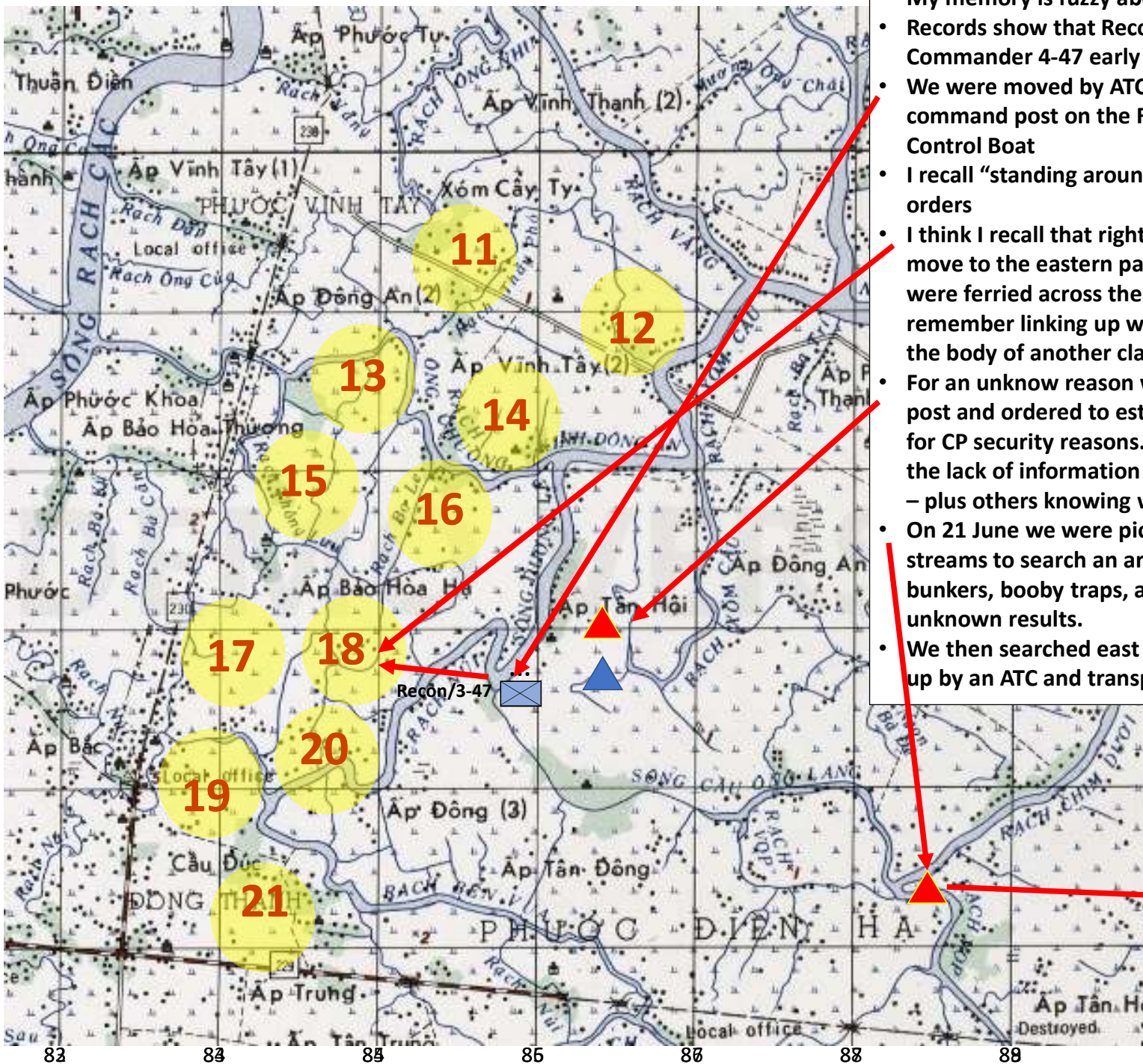


Recon/3-47



Recon 3-47

- My memory is fuzzy about most of the events
- Records show that Recon 3-47 was placed under control of Commander 4-47 early on the afternoon of 19 June
- We were moved by ATC and linked up with the 4-47 command post on the River Squadron 9 Command and Control Boat
- I recall "standing around" most of the afternoon waiting for orders
- I think I recall that right before dark we were ordered to move to the eastern part of Obj 18 to assist in recovery – we were ferried across the stream via an ATC – I clearly remember linking up with a classmate in C/4-47 and moving the body of another classmate in A/4-47
- For an unknow reason we were recalled to the command post and ordered to establish an ambush – I assume it was for CP security reasons. I recall being very concerned about the lack of information concerning locations of friendly units – plus others knowing where we were
- On 21 June we were picked up by ATC and moved south by streams to search an area – the reports indicate we found bunkers, booby traps, and fired artillery at about 15 VC with unknown results.
- We then searched east to the Soi Rap River and were picked up by an ATC and transported to the USS Benewah



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Some facts to put the 19 June Operation in context:

- The Mobile Riverine Force (MRF), with the combined units of the 2nd Bde, 9th Inf Div, and the Navy's Task Force 117 was activated in early May, 1967 – less than a month before the 19 June operation
- The MRF's first operation was in Cam Sam on the Mekong River – this operation in the "Snoopy Area" was a major event

