1967, AND PROCEEDED BACK TO DONG TAM. BRAVO 4/47 INF CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN CAM SON UNDER THE OPCON OF 3/47 INF THROUGHOUT THE 16TH OF MAY 1967. BRAVO 4/47 INF REVERTED BACK TO THE OPCON OF 4/47 INF AT 161500 MAY 1967 FOR AIRMOBILE EXTRACTION BACK TO DONG TAM. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN CAM SON. CHARLIE 4/47 INF FOUND 20 57MM EXPENDED ROUNDS IN A BUNKER AND 1 UNEXPENDED ROUND VIC XS222400. CHARLIE 4/47 INF FOUND 200 POUNDS OF RICE IN A BAG VIC XS220400. BRIGADE SAID TO LEAVE THE RICE IN PLACE. ECHO 4/47 INF'S RECON PLATOON WAS UNDER THE OPCON OF 3/47 INF AND CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS ON THE EAST BANK OF THE RACH TRA TAN RIVER. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. THE 3/5 CAV PILOTS OF OH-23 "SPOOK" HELICOPTERS GAVE VALUABLE SUPPORT TO OUR BATTALION ON 15 AND 16 MAY. THREE OF THESE PILOTS WERE RECOMMENDED FOR THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS FOR THEIR ACTIONS IN THIS BATTLE. THEY EXPOSED THEMSELVES TO HEAVY ENEMY GROUND FIRE TO LOCATE AND MARK ENEMY POSITIONS. THEY STAYED IN ONE LOCATION UNTIL AFTER DARK ON THE 15TH OF MAY 1967. THE THREE CHOPPERS BROUGHT IN BADLY NEEDED SUPPLIES TO OUR TWO COMPANIES THAT HAD BEEN CAUGHT IN THE BATTLE. THIS HEROIC FEAT WAS COMPLETED AFTER DARK. THE PILOTS LANDED BY FLASHLIGHT. THE 4/47 INF EXPRESSES OUR THANKS TO THESE HEROIC PILOTS. THE BATTALION ALSO RECOGNIZED THE GREAT USEFULNESS OF THESE AIRCRAFT TO GET REAL LOW AND MARK TARGETS FOR GUN SHIPS AND JETS. THE OH-23 IS ALSO CAPABLE OF A LIMITED RESUPPLY CAPABILITY THAT WAS EFFECTIVE IN THIS OPERATION. (SEE SECTION 1, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE 1 FOR REFERENCE).

5. 17 MAY 1967 4/47 INF HAD RETURNED TO DONG TAM. THE BATTALION IMPROVED THEIR AREA AND BUILT DEFENSIVE BUNKERS.

6. 18 MAY 1967 THE 4/47 INF WAS GIVEN THE MISSION OF PROVIDING PATROLS FOR THE DONG TAM SECURITY. ALPHA 4/47 INF PROVIDED ONE PLATOON FOR THE DONG TAM SECURITY. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. BRAVO 4/47 INF PROVIDED FOUR PLATOON-SIZE ELEMENTS FOR THE DONG TAM SECURITY. THERE WAS NO PHYSICAL ENEMY CONTACT. BRAVO BLITZER HAD 1 WIA FROM BOOBY TRAP AT 180940 VIC XS385431. BRAVO DIXIE HAD ONE MAN FALL DOWN WHILE CROSSING A STREAM AT 181008 VIC XS398424. THE FALL PARALYZED HIS ARM. CHARLIE 4/47 INF PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE DONG TAM DREDGES AND PIPE LINES. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. ECHO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE BATTALION AREA. ECHO 4/47 INF WAS ALSO GOING THROUGH A REORGANIZATION PERIOD BECAUSE OF A CHANGE OF TO&E FOR THIS SUPPORT COMPANY.

7. 19 MAY 1967 THE SPEARHEADERS CONTINUED TO PROVIDE PATROLS FOR THE DONG TAM SECURITY. 4/47 INF ALSO PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE DREDGES AND PIPE LINES IN THE DONG TAM AREA. ALPHA 4/47 INF PROVIDED PATROLS FOR THE DONG TAM SECURITY. ALPHA SENT FOUR PLATOON-SIZE PATROLS OUT THE MORNING OF 19 MAY 1967. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. THERE WAS A DUST-OFF FOR ONE MAN IN THE ALPHA DIXIE PATROL BECAUSE HIS HANDS, LEGS AND FACE BEGAN TO SWELL FOR NO APPARENT REASON. THIS

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INCIDENT HAPPENED AT 191925 MAY 1967 AT XS453442. INF CONTINUED TO PROVIDE PATROLS FOR THE DONG TAM SECURITY UNTIL THE MORNING OF 19 MAY 1967. THERE WAS NO PHYSICAL ENEMY CONTACT. HOWEVER, AT 190215, VIC XS398424, BRAVO BLITZER WAS HIT BY ONE OR MORE CLAYMORE MINES. THIS RESULTED IN 6 WIA AND 3 KIA. THERE WAS NO FURTHER CONTACT. THE CASUALTIES WERE DUSTED OFF TO DONG TAM VIA CHOPPER. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE DREDGES AND PIPE LINES IN THE DONG TAM AREA. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. ECHO 4/47 INF PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE BDE FIRE SUPPORT BASE FOR OPERATION HOPTAC XIX. RECON WAS UNDER THE OPCON OF 2ND BDE. THE RECON PLATOON WAS UNDER A MORTAR ATTACK AT 190200 MAY 1967. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES TO THE RECON PLATOON.

8. 20 MAY 1967 ALPHA 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO PROVIDE FOUR PATROLS FOR THE DONG TAM SECURITY. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. ONE PLATOON WAS ALSO PROVIDED FOR DRAGLINE SECURITY. BRAVO 4/47 INF WAS BDE REACTION FORCE ON ONE-HOUR ALERT. BRAVO 4/47 INF ALSO PROVIDED SECURITY FOR ONE DRAG LINE. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE DONG TAM DREDGES. ECHO 4/47 INF'S RECON PLATOON WAS RELIEVED OF ITS DUTIES FOR OPERATION HOPTAC XIX ON 20 MAY 1967. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT.

9. 21 MAY 1967 ALPHA 4/47 INF'S FOUR PLATOONS CLOSED INTO DONG TAM BASE CAMP AT 210820 MAY 1967. FROM 211550 THROUGH 211605 ALPHA 4/47 INF CONDUCTED AIRMOBILE INSERTIONS: TWO PLATOON-SIZE PATROLS LZ XS385465, ONE PLATOON AT LZ XS384443. ONE PLATOON WAS INSERTED VIA TRUCK CONVOY VIC XS435450 AT 211730 MAY 1967. BRAVO 4/47 INF WAS RELIEVED FROM DRAG LINE SECURITY AT 210910. LOADED OUT FROM DONG TAM BASIN AT 210225 MAY 1967 AND CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT VIA RIVER FLOTILLA 1 TO VUNG TAU HARBOR ABOARD THE USS COLLETON. ARRIVING 211915 IN PREPARATION FOR 22 MAY 1967 SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN AO KITTY AS PER FRAG ORDER 1-67 TO OPORD 6-67 IN THE RUNG SAT SPECIAL ZONE. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO PROVIDE DREDGE SECURITY ON THE DONG TAM SECURITY. ECHO 4/47 INF'S 4.2" MORTAR PLATOON ATTACHED TO BRAVO 4/47 INF FOR 22-24 MAY OPERATION IN AO KITTY (RSSZ). CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH BRAVO 4/47 INF. RECON PLATOON CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TWO ELEMENTS FOR DRAG LINE SECURITY AT DONG TAM. ANTI-TANK PLATOON PROVIDED NIGHTTIME SURVEILLANCE ON THE DONG TAM PERIMETER WITH 106MM-GUN JEEPS. GROUND SURVEILLANCE SECTION PROVIDED TWO RADAR TEAMS (HFS4) FOR DONG TAM PERIMETER SECURITY.

10. 22 MAY 1967 ALPHA 4/47 INF CONTINUED THE DONG TAM SECURITY PATROLLING WITHIN AO ANN WITH THREE PLATOON-SIZE PATROLS AND IN AO CAROL WITH ONE PLATOON-SIZE PATROL. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. BRAVO 4/47 INF EXECUTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT COMMENCING AT 220700 MAY 1967 FROM USS COLLETON AND CONDUCTED RIVERINE ASSAULT INTO AO KITTY (RSSZ) AT 221100 MAY 1967 AND REVERTED TO SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WITH THREE PLATOON-SIZE PATROLS MANEUVERING. BRAVO 4/47 INF MORTAR PLATOON PROVIDED SECURITY FORCE FOR MEDCAP TEAM OF 4/47 INF. FIRST MEDCAP VIC XS368414 TREATED 121 PERSONNEL, SECOND MEDCAP VIC XS394422 TREATED 63 PERSONNEL. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO PROVIDE DREDGE SECURITY FOR THE DONG TAM BASE CAMP. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO PROVIDE DREDGE SECURITY FOR THE DONG TAM BASE CAMP. ECHO 4/47 INF PROVIDED DRAG LINE SECURITY WITH GROUND SURVEILLANCE AND ANTI-TANK SECTIONS ON DONG TAM SECURITY. THE 4.2" MORTAR PLATOON CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT FROM USS COLLETON COMMENCING 220430 MAY 1967 TO FIRE SUPPORT BASE VIC XS961711 AND ESTABLISHED BASE AT APPROXIMATELY 221100 MAY 1967.

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11. 23 MAY 1967 ALPHA 4/47 INF CONDUCTED DONG TAM MISSION IN AO ANN AND AO CAROL AT 231200 MAY 1967. EXTRACTION OF THREE PLATOONS AND BOOBY TRAP AT 230826 PLATOON. ALPHA CORVETTE SET OFF ONE BOOBY TRAP AT 230826 MAY 1967 RESULTING IN 1 WIA. NO DUST-OFF WAS REQUIRED. ALPHA 4/47 INF ASSUMED DONG TAM REACTION FORCE STATUS EFFECTIVE 231230 MAY 1967. BRAVO 4/47 INF CONTINUED A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN AO KITTY (RSSZ) PER FRAG ORD 1-67 TO OPORD 6-67 WITH THREE PLATOON-SIZE PATROLS. FIRST PLATOON FOUND ONE CHICOM GRENADE AT 230955 VIC XS985698. THE BOOBY-TRAPPED GRENADE HAD AN INSTANTANEOUS FUSE; IT WAS DESTROYED IN PLACE. FIRST PLATOON FOUND SECOND GRENADE BOOBY TRAP 50 METERS FROM PREVIOUS LOCATION AT 231130 MAY 1967; RETURNED GRENADE TO DONG TAM INTACT WHEN EXTRACTED. NAVAL FORCES RECEIVED TWO ROUNDS OF SNIPER FIRE VIC YS033708 AT 231338. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. FOURTH PLATOON ASSUMED DRAG LINE SECURITY REQUIREMENTS AT 230830 MAY FROM RECON PLATOON AT DONG TAM SECURITY BASE. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO PROVIDE DONG TAM DREDGE SECURITY FORCES WITH NO ENEMY CONTACT. ECHO 4/47 INF'S RECON PLATOON WAS RELIEVED FROM DRAG LINE SECURITY AT 230830 MAY 1967. ANTI-TANK SECTION AND GROUND SURVEILLANCE SECTION CONTINUED TO PROVIDE FORCES FOR THE DONG TAM PERIMETER DEFENSE. 4.2" MORTAR PLATOON CONTINUED TO SECURE FIRE SUPPORT BASE AT VIC XS961711 (RSSZ) IN SUPPORT OF BRAVO 4/47 INF OPERATION IN AO KITTY.

12. 24 MAY 1967 ALPHA 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE INSERTION INTO AO ANN AT 241652 TO ASSUME DONG TAM SECURITY PATROL MISSION. ALPHA 6 REPORTED THEY RECEIVED FIRE AT 241910 MAY 1967 IN VIC XS387445. THEY CALLED IN ARTILLERY WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. THERE WERE NO U.S. CASUALTIES. BRAVO 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE EXTRACTION FROM AO KITTY (RSSZ) AT 241110 MAY 1967 AND ARRIVED ABOARD THE USS COLLETON AT 241720 MAY 1967. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE DONG TAM DREDGE SECURITY. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. ECHO 4/47 INF'S RECON PLATOON PROVIDED SECURITY FOR 3/34 ARTILLERY ELEMENT TRANSPORTING TWO "DUSTERS" AND 1 BULLDOZER. THE GROUND SURVEILLANCE AND ANTI-TANK SECTIONS CONTINUED TO PROVIDE DONG TAM SECURITY FOR PERIMETER. THE 4.2" MORTAR PLATOON WAS EXTRACTED (EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION) FROM FIRE SUPPORT BASE (XS961711) BY CH-47 BETWEEN 241300 AND 241545 MAY 1967. PERSONNEL WERE EXTRACTED BY RIVERINE AT 241600 MAY 1967 AND ARRIVED ABOARD THE USS COLLETON AT 242145 MAY 1967.

13. 25 MAY 1967 ALPHA 4/47 INF CONTINUED OPERATIONS WITHIN AO ANN AND AO CAROL. TWO WIA (US) WERE HIT BY BOOBY TRAP AT 251040 MAY 1967 VIC XS390430 IN THE SECOND PLATOON. ALPHA 4/47 INF CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS. BRAVO 4/47 INF WAS UNABLE TO EXECUTE RIVERINE MOVEMENT FROM THE USS COLLETON IN VUNG TAU HARBOR TO DONG TAM BECAUSE OF ADVERSE TIDE CONDITIONS AND BAD SEAS. BRAVO 4/47 INF RETURNED TO THE USS COLLETON. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO PROVIDE DREDGE SECURITY AND DRAG LINE SECURITY FOR THE DONG TAM SECURITY. ECHO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO PROVIDE RADAR AND ANTI-TANK ELEMENTS FOR THE DONG TAM SECURITY. THE 4.2" MORTAR PLATOON WAS UNABLE TO MAKE RIVERINE EXTRACTION FROM USS COLLETON IN VUNG TAU HARBOR TO DONG TAM BECAUSE OF ADVERSE TIDE CONDITIONS AND BAD SEAS. THEY RETURNED TO THE USS COLLETON.

14. 26 MAY 1967 ALPHA 4/47 INF CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN AO ANN AND AO CAROL WITH FOUR PLATOON-SIZE PATROLS ESTABLISHING NIGHTLY AMBUSHES. ALPHA AKRON CONDUCTED A DUST-OFF OF ONE (US) WIA AT 261655 MAY 1967 FROM VIC XS444430. HIS WOUND WAS CAUSED BY A GRENADE BOOBY TRAP. BRAVO 4/47 INF CONDUCTED A PARTIAL AIRLIFT OF ELEMENTS FROM VUNG TAU AIRPORT TO DONG TAM. SIXTY-NINE PERSONNEL WERE TRANSPORTED TO DONG TAM VIA FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT DURING THE DAY. BRAVO 4/47 INF ALSO PROVIDED SECURITY FORCE FOR THE RETURN TRIP OF 3/34 ARTY'S "DUSTERS" AND BULLDOZER AT DONG TAM. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO PROVIDE DREDGE SECURITY FOR DONG TAM. THERE

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WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. ECHO 4/47 INF'S RECON PLATOON DUTIES AS DRAG LINE SECURITY FORCE. ANTI-TANK AND RADAR RESUMED OPERATION WITH THE LONG TAM PERIMETER SECURITY FORCE ELEMENTS. THE 4.2" MORTAR PLATOON WAS Airlifted IN TOTAL FROM VUNG TAU TO LONG TAM VIA FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT.

15. 27 MAY 1967 ALPHA 4/47 INF ELEMENTS EXTRACTED FROM AO KIM AND AO DONNA AT 270835 MAY 1967. ALPHA 4/47 INF HAD ONE PATROL FOR THE LONG TAM SECURITY. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. ALPHA 4/47 INF'S PATROL LEFT THE LONG TAM PERIMETER AT 271640 MAY 1967. BRAVO 4/47 INF'S ELEMENTS CLOSED BY AIRLIFT FROM VUNG TAU TO LONG TAM. BRAVO PROVIDED 3 PATROLS FOR THE LONG TAM SECURITY. THE THREE PLATOONS LEFT AT 271437 MAY 1967. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. CHARLIE 4/47 INF PROVIDED DREDGE SECURITY AND BASIN SECURITY. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. ECHO 4/47 INF PROVIDED BATTALION REACTION FORCE. THE 4.2" MORTARS PROVIDED FIRE SUPPORT FOR THE LONG TAM SECURITY. RECON PLATOON PROVIDED A PATROL FOR THE LONG TAM SECURITY. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. THE 106MM-GUN JEEPS PROVIDED FIRE SUPPORT ON THE LONG TAM PERIMETER.

16. 28 MAY 1967 ALPHA 4/47 INF PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE LONG TAM DREDGES AND BASIN SECURITY. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. BRAVO 4/47 INF PROVIDED THREE PLATOON-SIZE PATROLS FOR THE LONG TAM SECURITY. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. BRAVO CORVETTE HIT ONE BOOBY TRAP VIC XS388427 AT 281747 MAY 1967. THIS RESULTED IN 2 (US) KIA. THEY WERE DUSTED OFF TO LONG TAM. BRAVO 4/47 INF PROVIDED ONE ELEMENT FOR DRAG LINE SECURITY. CHARLIE 4/47 INF PROVIDED ONE PLATOON FOR THE LONG TAM SECURITY. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. ECHO 4/47 INF PROVIDED THE RECON PLATOON FOR THE LONG TAM SECURITY. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. RECON HIT ONE PRESSURE-TYPE MINE VIC XS427447 AT 281345 MAY 1967. THIS RESULTED IN 4 (US) KIA. THESE PERSONNEL WERE DUSTED OFF TO LONG TAM. RECON FOUND 1 IUD ILLUMINATION BOMB VIC XS426438 AT 281001 MAY 1967; DESTROYED IN PLACE. RECON FOUND 1 GRENADE BOOBY TRAP VIC XS427442 AT 281220 MAY 1967; DESTROYED IN PLACE. THE 4.2" MORTARS SUPPORTED SECURITY PATROLS FOR THE LONG TAM SECURITY.

17. 29 MAY 1967 ALPHA 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE LONG TAM DREDGES AND BASIN. ALPHA 4/47 INF PROVIDED ONE PATROL FOR DRAG LINE SECURITY. BRAVO 4/47 INF PROVIDED THREE PATROLS FOR THE LONG TAM SECURITY. BRAVO BLITZER HAD ONE MAN DUSTED OFF FROM VIC XS398430 AT 290909 MAY 1967. THE MAN'S BODY WAS SWELLING FOR NO APPARENT REASON. BRAVO DIXIE HAD ONE MAN DUSTED OFF FROM VIC XS394446 AT 290909 MAY 1967. THIS MAN HAD A TWISTED ANKLE. CHARLIE 4/47 INF PROVIDED ONE PATROL FOR THE LONG TAM SECURITY. CHARLIE CORVETTE HAD ONE INDIVIDUAL BECOME VERY ILL AT 291300 MAY 1967. CALLED ROUTINE DUST-OFF WHICH WAS COMPLETED AT 291500. ECHO 4/47 INF PROVIDED THE RECON PLATOON FOR LONG TAM SECURITY. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. THE 4.2" MORTARS PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR LONG TAM SECURITY.

18. 30 MAY 1967 ALPHA 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE LONG TAM DREDGES AND BASIN UNTIL 300836 MAY 1967. ALPHA 4/47 INF BECAME BRIGADE READY REACTION FORCE AT THAT TIME. ALPHA 4/47 INF PROVIDED ONE SQUAD FOR LONG TAM PIPELINE SECURITY AT 301800 MAY 1967. BRAVO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO PROVIDE PLATOONS FOR THE LONG TAM SECURITY. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. CHARLIE 4/47 INF PROVIDED ONE PLATOON FOR THE LONG TAM SECURITY. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. CHARLIE 4/47 INF PROVIDED TWO PLATOONS FOR BRIGADE OPERATION HOBTAC XXV UNTIL 301600 MAY 1967. ECHO 4/47 INF PROVIDED THE RECON PLATOON FOR THE LONG TAM SECURITY. THERE WAS NO CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY. THE 4.2" MORTARS SUPPORTED THE LONG TAM SECURITY PATROL.

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19. 31 MAY 1967 ALPHA 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO BE THE REACTION FORCE. BRAVO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO PROVIDE PATROLS FOR THE DONG TAM SECURITY UNTIL THE MORNING OF 31 MAY 1967 WHEN THEY WERE RELIEVED OF THIS RESPONSIBILITY. THERE WAS NO CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY. CHARLIE 4/47 INF PROVIDED PATROLS FOR THE DONG TAM SECURITY UNTIL 31 MAY 1967 WHEN IT WAS RELIEVED OF THIS RESPONSIBILITY. ECHO 4/47 INF PROVIDED THE RECON PLATOON FOR THE DONG TAM SECURITY UNTIL THE MORNING OF 31 MAY 1967 WHEN IT WAS RELIEVED OF THIS RESPONSIBILITY. THE 4.2" MORTARS CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE DONG TAM SECURITY.

20. 1 JUNE 1967 THE SPEARHEADERS CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN AO JOAN THROUGHOUT 1 JUNE 1967. ALPHA 4/47 INF PROVIDED ONE PLATOON (ALPHA BLITZER) IN AO JOAN THROUGHOUT 1 JUNE 1967. AT 010923 JUNE 1967 ALPHA BLITZER SAW TWO MEN WITH 1 RIFLE AT VIC XS428417. THEY SHOT AT THESE PERSONNEL, WHO GOT IN A SAMPAN AND ESCAPED. THERE WAS NO FURTHER ENEMY CONTACT. BRAVO 4/47 INF PROVIDED THREE PLATOONS FOR SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION IN AO JOAN FROM 010700 JUNE 1967 UNTIL 011700 JUNE 1967. AT 010800 BRAVO CORVETTE FOUND TWO BUNKERS AND 2 PUNJI PITS WITH BAMBOO COVERS VIC XS460419. AT 010927 JUNE 1967 THEY RECEIVED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM THE WEST VIC XS453418. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. AT 011002 BRAVO BLITZER AND BRAVO AKRON RECEIVED FIRE FROM THE SAME DIRECTION AT THE SAME LOCATION. THEY SAW 1 MAN RUNNING NORTHWEST. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. AT 011013 BRAVO CORVETTE RECEIVED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM LEFT FLANK VIC XS452418. BRAVO CORVETTE SAW 1 INDIVIDUAL IN BROWN UNIFORM RUNNING WITH WEAPON. AT 011028 BRAVO CORVETTE HAD 1 (US) KIA BY SNIPER FIRE AT VIC XS455416. AT 011037 BRAVO CORVETTE FOUND EIGHT BUNKERS AND 2 BOOBY TRAPS (1 TRIP FLAME AND 2 US GRENADES) VIC XS455417. THE BUNKERS (4' X 6') HAD LOG TOPS WITH MUD ON TOP. TWO WERE BRAND NEW, FOUR WERE NEW AND TWO WERE OLD. THEY WERE ALL DESTROYED. BRAVO BLITZER FOUND 1 BUNKER (6' X 7') MADE OF MUD AND LOGS; ROOF WAS ONE FOOT OFF GROUND. THEY FOUND 2 POUNDS OF FLOUR AND FIVE BANANAS IN BUNKER VIC XS443417. THEY DESTROYED THE BUNKER. BRAVO BLITZER RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE AND RETURNED IT. THERE WERE 2 MAN FIRING FROM THE WEST VIC XS443417 AT 011258. AT 011448 IN VIC XS445417 BRAVO CORVETTE CAME UNDER FIRE FROM TWO INDIVIDUALS. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. CHARLIE 4/47 INF PROVIDED THREE PLATOONS FOR THE OPERATION IN AO JOAN FROM 010700 JUNE 1967 UNTIL 021400 JUNE 1967. AT 010702 CHARLIE 4/47 INF RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE VIC XS457427. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. CHARLIE 4/47 INF ELEMENTS HAD ONE MAN INJURED BY PUNJI PIT VIC XS457427 AT 010717 JUNE 1967. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS DUSTED OFF. CHARLIE 4/47 INF HAD ONE MAN WITH A TWISTED ANKLE AT 010733 JUNE 1967 WHO WAS DUSTED OFF. CHARLIE 4/47 INF FOUND 1 BUNKER (4' X 4') HEAVILY CONSTRUCTED AT XS457427 AT 010827 JUNE 1967. THEY ALSO FOUND 1 PUNJI PIT (3' X 2') AT SAME LOCATION. CHARLIE BLITZER RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM THE SOUTH VIC XS458426 AT 011833 JUNE 1967. THEY ENGAGED THEM WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. CHARLIE AKRON AT 020836 JUNE 1967 FOUND 2 HUTS VIC XS450425. CHARLIE 4/47 INF ELEMENTS FOUND 1 VIET CONG FLAG PAINTED ON TREE, RED WITH STAR (9" X 9") VIC XS458426. CHARLIE CORVETTE HIT 1 BOOBY TRAP AT 011243 VIC XS449423. THIS RESULTED IN 3 (US) WIA. THEIR WOUNDS WERE NOT SERIOUS, AND THEY WERE DUSTED OFF. CHARLIE BLITZER FIRED AT TWO VIET CONG AS THEY WENT INTO A SMALL VILLAGE. BOTH VIET CONG HAD WEAPONS. THEY LEFT THROUGH THE OTHER SIDE OF THE VILLAGE VIC XS451424 AT 011830. CHARLIE 4/47 INF SET UP NIGHT AMBUSHES IN AO JOAN THE NIGHT OF 1 JUNE 1967. ECHO 4/47 INF PROVIDED THE 4.2" MORTAR PLATOON FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE DONG TAM SECURITY. ECHO 4/47 INF REMAINED BATTALION REACTION FORCE.

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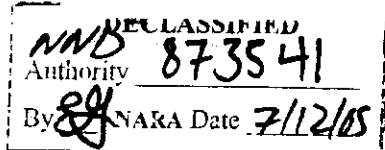
21. 2 JUNE 1967 THE SPEARHEADERS CONTINUED THEIR OPERATIONS IN AO JOAN UNTIL 021400 JUNE 1967. THE 4/47 INF MOVED HEADQUARTERS AND THREE COMPANIES ABOARD THE USS COLLETON ANCHORED IN THE MEKONG RIVER NEAR DONG TAM. ECHO 4/47 INF MOVED ABOARD THE USS BENEWAH IN THE SAME LOCATION. ALPHA 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO BE ON 1-HOUR ALERT AS THE BDE REACTION FORCE. ALPHA 4/47 INF MOVED ABOARD THE USS COLLETON THE AFTERNOON OF 2 JUNE 1967. ALPHA BLITZER CONTINUED THEIR MISSION OF PROTECTING THE NORTHERN SHORE OF AO JOAN. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. THIS PLATOON WAS EXTRACTED VIC XS428419 AT 021400 JUNE 1967. THIS PLATOON JOINED THE REST OF ALPHA 4/47 INF ABOARD THE USS COLLETON. BRAVO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO BE BATTALION REACTION FORCE AT DONG TAM. BRAVO 4/47 INF MOVED ABOARD THE USS COLLETON THE AFTERNOON OF 2 JUNE 1967. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO CONDUCT A SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION IN AO JOAN. THE THREE PLATOONS ON THIS MISSION HAD SET UP NIGHT AMBUSHES IN AO JOAN THE NIGHT OF 1 JUNE 1967. THE AMBUSHES HAD NEGATIVE CONTACT. CHARLIE AKRON AND CHARLIE CORVETTE WERE EXTRACTED FROM AO JOAN AT 020900 JUNE 1967 VIC XS444423. CHARLIE BLITZER WAS EXTRACTED FROM AO JOAN AT 020900 JUNE 1967 VIC XS451424. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. ECHO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO HAVE THE 4.2" MORTAR PLATOON SUPPORTING DONG TAM SECURITY. ECHO 4/47 INF, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE 4.2" MORTAR PLATOON, MOVED ABOARD THE USS BENEWAH.

22. 3 JUNE 1967 THE SPEARHEADERS CONTINUED TO GET AREAS ESTABLISHED ABOARD THE USS COLLETON. ALPHA, BRAVO AND CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO GET THEIR EQUIPMENT STORED AND SET UP HEADQUARTERS ABOARD THE USS COLLETON. ALPHA 4/47 INF CONDUCTED DEBARKATION AND EMBARKATION TRAINING AT 032000 JUNE 1967. ECHO 4/47 INF REMAINED UNDER THE OPCON OF 2ND BDE ABOARD THE USS BENEWAH.

23. 4 JUNE 1967 ALPHA, BRAVO AND CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONDUCTED PHYSICAL TRAINING AND SMALL BOAT TRAINING ABOARD THE USS COLLETON. ECHO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO BE UNDER THE OPCON OF THE 2ND BDE ABOARD THE USS BENEWAH.

24. 5 JUNE 1967 THE SPEARHEADERS CONDUCTED OPERATION CORONADO 11. ALPHA 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT FROM USS COLLETON TO VIC XS478415 AND CONDUCTED RIVERINE ASSAULT AT 050620 JUNE 1967. THEY COMMENCED TO MOVE ALONG AXIS BLUE CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS AND SECURING OBJECTIVE #3 IN VIC XS482398 AT 051002 JUNE 1967. THEY ESTABLISHED A BLOCKING POSITION AT 050720 JUNE 1967. MARKINGS INDICATED BOBBY TRAPS IN AREA VIC XS478409. AT 050802 AT XS478409 THEY FOUND ONE "L"-SHAPED BUNKER WITH OVERHEAD COVER AND TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE FLAGS PAINTED IN TREES. AT 051002 THEY SECURED OBJECTIVE #3. AT 051350 JUNE 1967 THEY MADE CONTACT WITH AN UNKNOWN-SIZE VC FORCE VIC XS495405. CONTACT WAS BROKEN AT 051307 JUNE 1967. AT 051313 THEY SPOTTED 6 VC VIC XS495405 AND SEARCHED OUT AREA. AT 051335 JUNE 1967 THEY FOUND 1 VC WIA. THEY TOOK HIM PRISONER. AT 051443 THEY DUSTED OFF THE VC WIA (POW). AT 052020 THEY EXTRACTED VIC XS500420 BACK TO THE USS COLLETON. BRAVO 4/47 INF EXECUTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT FROM USS COLLETON AND CONDUCTED RIVERINE ASSAULT INTO AO VIC XS472414 AT 050623 JUNE 1967. THEY COMMENCED TO MOVE ALONG AXIS RED CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS AND SECURED OBJECTIVE IN VIC XS472404 AT 050915 JUNE 1967 AND ESTABLISHING BLOCKING POSITION. AT 050720 THE 2ND PLATOON INTERCEPTED FOUR SUSPECTS. THEY CHECKED OUT THEIR ID CARDS, AND ALL WERE IN ORDER. AT 050816 THE 3RD PLATOON FOUND 4 GIRLS (10 TO 14 YEARS OLD) AND 2 BOYS. THE GIRLS HAD ID CARDS; ALL SUSPECTS WERE RELEASED. AT 050838 THEY FOUND AT XS473404 A 14-BUNKER COMPLEX (ONE-MAN SIZE) AND SOME DOCUMENTS. AT 050915 THEY SECURED OBJECTIVE #1. AT 051450 THEY RECEIVED ONE (US) WIA (SELF-INFLICTED WOUND) IN VIC XS472404. THE DUST-OFF WAS COMPLETED AT 051537 JUNE 1967. AT 051900 JUNE 1967 THEY COMPLETED EXTRACTION FROM AO

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IN VIC XS500420 BACK TO THE USS COLLETON. CHARLIE 4/47 INF EXECUTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT FROM THE USS COLLETON AND CONDUCTED RIVERINE ASSAULT INTO AG VIC XS468413 AT 050614 JUNE 1967. THEY COMMENCED TO MOVE ALONG AXIS WHITE CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS AND SECURED OBJECTIVE #2 IN VIC XS473397 AT 051043 JUNE 1967. THEY CONSOLIDATED AND ESTABLISHED A BLOCKING POSITION. AT 050630 JUNE 1967 THEY FOUND 1 WOMAN AND 1 CHILD IN VIC XS468411. THEY CHECKED THEIR ID AND RELEASED THEM. AT 050635 JUNE 1967 THEY FOUND 1 BUNKER CONTAINING VC PROPAGANDA VIC XS468410. AT 050720 IN VIC XS473408 THEY FOUND ONE DESTROYED BUNKER. AT 050810 VIC XS473405 THEY FOUND 9 WOMEN, ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL CHILDREN. THE WOMEN HAD ID CARDS. AT 050832 VIC XS473405 THEY FOUND 2 MEN AND 2 WOMEN. THE ID CARDS WERE CHECKED AND THE PERSONNEL WERE RELEASED. AT 050845 IN VIC XS473404 THEY RECEIVED 6 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS SNIPER FIRE. THEY MANEUVERED AGAINST THE SUSPECTED LOCATION. AT 050855 THEY RECEIVED ONE WIA FROM BOOBY TRAP (SHOT-GUN SHELL TYPE) VIC XS473403. AT 050917 JUNE 1967 DUST-OFF FOR WIA WAS COMPLETED. AT 051025 IN VIC XS473396 THEY FOUND 2 HOUSES, 1 OF WHICH WAS LOCKED. THEY ENTERED AND REMOVED LITERATURE TO EVACUATE TO BRIGADE. AT 051043 THEY CONSOLIDATED ON OBJECTIVE #2, VIC XS473397. AT 051055 THEY RECEIVED 30 TO 40 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM SOUTH OF OBJECTIVE #2. THEY CALLED IN ARTILLERY; THE RESULTS WERE UNKNOWN. AT 051126 THE 2ND PLATOON FOUND 4 HEAVY BLOOD TRAILS FROM VIC OF 051055 CONTACT. THEY COMMENCED TO SEARCH THE AREA. AT 051128 THEY RECEIVED ONE WIA FROM SNIPER FIRE; THEY PURSUED THE ENEMY. AT 051145 THEY FOUND ONE LARGE BARRACKS BUILDING (15-20 MAN CAPACITY) IN VIC XS472397 WHICH THEY DESTROYED. AT 051250 THEY RECEIVED 1 WIA FROM SNIPER FIRE (10 SMALL ARMS ROUNDS). AT 051313 THEY POLICED UP THREE VC KIA (BC) FOUND IN BUNKERS AFTER FOLLOWING BLOOD TRAIL IN VIC XS473396. AT 051355 DUST-OFF WAS COMPLETED FOR ONE (US) WIA. AT 051410 THE 3RD PLATOON FOUND ONE MORE VC KIA (BC) IN VIC XS473396. AT 051556 JUNE 1967 THEY EXTRACTED FROM AG BY RIVERINE VIC XS500420 AND RETURNED TO THE USS COLLETON. ECHO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO REMAIN UNDER THE OPCON OF THE 2ND BDE ABOARD THE USS BENEWAH. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE 2 FOR REFERENCE).

25. 7 JUNE 1967 ALPHA 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT TO AN AREA OF OPERATIONS ON OPERATION CONCORDIA II. THEY REVERTED TO SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION. AT 071010 JUNE 1967 ALPHA 4/47 INF FOUND 3 HUTS AND 1 FEMALE WITH CHILD ON OBJECTIVE #2. ON OBJECTIVE #2 AT 071245 ALPHA 4/47 INF FOUND 1 BOX OF 30-CALIBER AMMO. ALPHA CORVETTE FOUND 10 BUNKERS ON OBJECTIVE #2 AT 071500. ALPHA 4/47 INF HAD 4 MEN WITH HEAT EXHAUSTION. BRAVO 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT TO AREA OF OPERATIONS ON OPERATION CONCORDIA II AND REVERTED TO SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSIONS. AT 071154 BRAVO 4/47 INF FOUND 6 SAMPANS. THEY FOUND 1 DETAINEE WITHOUT ID; HE WAS EVACUATED. AT 072000 BRAVO 4/47 INF FOUND SOME VIETNAMESE MONEY AND DOCUMENTS. BRAVO 4/47 INF HAD 1 VC KIA (BC) AND RECOVERED 1 M1 CARBINE. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT TO AN AREA OF OPERATIONS FOR OPERATION CONCORDIA II. AT 071221 CHARLIE BLITZER FOUND 2 DETAINEES (MALES, AGES 18 AND 25). AT 071245 CHARLIE 4/47 INF HAD 1 MAN COLLAPSE WITH HEAT EXHAUSTION. HE WAS DUSTED OFF. AT 071313 CHARLIE 4/47 INF FOUND 9 DETAINEES. AT 071355 CHARLIE 4/47 INF FOUND 4 MORE DETAINEES. AT 071725 THEY RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE. THERE WERE NO US CASUALTIES. ECHO 4/47 INF REMAINED UNDER THE OPCON OF 2ND BDE. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE 3 FOR REFERENCE).

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26. 8 JUNE 1967 ALPHA 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE VIC XS215412 AND INSERTED INTO VIC XS194449 AND CONDUCTED NEW SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSIONS. NEGATIVE CONTACT THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT OF 7 JUNE 1967. ALPHA 4/47 INF WAS EXTRACTED FROM THIS OPERATION AT 081530 JUNE 1967 VIC XS195459. ALPHA 4/47 ARRIVED ABOARD THE USS COLLETON VIA RIVERINE AT 081935 JUNE 1967. BRAVO 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE EXTRACTION VIC XS213415 AND INSERTED INTO VIC XS194447. BRAVO 4/47 INF HAD 2 VC KIA (BC). ONE VC WAS KILLED BY SMALL ARMS FIRE AND 1 VC WAS KILLED BY A CLAYMORE VIC XS215418 AT 072040 JUNE 1967. BRAVO CORVETTE FOUND AND BROUGHT IN 1 DETAINEE ABOUT 20 YEARS OLD. HIS ID SAID HE SHOULD BE 40 YEARS OLD; VIC XS225424. BRAVO 4/47 INF WAS EXTRACTED FROM OPERATION CORONADO II AT 081530 JUNE 1967 VIC XS195459. BRAVO 4/47 INF ARRIVED ABOARD THE USS COLLETON VIA RIVERINE AT 081935. CHARLIE 4/47 INF WAS EXTRACTED FROM NIGHT AMBUSH SITE VIC XS227428 VIA AIRMOBILE EXTRACTION AT 081100 JUNE 1967. CHARLIE 4/47 INF LANDED ON LZ BLACK VIC XS197466 AT 081125 JUNE 1967. CHARLIE 4/47 INF WAS EXTRACTED VIC XS227428 AT 071530 JUNE 1967. CHARLIE 4/47 INF FOUND 1 DETAINEE AT VIC XS226428 AT 081040. THIS DETAINEE WAS BROUGHT BACK TO DONG TAM. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT TO USS COLLETON AND ARRIVED AT 081930 JUNE 1967. ECHO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO BE UNDER OPCON OF THE 2ND BDE. (SEE SECTION 1, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE 3 FOR REFERENCE).
27. 9 JUNE 1967 ALPHA, BRAVO AND CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONDUCTED DRY-OUT ABOARD THE USS COLLETON. ECHO 4/47 INF REMAINED UNDER THE OPCON OF THE 2ND BDE ABOARD THE USS BENEWAH.
28. 10 JUNE 1967 ALPHA 4/47 INF CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN LONG AN PROVINCE. ALPHA 4/47 INF FOUND 6 PUNJI PITS, AND DESTROYED 5 HUTS AT XS677533. AT 100840 JUNE 1967 THEY DESTROYED 5 BUNKERS. ALPHA 4/47 INF FOUND 14 US GRENADE BOOBY TRAPS VIC XS669523 AT 101015 JUNE 1967. NO ENEMY CONTACT WAS REPORTED. BRAVO 4/47 INF WAS BATTALION REACTION FORCE ABOARD RIVERINE BOATS FOR BRIGADE OPERATIONS. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN LONG AN PROVINCE. CHARLIE 4/47 INF FOUND 7 DETAINEES (MALE) VIC XS678538 AT 100819. CHARLIE 4/47 INF FOUND 11 TONS OF RICE IN BINS AND SACKS VIC XS673518 AT 101015 JUNE 1967. THE RICE WAS DESTROYED. THE AREA WHERE THE RICE WAS FOUND WAS A VC BASE COMPLEX. TWO HUNDRED DISHES WERE ALSO FOUND AT THIS LOCATION. FIVE HUTS AT THE LOCATION WERE VERY WELL KEPT. THEY FOUND 2 RECORD PLAYERS WITH RECORDS AND PICTURES OF PEOPLE IN UNIFORM. THIS AREA COULD BE AN "R&R" CENTER. ECHO 4/47 INF REMAINED UNDER THE OPCON OF THE 2ND BDE. (SEE SECTION 1, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE IV FOR REFERENCES).
29. 11 JUNE 1967 ALPHA, BRAVO AND CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONDUCTED DRY-OUT ABOARD THE USS COLLETON. THE USS COLLETON MOVED TO VUNG TAU HARBOR. ECHO 4/47 INF REMAINED UNDER THE OPCON OF THE 2ND BDE ABOARD THE USS BENEWAH. THE USS BENEWAH MOVED TO VUNG TAU HARBOR.
30. 12 JUNE 1967 THE MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE MOVED FROM THE DONG TAM BASE CAMP TO VUNG TAU HARBOR. THE 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO DRY-OUT ABOARD THE USS COLLETON.

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31. 13 JUNE 1967 THE SPEARHEADERS CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THE RUNG SAT SPECIAL ZONE. ALPHA 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT FROM USS COLLETON AT NHA BE TO APACHE ZONE AND CONDUCTED RIVERINE ASSAULT AT 130700 JUNE 1967 VIC YSC45767. BRAVO 4/47 INF REVERTED TO SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS. ALPHA 4/47 INF SET UP NIGHT AMBUSHES THE NIGHT OF 13 JUNE IN THIS AO. NEGATIVE CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY. BRAVO 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT FROM THE USS COLLETON AT NHA BE TO DUSHMASTER ZONE AND CONDUCTED RIVERINE ASSAULT AT 130700 JUNE 1967 VIC YSC38790. BRAVO 4/47 INF REVERTED TO SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THE AREA AND SET UP NIGHT AMBUSHES. NEGATIVE CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT FROM THE USS COLLETON AT NHA BE TO CAT ZONE AND CONDUCTED RIVERINE ASSAULT AT 130700 JUNE 1967 VIC YS076778. CHARLIE 4/47 INF REVERTED TO SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THIS AO. THEY SET UP NIGHT AMBUSHES THE NIGHT OF 13 JUNE 1967. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. ECHO 4/47 INF REMAINED UNDER THE OPCON OF THE 2ND BDE. THE RECON PLATOON CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT FROM THE USS BENEWAH AT NHA BE TO THE RECONDO ZONE. RECON CONDUCTED RIVERINE ASSAULT AT 130730 JUNE 1967 VIC YS085751. AT 131710 JUNE 1967 RECON FOUND 4 OLD BUNKERS (6' X 2'9, 2-MAN POSITIONS. THEY WERE CAMOUFLAGED; RECON DID NOT DESTROY THEM. AT 131740 RECON FOUND AN OLD AMBUSH SITE, SIX EMPLACEMENTS ON STILTS. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. (SEE SECTION 1, ANNEX C, INCLOSURE V FOR REFERENCE).

32. 14 JUNE 1967 ALPHA 4/47 INF CONDUCTED NIGHT AMBUSHES AND REVERTED TO A SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION ON THE MORNING OF 14 JUNE 1967. AT 141055 JUNE 1967 ALPHA 4/47 INF FOUND A SMALL BASE CAMP CONSISTING OF TWO HUTS. THESE HUTS HAD TWO BINS OF RICE, ONE 5' X 4' X 3', AND ANOTHER 15' X 8' X 7', FULL OF RICE VIC YSC37785. (APPROXIMATELY 12 1/2 TONS OF RICE). THE RICE WAS DESTROYED. ALPHA 4/47 INF WAS EXTRACTED FROM THIS AO VIA RIVERINE FORCES AT 141500 JUNE 1967. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. BRAVO 4/47 INF CONDUCTED NIGHT AMBUSHES AND REVERTED TO SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THE RUNG SAT SPECIAL ZONE. BRAVO 4/47 INF WAS EXTRACTED FROM AO AT 141500 JUNE 1967. BRAVO 4/47 INF HAD 2 PLASTIC ASSAULT BOATS THAT PATROLLED THE RIVERS AND STREAMS IN BRAVO 4/47 INF'S AO. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONDUCTED NIGHT AMBUSHES AND REVERTED TO A SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION THE MORNING OF 14 JUNE 1967 IN THEIR AO IN THE RUNG SAT SPECIAL ZONE. CHARLIE CORVETTE FOUND 2 TONS OF SACKED RICE AT 141116 JUNE 1967 AT VIC YSC63794. THIS RICE WAS POLISHED; IT WAS DESTROYED. CHARLIE AKRON FOUND BASE CAMP VIC YSC58782 AT 141145 JUNE 1967. THEY FOUND ONE PILE OF WOOD ON WEST BANK USED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUNKERS. THEY FOUND FIVE HUTS ON PLATFORMS ON EAST BANK OF STREAM (SIX 3-MAN BUNKERS WITHOUT OVERHEAD COVER, FOUR 2-MAN BUNKERS WITH OVERHEAD COVER, SIX HUTS IN CIRCULAR FORMATION, THREE 3-MAN BUNKERS WITHOUT OVERHEAD COVER, THREE 3-MAN BUNKERS WITH OVERHEAD COVER WITH WALKWAYS CONNECTING THE BUNKERS, TWO 3-MAN BUNKERS WITH OVERHEAD COVER, FOUR 3-MAN BUNKERS WITHOUT OVERHEAD COVER, ONE 4' X 4' PLATFORM, THREE 2-MAN BUNKERS WITHOUT OVERHEAD COVER AND THREE 4-MAN BUNKERS WITHOUT OVERHEAD COVER. CHARLIE BLITZER PROVIDED PLASTIC ASSAULT BOAT PATROLS AND LEFT A STAY-BEHIND PATROL WHEN CHARLIE 4/47 INF WAS EXTRACTED AT 141500 JUNE 1967. ECHO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO OPERATE UNDER THE OPCON OF THE 2ND BDE. THE RECON PLATOON PROVIDED PLASTIC ASSAULT BOAT PATROL AND NIGHT AMBUSHES. RECON FOUND ONE GRENADE BOOBY TRAP NAILED TO A TREE AT 141210 JUNE 1967 AT VIC YS086787. RECON FOUND DOCUMENTS AND DRAWINGS WRITTEN ON C-RATION BOXES. THE DOCUMENTS WERE BROUGHT IN BY RECON TO S-2. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. RECON WAS EXTRACTED AT 141500 JUNE 1967. (SEE SECTION 1, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE V FOR REFERENCE).

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33. 15 JULY 1967 ALPHA, BRAVO AND CHARLIE 4/47 INF DRY-OUT ABOARD THE USS COLLETON. ECHO 4/47 INF CONTINUE TO OPERATE UNDER THE OPCON OF THE 2ND BDE.

34. 16 JUNE 1967 THE SPEARHEADERS CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THE T-10 AREA OF THE NHON TRACH. ALPHA 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT FROM THE USS COLLETON TO THE T-10 AREA OF THE NHON TRACH. ALPHA 4/47 INF REVERTED TO RIVERINE ASSAULT INTO BEACH PURPLE AT 160645 JUNE 1967 VIC YS134750. AT 160845 THEY SPOTTED 2 VC IN SAMPAN, PURSUED WITH PAB'S. THE VC ABANDONED THE SAMPAN. THEY FOUND ONE LUNCH BAG AND A PAIR OF SHOES IN THE SAMPAN. AT 160930 THEY FOUND A BASE CAMP VIC YS137754. THEY ENGAGED 2 VC WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE VIC YS137755 AT 160935. THIS RESULTED IN 1 (US) KIA AND 2 (US) WIA. THERE WERE NO KNOWN ENEMY CASUALTIES. ARTILLERY WAS CALLED IN AT 160940, AIRSTRIKES CALLED IN AT 161012. ALPHA 4/47 INF FOUND VC EQUIPMENT, DOCUMENTS, AND ONE TELESCOPIC SIGHT (CN 568057). BRAVO 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT FROM THE USS COLLETON IN THE T-10 AREA OF THE NHON TRACH DISTRICT. BRAVO 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE ASSAULT INTO BEACH BLUE VIC YS130743 AT 160715 JUNE 1967. AT 161120 THE COMMAND AND CONTROL HELICOPTER INVESTIGATED EXPLOSION VIC YS124753 AND RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE. BRAVO BLITZER WAS IN CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED VC SQUAD. BRAVO BLITZER LOST RADIO COMMUNICATION WITH ALL OTHER UNITS. THE 1ST AND 3RD PLATOON AND RECON PLATOON MANEUVERED IN SUPPORT TO LINK UP AT 161225. AT 161246 BRAVO 4/47 INF FOUND A BASE CAMP (NEW) VIC YS124753. THEY FOUND VARIOUS ENEMY EQUIPMENT AND DOCUMENTS. CHARLIE 4/47 INF WAS THE REACTIONARY FORCE ON ATC'S THROUGH-OUT THE 16TH OF JUNE 1967. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT TO AREA OF OPERATIONS AND STAYED ABOARD ATC'S UNTIL 161421 WHEN THEY CONDUCTED RIVERINE ASSAULT ON BEACH GOLD VIC YS138738. ECHO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO OPERATE UNDER THE OPCON OF THE 2ND BDE. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX D, INCLOSURE VI FOR REFERENCE).

34. 17 JUNE 1967 THE SPEARHEADERS CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WITHIN AO SPEARHEADER ON OPERATION GREAT BEND. 4/47 INF CONCLUDED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WITHIN AO SPEARHEADER AND RETURNED TO MRB TO CONDUCT DRY-OUT. ALPHA 4/47 INF CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WITHIN AO SPEARHEADER ON OPERATION GREAT BEND IN THE RUNG SAT SPECIAL ZONE. AT 170310 THEY RECEIVED AN EXPLOSION WITHIN THEIR PERIMETER, SUSPECTED CLAYMORE OR GRENADE, RESULTING IN 1 (US) KIA AND 3 (US) WIA VIC YS131758. A DUST-OFF WAS COMPLETED AT 170426. AT 170440 THE 2ND PLATOON HEARD MOVEMENT TO FRONT OF THEIR POSITION AND ENGAGED WITH GRENADES; RESULTS UNKNOWN, VIC YS135761. AT 170452 THE 3RD PLATOON HEARD MOVEMENT TO THE FRONT OF THEIR POSITION AND ENGAGED WITH GRENADES AND SMALL ARMS FIRE; RESULTS UNKNOWN, VIC YS131758. AT 170805 THE 3RD PLATOON RECEIVED 4 WIA AND 1 KIA FROM BOOBY TRAP AND SUSPECTED VC PERSONNEL; BOOBY TRAP BELIEVED TO BE COMMAND-DETONATED. ARTILLERY WAS CALLED IN, RESULTS UNKNOWN, VIC YS131760. AT 171440 THEY FOUND 2 BOOBY-TRAPPED AMMO CANS AND ONE BOOBY-TRAPPED FOOT LOCKER VIC YS128761. THESE WERE DESTROYED IN PLACE. THEY EVACUATED A HAND-DRAWN MAP AND PERSONAL PAPERS FROM FOOT LOCKER. AT 171640 ALPHA 4/47 INF WAS EXTRACTED FROM AO BY RIVERINE AND TRANSPORTED BACK TO MRB. BRAVO 4/47 INF CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WITHIN AO SPEARHEADER ON OPERATION GREAT BEND IN THE RUNG SAT SPECIAL ZONE. AT 170130 THE 3RD PLATOON RECEIVED A VC CLAYMORE EXPLOSION THROUGH THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITION RESULTING IN 1 WIA. ARTILLERY WAS CALLED IN WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. AT 170725 THEY COMMENCED DESTRUCTION OF A VC BASE CAMP DISCOVERED ON 16 JUNE 1967 WITH DEMOLITIONS BROUGHT IN BY PAB'S. AT 171543 THEY EXTRACTED FROM AO SPEARHEADER BY RIVERINE CRAFT AND TRANSPORTED BACK TO MRB.

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CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WITHIN AO SPEARHEADER (AAG) UNDER OPERATION GREAT BEND. AT 171512 THEY EXTRACTED FROM AO SPEARHEADER BY RIVERINE CRAFT AND TRANSPORTED BACK TO MRB. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. ECHO 4/47 INF'S RECON PLATOON CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION ATTACHED TO BRAVO 4/47 INF WITHIN AO SPEARHEADER UNDER OPERATION GREAT BEND. AT 171421 THE RECON PLATOON WAS EXTRACTED BY RIVERINE CRAFT AND TRANSPORTED BACK TO MRB. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE VI FOR REFERENCE).

35. 18 JUNE 1967 THE SPEARHEADERS CONDUCTED DRY-OUT AND PREPARED FOR OPERATION CONCORDIA ABOARD THE USS COLLETON. THE USS COLLETON MOVED FROM NHA BE TO XS914615. ALPHA, BRAVO AND CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONDUCTED DRY-OUT AND PREPARED FOR OPERATION CONCORDIA ABOARD THE USS COLLETON. ECHO 4/47 INF CONDUCTED DRY-OUT AND PREPARED FOR OPERATION CONCORDIA ABOARD THE USS BENEWAH. THE USS BENEWAH MOVED FROM NHA BE TO XS914615.

36. 19 JUNE 1967 THE SPEARHEADERS CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT FROM THE USS COLLETON TO LONG AN PROVINCE AND REVERTED TO SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS. (THE REST OF THIS SECTION IS THE ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE THAT TOOK PLACE FROM APPROXIMATELY 1100 HOURS 19 JUNE 1967 UNTIL THE EARLY HOURS OF 20 JUNE 1967).

AFTER ACTION STATEMENT OF THE BATTALION COMMANDER

(SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE VII FOR REFERENCE).

ON THE MORNING OF 19 JUNE 1967 THE 4/47 INF WAS ENGAGED IN A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN EASTERN LONG AN PROVINCE. THE INITIAL PLAN WAS TO LOAD BRAVO 4/47 INF AT BEACH GREEN AND CHARLIE 4/47 INF AT BEACH YELLOW BY ARMORED TROOP CARRIERS (ATC'S). AS SOON AS THIS WAS COMPLETED ALPHA 4/47 INF MOVED SOUTH BY ATC ON THE RACH XON CAU AND LANDED AT BEACH WHITE WITH THE MISSION OF MOVING TO THE WEST AND SECURING THE SOUTH PORTION OF OBJECTIVE 14. ALL OF THIS WAS PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE AND I RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE BRIGADE COMMANDING OFFICER TO MEET HIM AT THE FIRE SUPPORT BASE (FSB). UPON ARRIVAL HE INFORMED ME THAT INTELLIGENCE INDICATED THERE WERE THREE VC COMPANIES LOCATED IN THE AREA GENERALLY BORDERED BY OBJECTIVES 17, 19, 20 AND 21. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE VII FOR REFERENCE). HE PLACED CHARLIE 3/47 INF UNDER MY OPERATIONAL CONTROL AND DIRECTED THEY MAKE A HELICOPTER ASSAULT IN THE VICINITY OF OBJECTIVE 21, THEN MOVE TO THE EAST TO THE RACH DEN VUA AND THEN SWEEP THROUGH THE NIPA PALM NORTH TO THE VICINITY OF OBJECTIVE 20. CHARLIE 3/47 INF WOULD BE MOVED FROM OBJECTIVE 14 SOUTH BY ATC AND LAND AT OBJECTIVE 20. THEY WERE TO MOVE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH BANK OF THAT STREAM TOWARD OBJECTIVE 17 AND PROVIDE THE BLOCK TO THE NORTH AS CHARLIE 3/47 INF MOVED NORTH. THE 2/46 ARVN BATTALION WAS BLOCKING TO THE WEST IN THE VICINITY OF OBJECTIVES 22, 23 AND 25. I WOULD ALSO MOVE ALPHA 4/47 INF SOUTH FROM OBJECTIVE 14 TO THE VICINITY OF OBJECTIVE 18. BRAVO 4/47 INF WAS TO CONTINUE THEIR MOVE FROM OBJECTIVE 11 TO 13 AND 15. THE ABOVE PLAN WAS EXECUTED IN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. WHEN CHARLIE 3/47 INF MADE THEIR AIRMOBILE ASSAULT THEY MOVED TOWARD THE AREA BETWEEN OBJECTIVE 19 AND 20 RATHER THAN TO THE RIVER TO THE EAST. ALSO THE 2/46 ARVN BATTALION HAD CROSSED THEIR RIGHT BOUNDARY (HWY 230) AND WAS IN THE VICINITY OF OBJECTIVE 21. THE BRIGADE COMMANDING OFFICER LANDED AND GOT THEM BACK ACROSS THEIR BOUNDARY. I OBSERVED CHARLIE 3/47 INF MOVING TO THE FAR WEST OF THE NIPA PALM BORDERING THE RACH DEN VUA AND INSTRUCTED THE COMMANDING OFFICER TO MOVE MORE TO THE WEST SO HE COULD SWEEP THE AREA ALONG THE RIVER. ABOUT THIS TIME I OBSERVED CHARLIE 4/47 INF EXECUTE ITS LANDING AT OBJECTIVE 20. THERE WERE TROOPS FROM CHARLIE 3/47 INF ALREADY IN THE AREA SO I AGAIN INSTRUCTED THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF CHARLIE 3/47 INF TO MOVE BACK SOUTH, THEN EAST TO THE NIPA PALM AND THEN MOVE

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NORTH TOWARD CHARLIE 4/47 INF WHO WOULD MAINTAIN THE BLOCK TO THE NORTH BETWEEN OBJECTIVES 17 AND 20. THEY HAD STARTED THIS MOVE WHEN I RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF ALPHA 4/47 INF SAYING THAT HE WAS RECEIVING HEAVY FIRE FROM THE VICINITY OF OBJECTIVE 18 AND THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A NUMBER OF CASUALTIES FROM THE INITIAL FIRE. HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD LOST CONTACT WITH HIS PLATOONS AS THE ATC'S HAD BEEN HIT. ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY CHARLIE 4/47 INF RECEIVED HEAVY FIRE FROM THE NORTH BANK OF THE STREAM BETWEEN OBJECTIVES 17 AND 20. THEY BOTH IMMEDIATELY REQUESTED ARTILLERY FIRE AND AIR STRIKES. SOMEWHAT LATER THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF ALPHA 4/47 INF INDICATED THAT HE ESTIMATED HIS CASUALTIES AT 75% TO 80%. HE COULD NOT MOVE BECAUSE OF THE VOLUME OF FIRE BEING RECEIVED FROM THE BUNKER LINE TO HIS FRONT. CHARLIE 4/47 INF WAS PINNED DOWN AND COULD NOT MANEUVER BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY VOLUME OF FIRE BEING RECEIVED FROM BUNKERS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE STREAM BETWEEN OBJECTIVES 17 AND 20. AT THAT TIME CHARLIE 3/47 INF WAS ORDERED TO MOVE TO THE WEST IN THE VICINITY OF OBJECTIVE 17, CROSS THE STREAM AND THEN MOVE EAST TO SWEEP ACROSS OBJECTIVE 18 AND ATTEMPT TO KNOCK OUT THE BUNKERS IN THE AREA BETWEEN ALPHA 4/47 INF AND CHARLIE 4/47 INF. THE BRIGADE COMMANDING OFFICER ALSO DIRECTED THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF 3/47 INF TO MOVE ALPHA AND BRAVO 3/47 INF TO THE EAST TO SEAL OFF THE AREA WHERE THE FIGHT HAD DEVELOPED. THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF 3/47 INF REGAINED THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF CHARLIE 3/47 INF AT THIS TIME. I ALSO DIRECTED BRAVO 4/47 INF TO MOVE TO OBJECTIVE 16 AND DOWN TOWARD OBJECTIVE 18 IN AN ATTEMPT TO RELIEVE ALPHA 4/47 INF SO THEY COULD REORGANIZE AND ATTEMPT TO GET THEIR WOUNDED AND REAR OUT. DURING THIS PERIOD I ALSO DIRECTED THE ATC'S TO MOVE SOUTH ON THE LOCH XON CAU TOWARD OBJECTIVE 20 TO BLOCK ON THE EAST AND PROVIDE FIRE SUPPORT INTO THE BATTLE AREA FOR BOTH ALPHA AND CHARLIE 4/47 INF. THE MOVEMENT OF ALPHA, BRAVO AND CHARLIE 3/47 INF WAS VERY SLOW DUE TO THE TYPE OF TERRAIN AND NUMEROUS STREAMS THAT HAD TO BE CROSSED. IT ALSO TOOK A CONSIDERABLE TIME TO GET THE ATC'S TO MOVE SOUTH AS DIRECTED. WHEN THEY DID GET DOWN TO THAT AREA THEY ASSISTED CHARLIE 4/47 INF IMMENSURABLE IN SILENCING THE BUNKERS ALONG THE NORTH BANK OF THE STREAM BETWEEN OBJECTIVES 17 AND 20. DURING THE AFTERNOON ALPHA 4/47 INF CALLED IN ONE LIFT-OFF HELICOPTER THAT SUCCEEDED IN EVACUATING TWO PERSONNEL UNDER INTENSE FIRE. THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF ALPHA 4/47 INF REQUESTED THAT THEY NOT COME IN ANYMORE AFTER THAT AS HE REALIZED THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE IT UNTIL THE BUNKERS TO HIS FRONT HAD BEEN KNOCKED OUT. CHARLIE 4/47 INF ALSO GOT ONE LIFT-OFF IN BUT THE HELICOPTER WAS HIT AND COULD NOT TAKE OFF. THE OTHER LIFT-OFF THAT CAME IN AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SHOT DOWN WAS NOT REQUESTED. IN FACT, HE WAS ADVISED OF THE HEAVY FIRE AND INDICATED HE WAS COMING DOWN ANYWAY. AFTER THE BUNKERS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE STREAM BETWEEN OBJECTIVE 17 AND 20 WERE SILENCED BY THE MONITOR I DIRECTED THE COMMANDING OFFICER CHARLIE 4/47 INF TO LEAVE ONE PLATOON ON THE SOUTH BANK AS SECURITY FOR THE DOWNED HELICOPTERS AND MOVE THE REMAINDER OF HIS UNIT TO THE NORTH SIDE OF THE STREAM AND ATTACK TOWARD OBJECTIVE 18 TO TRY AND RELIEVE THE PRESSURE ON ALPHA 4/47 INF. THE ATTACK WAS INITIATED UNDER HEAVY ENEMY FIRE AND WAS MOVING VERY WELL UNTIL THE UNIT RAN OUT OF AMMUNITION. IT WAS ALMOST DARK BY THAT TIME SO I DIRECTED THEY MOVE BACK TO THE BANK OF THE LOCH XON CAU FOR RESUPPLY AND TO ESTABLISH DEFENSIVE POSITIONS FOR THE NIGHT. BY LATE AFTERNOON THE 1ST PLATOON OF BRAVO 4/47 INF HAD LINKED UP WITH ALPHA 4/47 INF. THE REMAINDER OF BRAVO 4/47 INF WAS ABOUT 300-400 METERS TO THE NORTH AND WAS ALSO UNDER HEAVY SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. CHARLIE 3/47 INF HAD MOVED TO A LOCATION SOUTHWEST OF OBJECTIVE 18 WITH ALPHA AND BRAVO 3/47 INF TO THEIR NORTH. AFTER DARK BRAVO 4/47 INF COMPLETED THE LINK-UP WITH ALPHA 4/47 INF AND BEGAN

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TO ASSIST THEM IN THE LOCATION AND EVACUATION OF THE AND WOUNDED. THIS WAS INITIALLY HAMPERED BY ILLUMI EACH TIME THE BATTLEFIELD WAS ILLUMINATED BOTH ALPHA AND BRAVO 4/47 INF RECEIVED ADDITIONAL FIRE FROM THE ENEMY. DURING THE NIGHT THE BATTALION COMMAND POST WAS LOCATED ON A GCB BEHIND CHARLIE 4/47 INF ON THE LOCH XON CAU. THESE ATG'S AND MONITORS PROVIDED A BLOCK TO THE EAST OF THE BATTLE AREA. AIR STRIKES WERE REQUESTED FOR FIRST LIGHT ON 20 JUNE 1967 TO BE FOLLOWED BY A COORDINATED ATTACK ON OBJECTIVE 18 BY BRAVO AND CHARLIE 4/47 INF AND CHARLIE 3/47 INF. A SWEEP OF THE AREA WAS MADE AGAINST SPORADIC VC FIRE. THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY WAS SPENT POLICING THE BATTLEFIELD. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE VII FOR REFERENCE).

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ALPHA 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT FROM THE USS COLLETON INTO LONG AN PROVINCE AND REVERTED TO SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS.

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AFTER ACTION STATEMENT OF ALPHA COMPANY COMMANDER

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ON THE MORNING OF 19 JUNE 1967, ALPHA 4/47 INF WAS ENGAGED IN A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN EASTERN LONG AN PROVINCE, RVN. AFTER HAVING MOVED THROUGH TWO INTERMEDIATE OBJECTIVES, THE COMPANY, WHILE ENROUTE TO A THIRD SUCH OBJECTIVE, CAME UNDER INTENSE ENEMY FIRE.

FOR MOVEMENT TO VIC XS848664 I PLACED MY 2ND PLATOON ON THE RIGHT FLANK AND MY 3RD PLATOON ON THE LEFT WITH MY 1ST PLATOON IN RESERVE. THE 1ST AND 3RD PLATOONS EACH HAD APPROXIMATELY ONE ADDITIONAL SQUAD, OBTAINED BY SPLITTING MY WEAPONS PLATOON (-). THE HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT MOVED IMMEDIATELY BEHIND THE 2ND PLATOON. ADDITIONALLY, ONE SQUAD OF MY FIRST PLATOON, THREE OF MY ENGINEERS, AND THE ARTILLERY RECON SERGEANT WERE ASSIGNED TO RECON THE STREAM ON MY RIGHT FLANK FROM XS848674 TO XS847662 BY MEANS OF PLASTIC ASSAULT BOATS. THE 3RD PLATOON WAS INSTRUCTED TO MOVE SLIGHTLY TO THE REAR OF THE 2ND PLATOON TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FIREPOWER TO THE LEFT FLANK, WHICH BORDERED A STREAM, SONG DUONG LE.

EACH PLATOON HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEND RECONNAISSANCE ELEMENTS INTO EACH TREELINE PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE MAIN BODY. ADDITIONALLY, EACH PLATOON HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONCENTRATE UPON FUNDAMENTAL TACTICS, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS UPON PLACEMENT AND USE OF M60 MACHINE GUNS FOR DELIVERING LONG-RANGE FIRES. I WENT SO FAR AS TO PERSONALLY INSTRUCT THREE OF MY M60 CREWS IN THE SELECTION OF POSITIONS OFFERING SOME COVER AND CONCEALMENT WHILE AFFORDING CLEAR FIELDS OF FIRE. AT THE TIME I HAD A GENERALLY UNEASY FEELING DUE TO THE APPARENT LACK OF ALERTNESS OF MY TROOPS. THIS I ATTRIBUTED TO CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN THE R5SZ WHERE CONVENTIONAL TACTICS DID NOT ALWAYS APPLY.

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DURING MOVEMENT TO OBJECTIVE 10, THE LEAD ELEMENT THE COMPANY VEERED TO THE EAST OF THE ASSIGNED AZIMUTH 200 DEGREES. THE HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT AND 1ST PLATOON GENERALLY STAYED ON THE ASSIGNED AZIMUTH, THUS SEPARATING THE COMPANY BY PERHAPS 75-100 METERS. WHEN THIS BECAME APPARENT TO ME, I INSTRUCTED THE 2ND AND 3RD PLATOONS TO PICK UP AN AZIMUTH OF 220 DEGREES AND THEN LATER AN AZIMUTH OF 240 DEGREES, TO REJOIN THE COMPANY. THE COMPANY HAD JUST REGROUPED AS WE ENTERED THE NORTHERN EDGE OF WHAT WAS TO BECOME OUR BATTLEFIELD. AS A RESULT, THE HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT AND THE 1ST PLATOON WERE ABNORMALLY CLOSE TO THE RIGHT FLANK; THIS I DID NOT THINK WAS TOO SERIOUS, HOWEVER, SINCE THE PAB'S WITH ONE SQUAD ABOARD WERE SCREENING MY RIGHT FLANK. THE RECONNAISSANCE ELEMENTS OF THE 2ND AND 3RD PLATOONS WERE NOT MORE THAN 100 METERS AHEAD OF THE MAIN BODY; THUS, BY THE TIME THE 2ND PLATOON POINT DISCOVERED THE "CLAYMORE" MINE SUSPENDED IN A TREE, THE COMPANY WAS WELL WITHIN THE RANGE OF THE VC WEAPONS EMPLACEMENTS. JUST AS THE RECON ELEMENTS SOUNDED THE ALARM, THE VC OPENED FIRE WITH AN ESTIMATED 4-6 30-CALIBER MACHINE GUNS, 1-2 50-CALIBER MACHINE GUNS, AND AUTOMATIC RIFLES.

THIS INITIAL FIRE, COUPLED WITH THE DETONATION OF 2 OR MORE "CLAYMORE" MINES, CAUSED MOST OF MY CASUALTIES. JUDGING FROM THE WOUNDS MY PEOPLE RECEIVED, THE VC POSITIONS WERE WELL-LAID WITH GRAZING FIRE, AS AT LEAST 4 OF MY DEAD HAD THEIR LEGS PARTIALLY OR COMPLETELY SHOT OFF BELOW THE KNEE.

MY IMMEDIATE REACTION UPON CONTACT WAS TO DROP AND THEN RUN FORWARD TO A POSITION OFFERING SOME CONCEALMENT. MOST OF MY TROOPS WERE NOT SO FORTUNATE; THEY EITHER DID NOT THINK TO MOVE FORWARD, WERE ALREADY WOUNDED AND COULD NOT MOVE, OR WAITED TOO LONG AND LET THE VC GAIN FIRE SUPERIORITY BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO MOVE.

KNOWING THAT MY 1ST PLATOON (-) WAS ON THE RIGHT FLANK AND OBSERVING THAT THE VC FORTS EXTENDED ALL THE WAY ACROSS MY FRONT TO THE STREAM ON THE EAST, I DIRECTED THE 1ST PLATOON TO ATTEMPT A FLANKING MOVEMENT AGAINST THE VC BY GOING AROUND MY RIGHT FLANK WHILE THE 2ND AND 3RD PLATOONS LAID DOWN A BASE OF FIRE. I DID NOT REALIZE AT THE TIME THAT THE VC BUNKER LINE EXTENDED ACROSS THE SMALL STREAM TO MY RIGHT (WEST FLANK); AS A RESULT, I IN EFFECT DIRECTED THE 1ST PLATOON TO MAKE A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON THE EXTENDED BUNKER LINE ACROSS ABOUT 200 METERS OF OPEN RICE PADDY. MOST OF THE DEAD FROM THE 1ST PLATOON WERE LATER FOUND ANGLED OFF TO THEIR RIGHT, INDICATING THEY HAD IN FACT ATTEMPTED TO OUT-FLANK THE VC. AGAIN, THE WOUNDS RECEIVED INDICATED WELL-LAID VC POSITIONS WITH GRAZING FIRE, AS MOST OF THE DEAD FROM THE 1ST PLATOON HAD MULTIPLE WOUNDS ALONG THE SIDE OF BODIES ORIENTED TOWARD THE VC.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS ATTEMPT FAILED, I DIRECTED MY PLASTIC ASSAULT BOATS TO PULL BACK TO THEIR NOCH AND TRY TO LINK UP WITH THE ATC'S. I FELT THAT THEIR EXTREME VULNERABILITY WOULD BE MORE OF A HANDICAP THAN THE ADDITIONAL SQUAD WOULD BE AN ADVANTAGE. THIS THEY WERE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH.

FAILING IN MY MANEUVER ATTEMPT, I THEN CALLED FOR ARTILLERY FIRES IN THE TREELINE, HOPING TO RE-ESTABLISH FIRE SUPERIORITY AND BEGIN A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON THE BUNKER LINE. ALTHOUGH THE ARTILLERY FIRE DEFINITELY CAUSED A REDUCTION IN THE ENEMY FIRE, IT DID NOT STOP THE FIRE. MOREOVER, ONE OF THE RTO'S WHO WAS EITHER WOUNDED OR DEAD HAD HIS HANDSET PERMANENTLY KEYED, SO THAT I COULD NOT COMMUNICATE WITH MOST OF MY ELEMENTS.

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I DID NOT REALIZE UNTIL MUCH LATER THAT ALL OF PLATOON LEADERS WERE KILLED AND THAT MOST OF MY SQUADS WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED. I DID INSTRUCT THOSE PEOPLE WITH WHOM I COULD COMMUNICATE TO USE FIRE AND MOVEMENT IN AN ATTEMPT TO REDUCE POSSIBLE CASUALTIES. ALTHOUGH THE COMPANY AS A WHOLE WAS PINNED DOWN, AT ALIAT ST ALL TIMES ONE ELEMENT OR ANOTHER WAS ABLE TO MOVE FOR SHORT DISTANCES. AT FIRST I BLAMED THE RADIO TROUBLE FOR THE FAILURE OF A FRONTAL ASSAULT'S EVEN BEGINNING; LATER I REALIZED THAT THE LOSS OF MY LEADERS AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES WOULD HAVE PRECLUDED SUCH AN ATTACK.

HAVING NO FURTHER APPARENT OPTIONS, I CONCENTRATED UPON OBTAINING SUPPORTING FIRES TO KEEP THE VC DOWN AND UPON GETTING ASSISTANCE FOR MY WOUNDED. THE SUPPORTING FIRES WHICH WERE AVAILABLE CONSISTED OF 105MM AND 155MM ARTILLERY, HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS AND NAVAL GUNFIRE FROM THE MONITORS.

THE ARTILLERY PROVED TO BE THE MOST ACCURATE AND RESPONSIVE SUPPORTING FIRE. THIS I ATTRIBUTE LARGELY TO THE PRESENCE OF AN AIRBORNE OBSERVER AND A FORWARD OBSERVER WHO PERFORMED FAR BEYOND MY EXPECTATIONS. DURING THE COURSE OF THE AFTERNOON, ONE HOUSE WHICH WAS THE SUSPECTED LOCATION OF A LIGHT MACHINE GUN WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED. AT ONE TIME THE 105MM ARTILLERY WAS CALLED IN WITHIN 25 METERS OF MY TROOPS AND THE 155MM ARTILLERY WITHIN 50 METERS; TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, ONLY SUPERFICIAL CUTS WERE RECEIVED BY MY PEOPLE DURING THESE FIRES, AS MY PEOPLE WERE INSTRUCTED IN ADVANCE TO KEEP DOWN. IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE VC WITHIN THE AREA ALSO ONLY RECEIVED SUPERFICIAL WOUNDS, AS THEY WERE IN BUNKERS. HOWEVER, THESE FIRES CAUSED THEM TO WITHDRAW SLIGHTLY OR REMAIN UNDER COVER: IN ANY CASE, THE FIRES HAD THE DESIRED RESULTS.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS DISCUSSION OF ARTILLERY, FEEL IT IS APPROPRIATE TO NOTE THAT MUCH LATER IN THE NIGHT THE 155MM WAS USED ALL ALONG THE TIE LINE TO COVER 3 SQUADS OF A DUST-OFF MISSION. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, NOT A SINGLE ROUND WAS FIRED AT THE HELICOPTERS, THOUGH 2 HELICOPTERS HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN PERFORMING SIMILAR MISSIONS IN ANOTHER AREA THAT SAME DAY.

THE SECOND MOST ACCURATE AND RESPONSIVE SUPPORTING FIRE WAS THAT DELIVERED BY THE MONITORS (M79, 20MM AND 40MM). AT FIRST THE INEXPERIENCE OF MY TROOPS AT ADJUSTING SUCH FIRE (I PERSONALLY WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO ADJUST OR ASSIST IN ADJUSTING THIS FIRE) AND OF THE NAVY CREWS IN FIRING SUCH SUPPORT CAUSED A FEW MISDIRECTED ROUNDS, ESPECIALLY M79 ROUNDS. FORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, NO ONE WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY THESE FEW INCIDENTS, AND, AS PROCEDURES BEGAN TO EVOLVE, ACCURATE FIRES WERE BROUGHT TO BEAR. ALTHOUGH THE RELATIVELY SMALL SHELLS DID NOT INDIVIDUALLY HAVE MUCH EFFECT UPON THE BUNKERS, ONE BUNKER WAS DESTROYED BY CHIPPING AWAY AT IT FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOWEVER, EVEN THE M79 AND 40MM AND 20MM FIRES ACTED AS A STRONG DETERRENT TO VC FIRE.

ALTHOUGH THE MORTAR TUBES ON BOARD THE MONITORS WERE UTILIZED TO SOME EXTENT, THE EASE WITH WHICH ARTILLERY WAS GOTTEN AND MY OWN "UNSURENESS" OF A FLOATING MORTAR PLATFORM CAUSED ME NOT TO USE THE MORTARS ENOUGH TO GAIN USEFUL EXPERIENCE FACTORS WITH THEM. THE FACT THEY THEY WERE USED, HOWEVER, LEADS ME TO BELIEVE THAT WITH SUFFICIENT TRAINING ON BOTH MY TROOPS' PART AND THE NAVY CREW'S PART THESE TUBES COULD BE AT LEAST AS USEFUL AS MORE CONVENTIONAL MORTARS.

THE THIRD MOST ACCURATE AND RESPONSIVE SUPPORTING FIRES WERE THE AIRSTRIKES. AT ONE TIME 750-POUND BOMBS WERE CALLED IN WITHIN 75-100 METERS OF MY TROOPS WITH NO APPARENT INJURIES. THE AIRSTRIKES WERE THE ONLY SUPPORTING FIRES THAT COULD DESTROY THE BUNKERS IN ONE BLOW; HOWEVER, MOST OF THE BUNKERS WHICH WERE DESTROYED IN THIS MANNER WERE BEHIND THE VC FRONT

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DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. THE 750-POUND BOMBS ALSO ASSISTED IN CLEARING FAIRLY LARGE AREAS OF BRUSH, THUS OPENING UP AREAS OF FIRE. DURING THE ENTIRE CONTACT I DID NOT HAVE A FAC WHICH I COULD SWITCH TO THE FAC FREQUENCY; AS A RESULT, THE FAC HAD TO DEPEND UPON OUR SMOKE TO KNOW WHERE WE WERE. WHEN WE BEGAN TO RUN OUT OF SMOKE ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE FIRST DAY, THE FAC'S MOVED THE AIRSTRIKES SLIGHTLY FARTHER AWAY FROM US. IN GENERAL, THE MOST USEFUL ORDNANCE WAS THE 750-POUND BOMB. NAPALM WOULD HAVE BEEN USEFUL, BUT IT WOULD NOT RELIABLY DETONATE IN THE MUD. I AM SURE THAT SOME STRAFING RUNS WERE MADE, BUT I DO NOT REMEMBER THEM. THE 2.75" ROCKETS WOULD HAVE BEEN GOOD HAD THEY HIT DIRECTLY ON A BUNKER DUE TO THEIR PENETRATING POWER. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THESE ROCKETS LANDED HARMLESSLY IN THE MUD BETWEEN BUNKERS.

THE LEAST ACCURATE AND RESPONSIVE SUPPORTING FIRES CAME FROM THE GUNSHIPS. ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS GUNSHIPS MADE STRAFING RUNS OVER MY TROOPS. IN ONE CASE, THE PILOT DID NOT SEEM TO BE ON ANYONE'S RADIO-HE JUST CAME IN AND SHOT UP THE PLACE. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, I DO NOT THINK THE PILOTS SHOWED NEGLECT; RATHER, I FEEL THAT THE GUNSHIP IS A WEAPONS SYSTEM WHICH CAN BE MOST EFFECTIVELY USED AGAINST TROOPS WHICH THE PILOT CAN OBSERVE. IN MY CASE, MY PEOPLE WERE AS WELL HIDDEN AS THEY COULD MAKE THEMSELVES, AND THE PILOTS SIMPLY SHOT THE WRONG PLACES.

ASSISTANCE FOR MY WOUNDED WAS MINIMAL. I PERSONALLY OBSERVED TWO MEN BLEED TO DEATH SIMPLY BECAUSE WE COULD NOT GET TO THEM. TWO OF MY MEDICS DIED IN ATTEMPTS TO REACH THE WOUNDED. ABOUT 1500 ON THE FIRST DAY ONE DUST-OFF PILOT CAME IN UNDER FIRE AND EXTRACTED 4 OF MY WOUNDED. I TRIED TO DIVIDE THE WOUNDED INTO 3 CATEGORIES: URGENT (HEAD, CHEST AND STOMACH WOUNDS), PRIORITY (ARM OR LEG WOUNDS), AND ROUTINE (MINOR WOUNDS OF ANY SORT). IN THIS I WAS ONLY PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL, AS WE HAD TO LOAD THOSE WOUNDED WHO WERE FAIRLY CLOSE TO THE HELICOPTER. THE NEXT DUST-OFF BY HELICOPTER WAS NOT ACCOMPLISHED UNTIL ABOUT 0200 THE MORNING OF 20 JUNE AS I MENTIONED DURING THE DISCUSSION OF ARTILLERY SUPPORT. A SMALL NUMBER OF MY WOUNDED WERE ABLE TO REACH THE AID BOAT DURING THE LATE AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING. I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF THESE MEN WERE SUBSEQUENTLY DUSTED OFF.

IN THE MID-AFTERNOON I INSTRUCTED THOSE PEOPLE WITH WHOM I COULD COMMUNICATE TO SCOOP OUR POSITIONS FOR THEMSELVES IN THE SOFT MUD (A RESULT OF THE RICE PADDY BEING UNDER ABOUT 3-6 INCHES OF WATER AT HIGH TIDE) AND TO HANG ON UNTIL DARKNESS. UNDER THE COVER OF DARKNESS, I INTENDED TO GATHER MY PEOPLE INTO SMALL GROUPS WHERE THEY COULD SET UP (MINIMAL) PERIMETER SECURITY. JUST AFTER 2100 19 JUNE, BRAVO 4/47 INF ARRIVED AT MY CP, ENABLING US TO CONCENTRATE ON POLICING UP OUR WOUNDED. UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN FIRST ASKED IF I WANTED THE BATTLEFIELD ILLUMINATED, I DID NOT THINK THAT ILLUMINATION WOULD BE HARMFUL. HOWEVER, SEVERAL OF MY WOUNDED WERE CAUGHT IN THE OPEN WHEN THE ILLUMINATION CAME. AS A RESULT, I LOST 2 ADDITIONAL MEN THAT I KNOW OF. IMMEDIATELY, OF COURSE, I ATTEMPTED TO SHUT OFF THE ILLUMINATION. MY INITIAL ERROR WAS FURTHER COMPOUNDED TWICE WHEN ILLUMINATION ROUNDS WERE FIRED WITHOUT NOTIFYING US. ON EACH OF THESE OCCASIONS, I SUFFERED ADDITIONAL WOUNDED WHILE MY TROOPS WERE TRYING TO RE-GROUP.

FINALLY, AFTER WE COMPLETED THE 0200 DUST-OFF MISSIONS AND I HAD ACCOUNTED FOR ALL THE MEN I COULD FIND, WE CALLED FOR AND GOT CONTINUOUS ILLUMINATION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE NIGHT.

THE MORNING OF 20 JUNE 1967 BRAVO 4/47 INF CALLED IN AN AIRSTRIKE ON THE BUNKER LINE TO OUR FRONT AND MADE AN UNEVENTFUL FRONTAL ASSAULT. APPARENTLY, THE VC HAD PULLED OUT DURING THE NIGHT; WE, OF COURSE, HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING THIS UNTIL THE ASSAULT WAS MADE.

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APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES AFTER BRAVO 4/47 INF LEFT THE TREE LINE, THE AREA SEEMED SECURE ENOUGH TO BEGIN THE BATTLEFIELD. DURING THE POLICING ACTION 2 ADDITIONAL WOUNDED WERE DISCOVERED WHO WERE IMMEDIATELY DUSTED OFF. ALPHA 4/47 INF FOUND 20 VC KIA (DC) ON THE MORNING OF 20 JUNE 1967.

THERE IS ONLY ONE THING I CAN RECALL WHICH WAS OF GREAT ASSISTANCE WHICH HAS NOT BEEN COVERED: WE HAD WITH US AN AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION PANEL WHICH FLARED OUT WHEN WE RAN OUT OF SMOKE. ALTHOUGH NOT AS GOOD AS SMOKE FOR AERIAL RECOGNITION, THE PANEL PROVIDED A FIXED POINT FROM WHICH ARTILLERY, AIRSTRIKES AND GUNSHIPS COULD BE REFERENCED. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURES XVII AND XVIII FOR REFERENCE).

ALPHA 4/47 INF HELD ON TO THIS POSITION THE NIGHT OF 19 JUNE 1967. THEY CAME INTO CONTACT AT APPROXIMATELY 1150 ON 19 JUNE 1967. THIS CONTACT CONTINUED ALL AFTERNOON AND THE NIGHT OF 19 JUNE. THIS COMPANY HAD ELEMENTS IN POCKETS ALL OVER THE BATTLEFIELD. THE PRESSURE WAS RELIEVED FROM ALPHA 4/47 INF BY BRAVO AND CHARLIE 4/47 INF. BRAVO LINKED UP WITH THE SMALL ELEMENT OF ALPHA 4/47 INF HEADQUARTERS LATE THE NIGHT OF 19 JUNE. AN LZ WAS SECURED AND BOTH COMPANIES GOT THEIR WOUNDED OUT OF THE AREA BY A DUST-OFF.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE DUST-OFF CHOPPERS. FOUR OF THESE CHOPPERS WENT DOWN DURING 19 JUNE 1967. TWO OF THE CHOPPERS WERE SHOT DOWN WHILE TAKING OFF WITH WOUNDED PERSONNEL ABOARD. THE PILOTS CAME ON THE AIR AND ASKED ABOUT THE SITUATION. THEY WERE TOLD HOW THE AIR WAS FILLED WITH 50-CALIBER AND 30-CALIBER TRACER AND ROUNDS. THEY SAID THEY WOULD GIVE IT A TRY. MOST OF THE CHOPPERS MADE IT BUT THE TWO THAT WERE SHOT DOWN ON THE BATTLEFIELD CONDUCTED ESPECIALLY HEROIC LANDINGS AND TAKEOFFS DESERVE RECOGNITION FOR THEIR TOTAL DISREGARD FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY AND FOR THE QUICK EVACUATION OF THE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

BRAVO 4/47 INF CONDUCTED LIVERLINE MOVEMENT AND ASSAULT INTO LONG AN PROVINCE. THE COMPANY REVERTED TO SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS. BRAVO 4/47 INF AT 0650 FOUND SIGNS WARNING OF BOOBY TRAPS APPROXIMATELY 100 METERS EAST OF CHECKPOINT 69 VIC XS843694. BRAVO 4/47 INF FOUND 1 HUT AND 1 BUNKER AT THE SAME LOCATION. THREE FULLY-LOADED M16 MAGAZINES WERE FOUND INSIDE THE BUNKER. AT 1030 THEY CAPTURED THREE PERSONNEL BETWEEN THE AGES OF 35 AND 45 VIC XS854691. THEY FOUND 1 CABINET IN A BUILDING AT THE SAME LOCATION. THE CABINET HAD A FALSE DRAWER WHICH CONTAINED 1 RUBBER STAMP. AT 1337 BRAVO 4/47 INF STARTED TO MOVE TO OBJECTIVE 15 VIC XS842657 TO GIVE ASSISTANCE TO ALPHA 4/47 INF. AT 1350 HOURS BRAVO 4/47 INF WAS SOUTH OF OBJECTIVE 15 HEADING TOWARDS ALPHA 4/47 INF. AT 1432 BRAVO 4/47 INF RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE AT VIC XS847671. THIS RESULTED IN 1 (US) WIA. BRAVO 4/47 INF WAS PINNED DOWN UNTIL AFTER DARK AT THIS LOCATION. DUST-OFF'S WERE CALLED IN BUT MANY WERE CANCELLED BECAUSE OF THE GREAT VOLUME OF ENEMY SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. THE ENEMY HAD A VERY GOOD FORTIFIED POSITION ALL AROUND OBJECTIVE 18 VIC XS848666. BRAVO 4/47 INF DID NOT MAKE A LINK-UP WITH ALPHA 4/47 INF UNTIL 2100 19 JUNE 1967. THE CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY LASTED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT OF 19 JUNE 1967. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE XVII FOR REFERENCE).

AFTER ACTION STATEMENT FROM BRAVO COMPANY COMMANDER

(SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE, IX, X AND XI FOR REFERENCE).

WHILE ADVANCING FROM OBJECTIVE 11 TOWARD OBJECTIVE 13 ON 19 JUNE 1967, THE BATTALION COMMANDER DIRECTED ME TO BE

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PREPARED TO BE HELD-LIFTED TO OBJECTIVE 17. AS I LEFT OBJECTIVE 13, THE ORDER WAS RECEIVED TO MOVE DIRECTLY TO OBJECTIVE 15 WITH ALL SPEED. I EMPLOYED THE PAB'S TO MOVE THE UNIT TO OBJECTIVE 15. UPON ARRIVAL THE COMPANY CAME UNDER SMALL ARMS FIRE. THE MOVEMENT TOOK 4 TRIPS WITH 15 MEN PER PAB INITIALLY UTILIZING 3 PAB'S. WE RECEIVED 1 CASUALTY FROM THIS FIRE. THE BATTALION COMMANDER DIRECTED MY UNIT TO MOVE TO OBJECTIVE 16 THEN SOUTH TO RELIEVE ALPHA 4/47 INF. THE DISPOSITION OF THE UNIT WAS AS FOLLOWS:

WE INITIALLY ATTEMPTED TO MOVE ACROSS COUNTRY, BUT THE TERRAIN WOULD HAVE SLOWED US DOWN TOO MUCH. I DIRECTED THE PLASTIC ASSAULT BOATS TO MOVE THE UNIT TO OBJECTIVE 16. UPON ARRIVAL THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF ALPHA 4/47 INF CAME ON MY PUSH, BUT BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY CASUALTIES AND LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH HIS ELEMENTS, COULD NOT GIVE ME A CLEAR PICTURE OF THE ENEMY SITUATION AND HIS POSITION. HE HOPPED HIS LAST SMOKE GRENADE TO SHOW US HIS POSITIONS. WE MOVED OUT WITH 2 PLATOONS FORWARD, 1 IN RESERVE. SINCE MY 4TH PLATOON CONSISTED OF ONLY 8 MEN, I DIRECTED THEM TO GUARD THE PAB'S AND AWAIT FURTHER ORDERS.

WHEN THE LEAD ELEMENTS WERE APPROXIMATELY 300 METERS FROM THE POSITION INDICATED FROM THE SMOKE, THE ENTIRE COMPANY CAME UNDER HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND SNIPER FIRE, KILLING 2 AND WOUNDING SEVERAL. ARTILLERY WAS ATTEMPTED TO BE CALLED IN ON SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITIONS. IT TOOK OVER 90 MINUTES TO GET THE ARTILLERY. WHEN THE ARTILLERY CAME IN, THE PLATOON ATTEMPTED TO ADVANCE WHILE GROUND WHILE THE ARTILLERY FELL. LIEUTENANT HELLER'S PLATOON MANAGED TO GET THROUGH TO ALPHA 4/47 INF. CASUALTIES WERE RECEIVED FROM A SHORT ROUND. EVACUATION OF CASUALTIES TO THE REAR WAS NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF HEAVY FIRE. AS DARKNESS FELL, CASUALTIES WERE DUSTED OFF. THE REST OF THE COMPANY ADVANCED AND JOINED ALPHA 4/47 INF. BASED ON THE EVALUATION OF THE SITUATION PROVIDED TO ME, I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THE ENEMY LINES RAN SIMILAR TO THE FOLLOWING.

I REQUESTED AN AIR STRIKE FOR THE MORNING WITH NAPALM. AFTER THE AIR STRIKE, WE ASSAULTED FORWARD CLEARING THE AREA, WITH ONE PLATOON CLEARING THE PALM TO THE RIGHT, 2 PLATOONS ON LINE. THE NETWORK OF BUNKERS EXTENDED MUCH FARTHER TO THE EAST THAN I HAD ESTIMATED. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURES IX, X AND XI FOR REFERENCE).

CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT FROM THE USS COLLETON INTO LONG AN PROVINCE AND REVERTED TO SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONTACTED THE ENEMY AT 1151 ON OBJECTIVE 20 VIC XS843659. CHARLIE 4/47 INF RECEIVED 1 WIA IMMEDIATELY. AT 1230 CHARLIE 4/47 INF WAS STILL IN HEAVY CONTACT. CHARLIE 4/47 INF HAD RECEIVED 9 WIA BY 1230. AT 1419 THEY HAD TWO ELEMENTS MOVE ACROSS STREAM AT OBJECTIVE 20 VIC XS843659 AND MOVE TO THE REAR OF THE ENEMY POSITIONS THAT HAD ALPHA AND BRAVO 4/47 INF FINNED DOWN. CHARLIE 4/47 INF WAS RECEIVING HEAVY ENEMY FIRE. AT 1420 CHARLIE 4/47 INF HAD 1 DUST-OFF CHOPPER SHOT DOWN. AT 1555 ANOTHER DUST-OFF CHOPPER WAS SHOT DOWN AT THE SAME LOCATION VIC XS846663. AT 1606 CHARLIE 4/47 INF USED GUN BOATS AS SHIELD AND USED 40MM, 20MM AND 50-CALIBER TO SOFTEN UP ENEMY BUNKERS. ARTILLERY HAD BEEN CALLED IN ALL AROUND OBJECTIVE 18. 155MM AND 105MM ROUNDS WERE HITTING ALL AROUND THE ENEMY. THREE AIR STRIKES WERE CALLED IN ON THE ENEMY. EVERY TIME THERE WAS A SHORTAGE OF ARTILLERY, AIR OR NAVY BOATS, GUNSHIPS (HU-1B) CAME OVER. CHARLIE 4/47 INF SET UP A NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITION AT VIC XS851662. CHARLIE AKRON HAD ASSAULTED ON THE LEFT FLANK (WEST) OF OBJECTIVE 18 AND HAD HURT THE ENEMY. HOWEVER, CHARLIE 4/47 INF PULLED BACK SO ARTILLERY AND 20MM GATLING GUNS COULD FIRE THE NIGHT OF 19 JUNE 1967. CHARLIE 4/47 INF LOST 1 (US) OFFICER KIA AND 8 ENLISTED MEN KIA IN THE SAME PLATOON. THE ENLISTED

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PERSONNEL WERE KILLED WHEN AUTOMATIC RIFLE FIRE CAUGHT THE PLASTIC ASSAULT BOATS. THE PERSONNEL EITHER DROWNED OR WERE HIT BY 50-CALIBER. THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE FAB'S WAS ALSO KILLED LATER AFTER THE PLATOON HAD ARRIVED AT OBJECTIVE 20.

AFTER ACTION STATEMENT OF CHARLIE COMPANY COMMANDER

(SEE SECTION 1, ANNEX B, INCLOSURES VII, VIII, XII AND XIII FOR REFERENCE).

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ON 19 JUNE 1967 CHARLIE 4/47 INF WAS EXTRACTED FROM A SEARCH AND CLEAR MISSION MOVING FROM NORTH TO SOUTH. WE HAD BEEN INSERTED AT COORDINATES XS872694 AND WERE EXTRACTED AT XS862682. DURING THIS SEARCH AND CLEAR MISSION IT WAS NOTED THAT THERE WAS A LACK OF CIVILIAN ACTIVITY AND ONLY ONE MALE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 15 AND 45 YEARS WAS FOUND IN THE AREA. ALL WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE REMAINING NEAR THEIR HOUSES.

JUST PRIOR TO 1100 WE WERE REINSERTED AT XS843653. OUR NEW MISSION WAS TO TAKE UP A POSITION ALONG THE STREAM TO FORM A BLOCKING FORCE FOR UNITS SWEEPING UP FROM THE SOUTH. CHARLIE 3/47 INF HAD ALREADY SWEEP UP TO THIS POSITION WHEN WE BEACHED. I COORDINATED WITH THEIR COMPANY COMMANDER AND STARTED TO MOVE MY COMPANY INTO POSITION. I WAS MOVING MY 1ST PLATOON ON THE RIGHT, MY 2ND PLATOON IN THE CENTER AND A LITTLE FORWARD AND MY 3RD PLATOON ON THE LEFT. WE HAD MOVED ALMOST 700 METERS TO THE NORTHWEST WHEN MY 2ND PLATOON WAS HIT BY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM THE NORTH. THEY MANEUVERED UP TO A DIKE APPROXIMATELY 75 METERS FROM AN ENEMY BUNKER HOUSING PROBABLY A 50-CALIBER MACHINE GUN. I BROUGHT MY 1ST PLATOON UP ON THE RIGHT AND THEY BECAME IMMEDIATELY ENGAGED TO THEIR FRONT. I BROUGHT MY 3RD PLATOON UP ON THE LEFT TRYING TO FLANK THE ENEMY AND RELIEVE THE PRESSURE ON THE OTHER TWO PLATOONS. THE ENEMY HAD POSITIONS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE STREAM ABOUT 500 METERS FRONT AND 150 METERS IN DEPTH. THERE WERE AT LEAST 3 HEAVY MACHINE GUNS AND SEVERAL LIGHTER AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. OUR POSITION AVERAGED FROM 50 TO 35 METERS AWAY FROM THE ENEMY. WE CALLED FOR ALL THE CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND ARTILLERY THAT WE COULD GET. CHARLIE 3/47 INF WAS INSTRUCTED TO MANEUVER FROM MY REAR (SOUTH) TO MY LEFT FLANK.

WE FOUGHT FROM THESE POSITIONS FOR APPROXIMATELY 4 1/2 HOURS, ATTEMPTING TO KNOCK OUT THE ENEMY BUNKERS TO OUR FRONT. WE DESTROYED ONE WITH A 90MM AND TWO OTHERS WERE DESTROYED BY OUR NAVY COUNTERPARTS WITH A 40MM GUN ON A MONITOR AT A RANGE OF ABOUT 25 METERS. IT TOOK ABOUT 20 ROUNDS OF THE 40MM TO KNOCK OUT THE BUNKER. ABOUT 1630 I WAS ABLE TO WITHDRAW 2 PLATOONS UNDER COVER OF GUNSHIPS (HELICOPTERS) TO BE REINSERTED ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE RIVER ON THE EAST FLANK OF THE ENEMY LEAVING MY 3RD PLATOON TO SPREAD OUT AND HOLD THE POSITIONS ON THE THE ENEMY'S SOUTH. I USED MY 1ST PLATOON TO CONDUCT AN ATTACK ON THE RIGHT FLANK OF THE ENEMY WITH THE 2ND PLATOON LAYING DOWN A BASE OF FIRE ON THE 1ST PLATOON'S RIGHT FLANK. WE OVERRAN THE ENEMY FOR ABOUT 150 METERS BEFORE WE RAN OUT OF AMMUNITION AND HAD TO REORGANIZE AND RESUPPLY. WE THEN DECIDED TO HOLD FOR THE NIGHT, TAKING MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF ARTILLERY THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

THE NEXT DAY THE AREA WAS SO TORN UP FROM ARTILLERY THAT IT DIDN'T EVEN LOOK THE SAME. WE STARTED A SWEEP AND RECEIVED FIRE FROM FRIENDLY TROOPS STARTING TO SWEEP THROUGH FROM THE NORTH AND WEST. I MADE COORDINATION WITH THE FRIENDLY UNITS AND TOOK UP BLOCKING POSITIONS ALONG THE DIKES WITH THEM PUSHING THROUGH TO ME. AFTER BOTH UNITS CAME THROUGH TO ME I SPREAD OUT AND SWEEP UP TO THE NORTH DESTROYING THE REMAINING BUNKERS AND SEARCHING OVER THE ENEMY POSITIONS.

ON JUNE 20 WE MOVED UP THE BATTLEFIELD AND WENT INTO A BATTALION DEFENSIVE POSITION LATE IN THE AFTERNOON.

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ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 21 WE WERE TRANSPORTED BY TO XS851662 AND INSERTED FOR A SEARCH AND CLEAR MISSIO FOUND POSITIONS BEING CONSTRUCTED APPROXIMATELY XS862653, EXTENDING NORTH TO XS863658 AND THEN EAST TO XS867657. WE WERE EXTRACTED AT XS883655.

THE ENEMY SEEMED TO HAVE A RADIO JAMMING CAPABILITY AS I WAS JAMMED ON JUNE 19 FOR ABOUT 2 HOURS DURING THE BATTLE BY A SOLID NOISE-TYPE JAMMING. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURES XII AND XIII FOR REFERENCE).

(SITUATION 1100 HOURS 19 JUNE 1967)

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WE LANDED ABOUT 1100 HOURS AND MOVED OUT WITH THE 1ST PLATOON ON THE LEFT AND BEHIND, 2ND PLATOON ON THE RIGHT, 3RD PLATOON IN THE REAR AND 4TH PLATOON ON THE PAD'S. THE 2ND, WITH THE 4TH SCREENING ON ITS FLANK AND SLIGHTLY BEHIND, MOVED OUT FIRST. AS THEY REACHED THE APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS INDICATED THEY RECEIVED HEAVY FIRE FROM THE OPPOSITE BANK ON THE FIRST PAD AND THE 2ND PLATOON. SCATTERED FIRE WAS ALSO PLACED ON THE 1ST AND 3RD PLATOONS AND HEADQUARTERS. THE 2ND PLATOON REPORTED 8 CASUALTIES INITIALLY AND THE 1ST PLATOON STARTED MANEUVERING UP THE BANK TO THE RIGHT. WHEN WE DID THIS WE RECEIVED MODERATE TO HEAVY SUITER FIRE FROM THE LEFT ACROSS THE STREAM FROM AT LEAST ONE HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPON. AT THIS TIME THE 3RD PLATOON STARTED MANEUVERING TO THE AID OF THE 2ND PLATOON WHICH WAS STILL UNDER HEAVY FIRE. THE FIRING DIED DOWN SOME, BUT THERE WAS STILL SCATTERED FIRING AT EXPOSED MEN. THE 2ND PLATOON'S AMMUNITION SITUATION WAS CRITICAL. ARTILLERY AND AIR HAD BEEN COMING IN STEADILY BUT WITHOUT GREAT EFFECT. GUNSHIPS CAME IN BUT STILL THE SNIPING PERSISTED. AFTER ABOUT 2 HOURS THE FIRST MEDEVAC TRIED TO LAND, BUT THE HELICOPTER TOOK ROUNDS AND WAS DOWNED. LATER THE SECOND LANDED, LOADED, ALMOST GOT OFF THE GROUND, BUT CRASHED. AT THIS TIME THE 2ND PLATOON'S AMMUNITION SUPPLY WAS CRITICAL, AND THE 1ST PLATOON WAS LOW. THE REAR ELEMENT OF THE 1ST PLATOON BROUGHT UP AMMO FOR BOTH. IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THE SUPPORT COULD NOT ELIMINATE THE ENEMY. WE WERE INSTRUCTED TO WITHDRAW (WOUNDED HAVING BEEN EVACUATED TO THE BOATS-ATC'S). THE 3RD PLATOON COVERED THE WITHDRAWAL AND REMAINED IN PLACE. THE 1ST, 2ND AND 4TH PLATOONS (NOW VERY WEAK) LOADED THE BOATS, CROSSED THE STREAM, AND BEGAN TO MOVE ON THE ENEMY POSITIONS ON THAT SIDE. (LOCATIONS OF ENEMY POSITIONS WERE AT THIS TIME LITTLE KNOWN).

JUST BEFORE THE WITHDRAWAL A MONITOR MOVED UP IN THE STREAM AND DROUGHT HEAVY FIRE ON THE ENEMY POSITIONS. THIS PRIMED THE ENEMY FOR OUR MOVEMENT.

ON OR ABOUT 19 JUNE 1967, AT 0800 HOURS, WE MADE A LANDING IN AN AREA TO SEARCH AND CLEAR OUR SECTION OF IT. WE DID THIS WITH NO CONTACT. AT 1100 THAT DAY WE LANDED AT BEACH WHITE, JUST 5000 METERS TO THE SOUTH OF THE FIRST AREA. WE LANDED OUR ATC'S AND DISMOUNTED. THERE WAS A COMPANY OF THE 3/47 INF THAT HAD THE AREA CLEARED. WE MADE OUR COORDINATION WITH THEM. THE 1ST PLATOON WAS TO GO ON THE RIGHT, THE 2ND IN THE CENTER, AND THE 3RD ON THE LEFT. I WAS THE PLATOON LEADER OF THE 3RD PLATOON. I WAS TO TIE IN ON THE LEFT OF THE 3/47 INF. I THEN MOVED OUT TO MY AREA. ALSO THE OTHER TWO PLATOONS DID THE SAME. WE WERE GOING ACROSS AN OPEN RICE PADDY ABOUT 600 METERS FROM A WOOD LINE. WHEN WE WERE ABOUT 200 METERS FROM THE WOOD LINE WE WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY THE ENEMY. THE 1ST AND 2ND PLATOONS WERE UP TO MY RIGHT FRONT JUST AHEAD OF ME. WE ALL HIT IT AND BEGAN TO RETURN THE FIRE. SOON MY FIRES WERE MASSED BY THE 2ND PLATOON. THE 3RD PLATOON STAYED THERE UNTIL TOLD TO MOVE BY THE COMPANY COMMANDER. WITHIN 20 MINUTES THE COMPANY COMMANDER TOLD ME TO MOVE MY PLATOON UP TO THE LEFT AND HELP GIVE THE 2ND PLATOON SOME SUPPORT. WE DID THIS BY CRAWLING 100 METERS IN AN OPEN RICE PADDY FILLED WITH WATER. DURING THIS

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MOVE TWO OF MY MEN WERE HIT BY ENEMY FIRE. AFTER LEAVING THE AREA TO WHICH WE WERE TOLD TO GO, I CALLED FOR A DUST-OFF FOR MY TWO MEN. THERE WAS A HELICOPTER PRIOR TO THIS THAT CAME IN FOR SOME WOUNDED OF THE 2ND PLATOON. IT HAD TAKEN SOME ROUNDS AND WAS UNABLE TO TAKE OFF. BOTH MACHINE GUNNERS OF THE CHOPPER WERE WOUNDED. DURING ALL THIS TIME WE WERE TAKING A LOT OF ROUNDS FROM OUR FRONT, RIGHT AND LEFT SIDES. IT LOOKED LIKE WE WERE IN AN "L"-SHAPED AMBUSH. THE ENEMY HAD WELL-DUG-IN POSITIONS TO OUR FRONT, ONE AND TWO-MAN POSITIONS. WE WERE RECEIVING MACHINE GUN FIRE, AUTOMATIC RIFLE FIRE AND OTHER SMALL ARMS FIRE. WHEN MY DUST-OFF HELICOPTER CAME IN, I LOADED MY TWO MEN ON IT AND THEY TOOK OFF. DURING THE TAKE-OFF I SAW IT WAS LEAKING FUEL, BUT COULD NOT WARN THEM. IT DID A HALF BACK-FLIP, STRAIGHTENED OUT, DID ANOTHER ONE AND THEN CAME CRASHING TO THE GROUND, NOSE-FIRST. WHEN IT HIT, MY MEDIC AND 5 OTHER MEN FROM MY PLATOON WENT OVER AND TRIED TO SAVE THE WOUNDED. ONE OF MY MEN WAS TRAPPED UNDER THE CHOPPER, PUT WAS DEAD. THE OTHER ONE DIED LATER ON IN THE HOSPITAL. DURING ALL THIS TIME I HAD THREE OTHER MEN WOUNDED. THE COMPANY COMMANDER THEN DECIDED TO PULL OUT THE 1ST AND 2ND PLATOONS TO THE REAR AND TRY TO FLANK THE ENEMY. I WAS TO STAY AND MAN THE POSITIONS AND HELP PROTECT THE CHOPPERS. WE WERE ONLY AROUND 30 METERS FROM THE ENEMY POSITIONS, ACROSS THE RIVER. WE HAD AROUND 3 AIR STRIKES AND 500 ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY FIRE PUT ON THE ENEMY. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURES XII AND XIII FOR REFERENCE).

(SITUATION 1600 HOURS 19 JUNE 1967)

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UPON LANDING CHARLIE 4/47 INF (3RD PLATOON) QUICKLY SPREAD OUT AS INDICATED AND ADVANCED UPON THE TREES TO THE FRONT. ABOUT 50 METERS AWAY FROM THE ELEVATED AREA AROUND THE HUTCH, THE ENEMY OPENED FIRE, SOMEHOW MISSING THE 1ST PLATOON THAT WAS SPREAD ON LINE ADVANCING. THE 2ND PLATOON WAS MOVING TO THE RIGHT AND WAS ENGAGED BY SNIPER FIRE. CAUGHT IN THE OPEN, THE 1ST PLATOON ASSAULTED THE ENEMY POSITIONS, SOME OF WHICH WERE NOW APPARENT. THE ENEMY, IN APPARENT CONFUSION, JUMPED UP AND RAN. MANY WERE KILLED TRYING TO GET AWAY. SEVERAL WERE KILLED IN THEIR POSITIONS. AS THE 1ST SQUAD ROUNDED THE HOUSE THEY SAW SEVERAL RUNNING FROM THE TREES TO THE RIGHT, LAID A MACHINE GUN, AND KILLED THEM. REACHING THE CREEK, THE 1ST PLATOON WAS LOW ON AMMO, EXPENDED IN THE CHARGE, AND HELD UP. THEY THEN CAME UNDER INTENSE ENEMY FIRE FROM THE BUNKERS ACROSS THE OPEN AREA. SOME AMMO WAS BROUGHT UP, BUT IT WAS APPARENT THE 1ST PLATOON COULD NOT MOVE UP. THE COMPANY COMMANDER DECIDED IT WAS BEST TO MOVE BACK TO THE RIVER AND REORGANIZE FOR THE NIGHT. THE ENEMY MOVED BACK IN AFTER THE 1ST PLATOON AND HARRASSED WITH LIGHT SNIPER FIRE. CHARLIE 4/47 INF DUG IN THE MUL FOR THE NIGHT (ABOUT 1730) AND RECEIVED LIGHT REINFORCEMENT; LATER RECEIVING SUFFICIENT AMMO AND WATER AND SUPPORT FROM THE ATC'S. IT STARTED TO GET DARK, SO I PULLED MY MEN IN CLOSE TO SET UP FOR THE NIGHT. WE WERE LEFT THERE TO PROTECT OURSELVES AND THE CHOPPERS; ALSO TO WATCH FOR THE ENEMY TO ESCAPE DURING THE NIGHT. WE DIDN'T SEE ANY OF THEM ESCAPE THAT NIGHT. DURING THE NIGHT I HAD 3 MORE OF MY MEN WOUNDED BY THE ARTILLERY THAT WE CALLED IN ON THE ENEMY. JUST AT DAY BREAK THE ENEMY STARTED TO OPEN UP AGAIN ON MY PLATOON, WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE, FROM ACROSS THE RIVER. I LOST ANOTHER 2 MEN THAT MORNING. FROM ACROSS THE RIVER THE 3/47 INF WAS BEGINNING TO SWEEP OVER THE ENEMY POSITIONS. I REMAINED IN POSITION UNTIL THE DOWNED HELICOPTERS WERE LIFTED OUT. DURING THE MORNING WE RECEIVED FIRE FROM OUR REAR. WE RETURNED THE FIRE AND 2 ENEMY BEGAN TO RUN ACROSS THE FIELD. WE DROPPED THEM

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THERE. WHEN THE BATTLE WAS OVER I WENT ACROSS THE RIVER THERE I SAW 10 DEAD ENEMY AND AROUND 30 TO 40 POSITIONS WITH OVERHEAD COVER. ALL POSITIONS APPEARED TO BE PRETTY NEWLY-BUILT. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURES XII AND XIII FOR REFERENCE).

ECHO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO OPERATE UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE 2ND LIE.

37) 20 JUNE 1967 THE SPEARHEADERS CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS. ALPHA 4/47 INF POLICED UP THE BATTLEFIELD AROUND OBJECTIVE 18 VIC XS845665. ALPHA 4/47 INF MOVED TO LOCATION XS854667. ALPHA 4/47 INF CONSOLIDATED ALL EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL AT THIS LOCATION. ALPHA EVACUATED ALL OF THEIR DEAD AND WOUNDED BY HELICOPTER ON 20 JUNE 1967. ALPHA 4/47 INF LOADED UP ON NAVY ATC'S AND CONDUCTED FIVERINE MOVEMENT BACK TO THE USS COLLETON. BRAVO 4/47 INF ASSAULTED OBJECTIVE 18 FROM NORTH SOUTH VIC XS845665. BRAVO 4/47 INF FOUND AN EXTENSIVE BUNKER SYSTEM AT THAT LOCATION. BRAVO 4/47 INF FOUND A TOTAL OF 30 VC KIA (10). MOST OF THE VC HAD BEEN CARRIED OFF BY NIGHT. BRAVO HELPED ALPHA POLICE UP THEIR DEAD AND WOUNDED. BRAVO 4/47 INF MOVED INTO A BATTALION PERIMETER VIC XS854667 AT 201500. BRAVO HAD THE COMPANY IN A HALF-MOON CONNECTING WITH THE RIVER IN THE NORTH AND CHARLIE 4/47 INF IN THE SOUTH. THE NAVY BOATS WERE TO THE REAR OF BRAVO 4/47 INF. BRAVO REMAINED IN THIS LOCATION ALL NIGHT OF 20 JUNE 1967. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT, BUT THERE WAS SPORADIC SNIPER FIRE FROM TIME TO TIME. CHARLIE 4/47 INF ASSAULTED OBJECTIVE 18 VIC XS845665 FROM SOUTH TO NORTH. CHARLIE FOUND A TOTAL OF 40 VC KIA (20). CHARLIE HELPED ALPHA 4/47 INF POLICE UP THE BATTLEFIELD THE MORNING OF 20 JUNE 1967. CHARLIE MOVED TO VIC XS854667 TO SET UP THEIR PART OF A BATTALION PERIMETER. THIS WAS A HALF-MOON PERIMETER, CONNECTED BY BRAVO 4/47 INF IN THE NORTH AND THE RIVER TO THE SOUTH WITH THE NAVY TO THE REAR OF BOTH COMPANIES. CHARLIE REPORTED 5 VC MOVING TO THEIR FRONT AT 1600 JUNE 1967. ARTILLERY WAS CALLED IN ON THE VC WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THERE WAS NO FURTHER ENEMY CONTACT. ECHO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO OPERATE UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE 2ND LIE. THE RECON PLATOON 4/47 INF WAS PLACED UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE 4/47 INF AT 200900 JUNE 1967. RECON WAS PART OF THE BATTALION PERIMETER AT VIC XS854667 UNTIL 201700. RECON ESTABLISHED A NIGHT AMBUSH VIC XS846664. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. RECON PLATOON 3/47 INF WAS PLACED UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF 4/47 INF AT 200900 JUNE 1967. RECON WAS PART OF THE BATTALION PERIMETER AT VIC XS854667 UNTIL 201700. RECON ESTABLISHED A NIGHT AMBUSH VIC XS850670. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE VII FOR REFERENCE).

38) 21 JUNE 1967 THE SPEARHEADERS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN LONG AN PROVINCE ON OPERATION CONCORDIA. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE XIV FOR MOVEMENTS OF BATTALION ON 21 JUNE 1967.) ALPHA 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO STAY-OUT ABOARD THE USS COLLETON AT NHA BE. BRAVO 4/47 INF HAD BEEN IN BATTALION PERIMETER THE NIGHT OF 20 JUNE AT VIC XS851665. BRAVO 4/47 INF EXTRACTED FROM THIS LOCATION AT 210924 JUNE 1967 TO BE INSERTED VIC XS862674. BRAVO 4/47 INF PROCEEDED TO SWEEP FROM XS862674 TO VIC XS863662 TO VIC XS876662. BRAVO 4/47 INF FOUND AT 210940 JUNE 1967 12 BUNKERS (5' X 10') AT VIC XS862674 AND DESTROYED THESE BUNKERS. BRAVO 4/47 INF PICKED UP THREE DETAINEES OF 20-25 YEARS OF AGE AT VIC XS862674 AT 210930 JUNE 1967. AT 211310 JUNE 1967 BRAVO 4/47 INF FOUND 40 BUNKERS (5' X 10') RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH IN FRONT OF VIC XS868670; DESTROYED 12 OF THESE BUNKERS. BRAVO 4/47 INF FOUND 1200 POUNDS OF RICE IN BAGS, DESTROYED THIS RICE. AT 211325 BRAVO 4/47 INF FOUND 1 VC KIA (20) IN A BUNKER IN VIC XS862662. THIS VC HAD MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND DID NOT HAVE A WEAPON. BRAVO 4/47

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INF WAS EXTRACTED AT 211700 AND ARRIVED BACK AT THE USS COLLETON AT 211800 JUNE 1967 (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE XIV). CHARLIE 4/47 INF WAS PART OF THE BATTALION PERIMETER AT VIC XS851665. CHARLIE 4/47 INF EXTRACTED FROM LOCATION VIA RIVERINE MOVEMENT AT 210932 JUNE 1967 AND WAS INSERTED AT VIC XS855668 AT 210945 JUNE 1967. CHARLIE 4/47 INF FOUND 1 DETAINEE, MALE, AT VIC XS855668. ALSO FOUND 6 FRESH GRAVES AT SAME LOCATION, NEGATIVE RESULTS FROM PROBING GRAVES. AT 211313 JUNE 1967 CHARLIE 4/47 INF FOUND 2 BUNKERS (6' X 5') WITH OVERHEAD COVER VIC XS861659. THEY DESTROYED THESE BUNKERS. AT 211326 JUNE 1967 THEY FOUND ONE CONCRETE BUNKER VIC XS861657 (6' X 10'). THIS BUNKER HAD FOUR FIRING PORTS. THERE WERE 25 FIGHTING POSITIONS IN THIS GENERAL AREA. THE CONCRETE BUNKER WAS DESTROYED. AT 211430 CHARLIE 4/47 INF GOT 2 VC KIA (BC). NO WEAPONS WERE FOUND. CHARLIE 4/47 INF FOUND 6 M1 CARTRIDGE CLIPS AND 2 GRENADES AT THE SAME LOCATION VIC XS861600. AT 211622 CHARLIE 4/47 INF SAW 4 VC WITH WEAPONS GO INTO BUNKER AT VIC XS877658; BROUGHT 155MM ARTILLERY ON BUNKER. BUNKER WAS COVERED WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE TO KEEP THE VC PINNED DOWN. THE BUNKER DISAPPEARED IN ARTILLERY; FOUR VC KIA (BC). CHARLIE 4/47 INF WAS EXTRACTED VIA RIVERINE AT VIC XS883655 AND ARRIVED AT USS COLLETON AT 211900 JUNE 1967. ECHO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO BE UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE 2ND BDE. RECON 4/47 INF WAS PART OF THE BATTALION PERIMETER AT VIC XS854667 UNTIL 211700 JUNE 1967. RECON SET UP A NIGHT AMBUSH VIC XS846604. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. COMED 4/47 INF FOUND 50 BAGS OF RICE HUSKS VIC XS859667; DESTROYED HUSKS. RECON REMAINED ABOARD ATC THE DAY OF 21 JUNE 1967 FROM 0930 UNTIL 1630. RECON 4/47 INF WAS INSERTED VIC XS890659 AT 211630; RECON CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS FROM LOCATION VIC XS890659 TO XS898668. RECON 4/47 INF WAS EXTRACTED AT 211830 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. RECON CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT TO THE USS BENEWAH. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE XIV FOR REFERENCE). RECON 3/47 INF WAS PART OF THE 4/47 INF PERIMETER UNTIL 201700 JUNE 1967, VIC XS854667. RECON 3/47 INF SET UP A NIGHT AMBUSH VIC XS854670. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. RECON 3/47 INF WAS EXTRACTED AT 210930 VIC XS851665. RECON 3/47 INF REMAINED ABOARD ATC UNTIL 211830. RECON WAS INSERTED BY RIVERINE AT VIC XS884654. THEY FOUND 1 DETAINEE 22 YEARS OLD AT THE LANDING SITE. THEY FOUND 2 US GRENADE BOOBY TRAPS IN THE SAME LOCATION. AT 211650 THEY SAW 15 VC RUNNING THROUGH TREES VIC XS891654. ARTILLERY WAS CALLED IN ON THE VC. THEY DISAPPEARED INTO THE JUNGLE. RECON 3/47 INF WAS EXTRACTED VIC XS894660 VIA RIVERINE AT 211830. RECON CONDUCTED MOVEMENT BACK TO USS BENEWAH (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE XIV FOR REFERENCE).

39) 22 JUNE 1967 ALPHA, BRAVO, CHARLIE AND HEADQUARTERS 4/47 INF CONDUCTED DRY-OUT ABOARD THE USS COLLETON. ECHO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO REMAIN UNDER THE OPCON OF THE 2ND BDE.

40) 23 JUNE 1967 ALPHA 4/47 INF RETURNED TO LONG TAM BASE CAMP TO CONDUCT REORGANIZATION PROCEDURES. BRAVO, CHARLIE AND HEADQUARTERS 4/47 INF CONDUCTED DRY-OUT ABOARD THE USS COLLETON. ECHO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO OPERATE UNDER THE OPCON OF THE 2ND BDE.

41) THE SPEARHEADERS CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THE KUNG SAT SPECIAL ZONE AND LONG AN PROVINCE. ALPHA 4/47 INF CONDUCTED REORGANIZATION AND TRAINING AT THE LONG TAM BASE CAMP. BRAVO 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT FOR INSERTION VIC XS880695 AT 240750 JUNE 1967. AT 241124 JUNE 1967 BRAVO 4/47 INF FOUND 1 SHIELD HOLE, 4 BUNKERS AND 1 CHICOM FLAG GRENADE BOOBY TRAP VIC XS889694. AT 241129 BRAVO 4/47 INF GOT 1 VC KIA (BC) AT XS889692. AT 1205 BRAVO 4/47 INF GOT 3 VC KIA (BC), CAPTURED ONE .303 SPRINGFIELD RIFLE, SEVERAL POUNDS OF SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION, AND ONE MARK-2 GRENADE AT XS889692. AT 241330 BRAVO 4/47 INF FOUND 1 DETAINEE

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(MALE, AGE 30) WITH DOCUMENTS AT XS889690. THIS LETA WAS EVACUATED. AT 241545 BRAVO 4/47 INF FOUND ONE METAL BOX WITH SEVERAL RADIO TUBES, WR-1 WIRE ROLLED UP, ONE COMMO HEADSET, AND ONE PINEAPPLE HAN GRENADE BOLLEY TRAP VIC XS895698. AT 241643 BRAVO FOUND 13 BUNKERS AND 10 FIGHTING POSITIONS VIC XS896697. AT 241720 BRAVO 4/47 INF WAS EXTRACTED VIA RIVERINE AND MOVED BACK TO THE USS COLLETON. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE XVI FOR REFERENCE). CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION INTO AO COBRA IN THE HUNG SAT SPECIAL ZONE. THE COMPANY CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT AND REVERTED TO RIVERINE ASSAULT INTO AO COBRA VIC XS961611 AND LANDED AT 240830 JUNE 1967. AT 241545 CHARLIE AKRON FOUND VERY OLD BASE CAMP, EVIDENCE THAT TROOPS HAD BEEN IN THE AREA RECENTLY. TWO 1-MAN BUNKERS WERE FOUND (2' X 2') 4 FEET DEEP, WITH OVERHEAD COVER. AREA OF BASE CAMP COVERED 50 METERS NORTH AND SOUTH, 80 METERS EAST AND WEST. LOCATION OF BASE CAMP VIC XS956605. CHARLIE 4/47 INF SET UP NIGHT AMBUSHES IN AO COBRA. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE XV FOR REFERENCE). ECHO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS UNDER THE OPCON OF THE 2ND BDE. RECON 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS UNDER THE OPCON OF THE 2ND BDE.

42) 25 JULY 1967 THE SPEARHEADERS CONTINUED TO DRY-OUT ABOARD THE USS COLLETON. ONE ELEMENT CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THE HUNG SAT SPECIAL ZONE. ALPHA 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO CONDUCT REORGANIZATION AND TRAINING AT THE DONG TAM BASE CAMP. BRAVO 4/47 INF CONDUCTED DRY-OUT ABOARD THE USS COLLETON. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN AO COBRA IN THE HUNG SAT SPECIAL ZONE. AT 242255 JUNE 1967 CHARLIE BLITZER HAD THREE GRENADES THROWN INTO THEIR LOCATION VIC XS956613. THE RESULTS WERE 4 (US) WIA. THREE OF THE (US) WIA WERE DUSTED OFF AT 250119 JUNE 1967. THE FOURTH WIA WAS CARRIED OUT BY BOAT 25 JUNE. AT 251040 CHARLIE BLITZER FOUND AT XS869698 A BASE CAMP. THIS BASE CAMP HAD BEEN USED TO MAKE WATER MINES. BLITZER FOUND ONE WATER MINE CASING. THE CAMP HAD BEEN HIT BY AN AIR STRIKE SOMETIME IN THE PAST. AT 251040 CHARLIE CORVETTE FOUND A BASE CAMP VIC XS955605. THERE WERE TEN 6' X 8' REINFORCED BUNKERS WITH OVERHEAD COVER. SEVERAL 2-MAN BUNKERS WITH LIGHT OVERHEAD COVER WERE FOUND AT THE SAME LOCATION. THE ENTIRE BASE CAMP WAS SURROUNDED BY WATER. TWO HUTS IN THIS BASE CAMP HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY ARTILLERY. AT 251330 JUNE CHARLIE BLITZER FOUND AN OLD EMPTY HOSPITAL. AMERICAN UNITS HAD BEEN IN THE AREA BEFORE. THERE WERE LOTS OF C-RATION BOXES AND CANS IN THE AREA, VIC XS968594. AT 251410 JUNE CHARLIE 4/47 INF ELEMENTS EXTRACTED FROM AO COBRA AND MOVED BACK TO THE USS COLLETON VIA RIVERINE MOVEMENT (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE XV). ECHO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO OPERATE UNDER THE OPCON OF THE 2ND BDE. RECON PLATOON 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE ASSAULT INTO LONG AN PROVINCE TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION. AT 251110 JUNE RECON FOUND 50 BUNKERS (10' X 10' X 5') AT XS891709. AT 251012 RECON EXTRACTED FROM AO AND CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT BACK TO THE USS COLLETON. RECON 4/47 INF WAS UNDER THE OPCON OF 4/47 INF. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE XVI). RECON PLATOON 3/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT TO AO IN LONG AN PROVINCE AND CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN THIS AO. AT 251029 JUNE RECON 3/47 INF FOUND 1 SAMPHAN AT XS885721. AT 251210 RECON 3/47 INF FOUND ONE WELL (HOLE), INVESTIGATING FOUND DOCUMENTS IN VIC XS900715. AT 251218 JUNE RECON 3/47 INF FOUND 2 CHICOM GRENADES AND 2 POUNDS OF DOCUMENTS AND 1 VC FLAG AT XS898719. AT 251612 RECON 3/47 INF EXTRACTED VIA RIVERINE MOVEMENT BACK TO THE MFB. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE XVI).

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43) 26 JUNE 1967 THE SPEARHEADERS CONTINUED TO DRY-OUT THE USS COLLETON. ALPHA 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO CONDUCT REORGANIZATION AND TRAINING AT THE LONG TAM BASE CAMP. BRAVO AND CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONDUCTED DRY-OUT ABOARD THE USS COLLETON. ECHO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO BE UNDER THE OPCON OF THE 2ND BDE.

44) 27 JUNE 1967 THE SPEARHEADERS CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT FROM THE USS COLLETON TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS ON OPERATION CONCORDIA II. ALPHA 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO CONDUCT REORGANIZATION AND TRAINING AT THE LONG TAM BASE CAMP. BRAVO 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT FROM THE USS COLLETON TO VIC XS724600 WHERE THEY REVERTED TO SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION ON OPERATION CONCORDIA II. AT 271545 JUNE BRAVO 4/47 INF HAD 1 VC KIA (BC) AT XS740633. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT 2 MORE VC WERE WOUNDED IN THE FIRE FIGHT. THE COMPANY SEARCHED THE AREA AND DID NOT FIND THE VC. THE VC WAS WEARING A BLACK PONCHO AND A HAT. NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY. BRAVO 4/47 INF SET UP NIGHT AMBUSH VIC XS742633, (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE XVII FOR REFERENCE). CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONDUCTED MOVEMENT FROM THE USS COLLETON TO SEARCH AND DESTROY ON OPERATION CONCORDIA II. AT 271731 CHARLIE 4/47 INF FOUND 1 CHIEU HOI VIC XS735632. THIS MAN HAD A PASS BUT NO WEAPON. CHARLIE 4/47 INF SET UP NIGHT AMBUSHES IN AO. ECHO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS UNDER THE OPCON OF THE 2ND BRIGADE. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE XVII FOR REFERENCE). RECON 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT FROM THE USS BENEWAH TO VIC XS716626 WHERE THEY REVERTED TO RIVERINE ASSAULT AND SEARCH AND DESTROY. RECON SET UP BLOCKING POSITION VIC XS731623. AT 270955 RECON FOUND 1 MALE DETAINEE WHO WAS OLD ENOUGH TO BE DRAFTED. THIS DETAINEE WAS EXTRACTED VIC XS721624. RECON FOUND 1 BUNKER AND SEVERAL FUNGI PITS, ALL WERE DESTROYED. THE RECON FOUND A SIGN THAT GAVE INDICATIONS THAT MINES WERE IN THE AREA. RECON SET UP NIGHT AMBUSHES VIC XS732632. RECON 3/47 INF UNDER THE OPCON OF 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT FROM THE USS BENEWAH TO VIC XS715624 WHERE THEY REVERTED TO SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS ON OPERATION CONCORDIA II. RECON 3/47 INF SET UP A BLOCKING POSITION NEAR XS731624. AT 1015 RECON FOUND 2 METAL VC FLAGS, RED AND BLUE WITH A LARGE YELLOW STAR. THESE WERE DESTROYED IN VIC XS722624. AT 1245 LANGLEY RECON RECEIVED SNIFER FIRE FROM APPROXIMATELY 4 VC FROM THE SOUTH OF XS731624. THIS RESULTED IN 1 VC WIA (POW) EVACUATED AND 2 VC WIA (PROBABLE) ESCAPED. WIA (VC) HAD A PISTOL BELT AND PONCHO, ABOUT 45 YEARS OF AGE. AT 1246 SPOTTED APPROXIMATELY 6 VC SOUTH OF XS731624. NEGATIVE RESULTS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE. AT 1248 RECON RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM APPROXIMATELY 1 VC VIC XS740625. FIRE WAS RETURNED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 1326 RECON FOUND ONE CHICOM GRENADE BOOBY TRAP WHICH THEY DESTROYED AT XS731625. LANGLEY BOMED CALLED IN ARTILLERY TO THE NORTH OF THIS LOCATION. LANGLEY BOMED SET UP NIGHT AMBUSHES VIC XS734634. BRAVO 3/47 INF CONDUCTED AIRMOBILE COMBAT ASSAULT INTO LZ VIC XS740630. THIS COMPANY CAME UNDER THE OPCON OF THE 4/47 INF. AT 1513 LANGLEY BRAVO PINNED DOWN 4 VC WITH WEAPONS AT VIC XS735634. THE VC BROKE CONTACT AT 1540 AND DISAPPEARED. NEGATIVE RESULTS. LANGLEY BRAVO SET UP NIGHT AMBUSHES IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORD XS735636. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE XVII FOR REFERENCE).

48) 28 JUNE 1967 THE SPEARHEADERS CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS ON OPERATION CONCORDIA II. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE XVII FOR REFERENCE). ALPHA 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO CONDUCT REORGANIZATION AND TRAINING AT THE LONG TAM BASE CAMP. BRAVO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS ON OPERATION CONCORDIA II. AT 281301 JUNE 1967 BRAVO 4/47 INF CONDUCTED AIRMOBILE EXTRACTION FROM VIC XS741632 AND INSERTION ON LZ ZULU AT XS781619. AT 281620 JUNE BRAVO 4/47 INF FOUND 1700 POUNDS OF RICE VIC XS793593.

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THEY LEFT THE RICE IN PLACE. AT 281657 JUNE BRAVO 4/47 CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT BACK TO "KILLER ALPHA". CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS ON OPERATION CONCORDIA II. AT 281240 CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONDUCTED AIRMOBILE EXTRACTION VIC XS736633 AND INSERTED AT LZ YANKEE VIC XS799601. AT 281344 CHARLIE 4/47 INF DESTROYED 12 ONE-MAN BUNKERS (4' X 2') WITH 2 FEET OF OVERHEAD COVER VIC XS794606. AT 281657 CHARLIE 4/47 INF EXTRACTED VIA RIVERINE BACK TO "KILLER ALPHA". ECHO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS UNDER THE DICON OF THE 2ND BDE. RECON 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS ON OPERATION CONCORDIA II. AT 281325 JUNE 1967 RECON 4/47 INF CONDUCTED AIRMOBILE EXTRACTION FROM VIC XS736633 TO LZ X-RAY VIC XS786577. RECON CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS UNTIL 281513 JUNE. AT THIS TIME RECON WAS EXTRACTED VIA RIVERINE AND MOVED BACK TO THE USS LENEWAH. RECON 3/47 INF CONTINUED TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS ON OPERATION CONCORDIA II. AT 281333 RECON 3/47 INF CONDUCTED AIRMOBILE EXTRACTION FROM XS736633 TO LZ WHISKEY VIC XS894595. RECON 3/47 INF CONTINUED TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS. AT 281513 RECON 3/47 INF EXTRACTED FROM VIC XS805594 AND CONDUCTED RIVERINE MOVEMENT BACK TO THE USS LENEWAH. BRAVO 3/47 INF WAS EXTRACTED FROM LZ VIA AIRMOBILE ASSAULT FROM VIC XS736633 AT 281200 AND REVERTED BACK TO THE DICON OF 3/47 INF.

49) 29 JUNE 1967 THE SPEARHEADERS CONDUCTED DRY-OUT ABOARD THE USS COLLETON. ALPHA 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO CONDUCT TRAINING AND REORGANIZATION AT THE LONG TAN BASE CAMP. BRAVO, CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONDUCTED DRY-OUT ABOARD THE USS COLLETON. ECHO 4/47 INF REMAINED UNDER THE DICON OF THE 2ND BDE.

50) 30 JUNE 1967 THE SPEARHEADERS CONDUCTED RIVERINE ASSAULT AND SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS ON OPERATION CONCORDIA II. (SEE SECTION I, ANNEX B, INCLOSURE XVIII FOR REFERENCE). ALPHA 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO CONDUCT TRAINING AND REORGANIZATION AT THE LONG TAN BASE CAMP. BRAVO 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE ASSAULT AND REVERTED TO SATURATION PATROLLING ON OPERATION CONCORDIA II. AT 300830 BRAVO 4/47 INF FOUND ONE 250-POUND BOMB AT XS81406172. THE BOMB WAS DESTROYED BY EOD AT 301830. BRAVO 4/47 INF EXPLODED 1 BOOBY TRAP (W/ GRENADE) AT XS798625. THIS RESULTED IN ONE MAN (US) SLIGHTLY WOUNDED BUT NOT EVACUATED. CHARLIE 4/47 INF CONDUCTED RIVERINE ASSAULT AND REVERTED TO SATURATION PATROLLING ON OPERATION CONCORDIA II. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT. ECHO 4/47 INF CONTINUED TO OPERATE UNDER THE DICON OF THE 2ND BDE.

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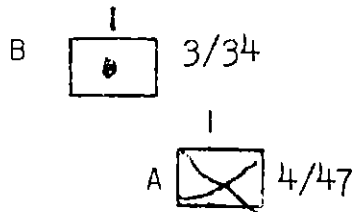
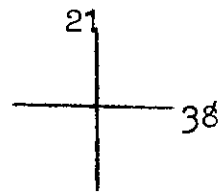
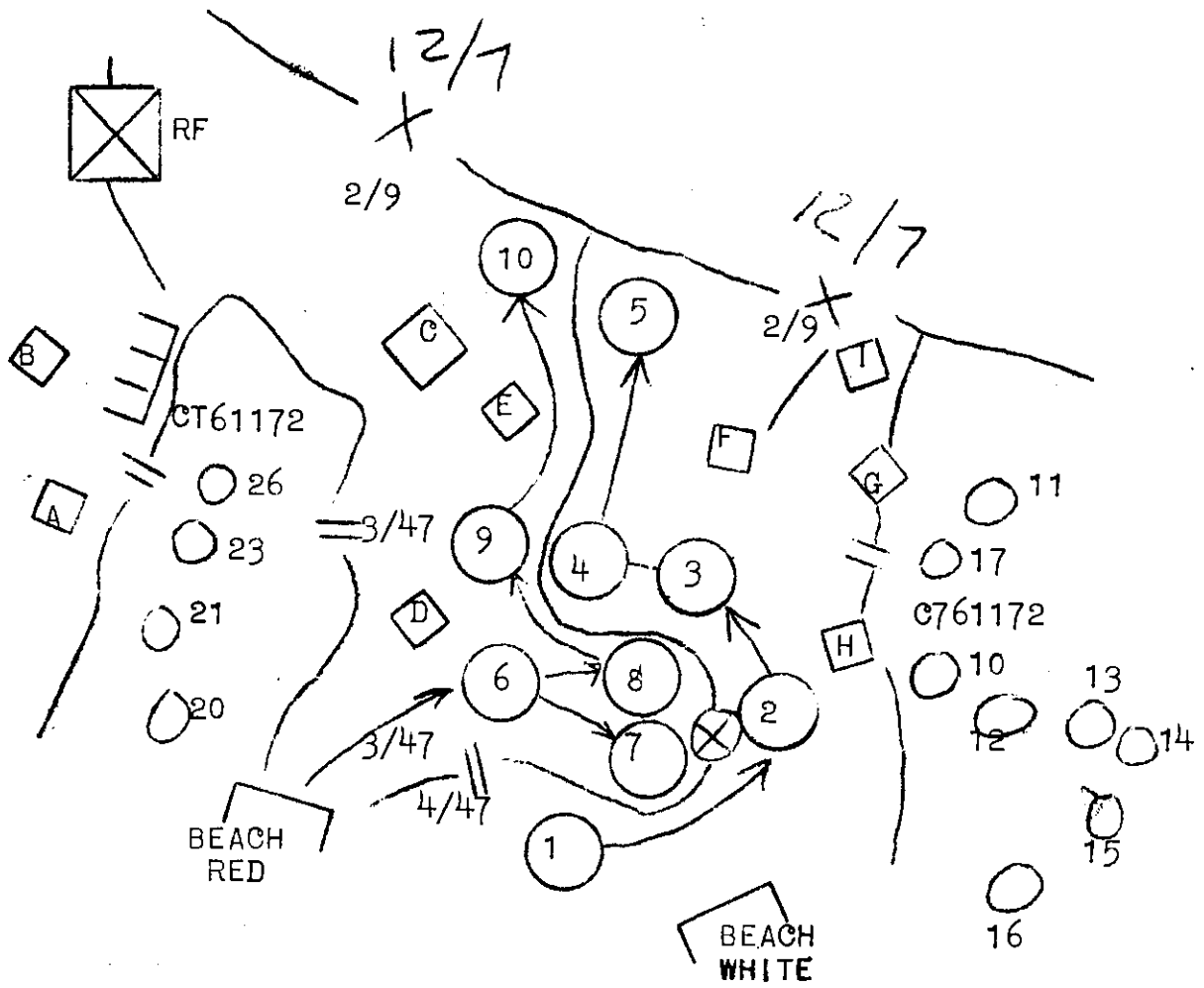
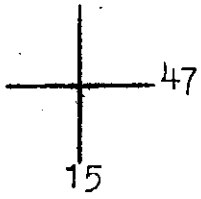
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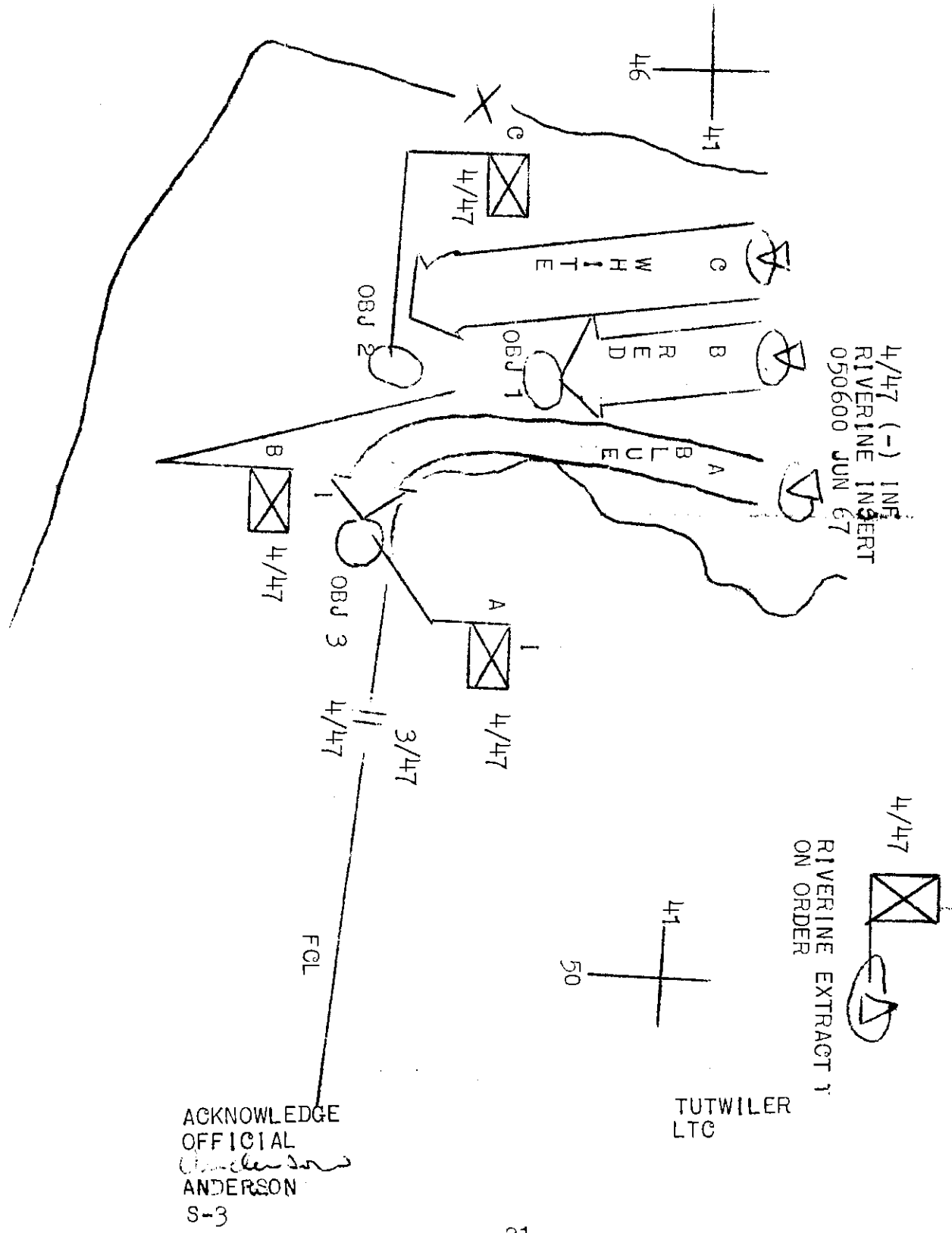
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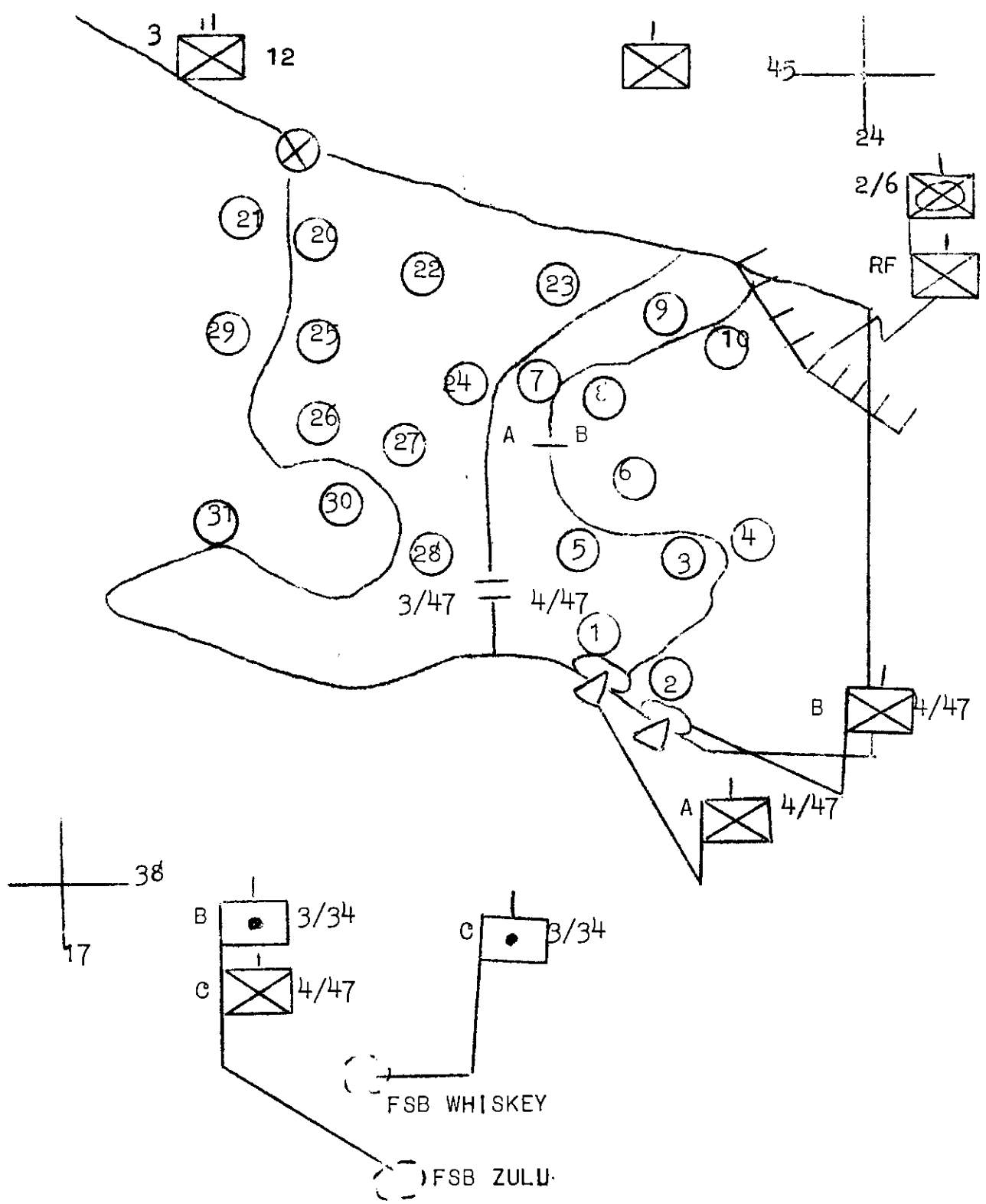
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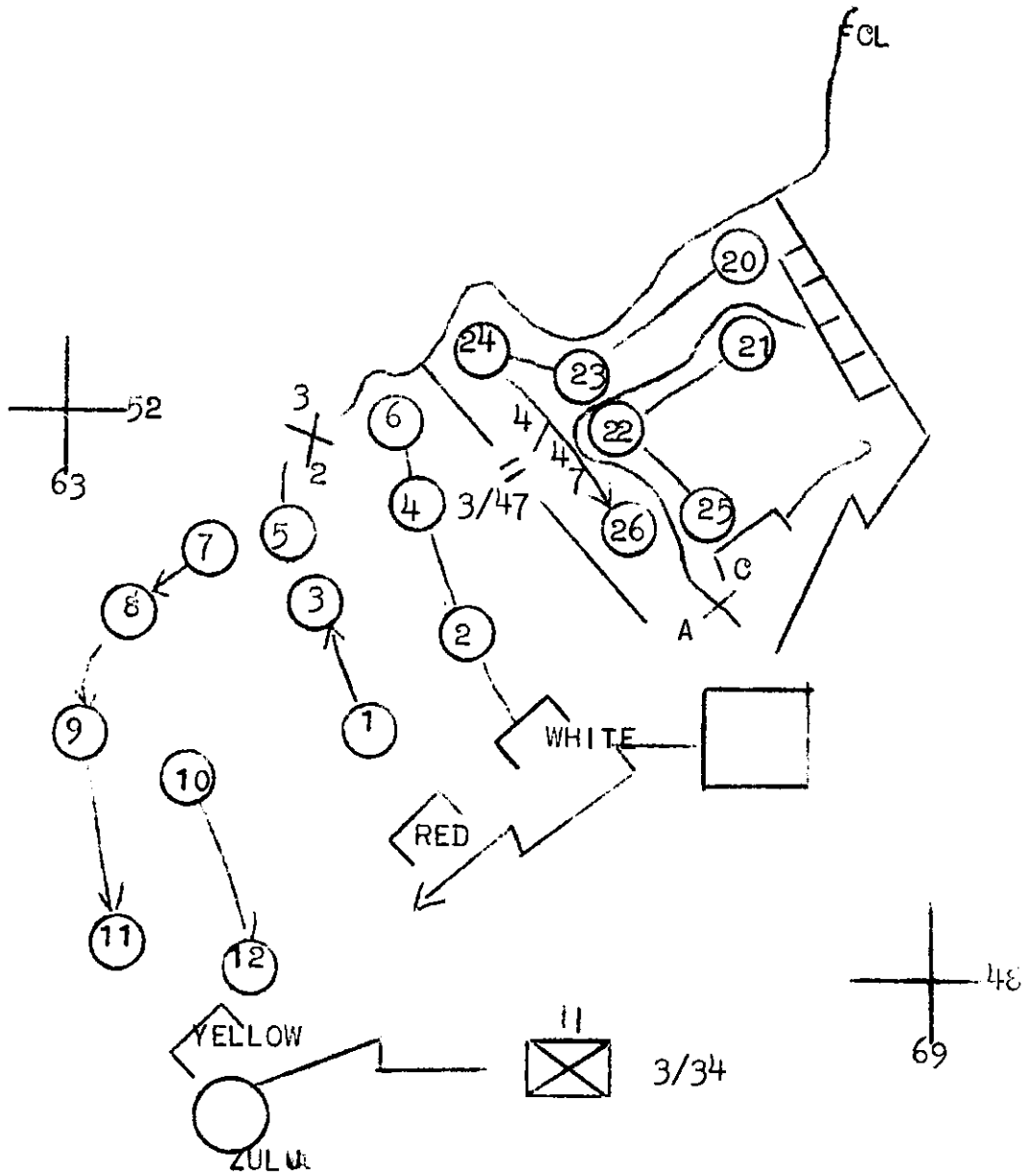
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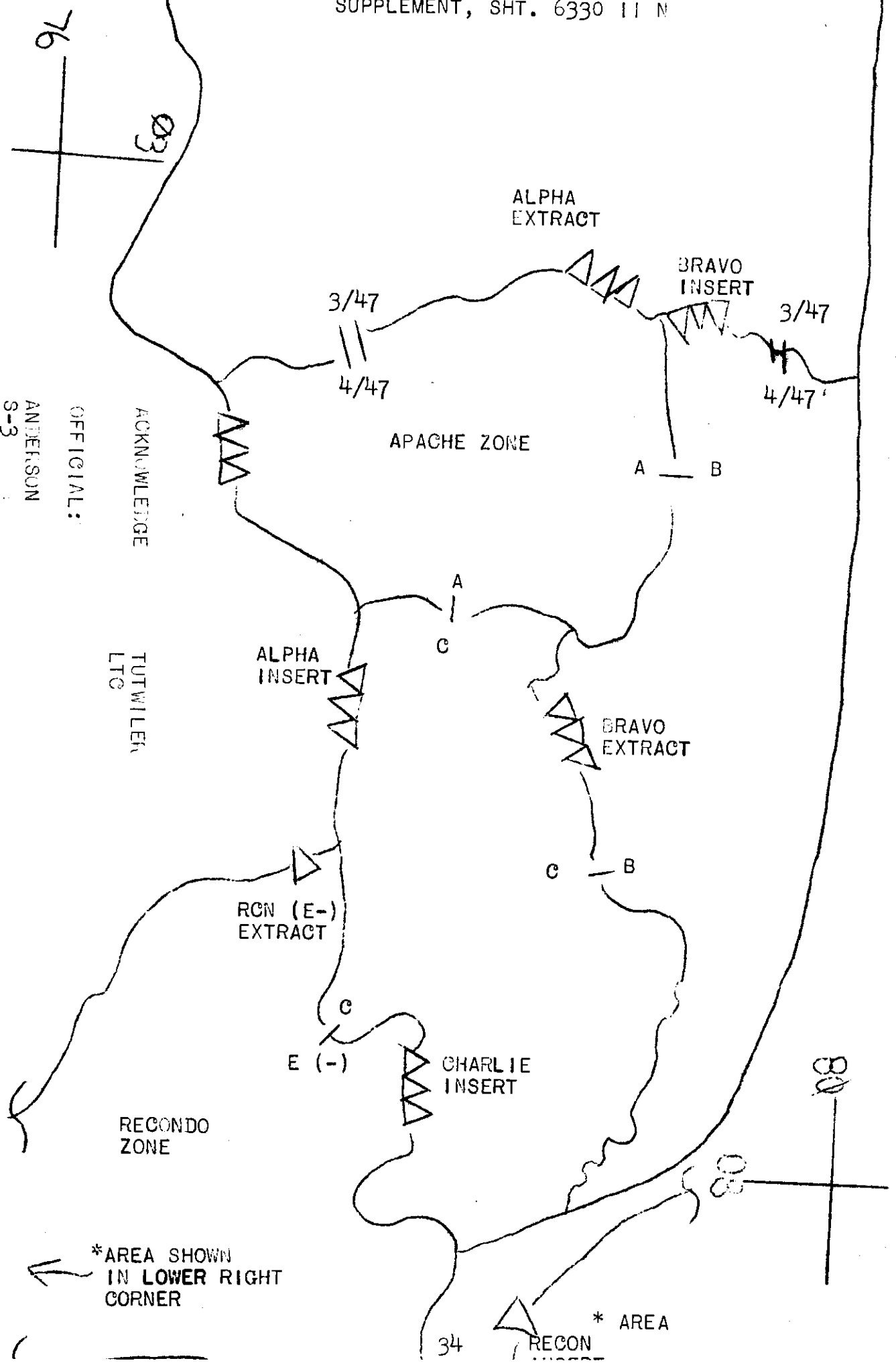
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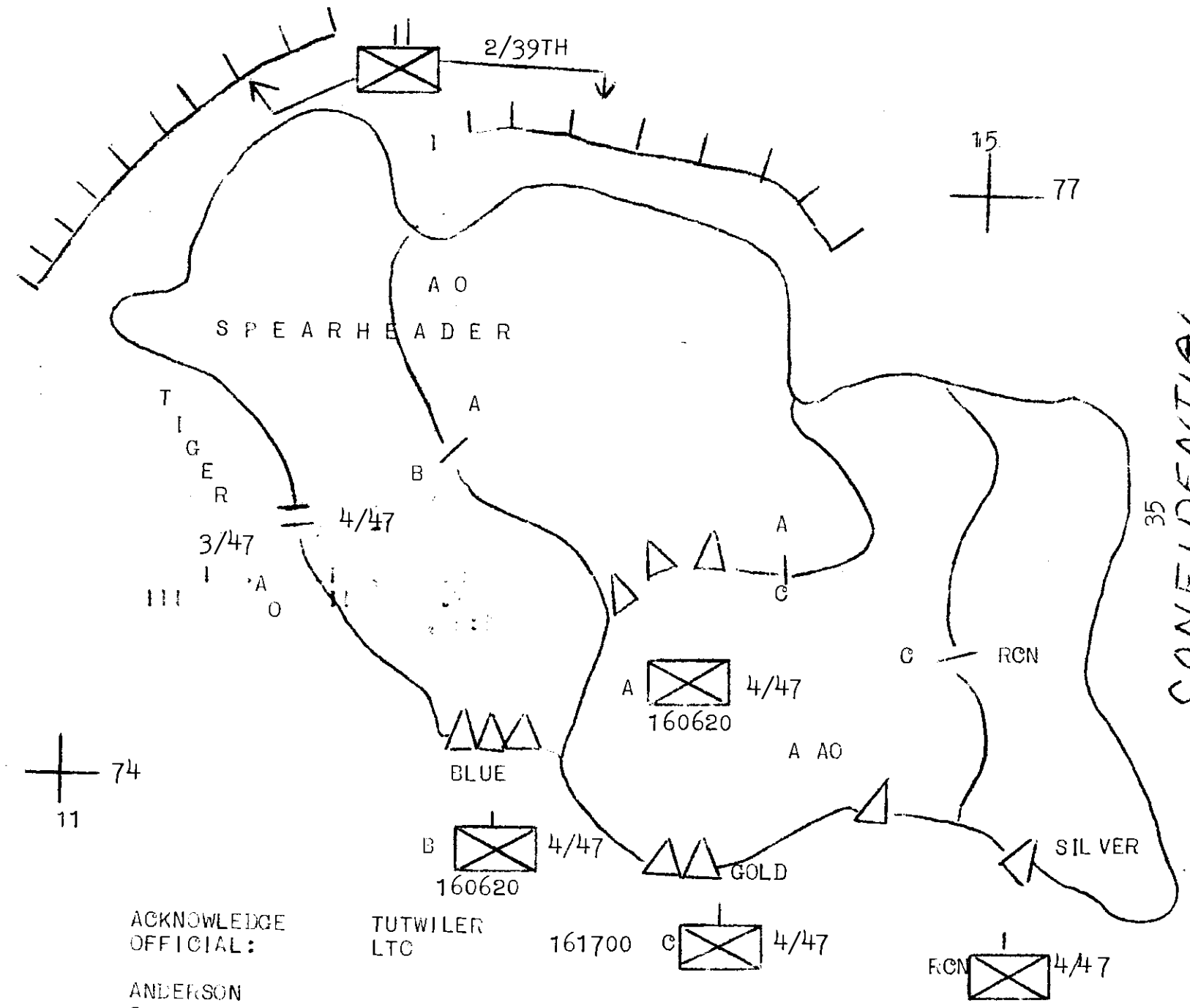
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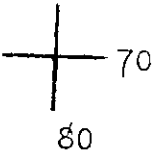
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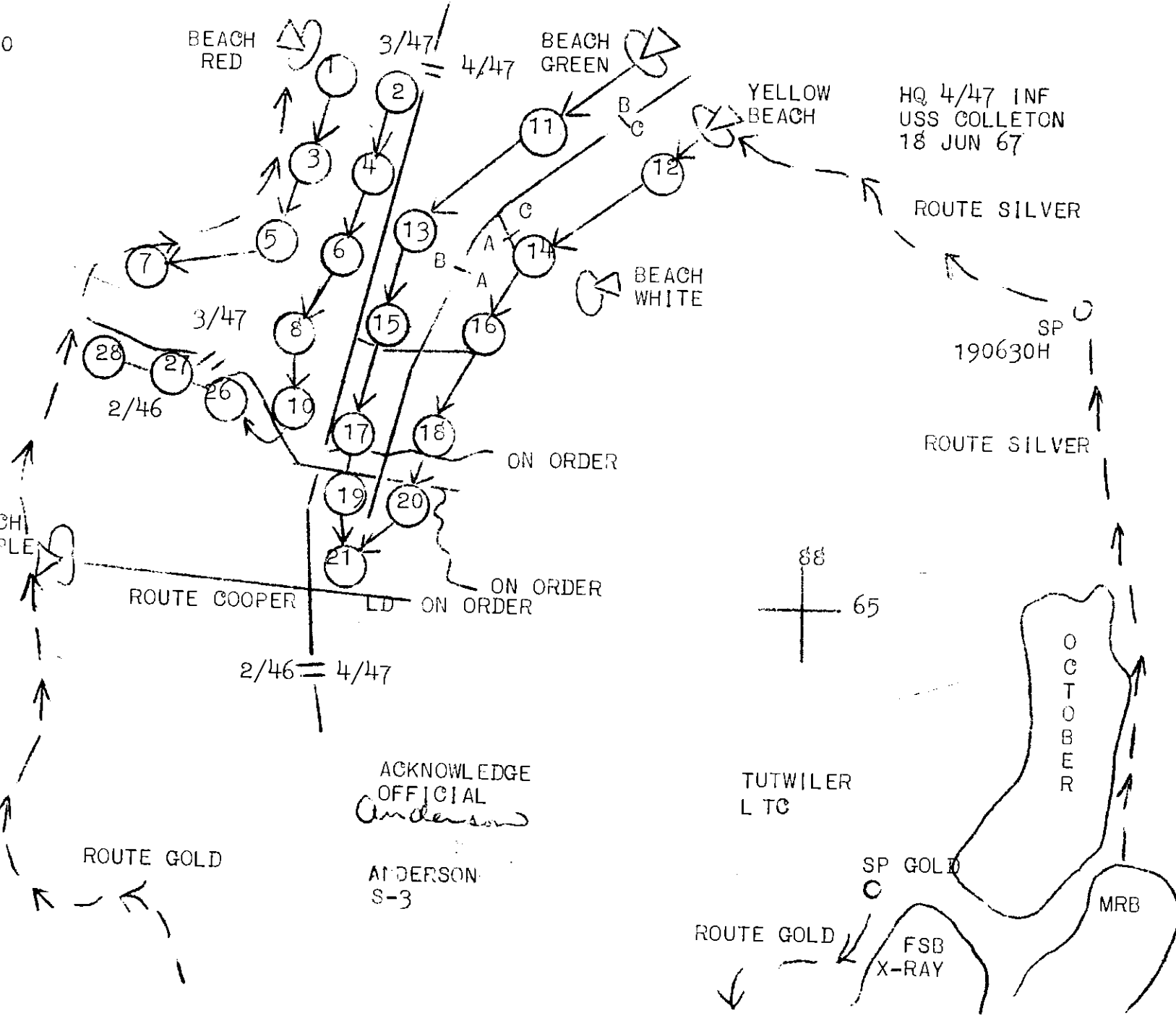
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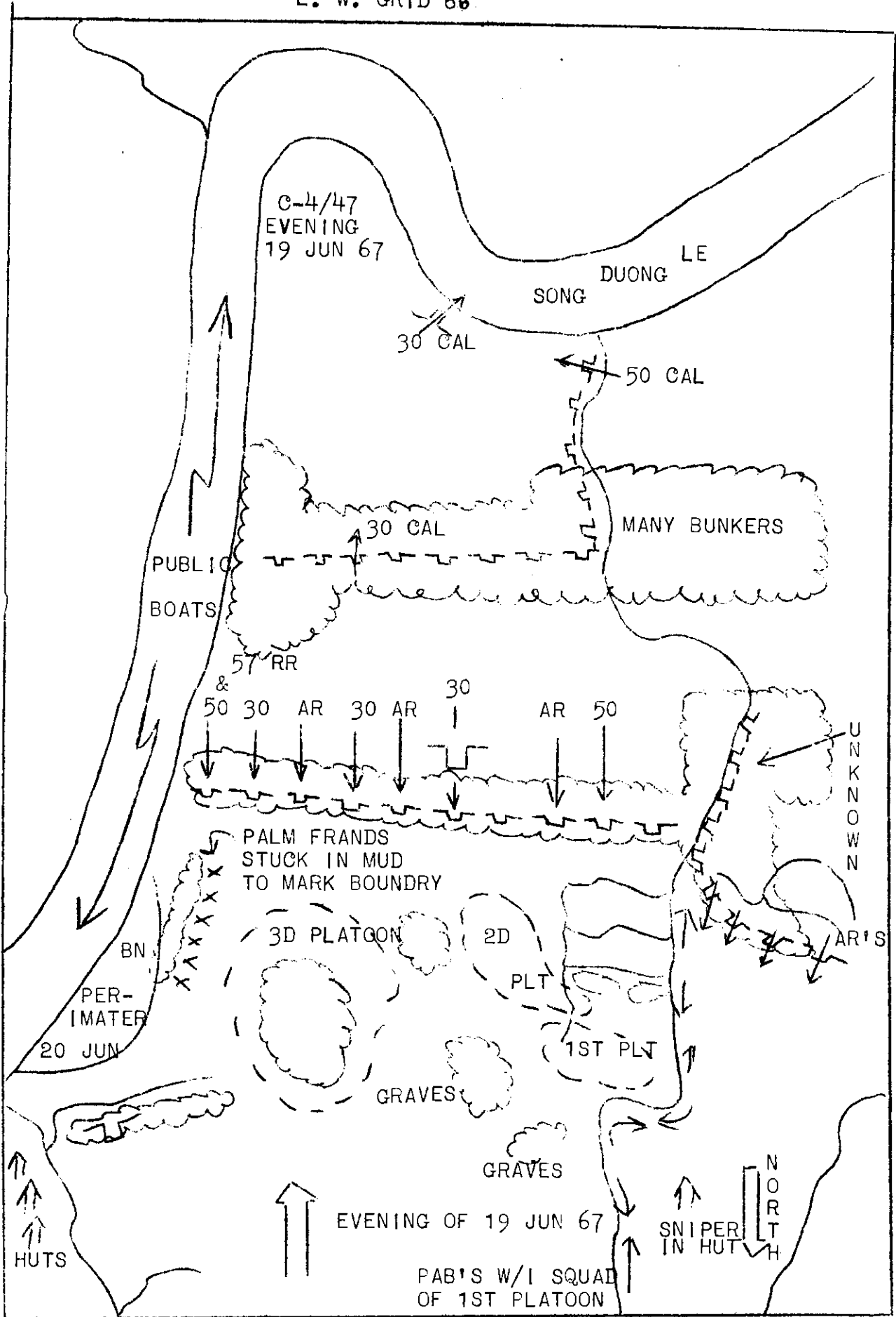
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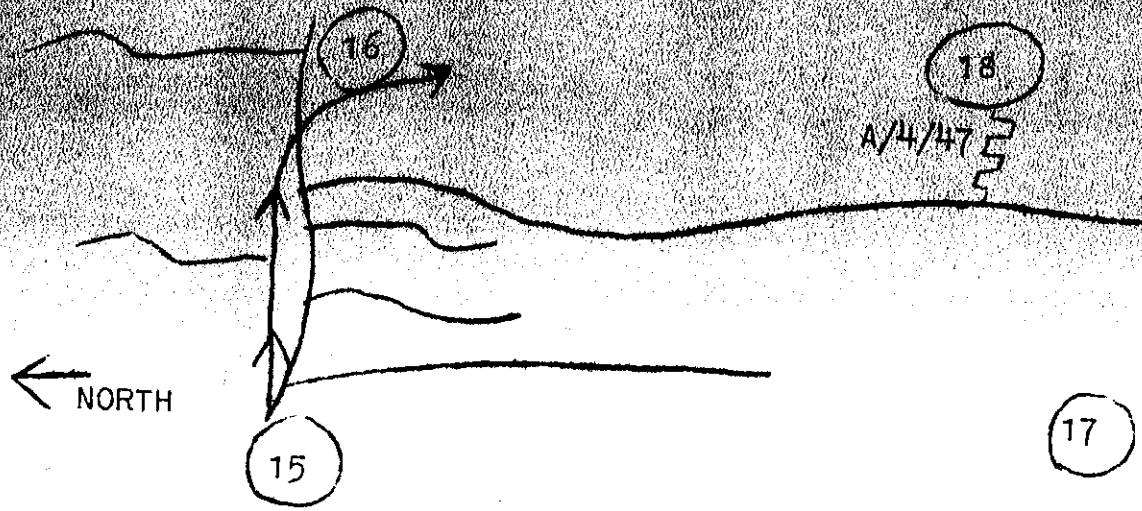
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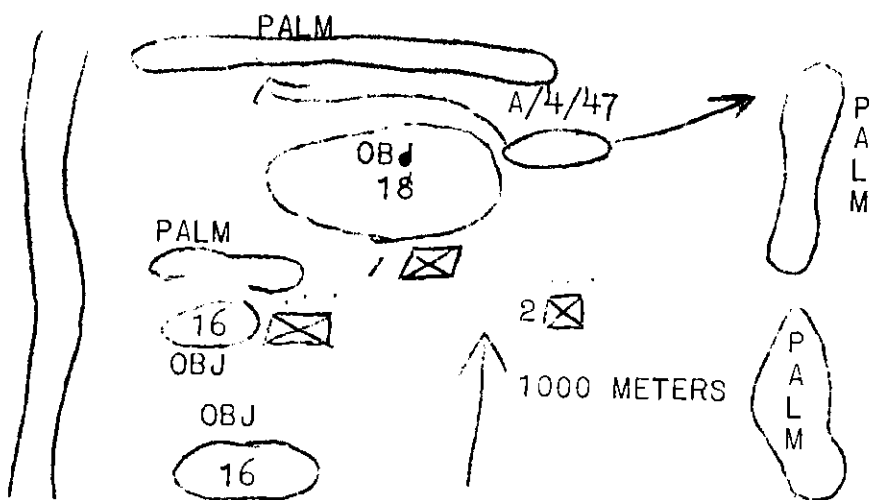
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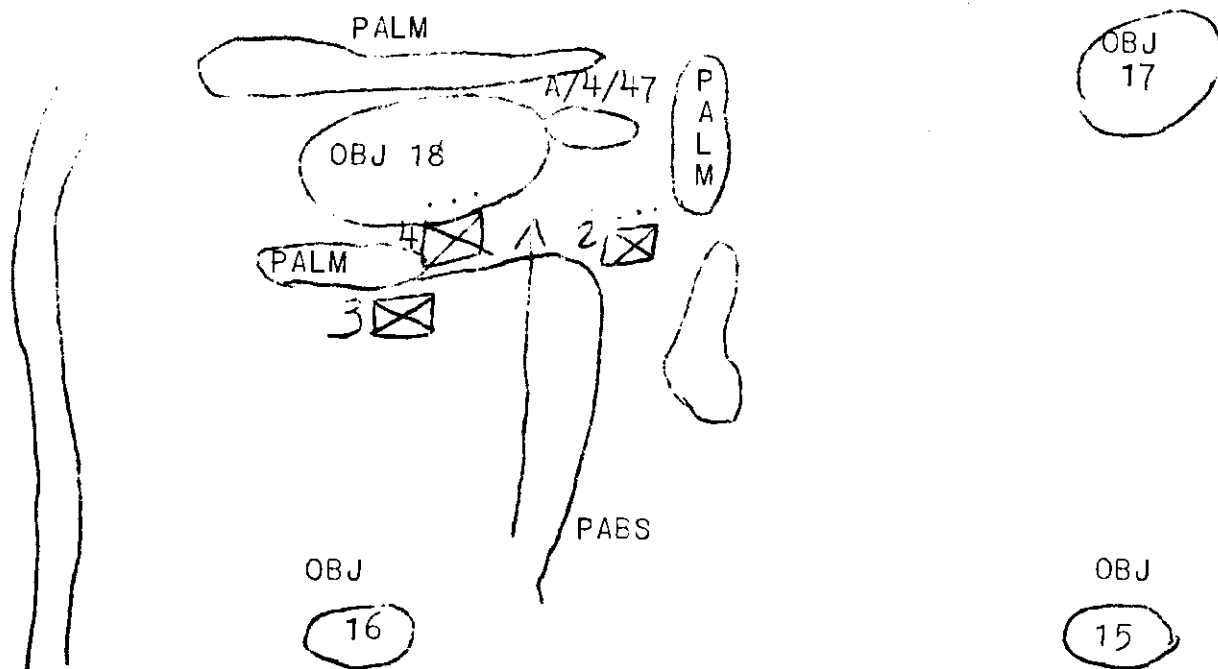
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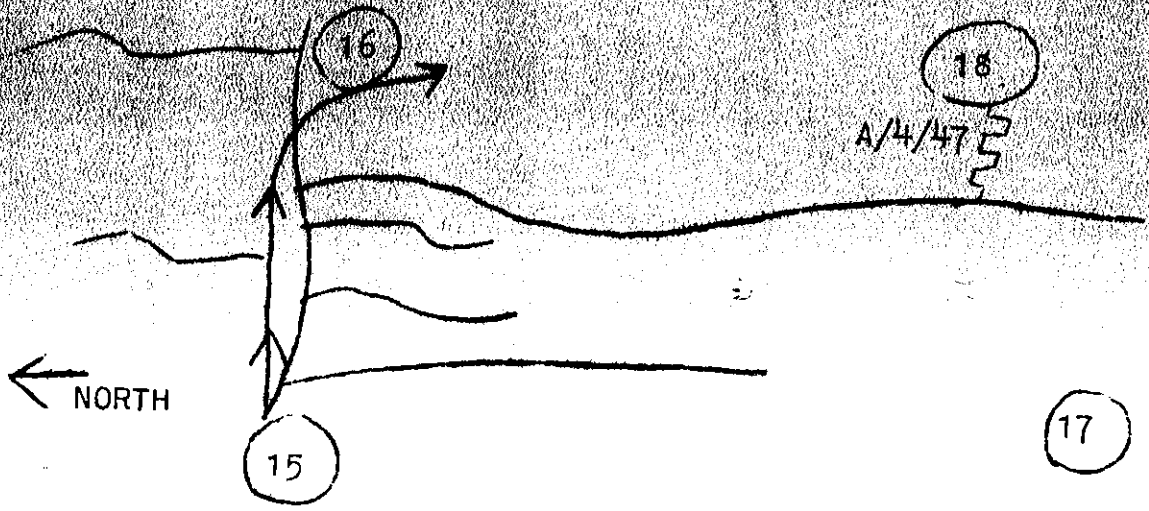


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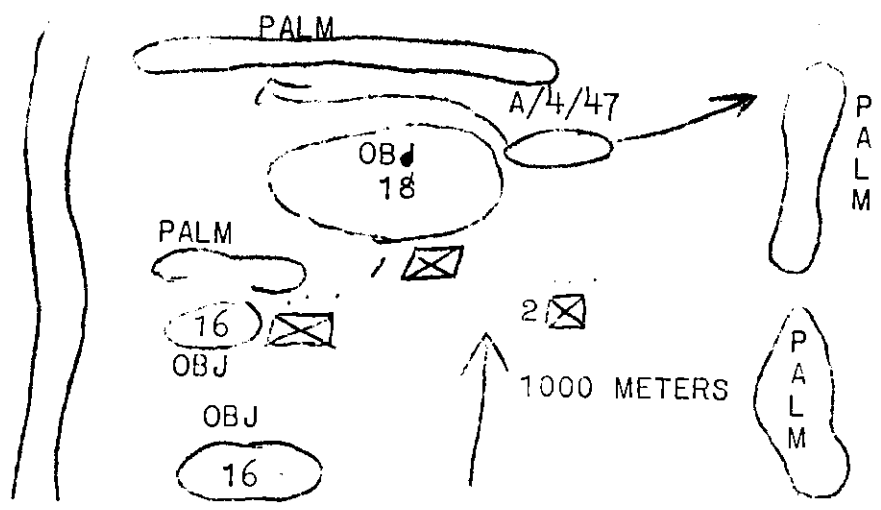


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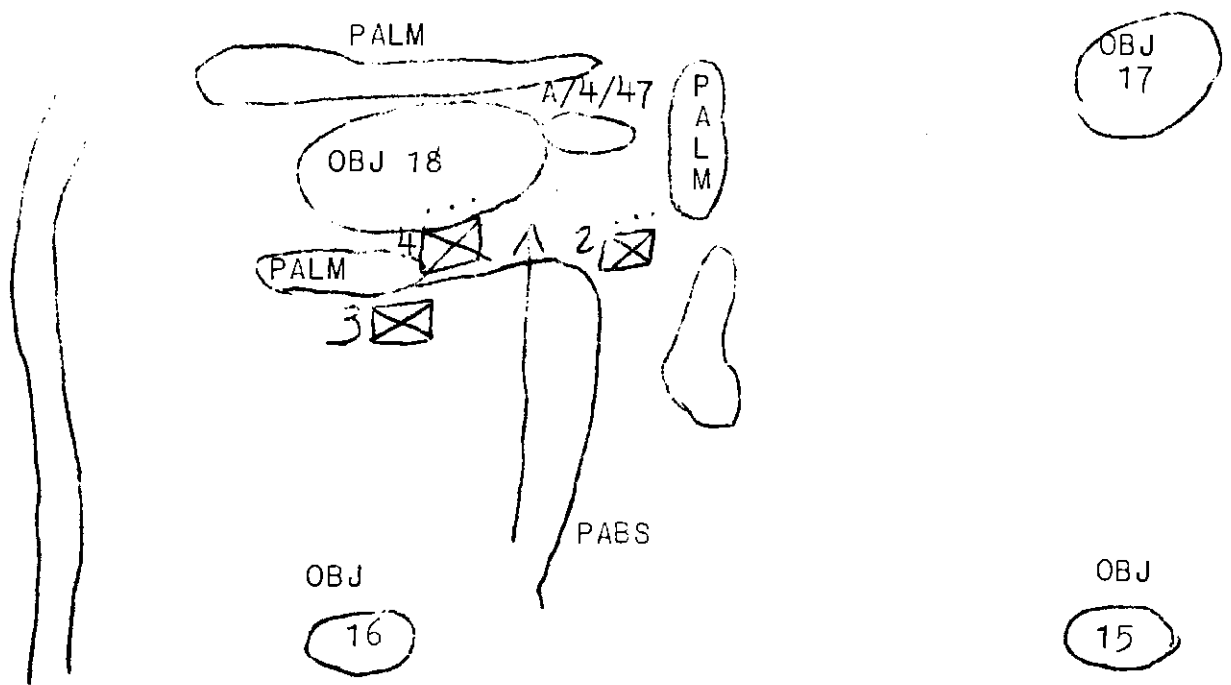
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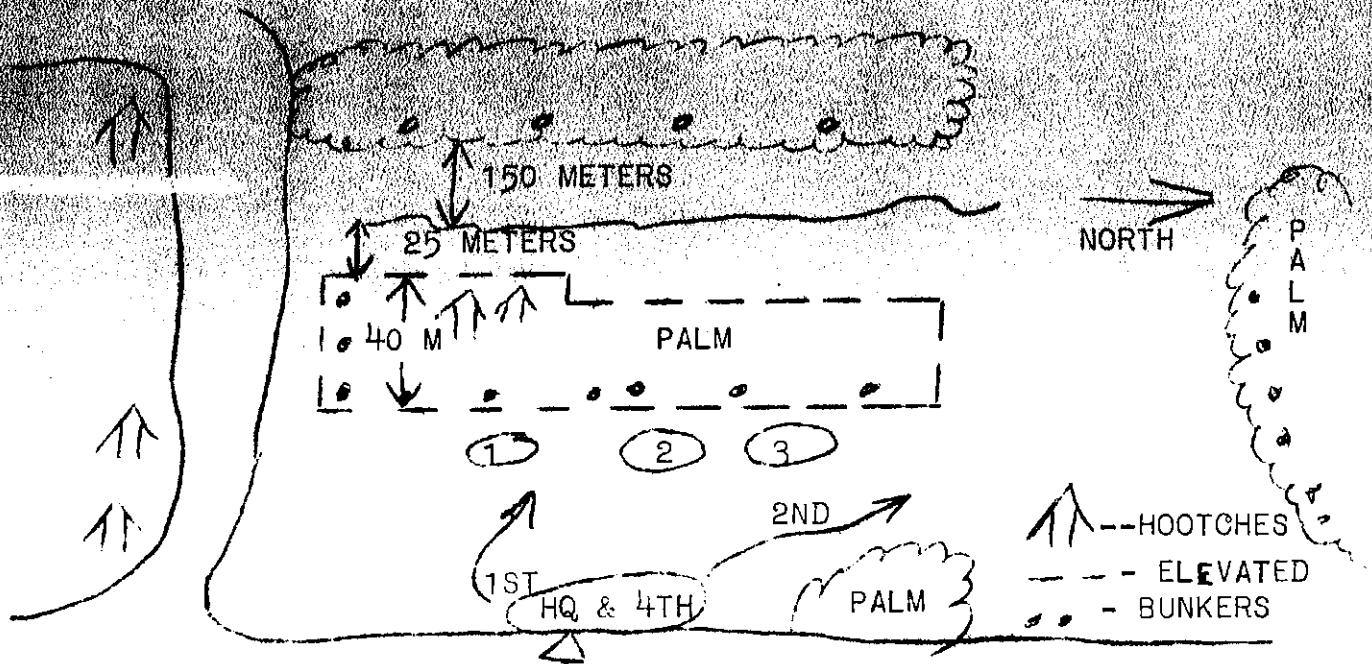


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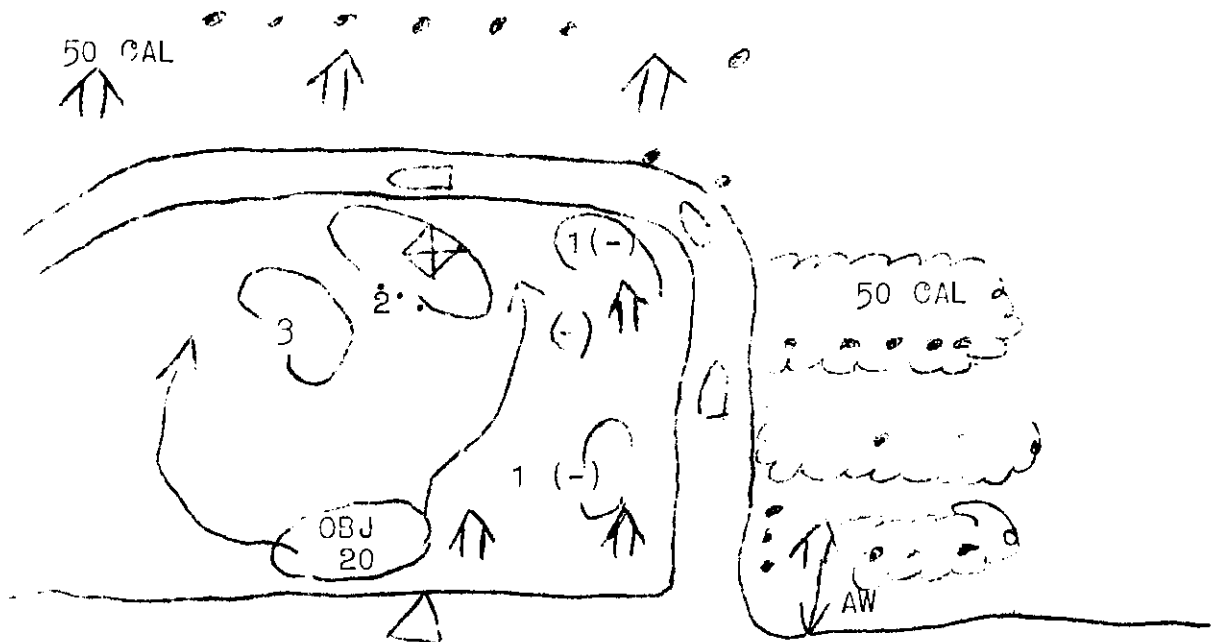


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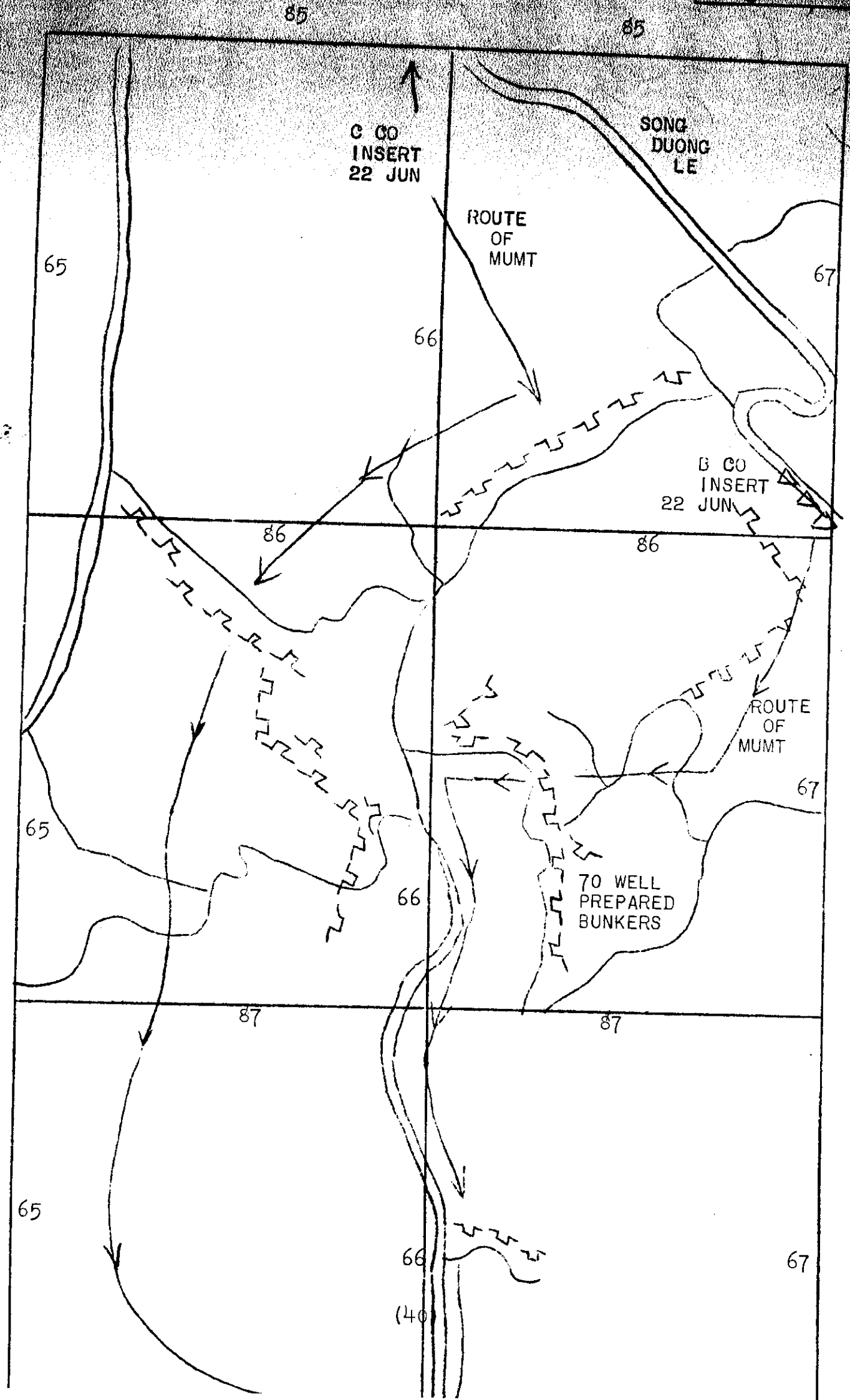


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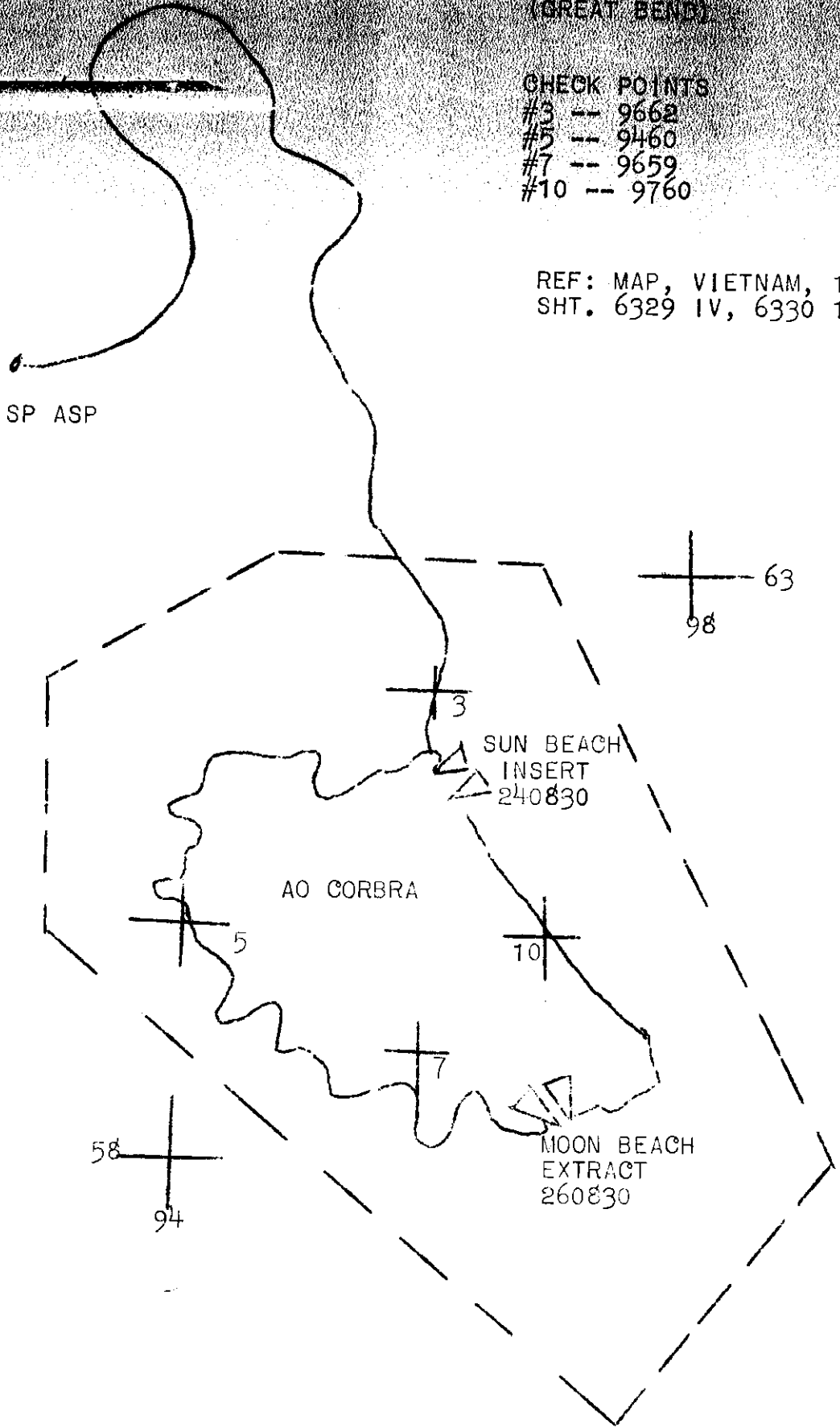
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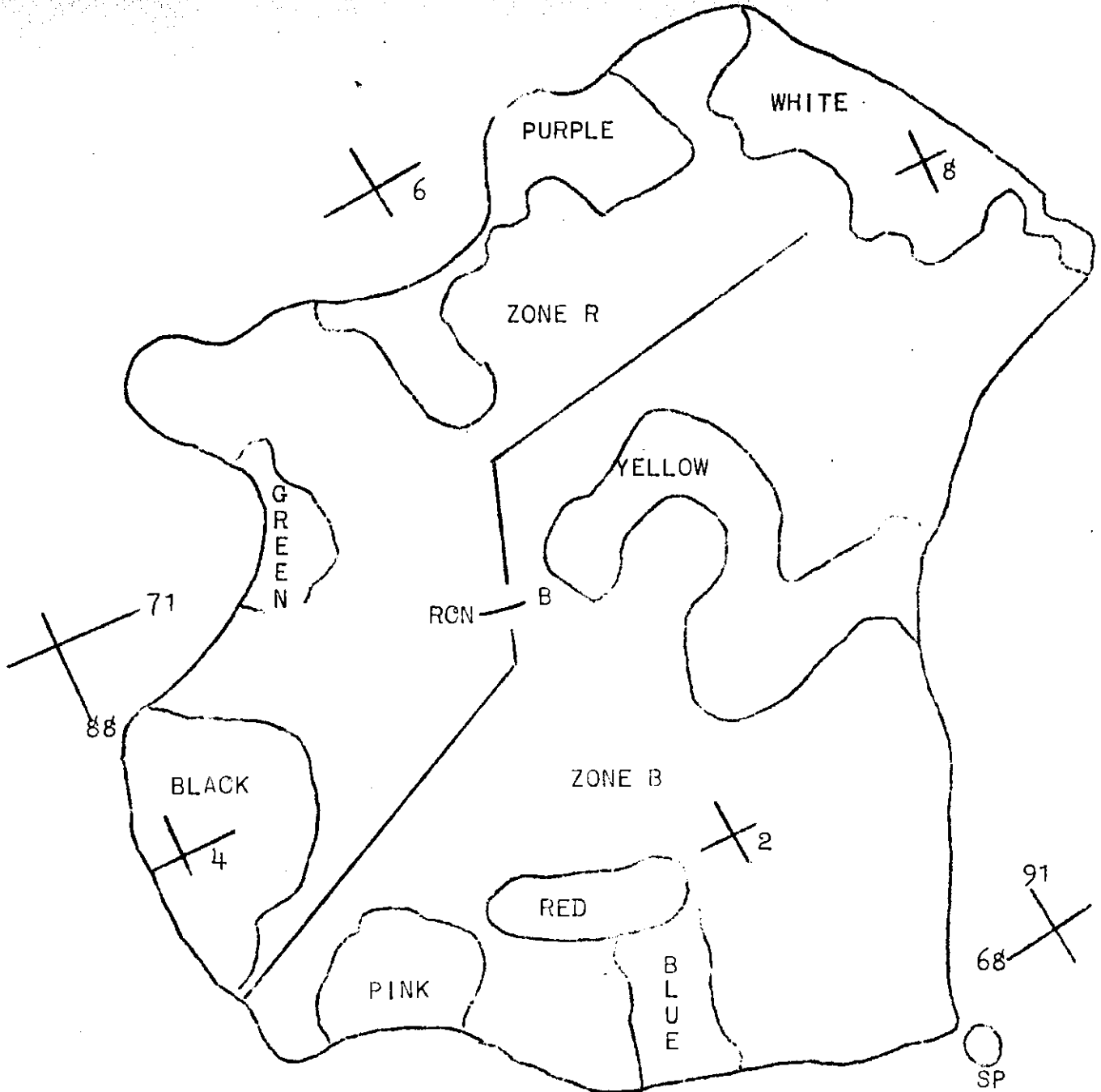
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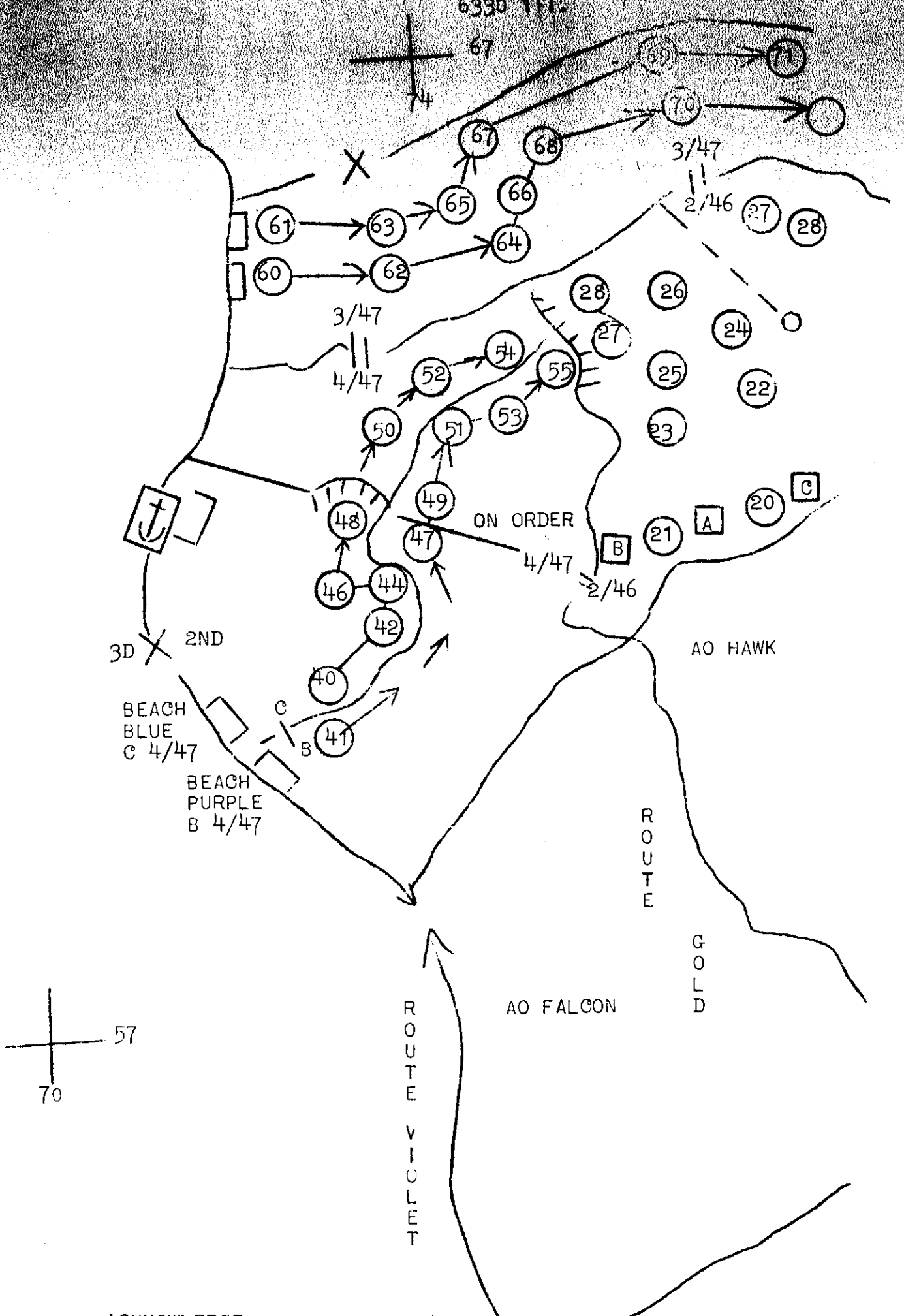
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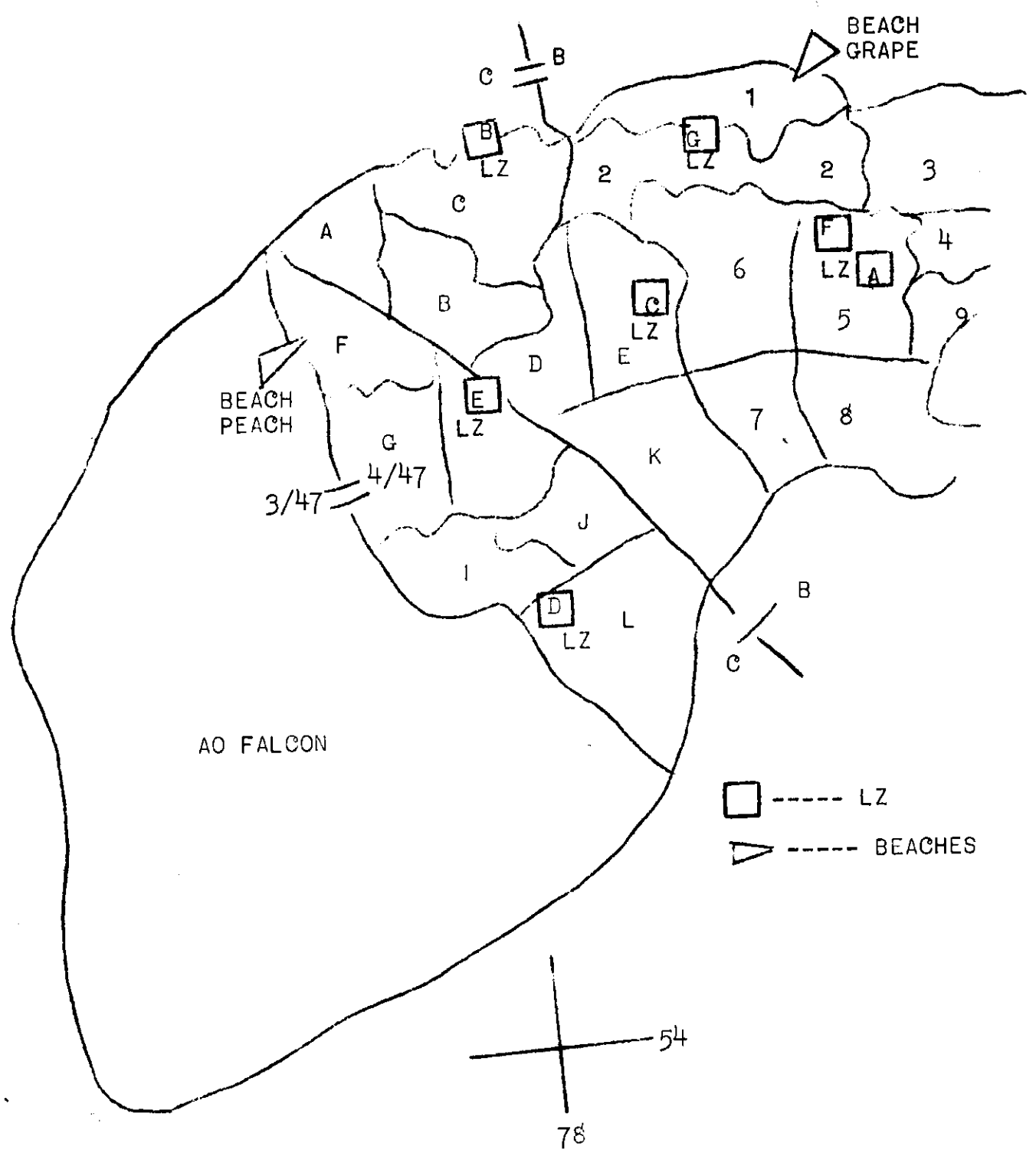
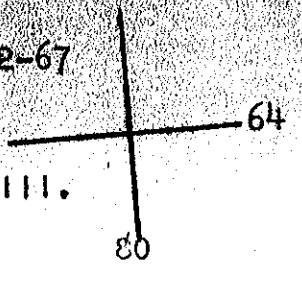
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