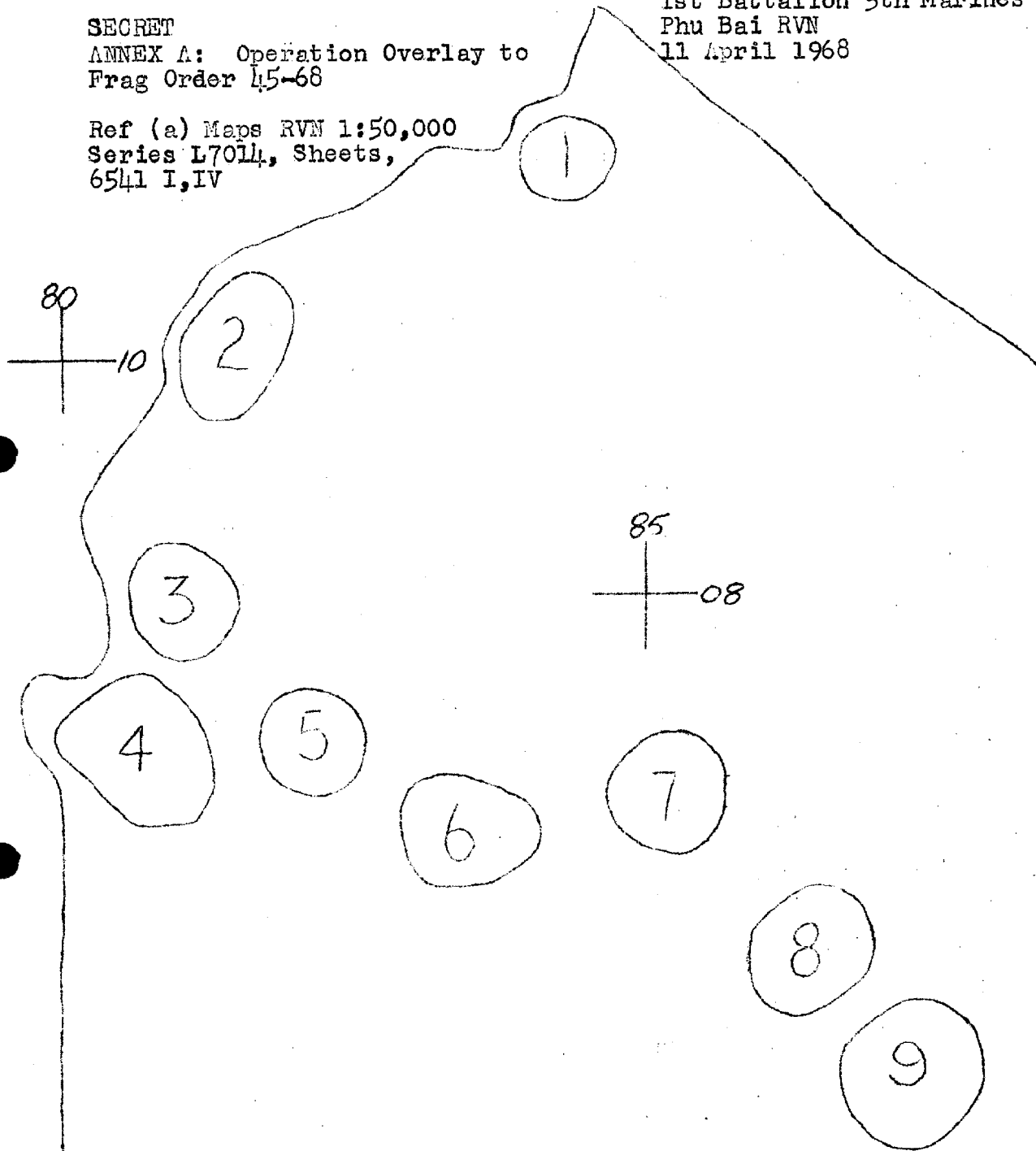


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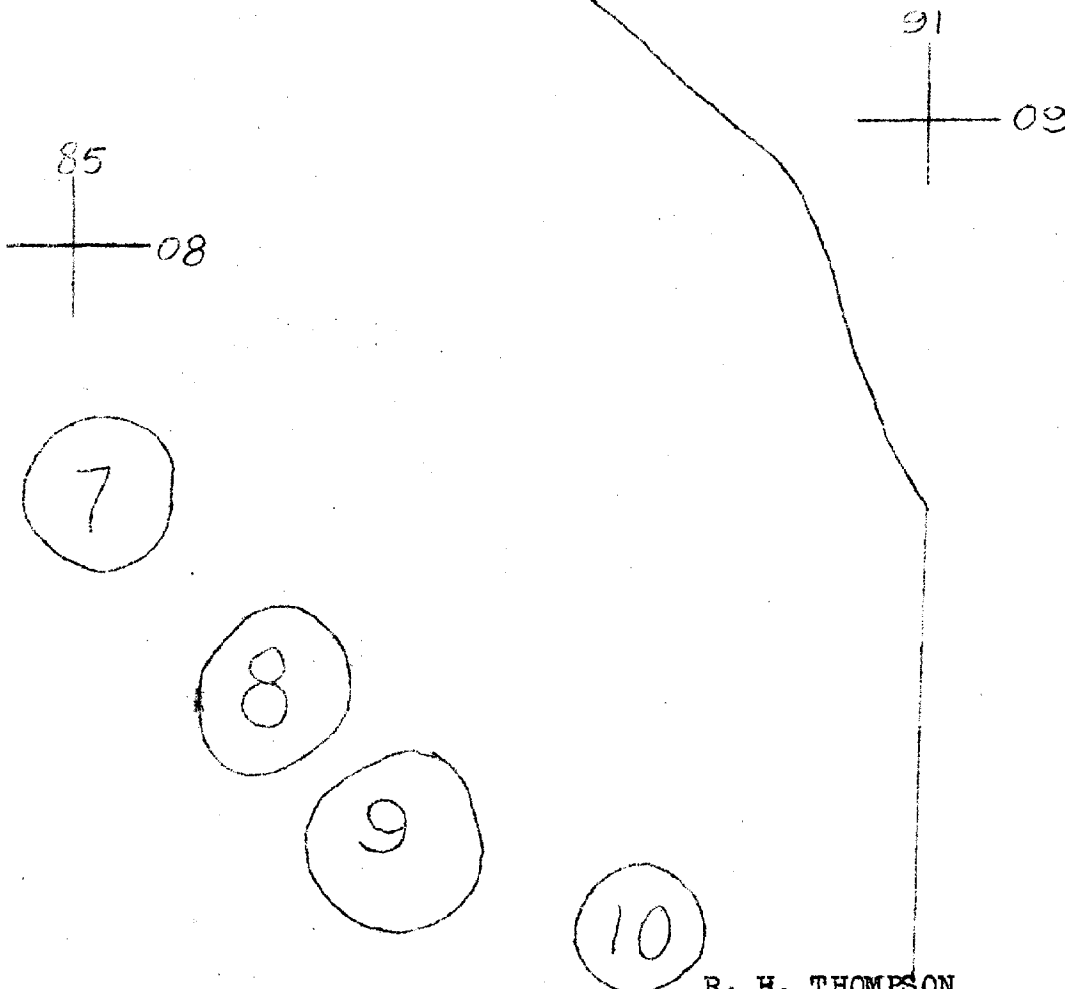
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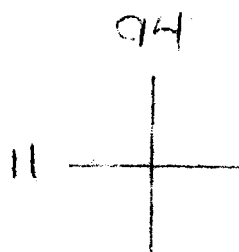
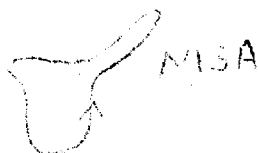
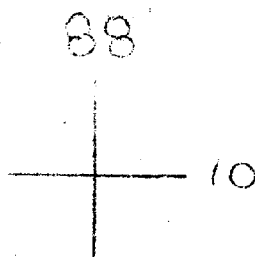
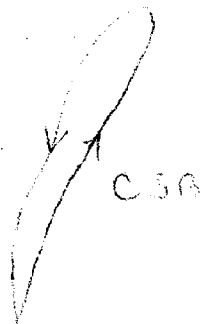
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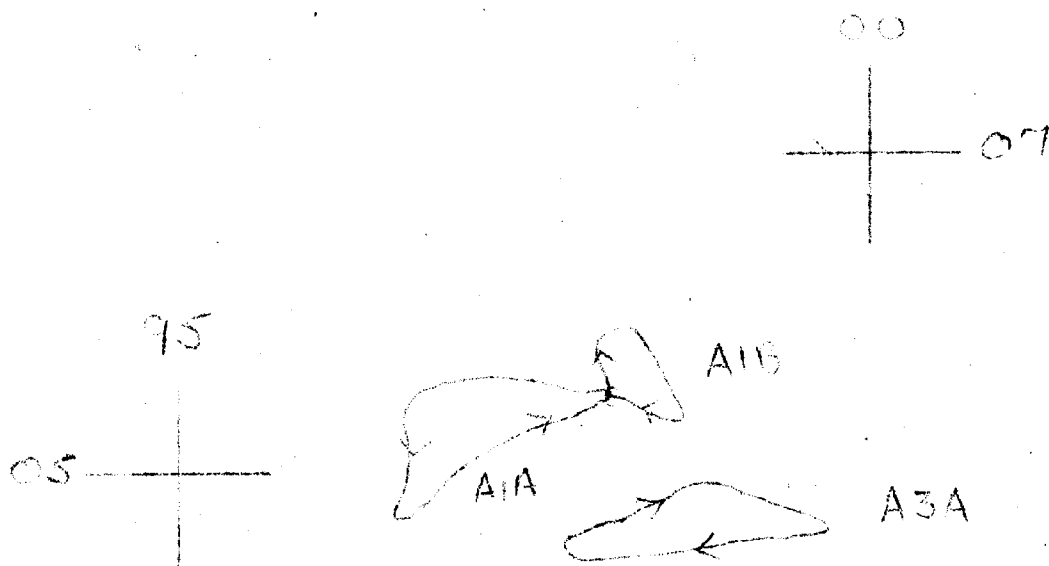
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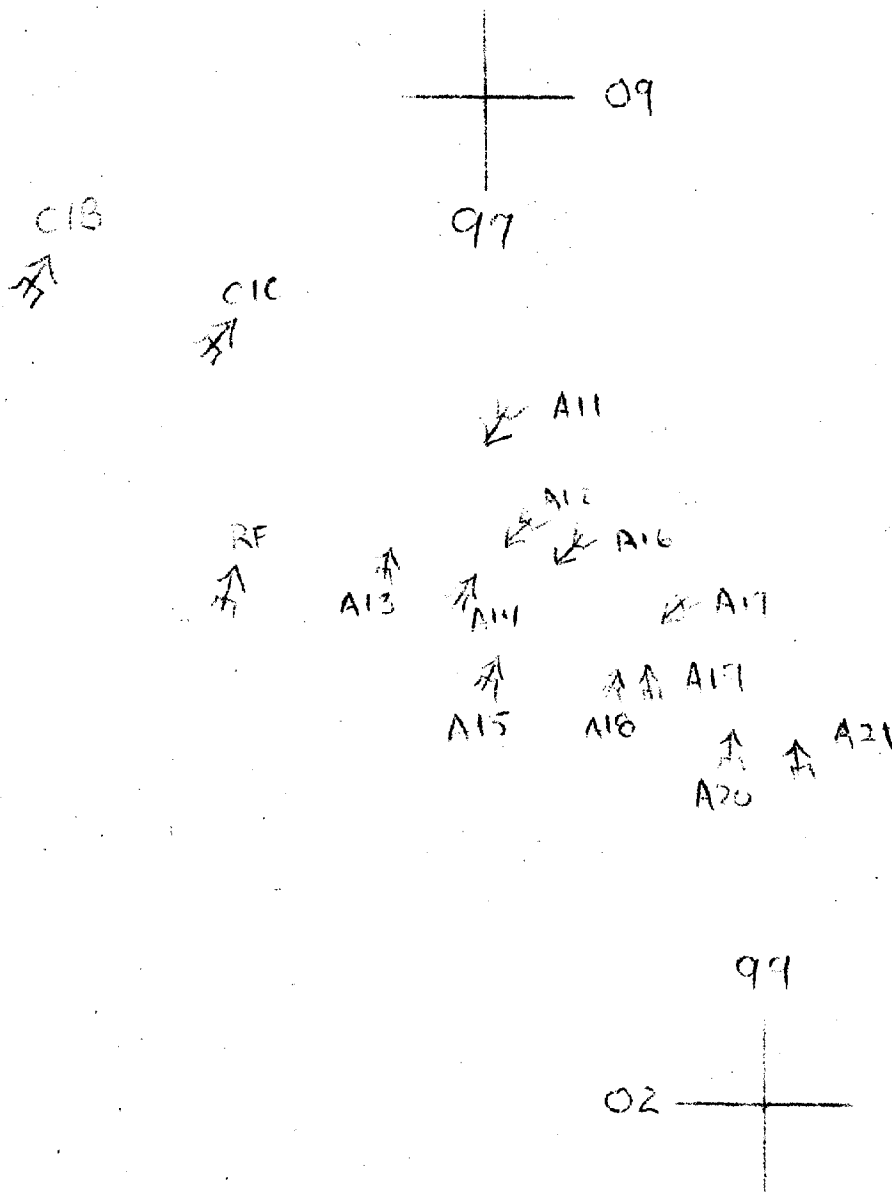
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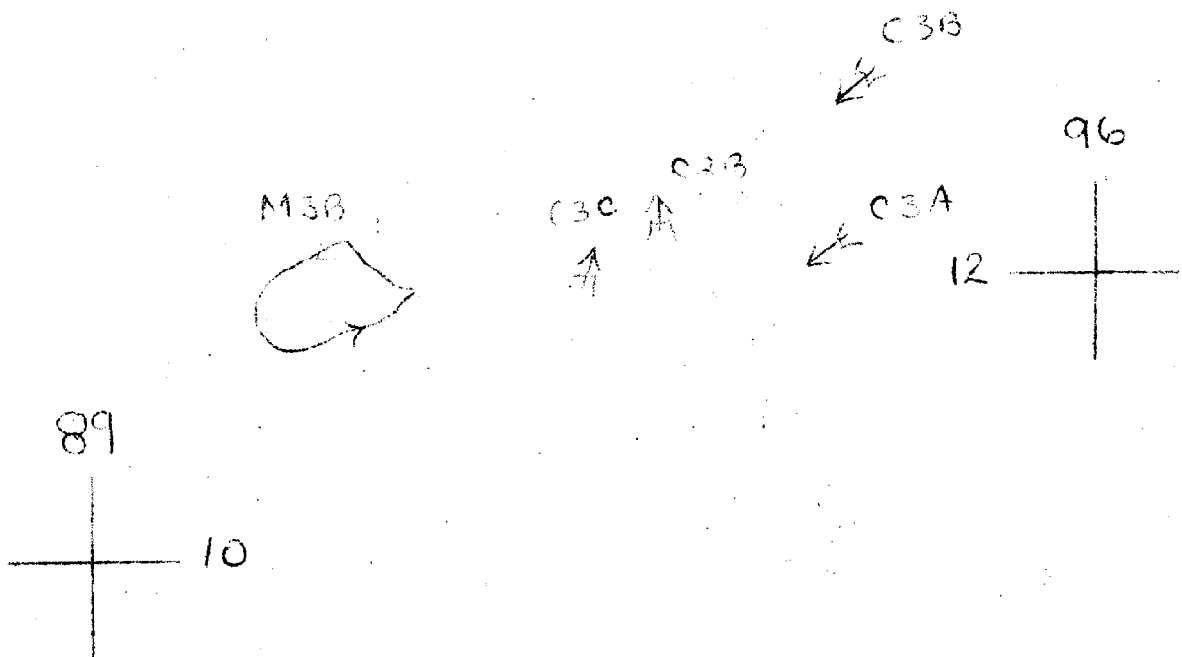
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.
2. MISSION. No change.
3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continues to provide security for bridges and conducts S&D operations.

b. Company A.

(1) Continue present mission.

c. Company B.

(1) Continue S&D operations to Objective 10.

(2) On order, continue the attack and commence detailed search of an area bounded by (YD 920109), (YD 902-099), (YD 893034), (YD 901032) to (YD 926100).

d. Company C.

(1) Continue present mission to provide security for bridges # 2, and #3. Conduct operations in AO (See overlay).

e. Company D.

(1) Be prepared to assume responsibility for bridge #4 and conduct S&D operations in AO.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMBAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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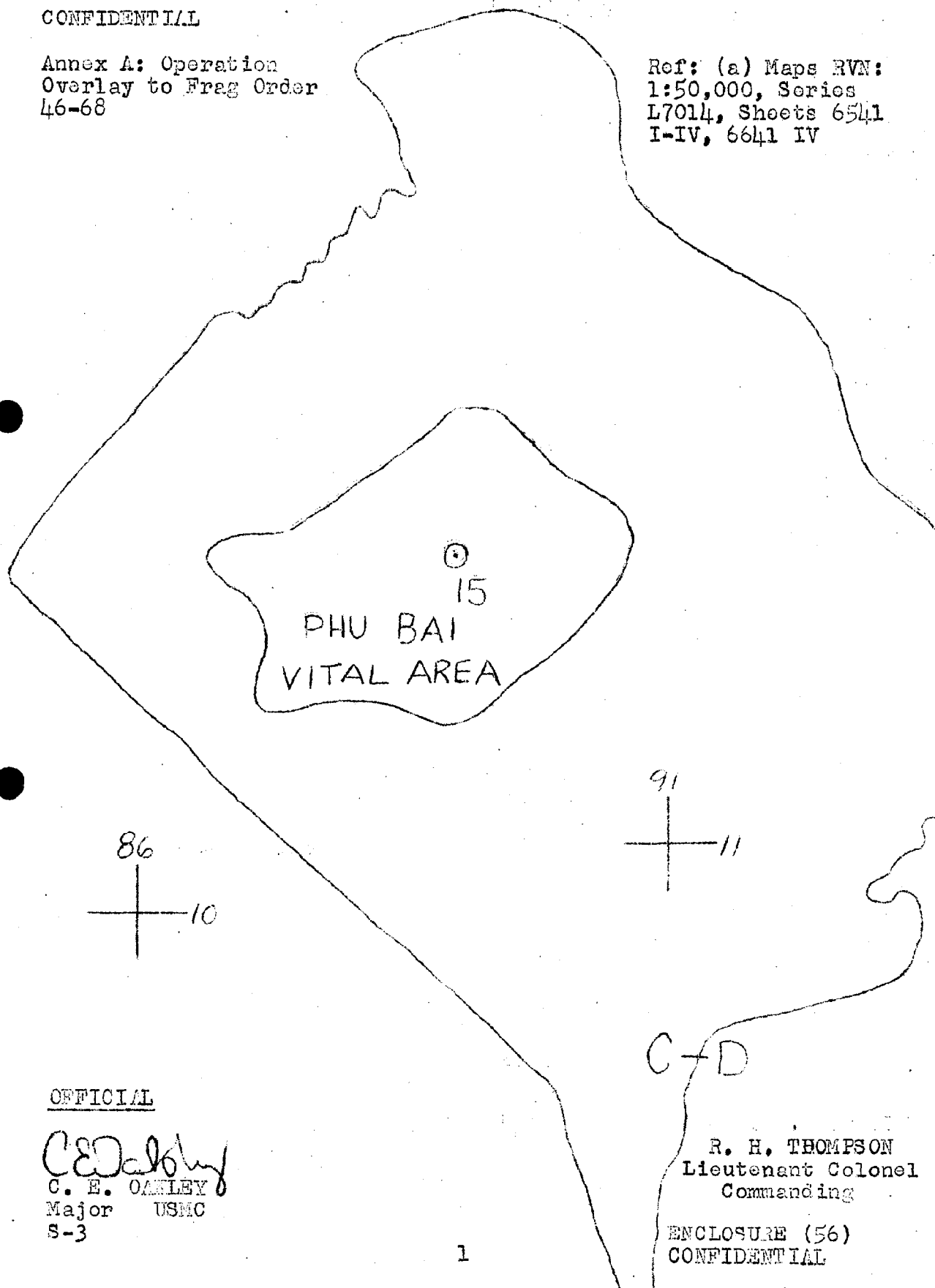
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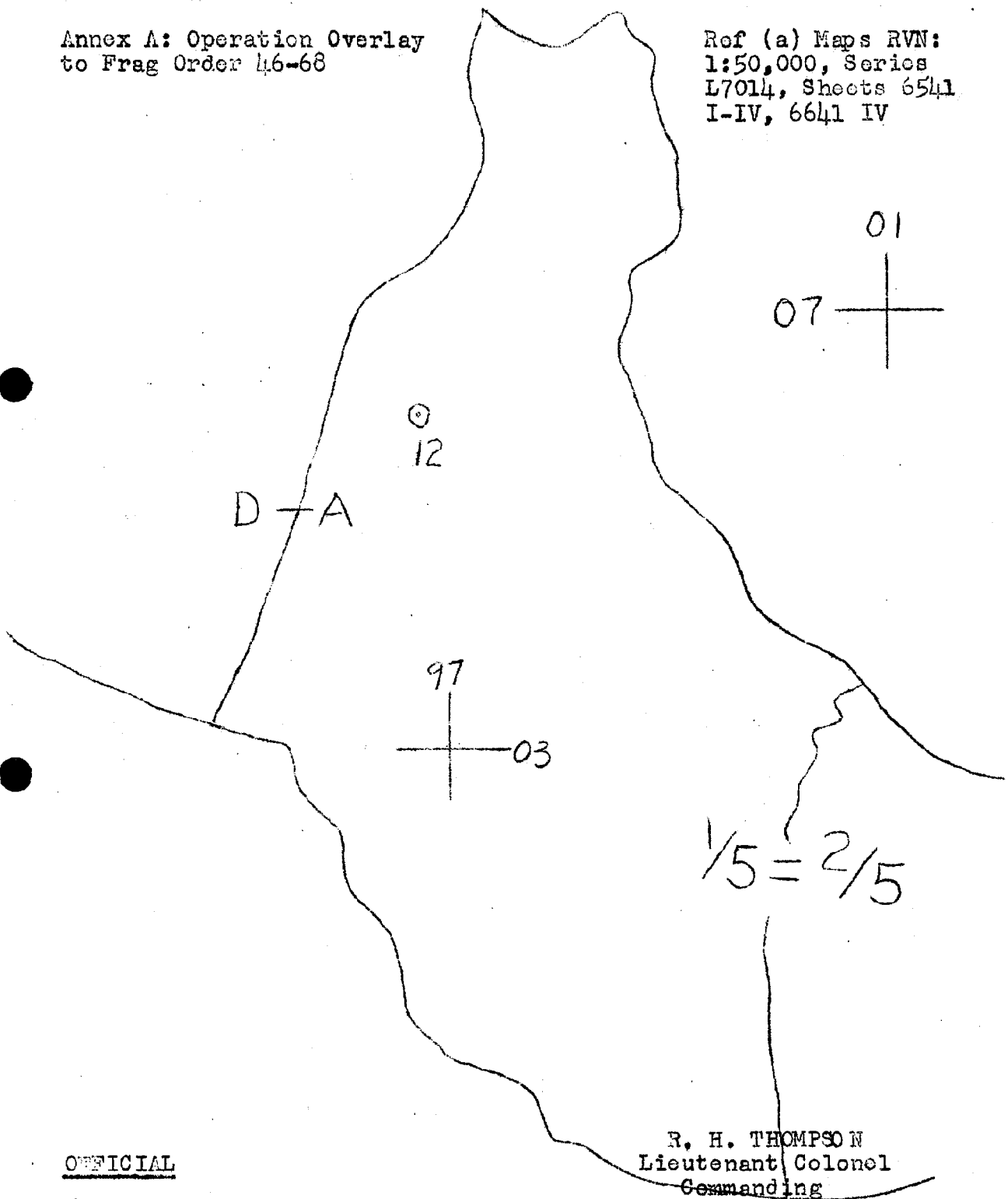
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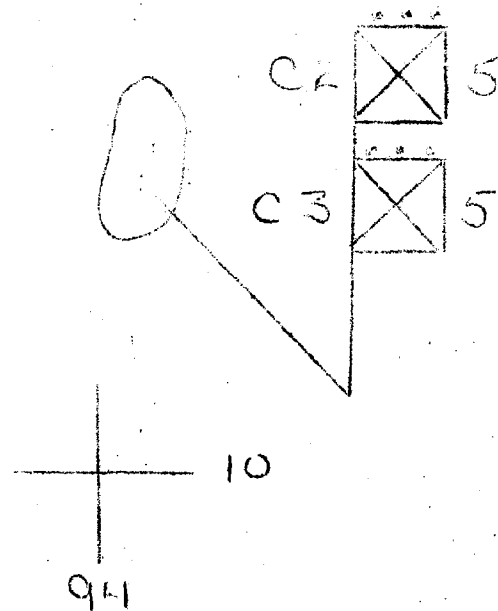
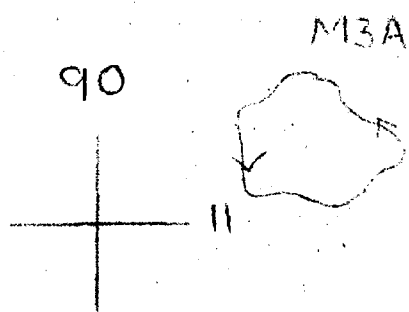
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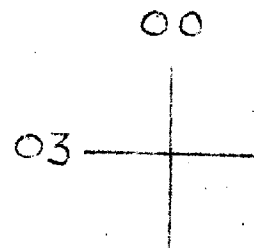
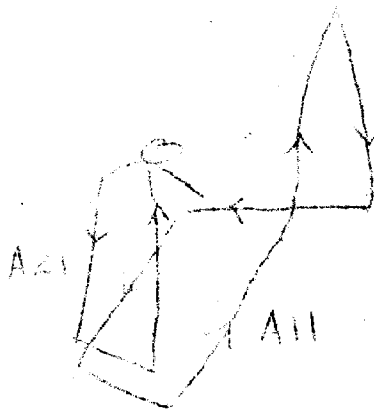
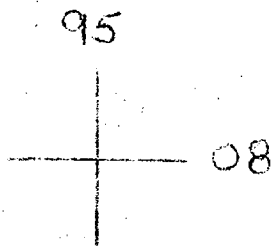
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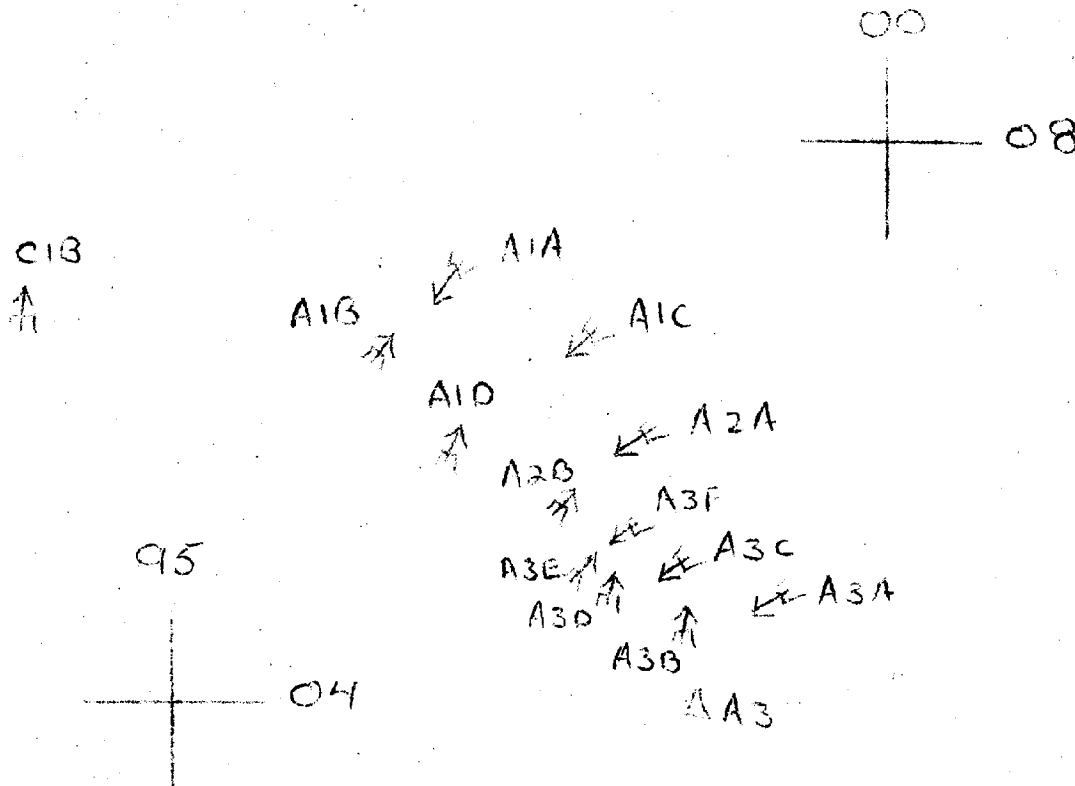
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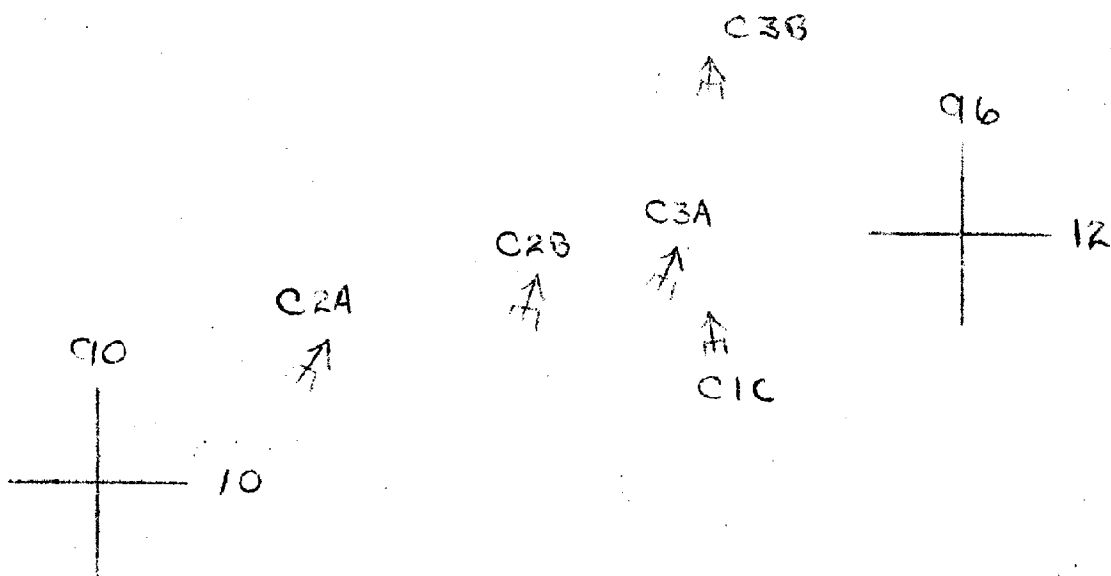
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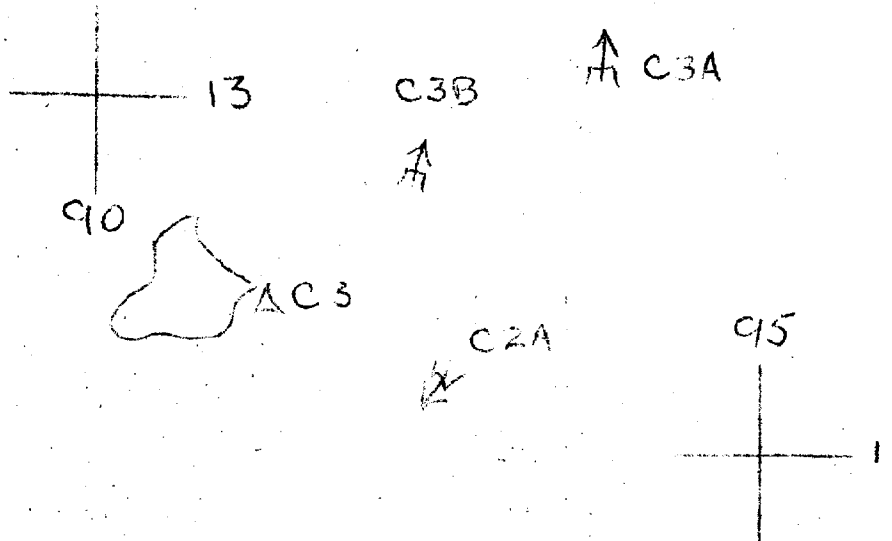
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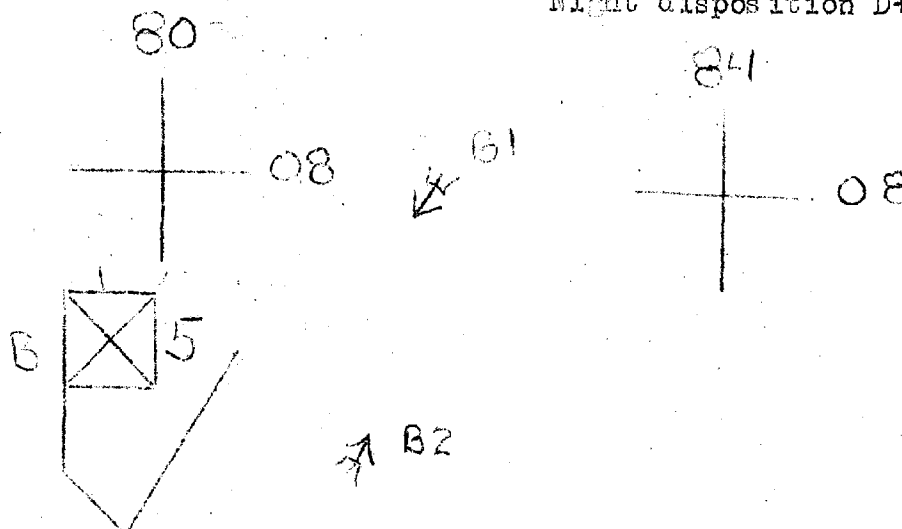


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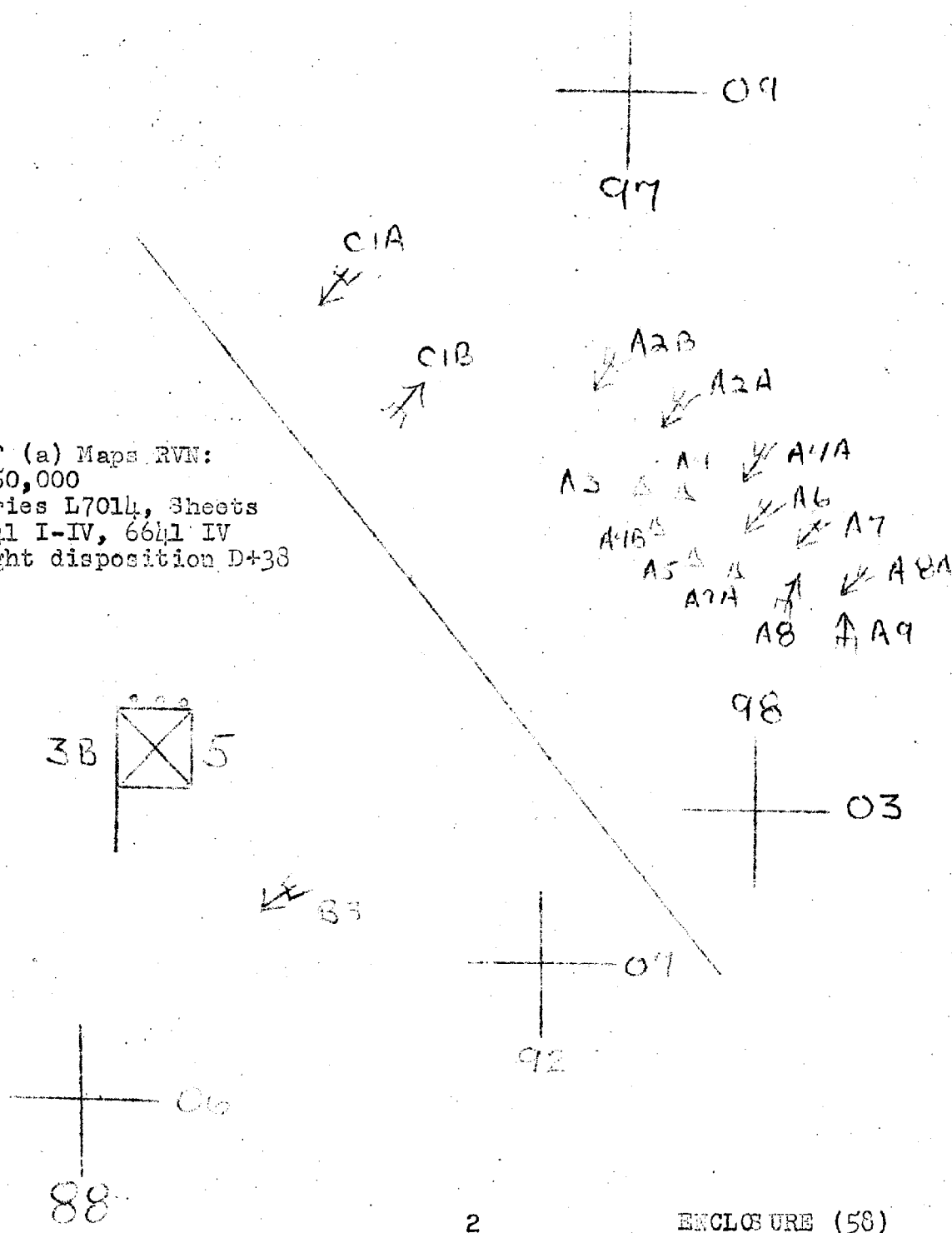
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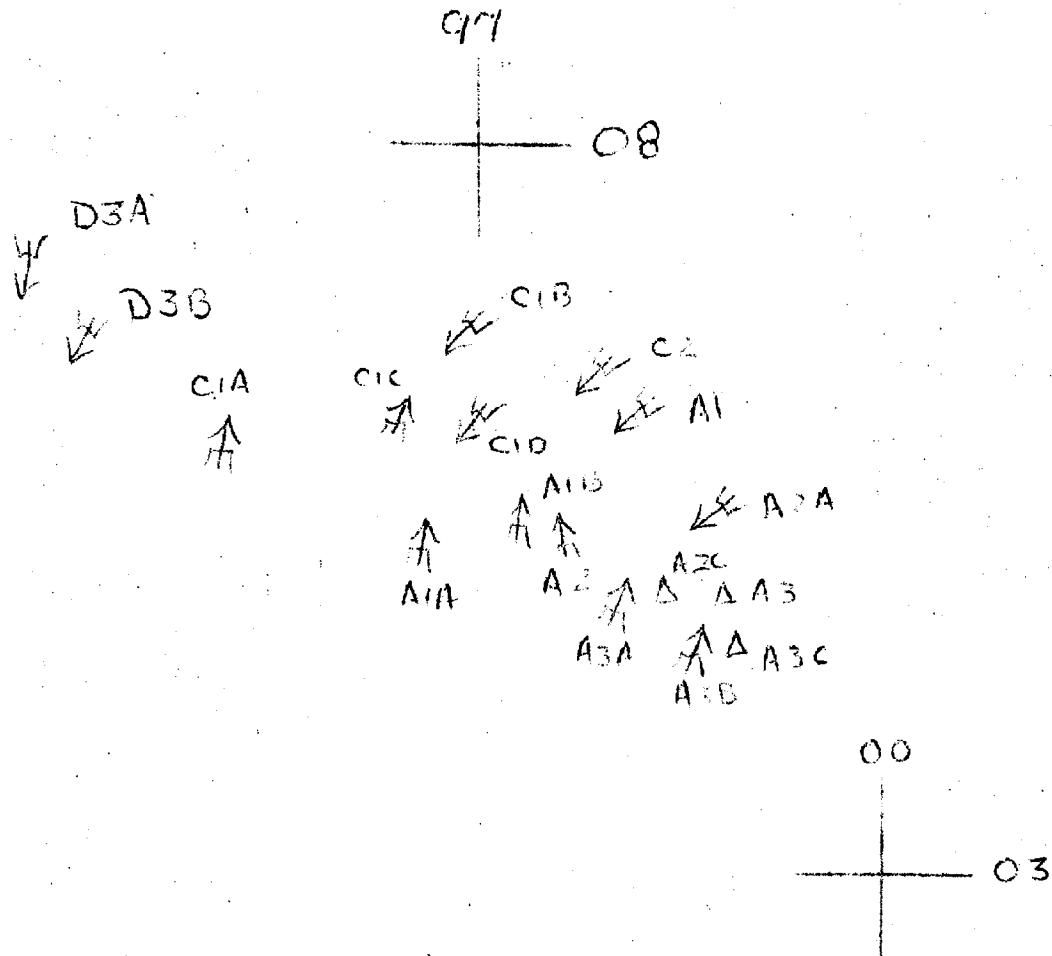
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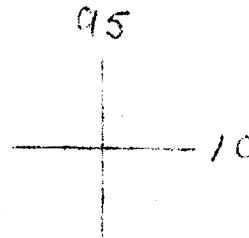
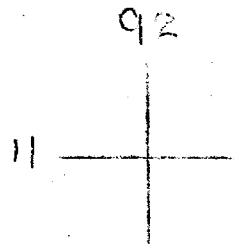


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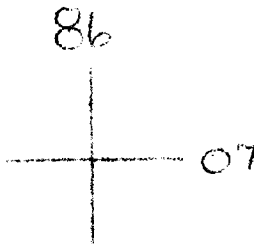
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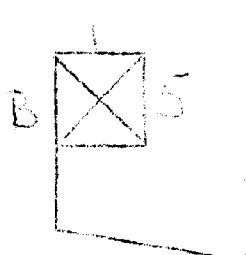
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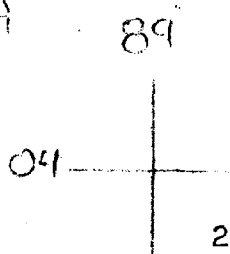
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.2. MISSION. No change.3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continues to conduct S&D operations in AO and provides security for vital bridges along MSR.

b. Company A.

(1) Continue present mission.

c. Company B.

(1) Upon completion of S&D operation, conduct activities to interdict the southern approach to the MSR in vicinity of (YD 895106).

(2) At 161500H be prepared to assume mission of Company C.

d. Company C.

(1) Continue present mission.

(2) Be prepared to be relieved by Company B at 161500H.

(3) Upon relief by Company B, be prepared to conduct activities to interdict the southern approaches to the MSR in the vicinity of (YD 910102).

(4) Be prepared to continue attack to the south.

e. Company D.

(1) Continue present mission.

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f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Companies B and C effect detailed coordination upon relief.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

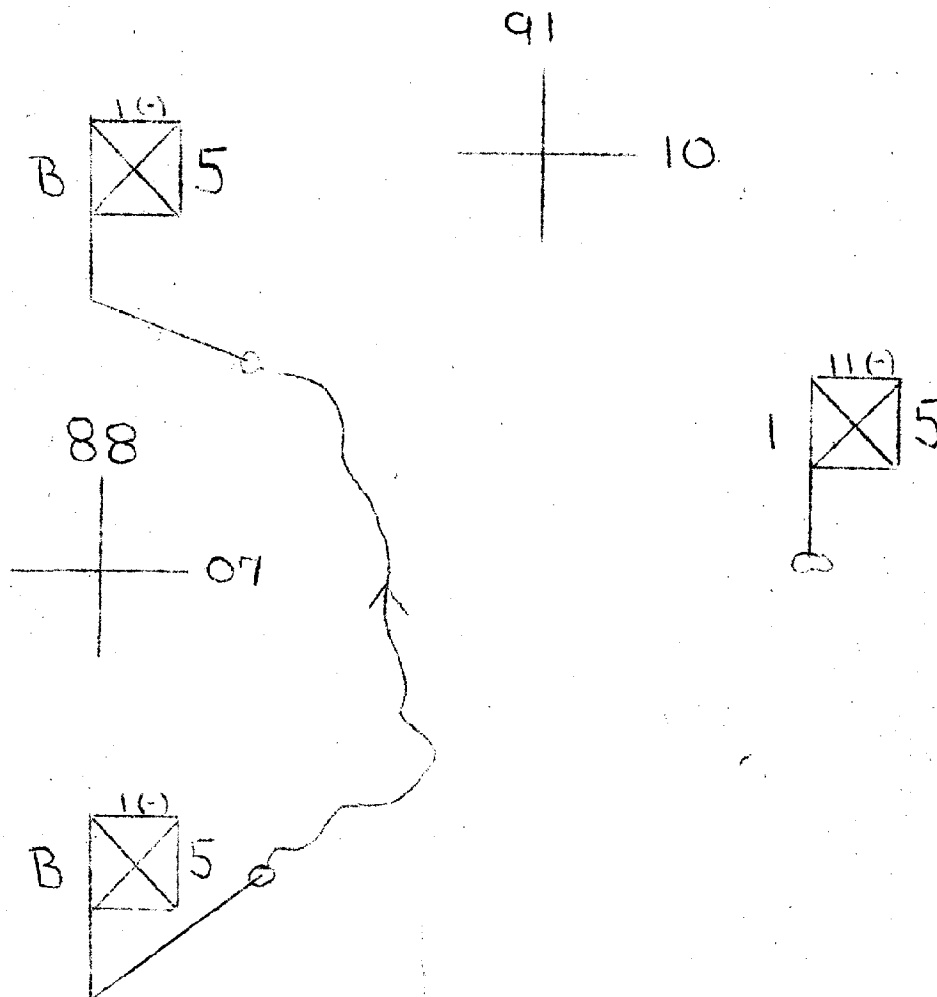
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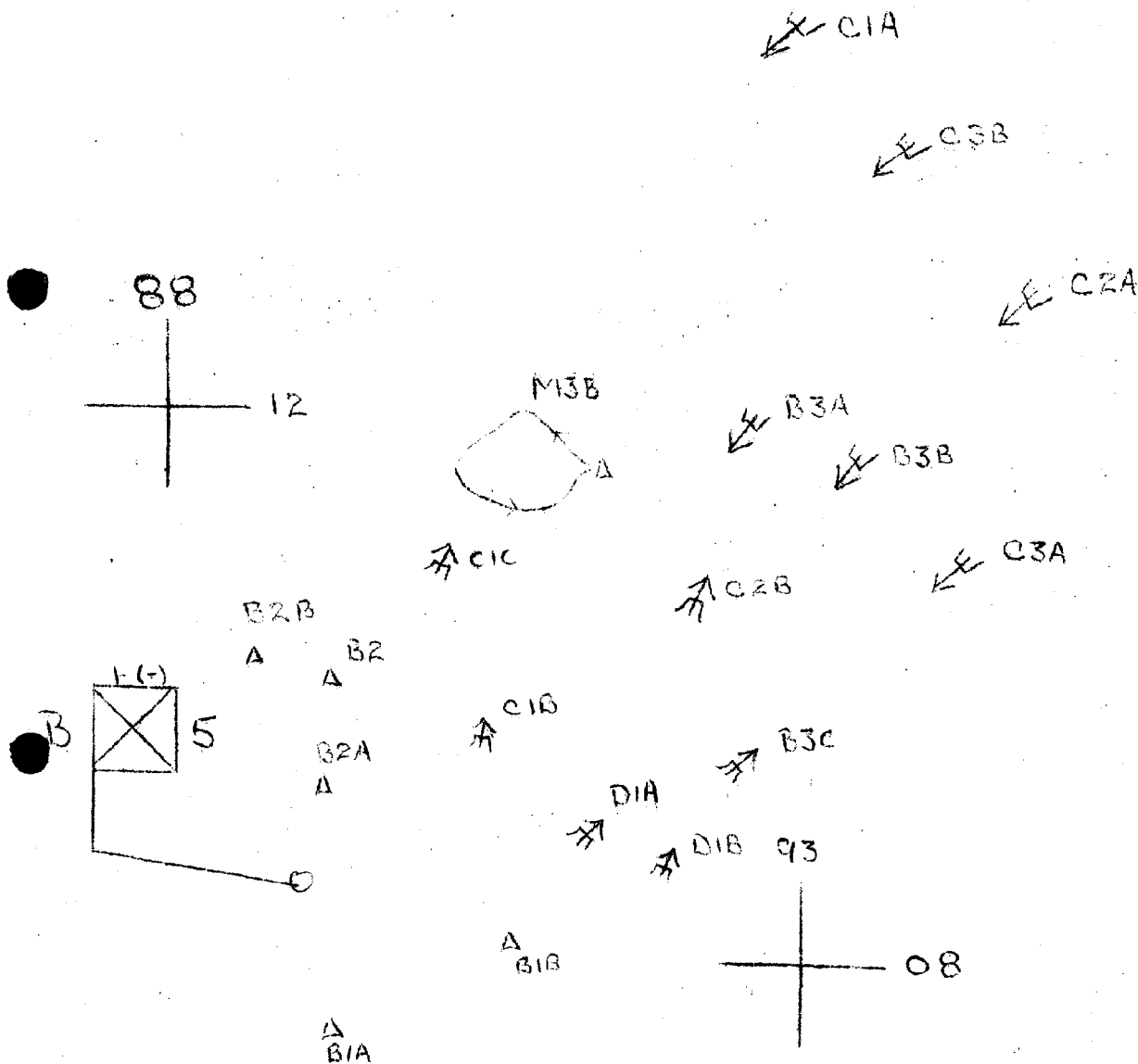
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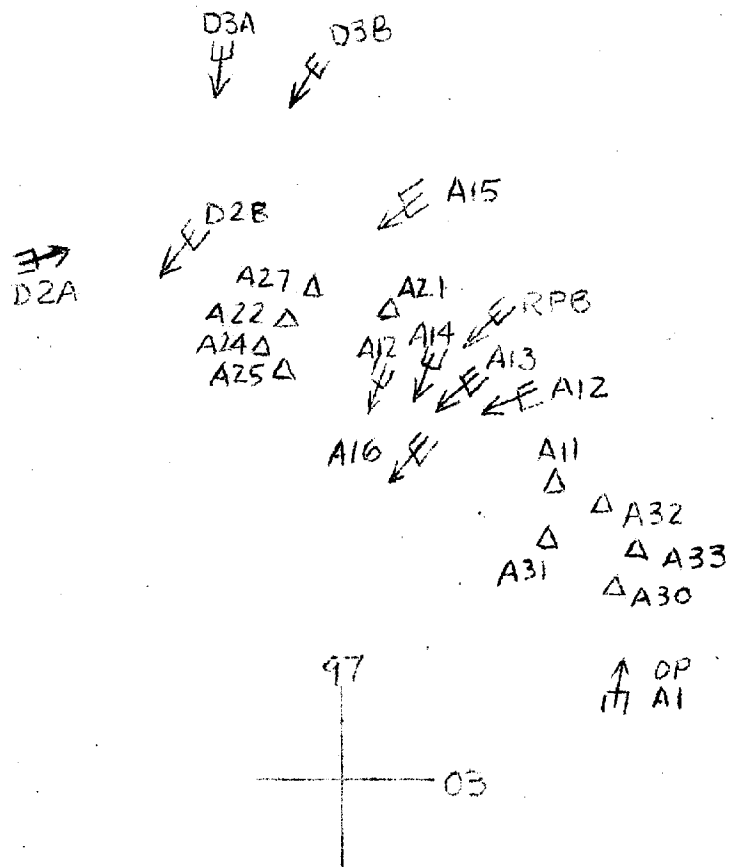
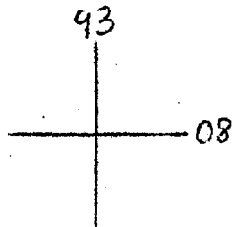
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.2. MISSION. No change.3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continues present mission.

b. Companies A, B and D.

(1) Continue present mission.

c. Company C.

(1) On order, commence move to canopy to conduct search and destroy operations and to locate high speed trails and enemy harbor sights in battalion objectives 1, 2, 3, and 4. (See Operation Overlay).

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Carry 2 day's MCI's.

(2) Coordinate with recon inserts "Flag Dip" and "Veal Stew" #1 SOR.

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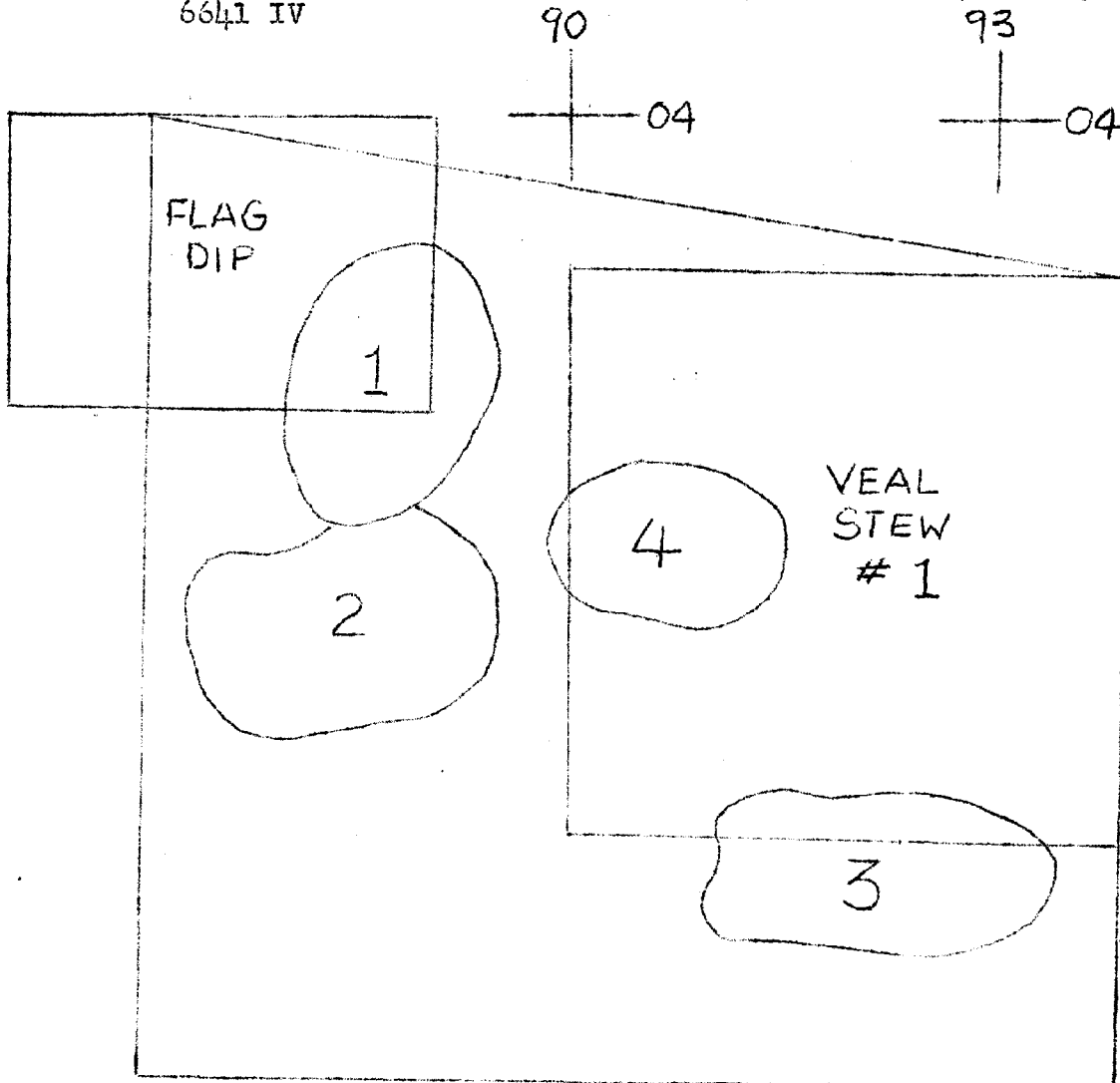
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.2. MISSION. No change.3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continues present mission.

b. Companies A, B and D.

(1) Continue present mission.

c. Company C.

(1) On order, on or about 161800H, commence S&D operation west of Phu Bai vital area to interdict avenues of approach into vital area between (YD 805080) and (YD 848-085). (See Operation Overlay).

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Company C carry 2 day's LRP rations.

(2) Company C coordinate operation with OP 1 (Battalion TAC Net) and "Dublin City" and "Crochet" (33.10).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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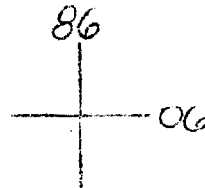
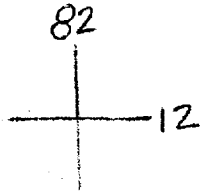
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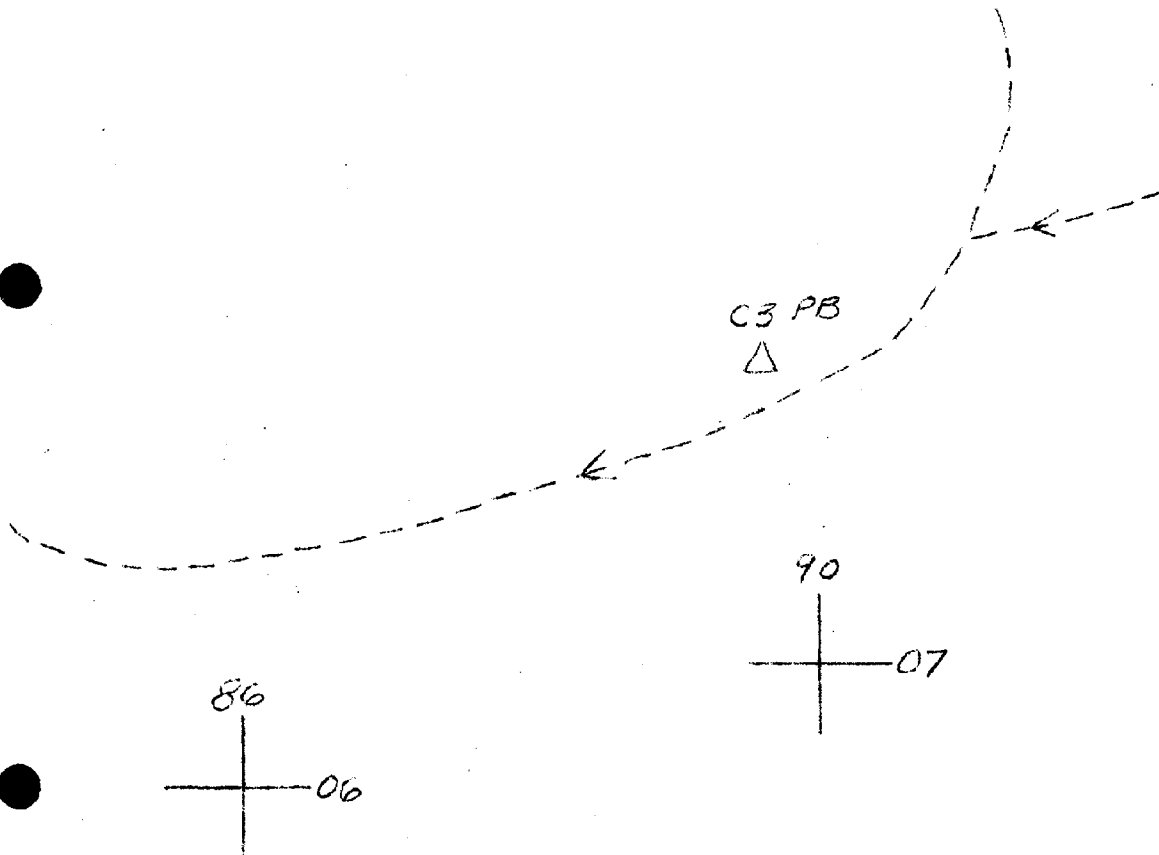
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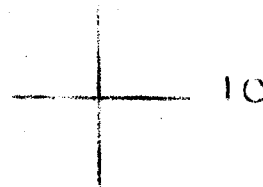
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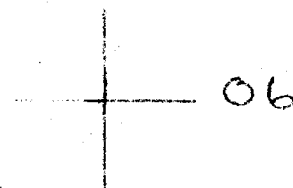
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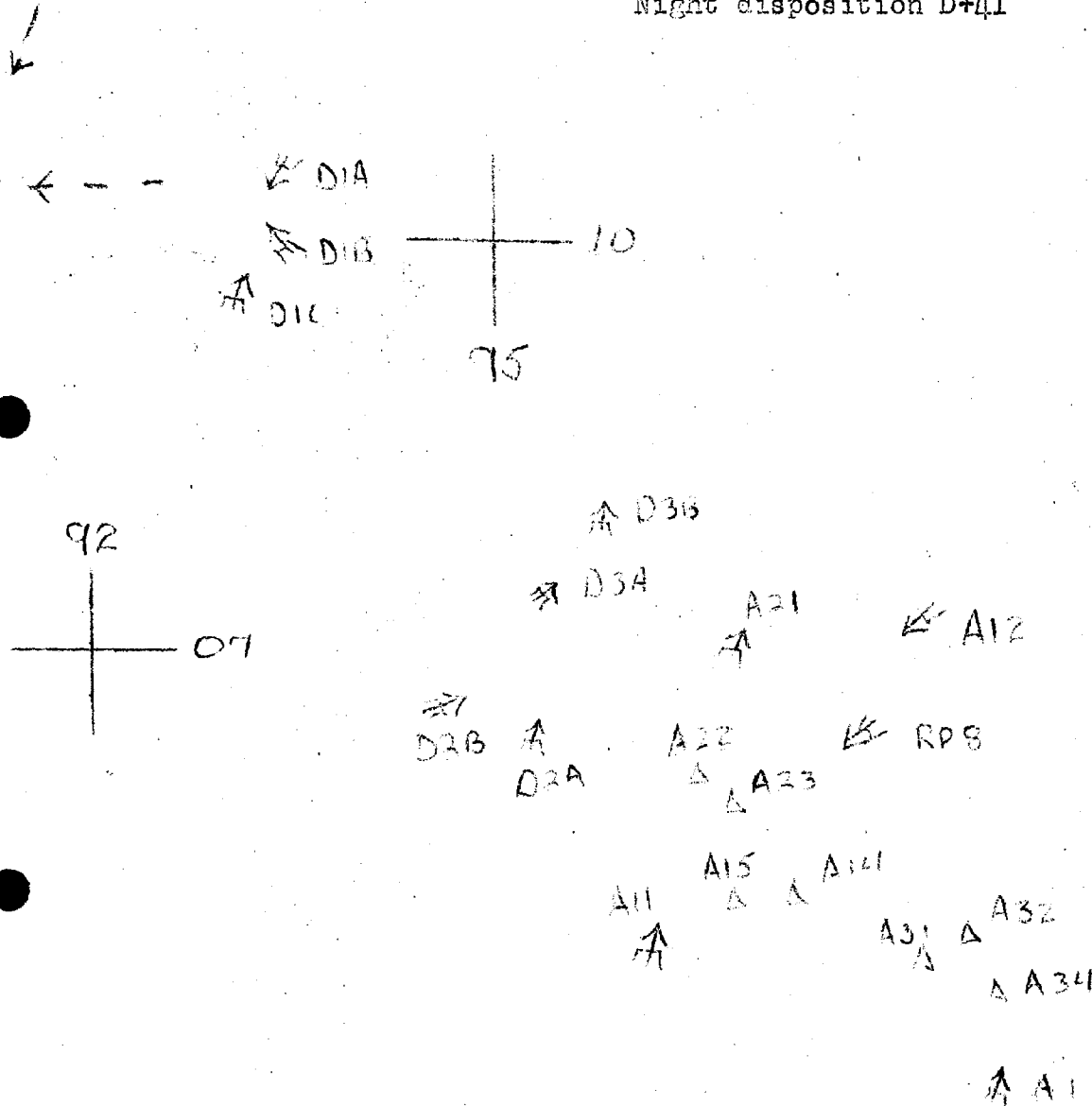


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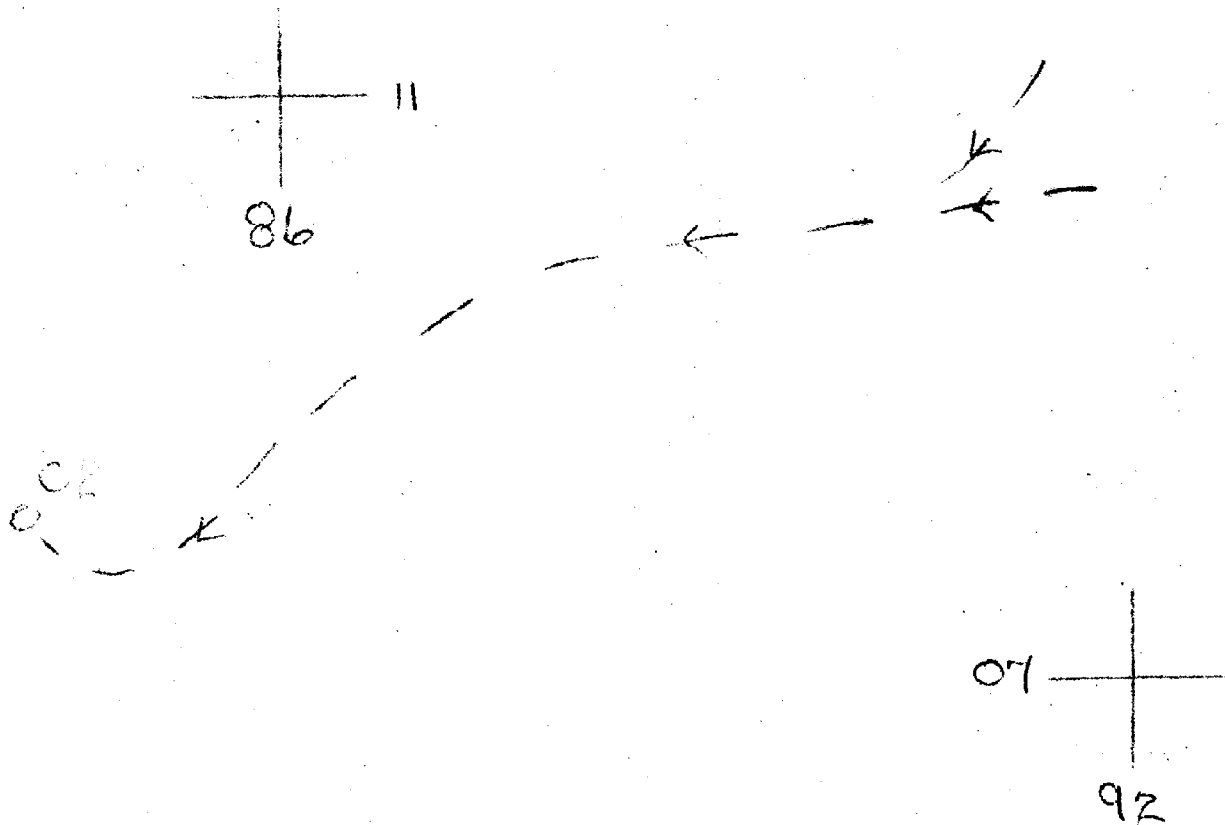
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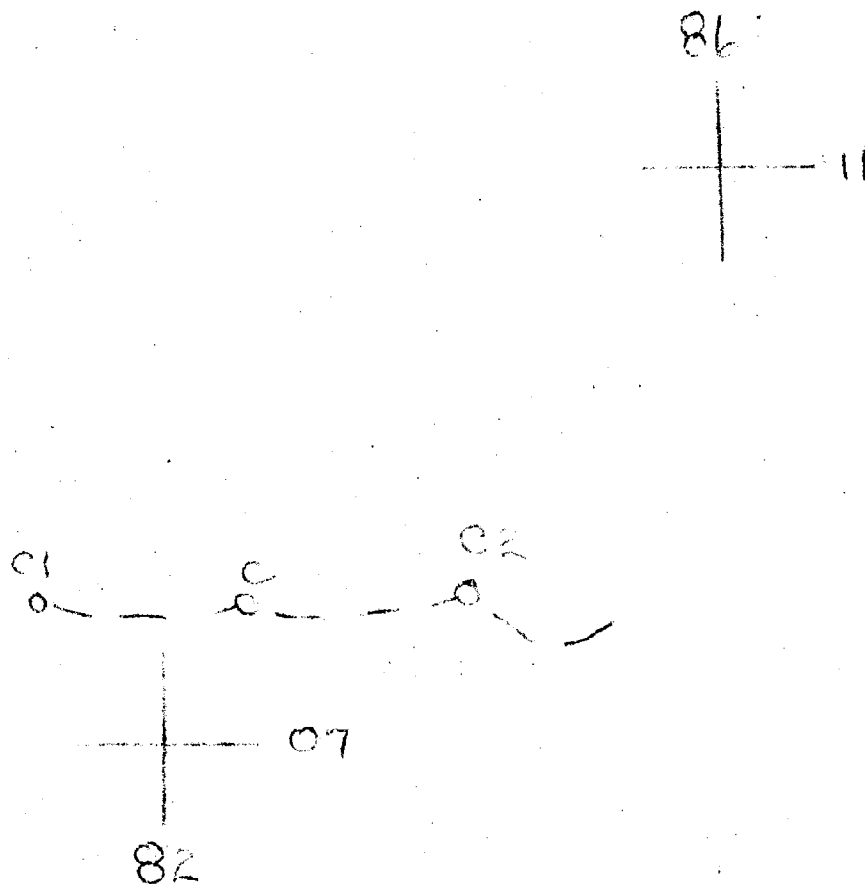
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.2. MISSION. No change.3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continues present mission.

b. Companies A, B and D.

(1) Continue present mission.

c. Company C.

(1) Prior to daylight on 17 April, establish patrol bases and conduct small unit operations to determine and prevent enemy activity in assigned AO. (See Operation Overlay).

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) 3rd Platoon, Company C join Company C as directed by C.O. Company C.

(2) Company C recommend night activities for 17 April prior to 171400H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.5. CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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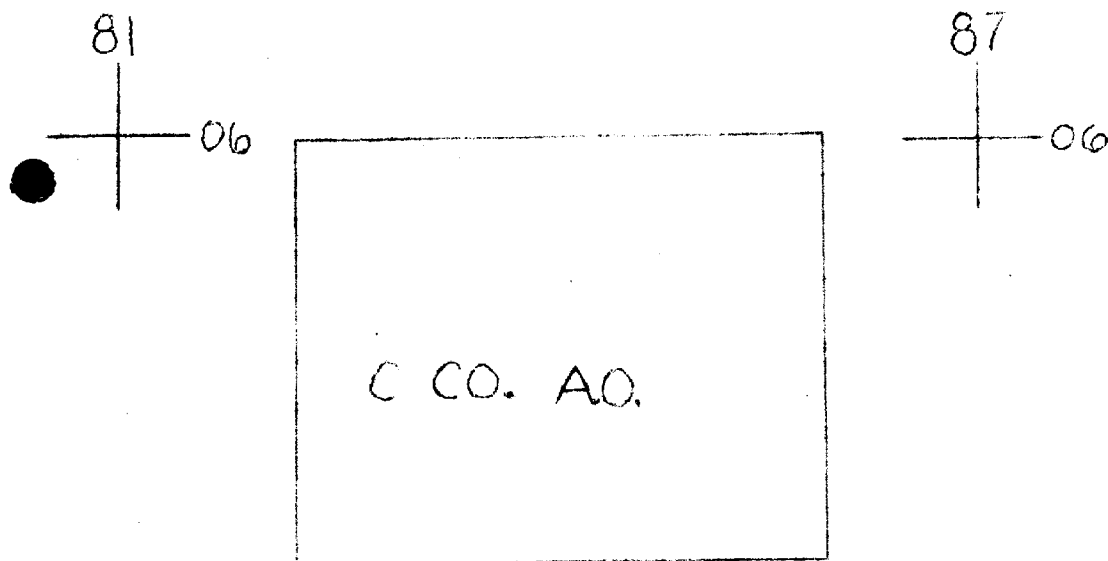
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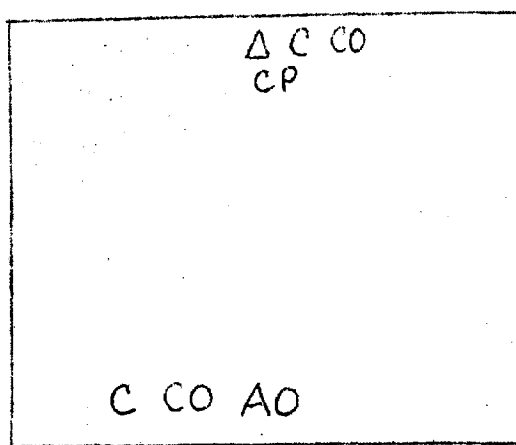
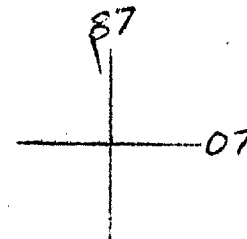
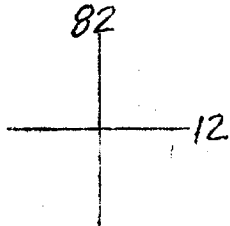
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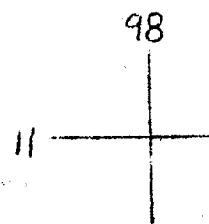
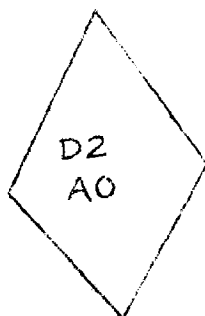
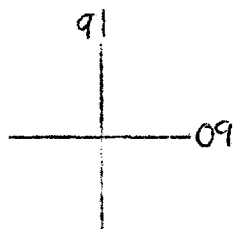
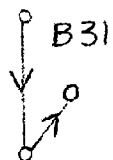
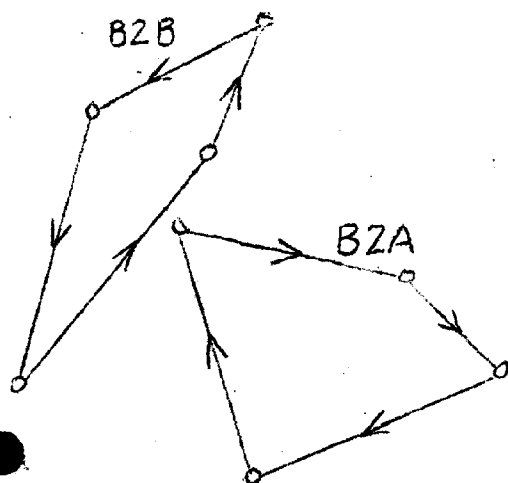
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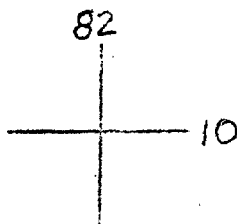
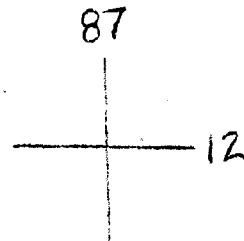
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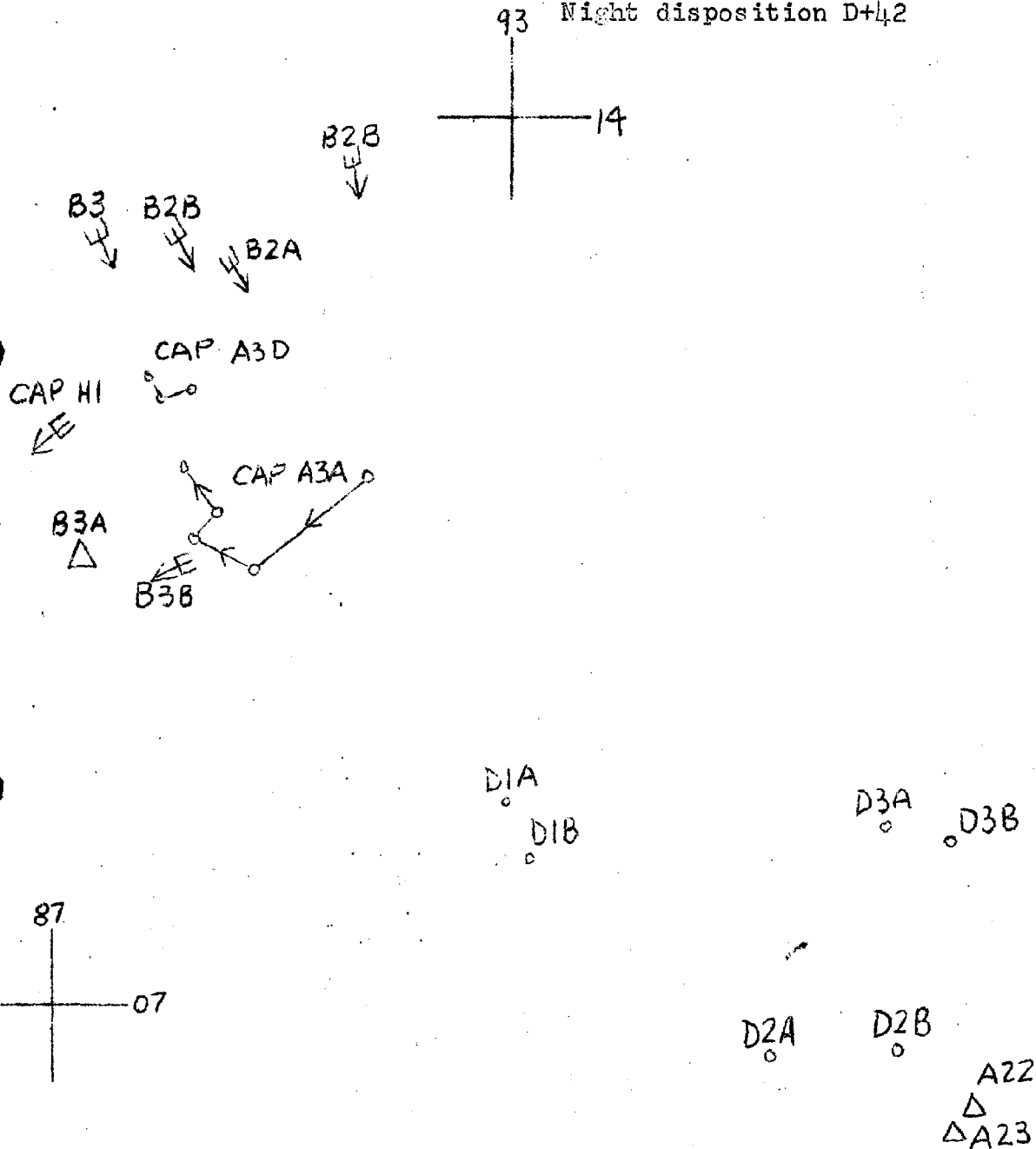
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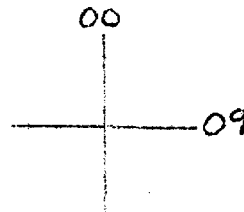
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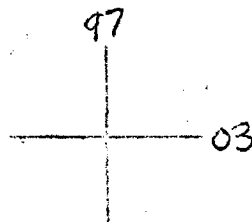


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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
Phu Bai, RVN
17 April 1968

Frag Order 51-68

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. No change.
- b. Friendly. No change.

2. MISSION. No change.3. EXECUTION.

a. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continue to conduct S&D operations in AO and provides security for vital bridges along MSR.

b. Company A.

(1) Continue present mission.

(2) Commencing approximately 171800H provide one platoon to conduct a 2 to 3 day daylight S&D operation and night patrols and ambushes to determine and prevent enemy activity in assigned AO. (See Operations Overlay).

c. Company B, C, and D. Continue present missions.d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Company A coordinate with Rearpoint unit to obtain PF soldiers to accompany designated platoon on S&D.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Designated platoon of Company A carry two-days rations. Submit request for aerial resupply as soon as need becomes apparent.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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A: Operation Overlay

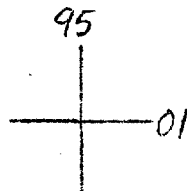
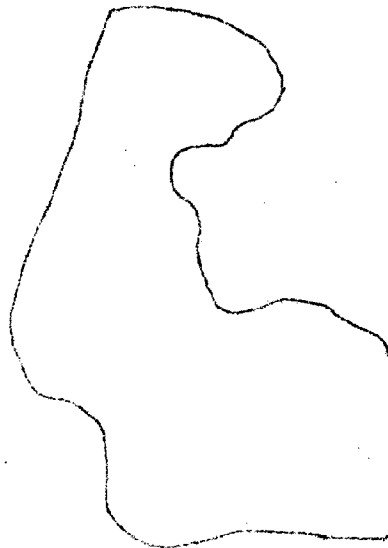
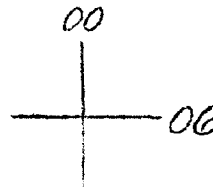
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Frag Order 52-68

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. No change.
- b. Friendly. No change.

2. MISSION. No change.3. EXECUTION.

- a. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. continue mission in assigned TAOR.
- b. Company A, B and D. Continue present mission.
- c. Company C. At 171700H, move to assigned AO and conducts night patrols and ambushes to interdict the southwestern approaches into the Phu Bai vital area and highway #1. (See Operation Overlay).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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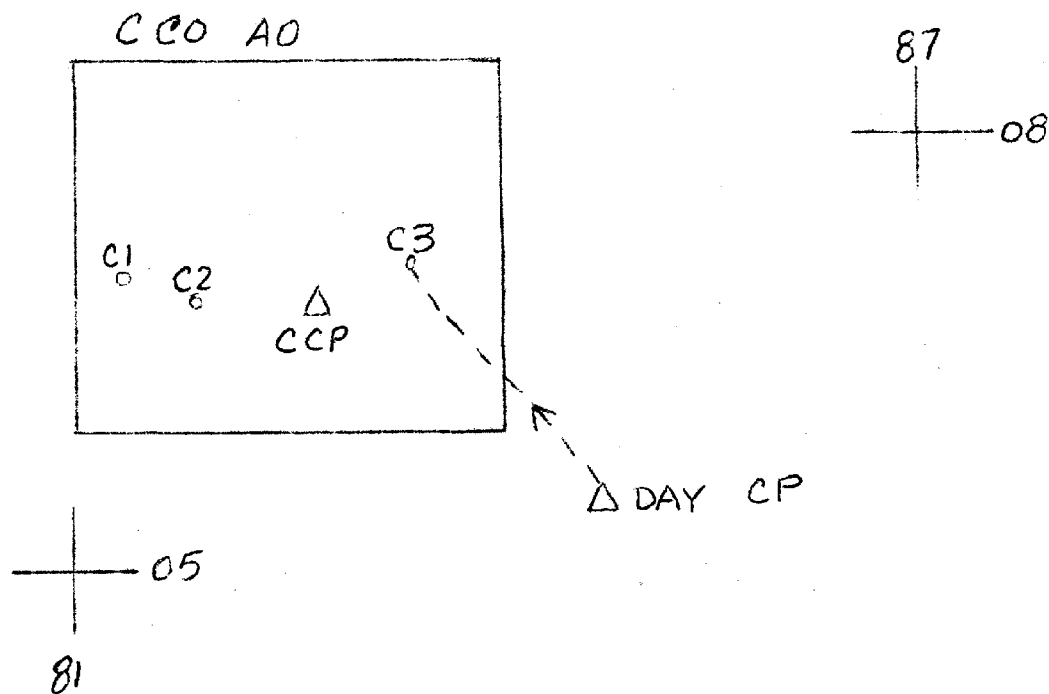
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Phu Bai, RVN
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Frag Order 53-68

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. No change.
- b. Friendly. No change.

2. MISSION. No change.3. EXECUTION.

- a. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. Continue mission in assigned AO.
- b. Company A and D. Continue mission in assigned AO's.
- c. Company C. Conduct movement in order to relieve Company B of mission in assigned AO by 180800H.
- d. Company B. When relieved and at about 181000H board transportation and proceed to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines position. Report OPCON 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines on departure 1st Battalion, 5th Marines TAOR. Be prepared for operation of about one week duration. Full battle dress prescribed, to include helmets, flak jackets and field protective masks. Particular emphasis on availability and serviceability of protective masks.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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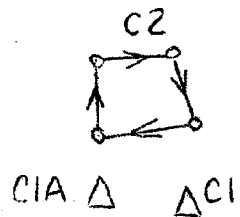
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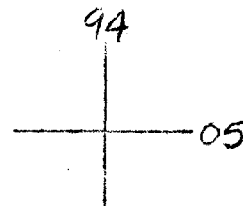
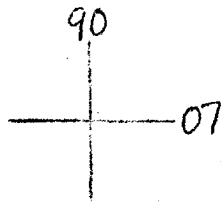
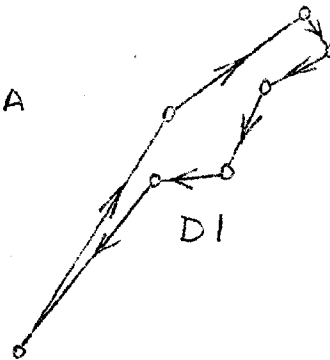
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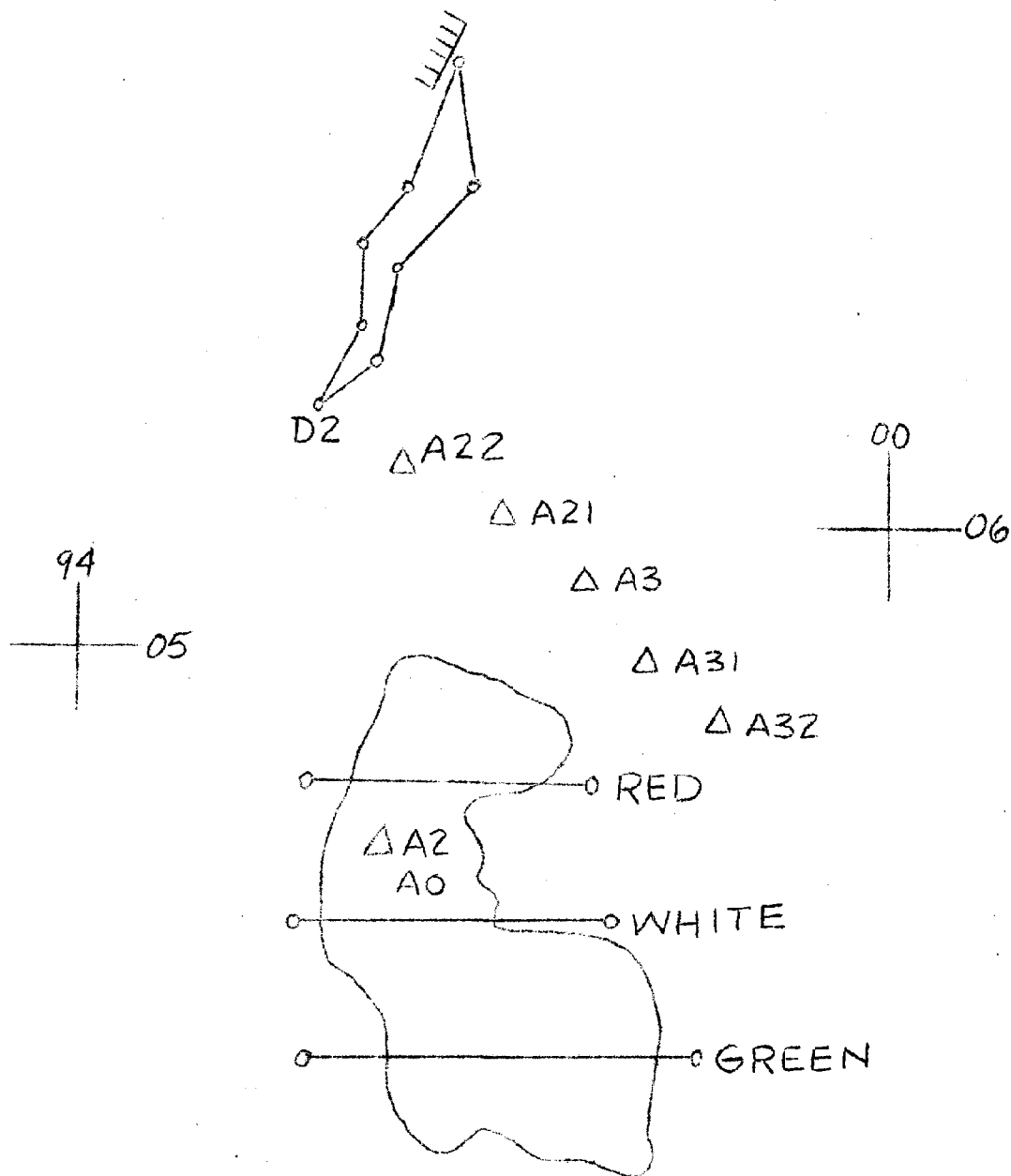


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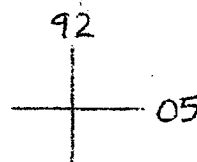
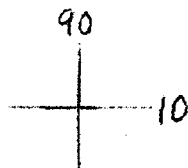
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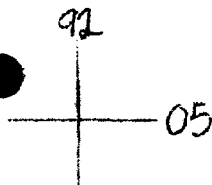
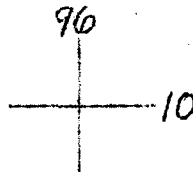


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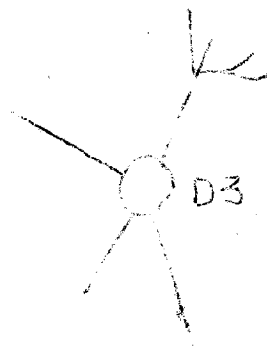
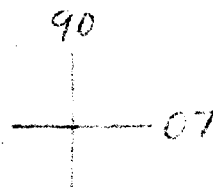
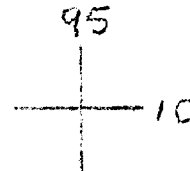
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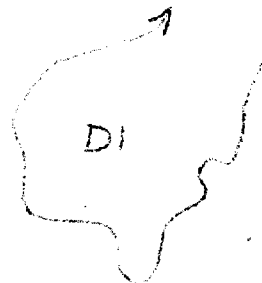
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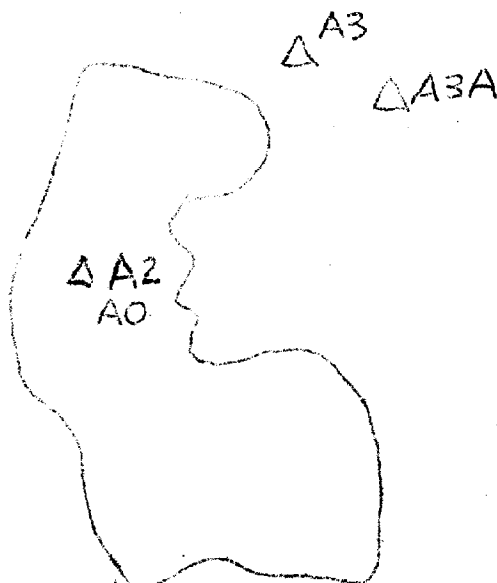
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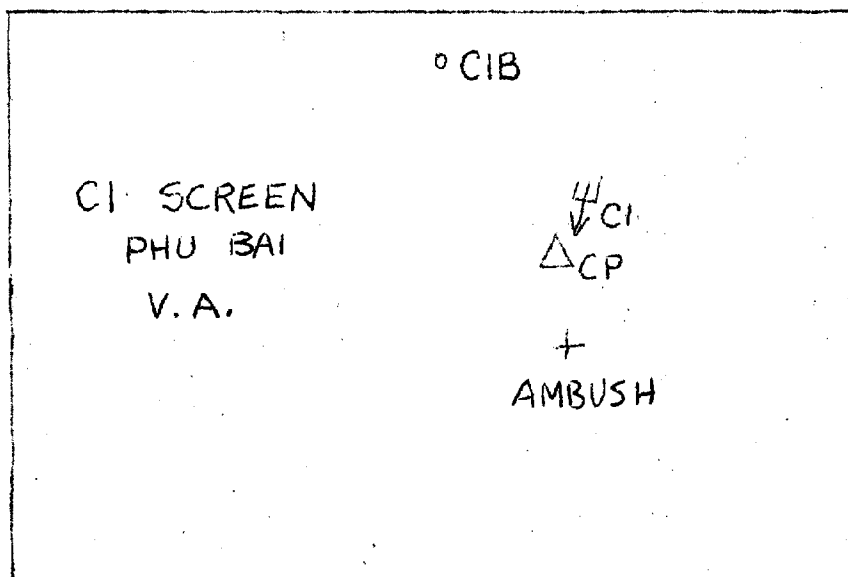
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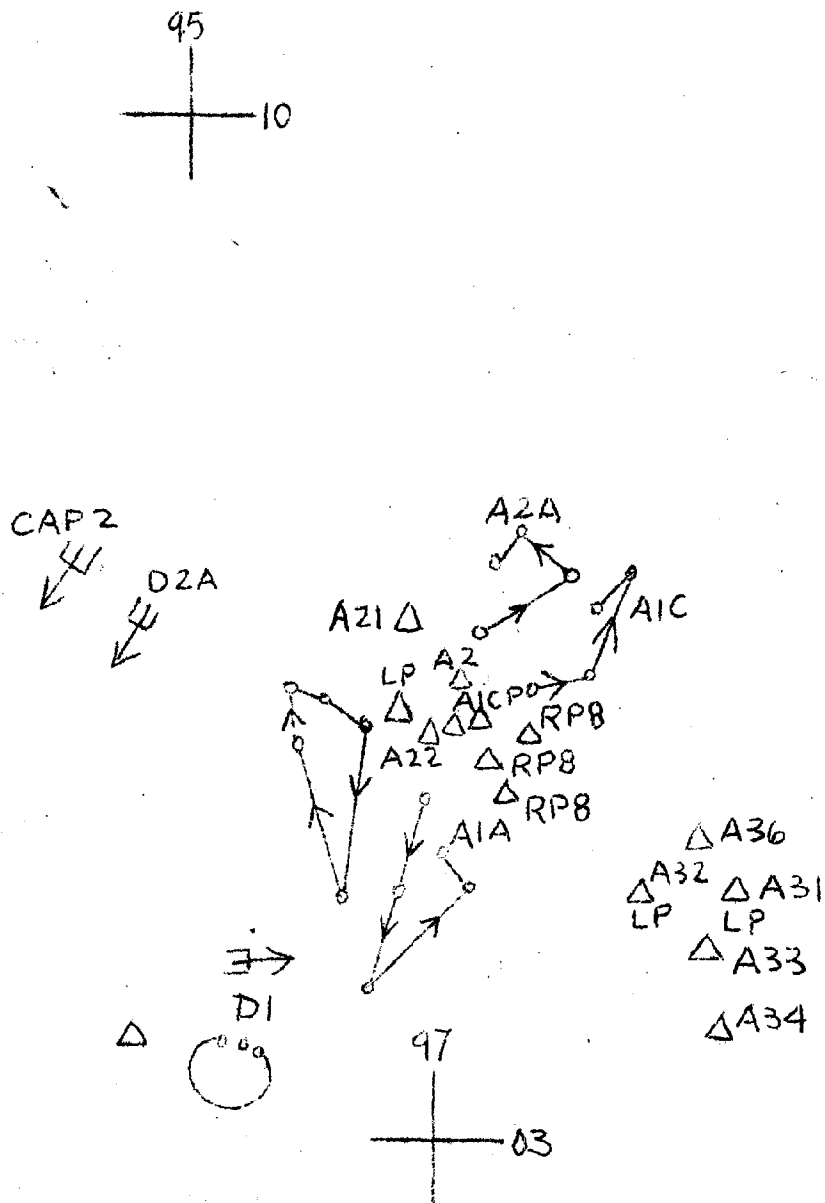
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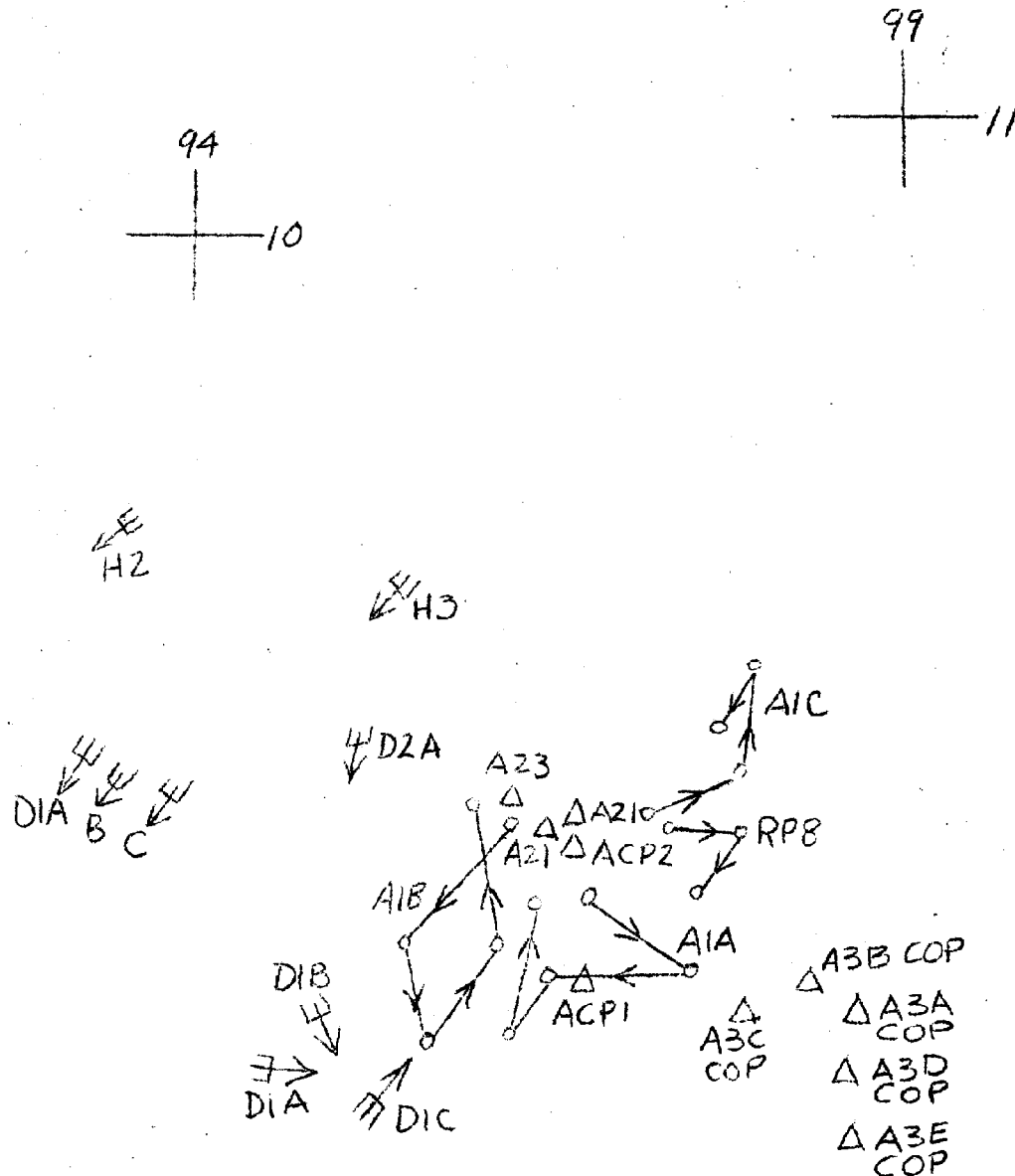
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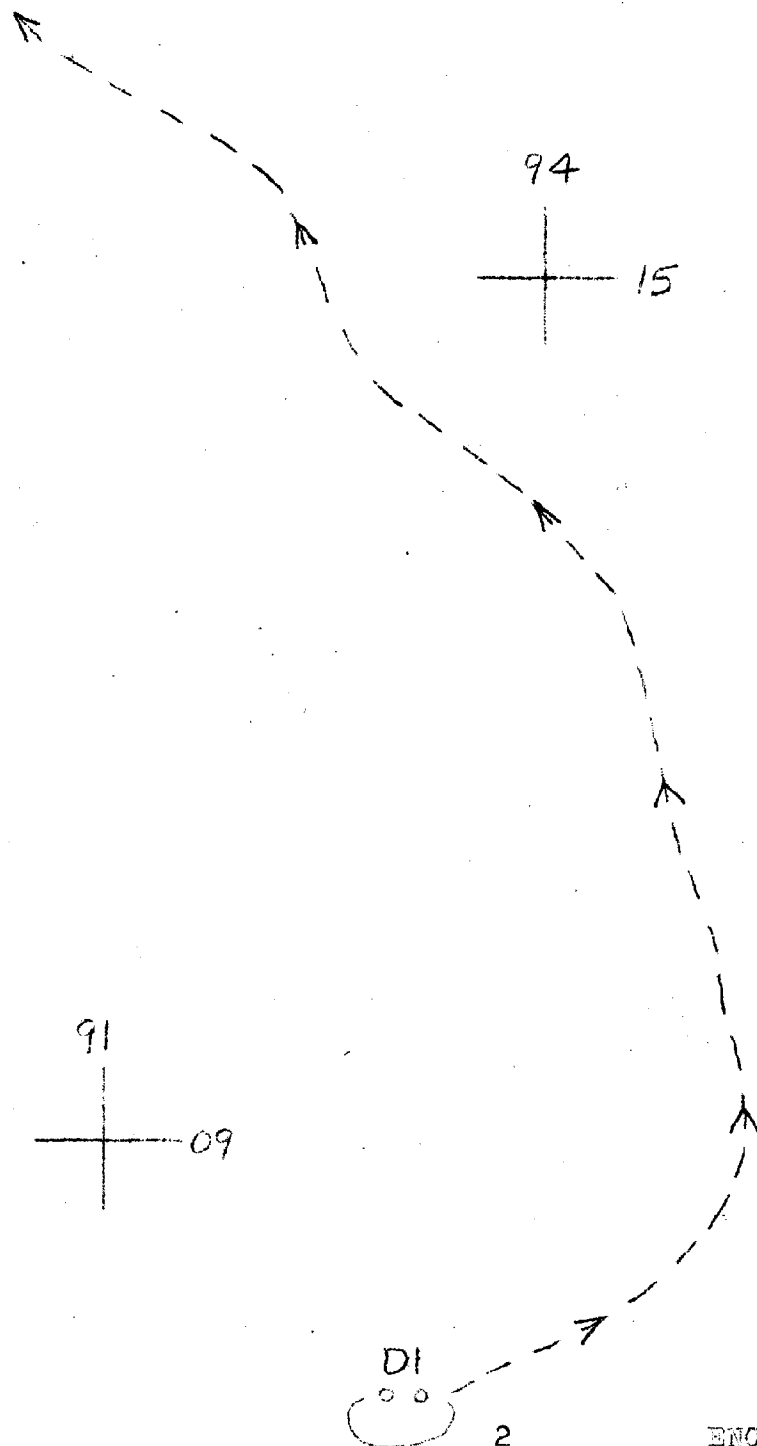
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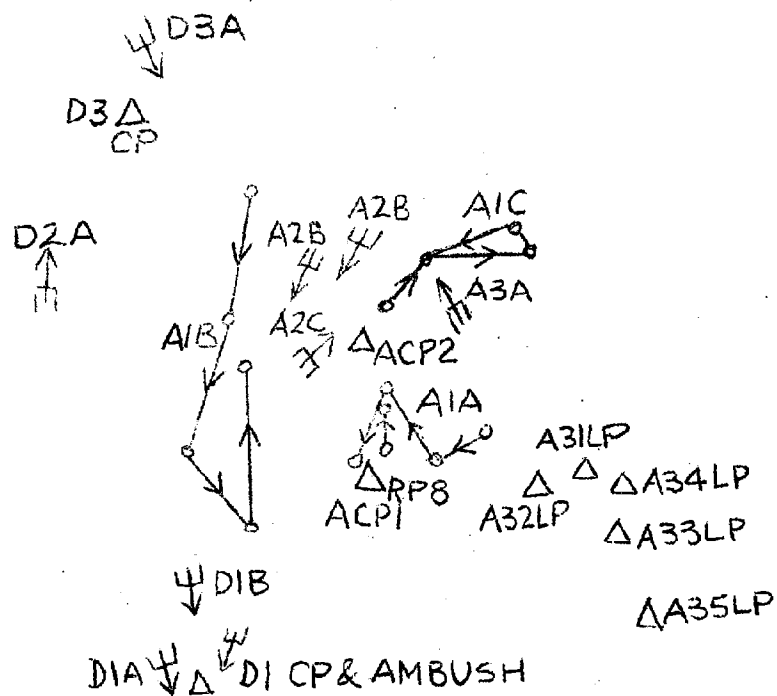
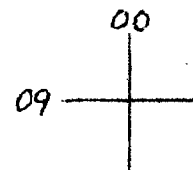
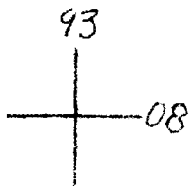
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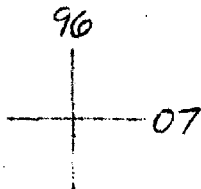
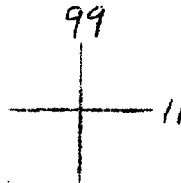
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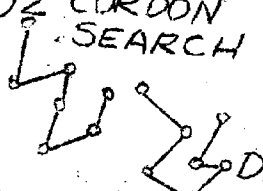


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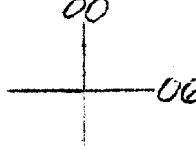
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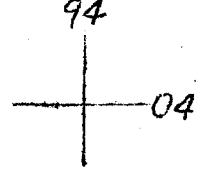
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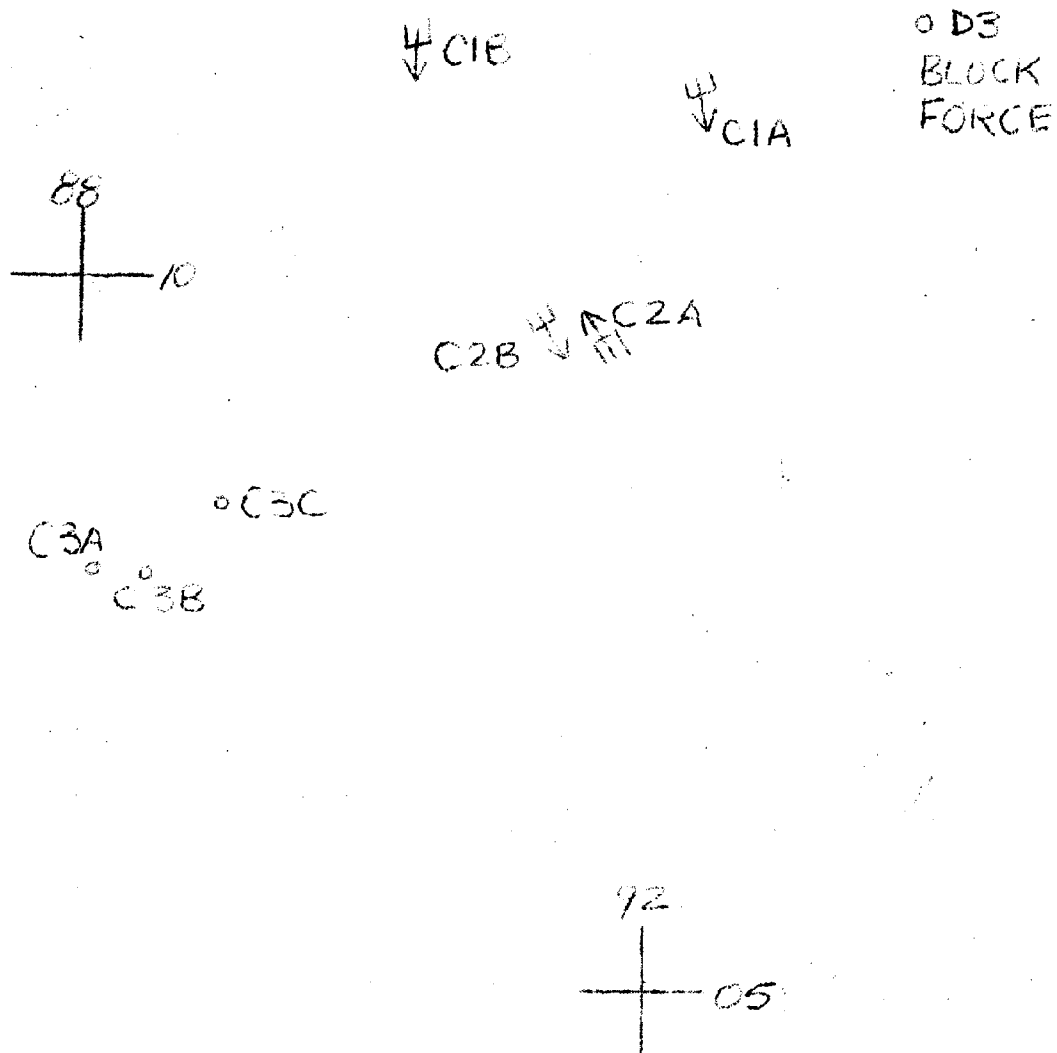
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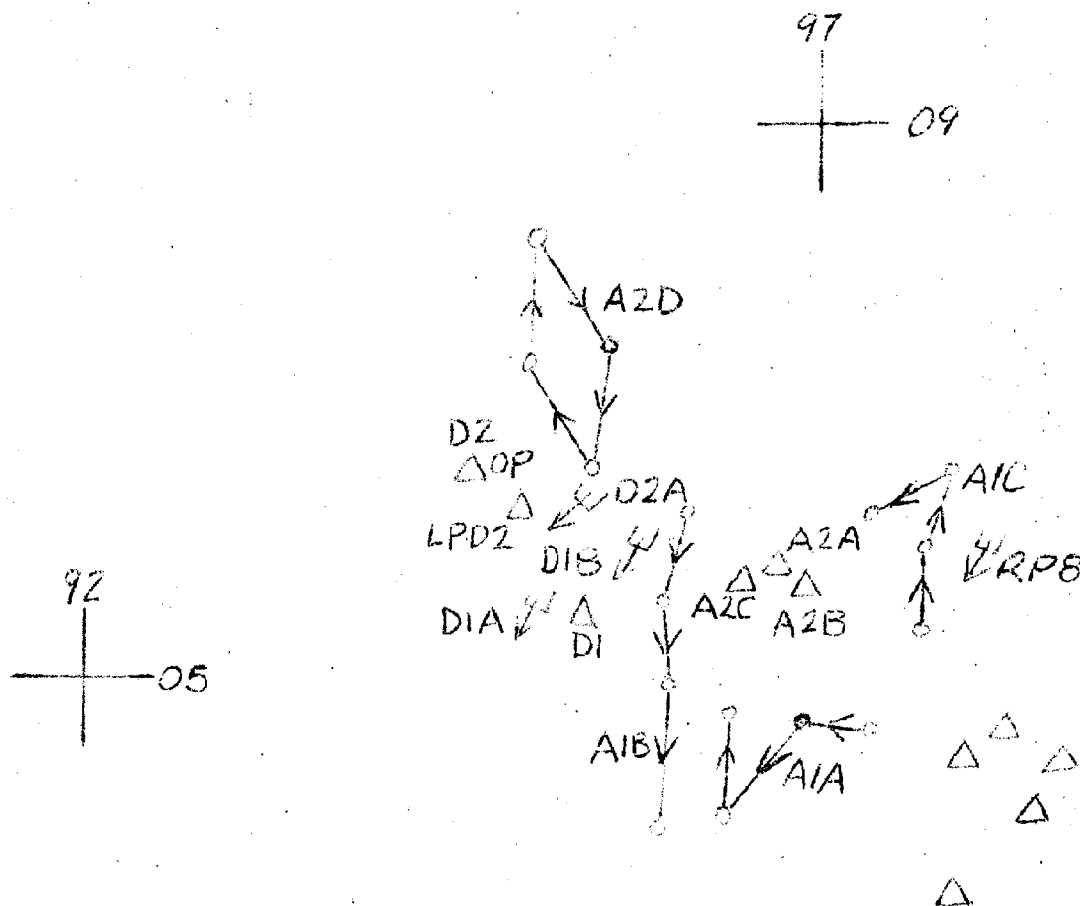
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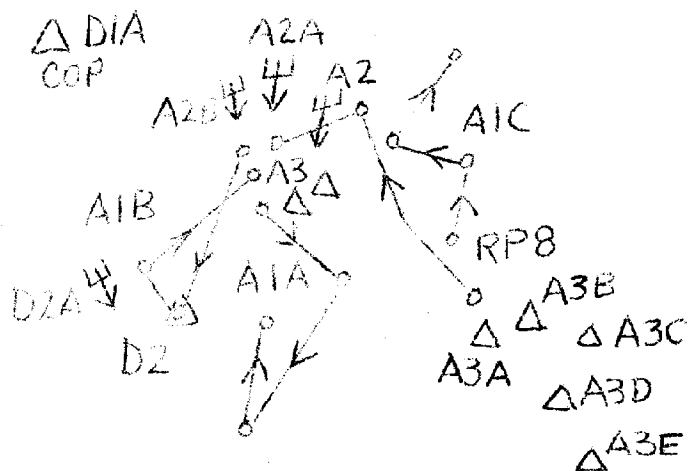
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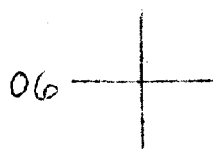
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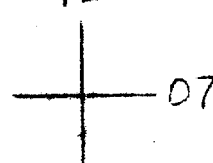
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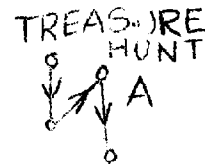
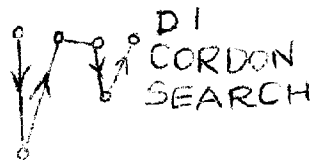
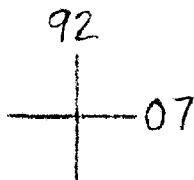
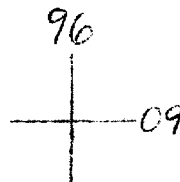
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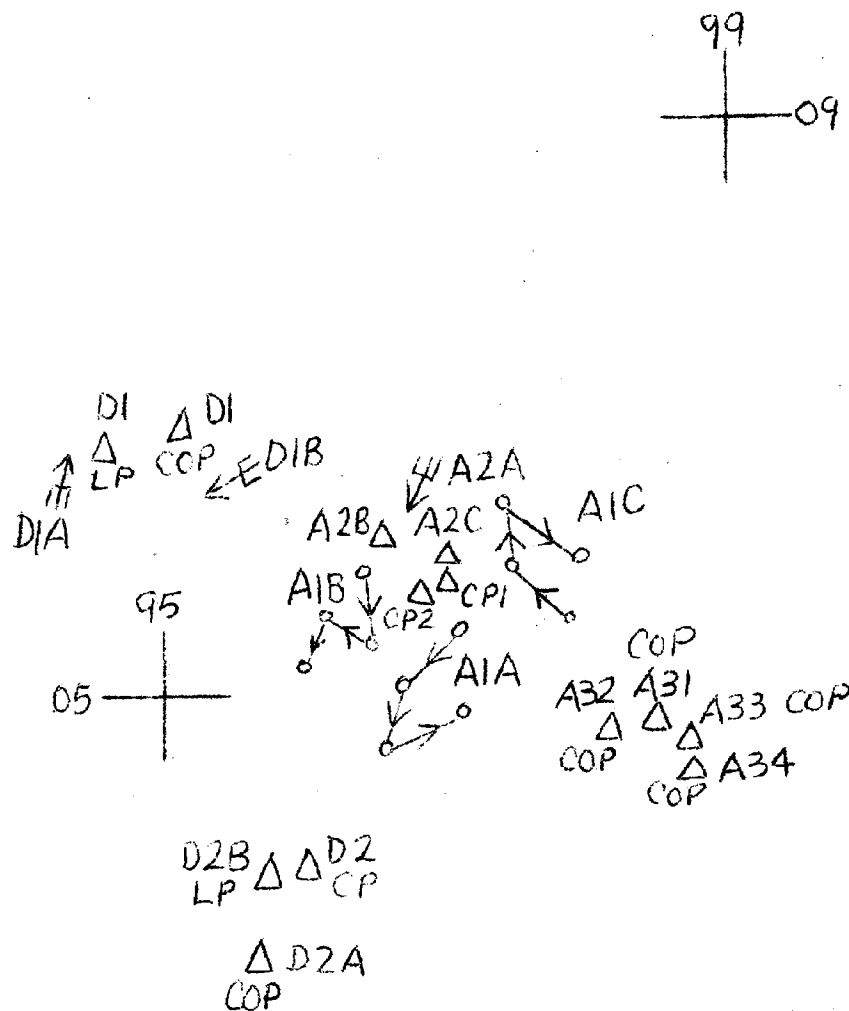
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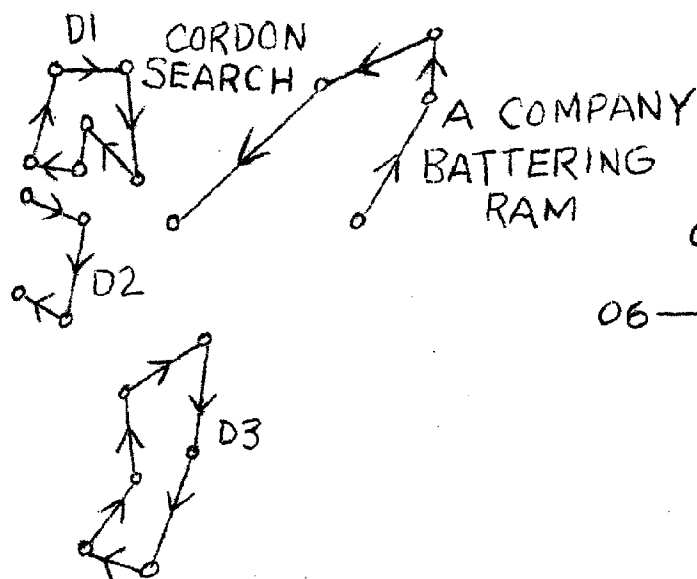
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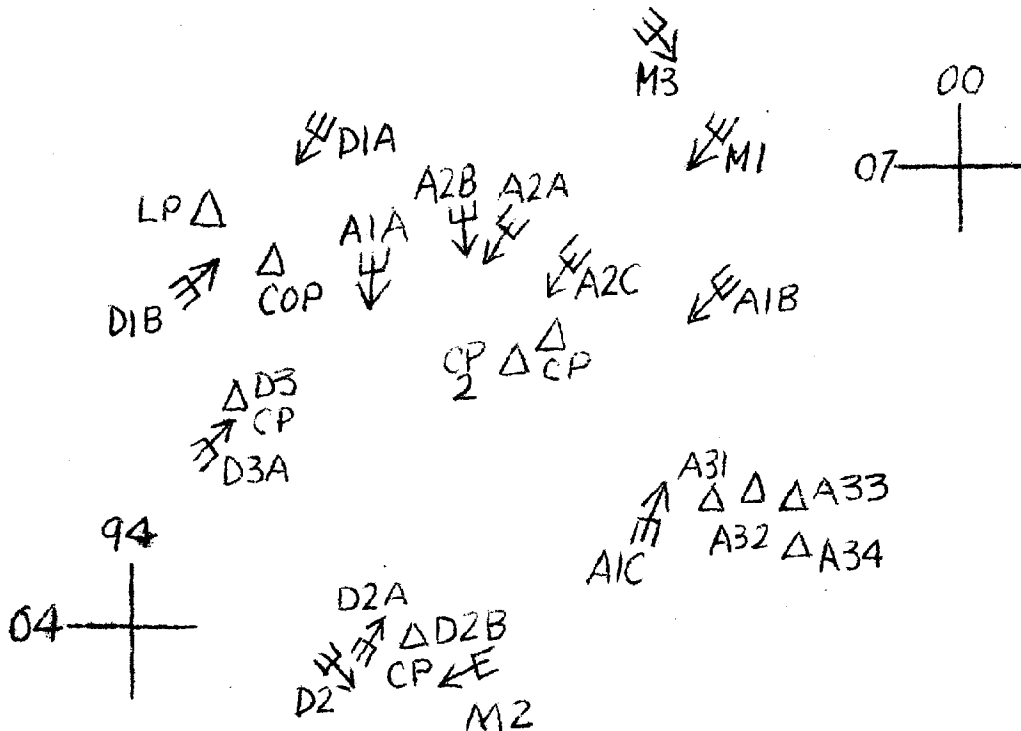
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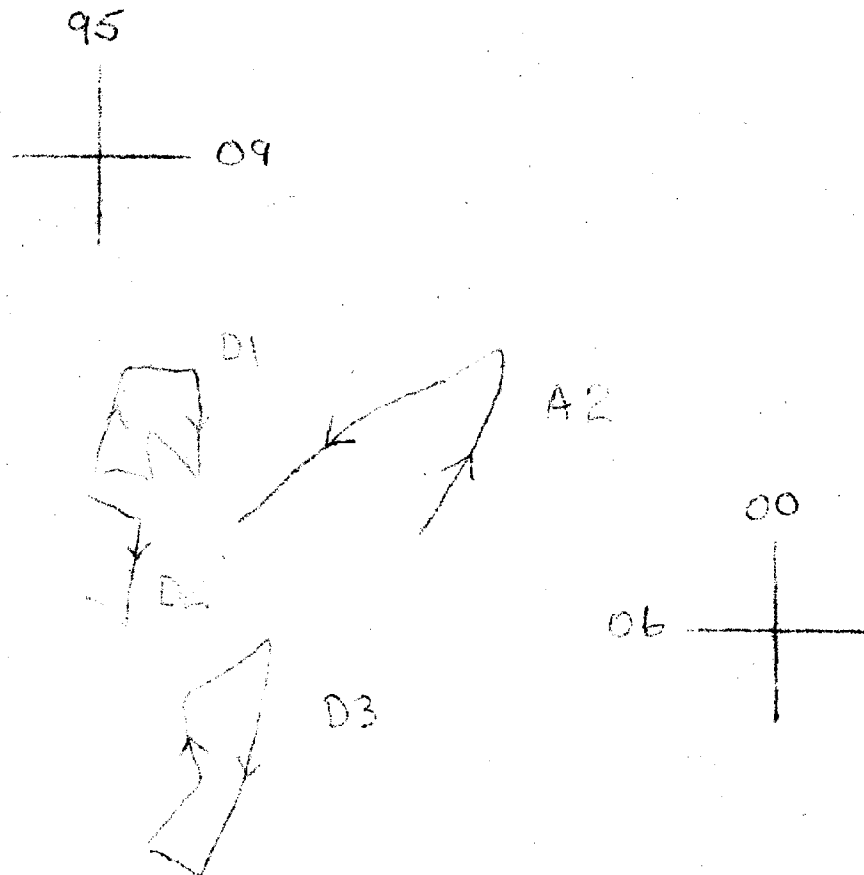


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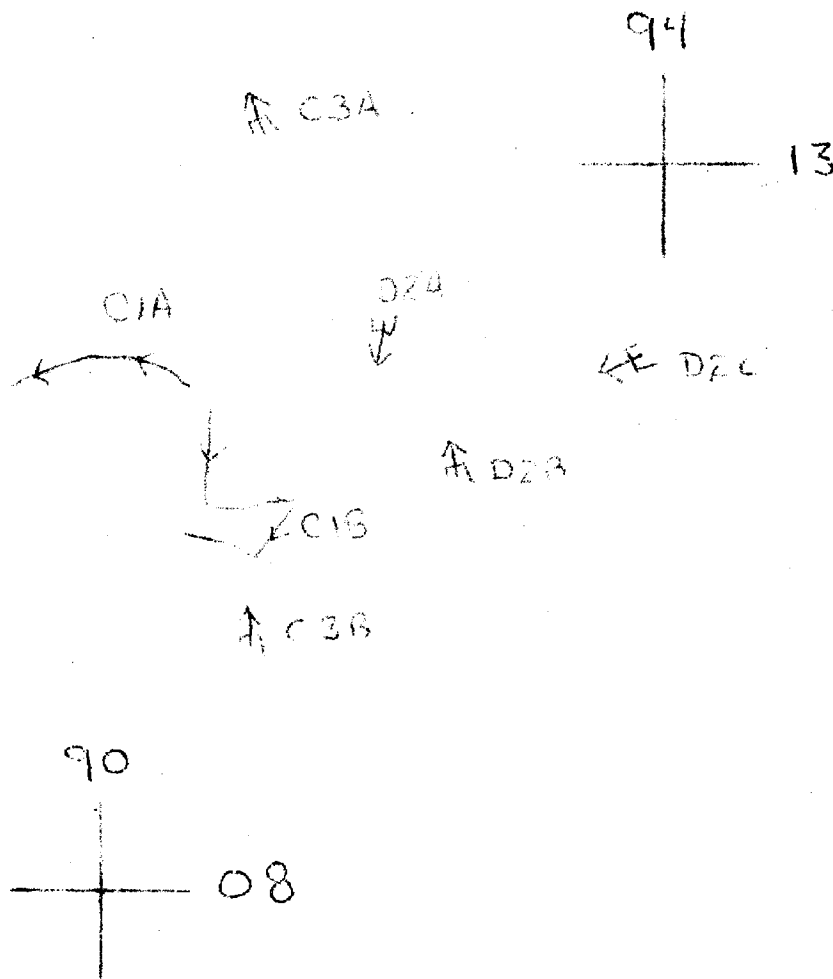


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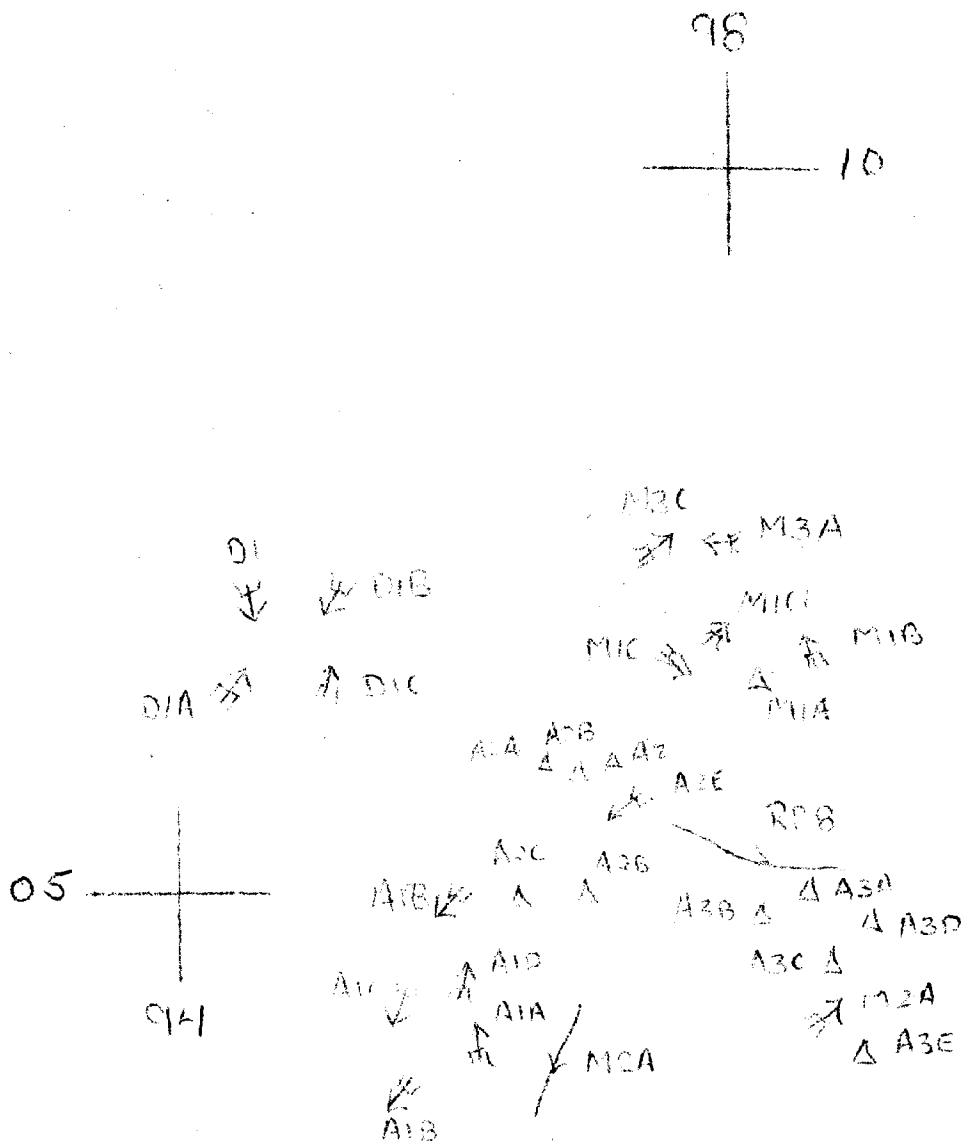


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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
Phu Bai, RVN
26 April 1968

Frag Order 61-68

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.2. MISSION. No change.3. EXECUTION.a. Concept. No change.b. Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Effective 260830HAPR68 chop one (1) Platoon
OPCON to Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

c. Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Effective 260830HAPR68 assume OPCON one (1)
Platoon from Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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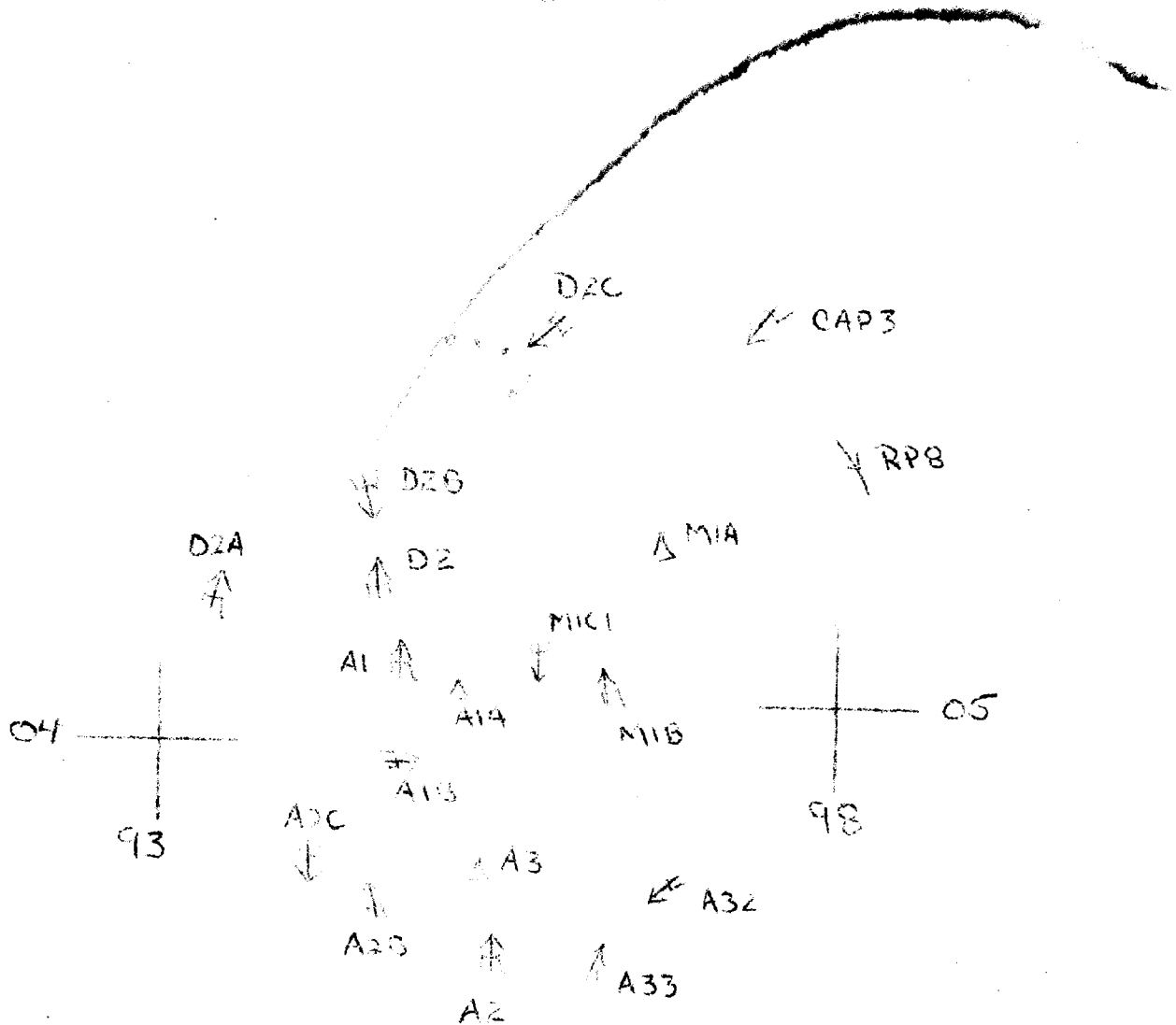
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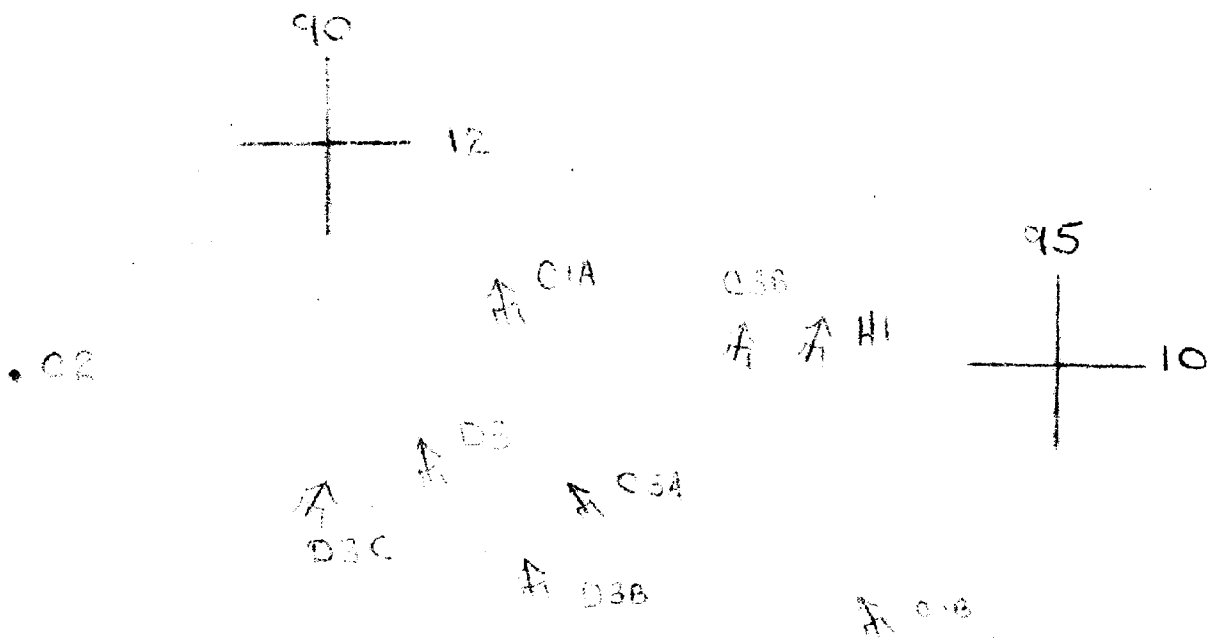
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
Phu Bai, RVN
27 April 1968

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.
2. MISSION. No change.
3. EXECUTION.

a. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continues assigned mission in TAOR.

b. Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Conduct combat patrol from present position to vicinity 1st Battalion, 5th Marines CP to arrive by 281200H. Commencing 281500H conduct day and night operations south of Highway in Company D AO. (See Operations Overlay).

c. Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Chops from OPCON 5th Marines upon relief as Bald Eagle by Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at 291200H. Commence offensive operations in 1st Battalion, 5th Marines TAOR.

d. Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Continue mission in assigned AO. Prior to 280800H, withdraw platoon from screening position south of Vital Area. Chop Company D platoon back to Company D effective 280800H.

e. Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Continue mission in assigned AO, from northern boundary to a line 500 meters south of Highway #1. Resume OPCON Company D platoon effective 280800H.

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f. Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Continue mission in assigned AO. Night activities for 28 April will not be located more than 500 meters from Highway #1.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Company D and Company A coordinate all activities closely.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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Annex:

✓A. Area of operation

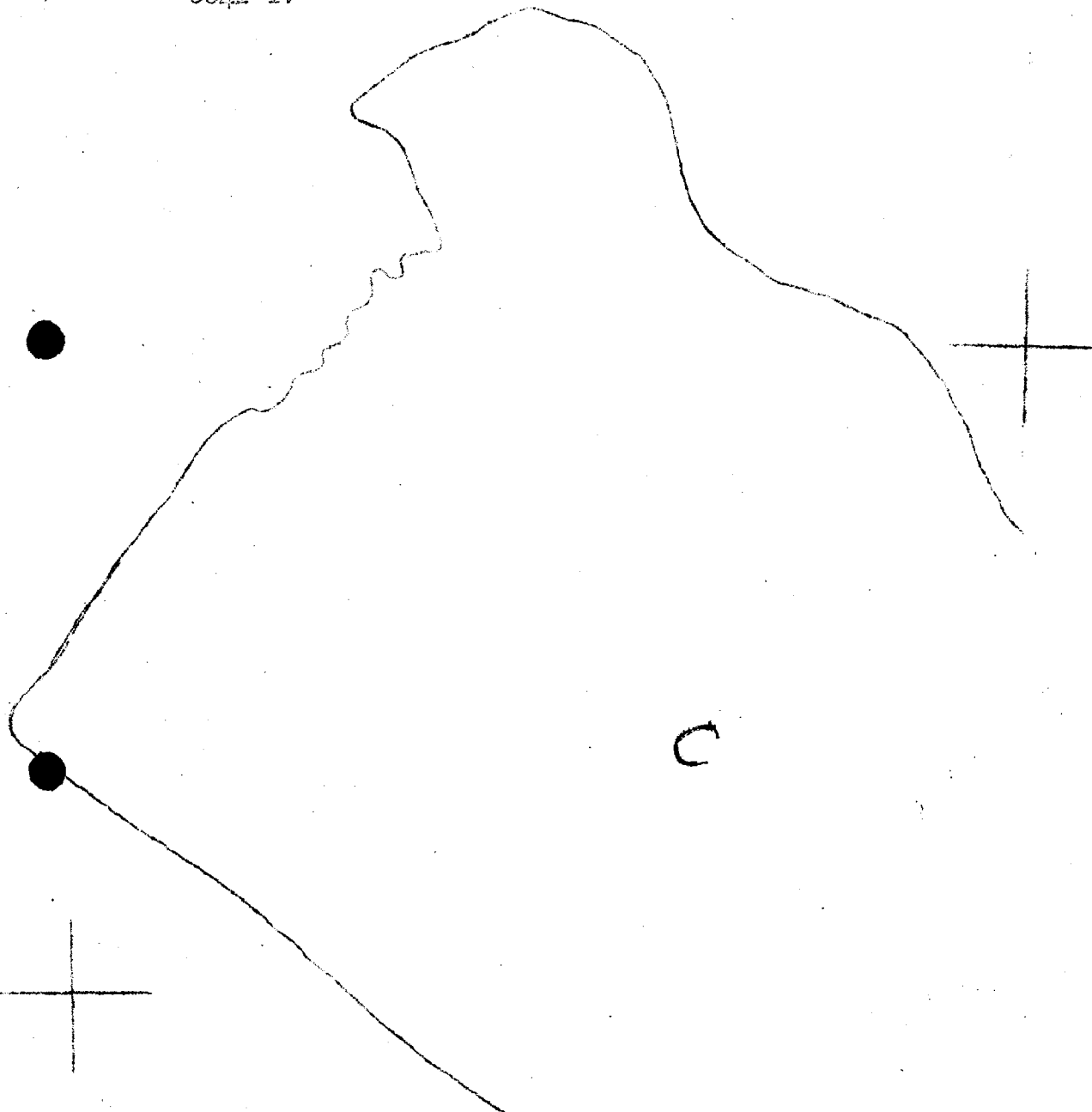
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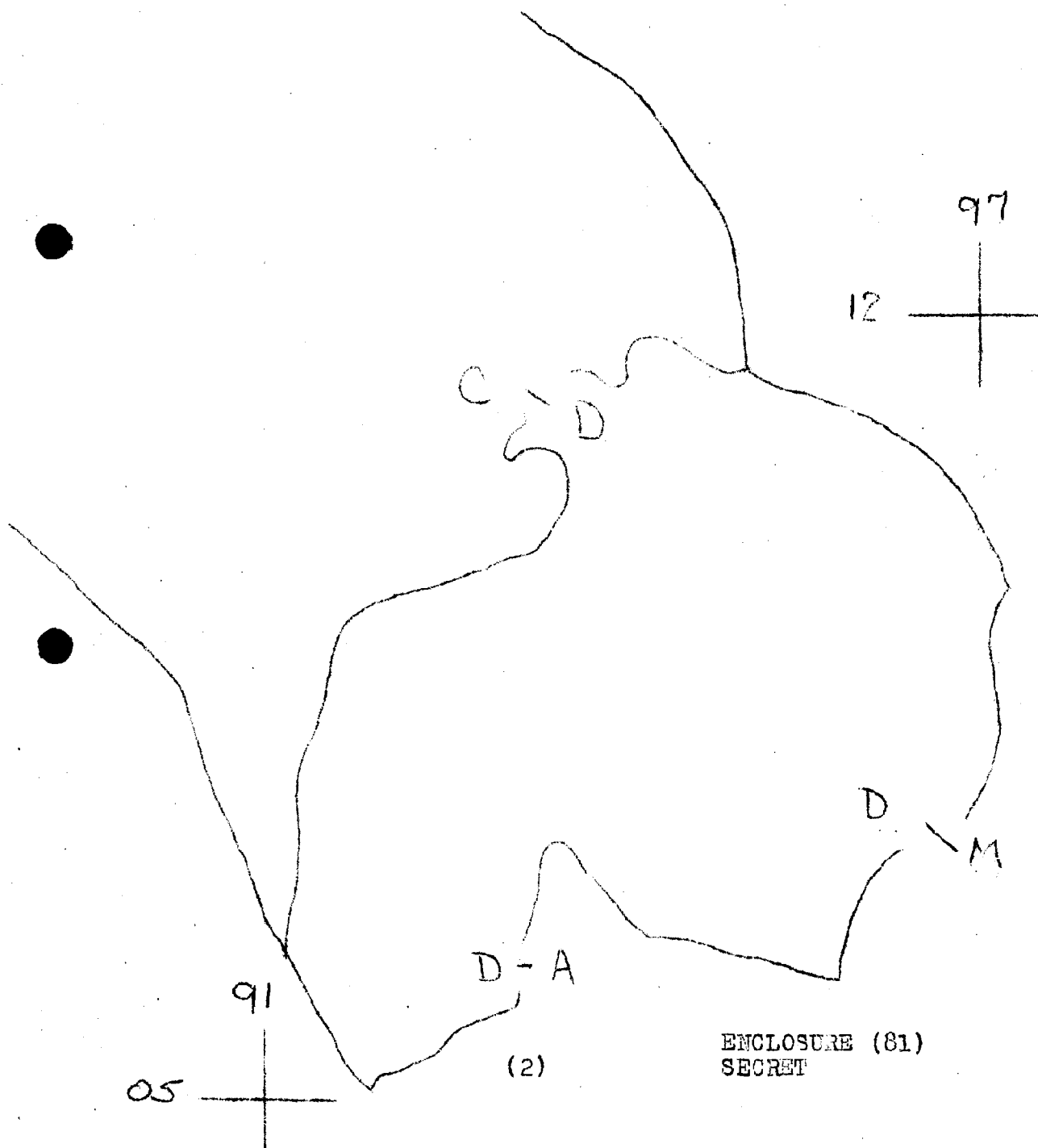


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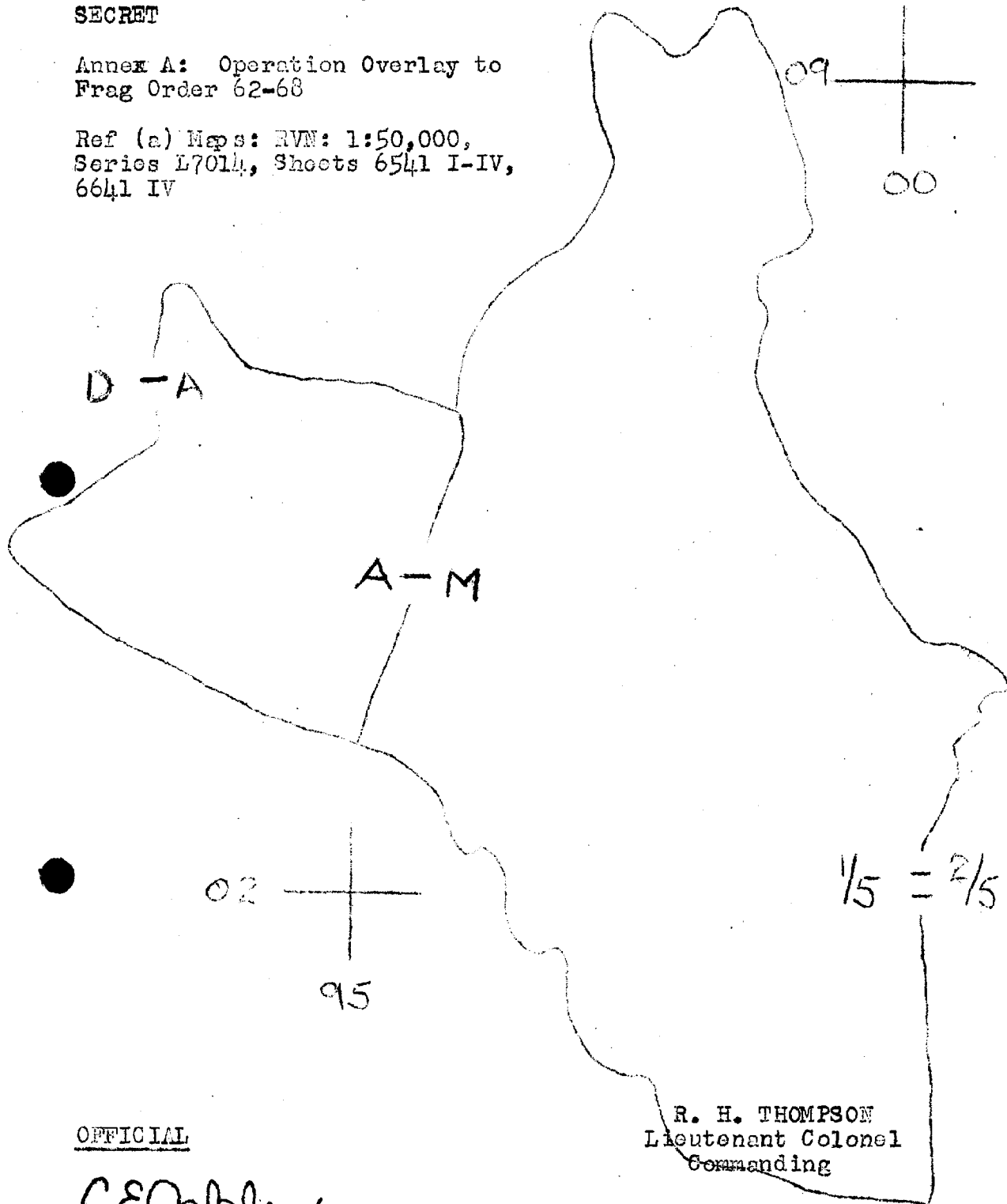
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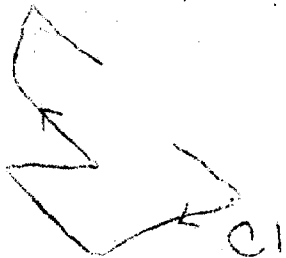
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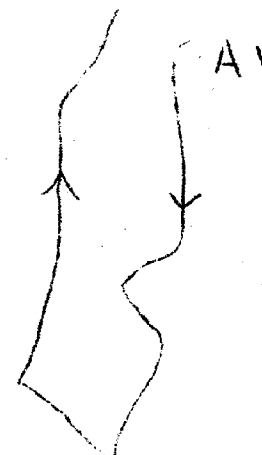
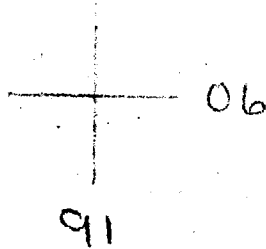
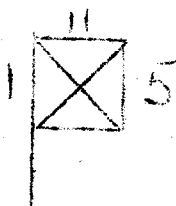
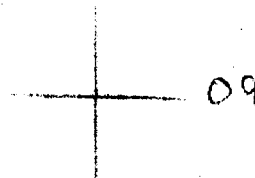
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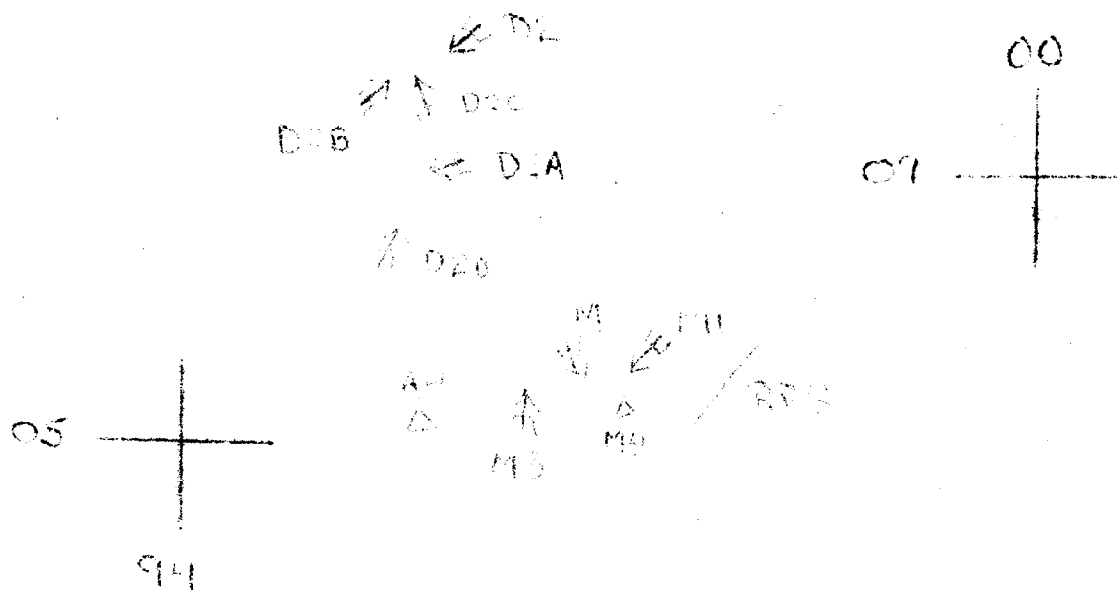


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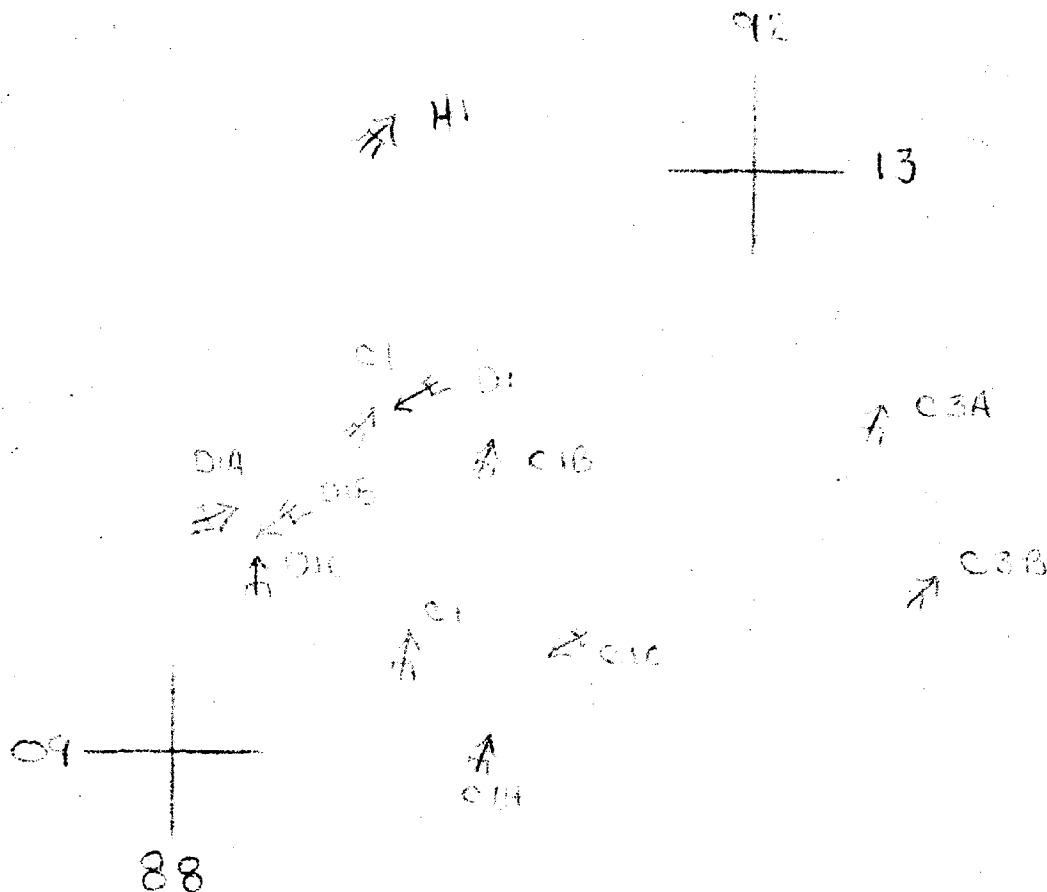


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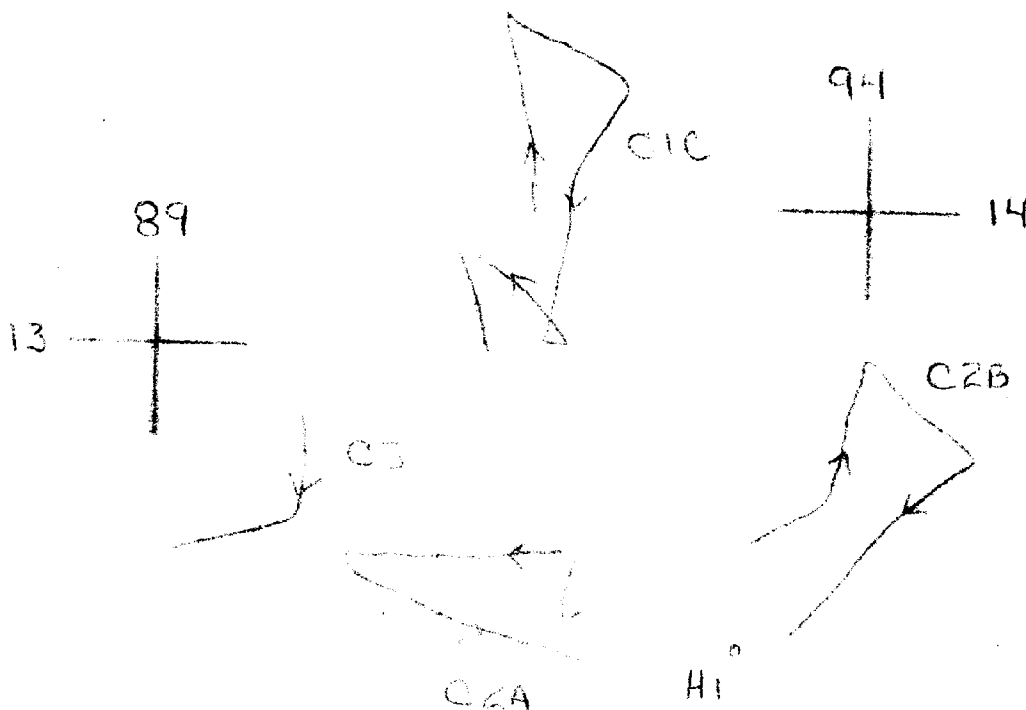
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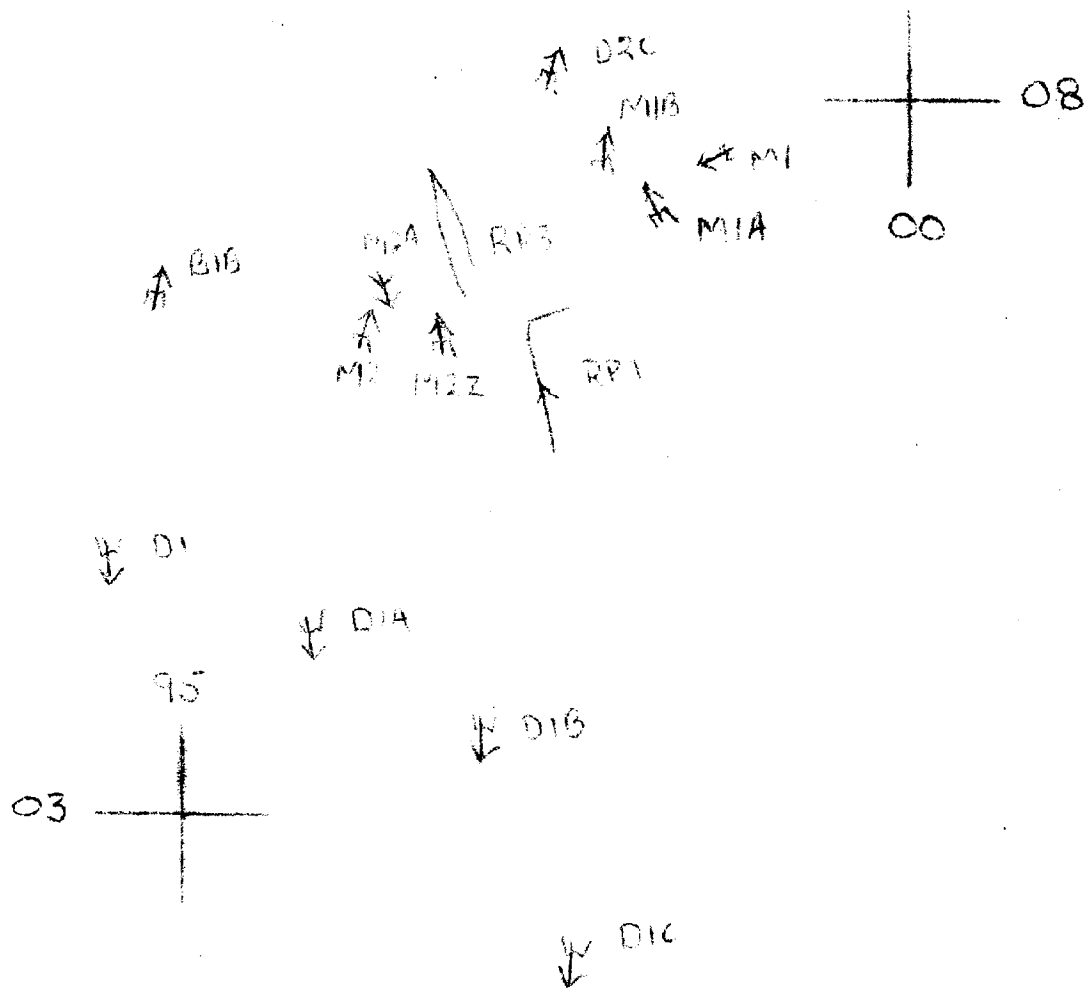


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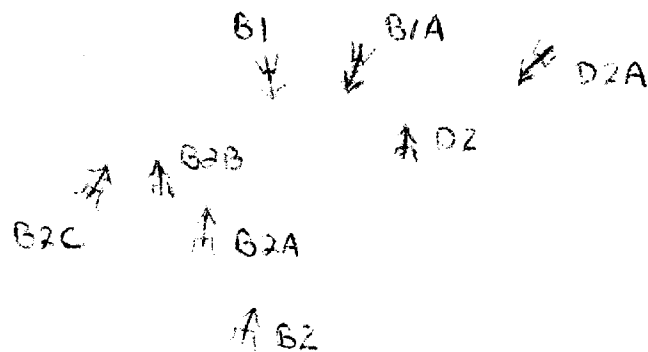
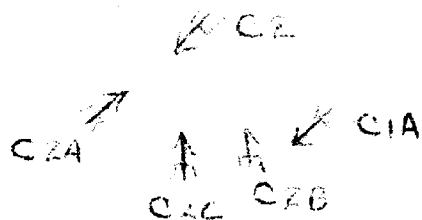
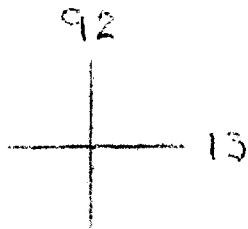


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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
Phu Bai, RVN
29 April 1968

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.
2. MISSION. No change.
3. EXECUTION.

a. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Continues mission in assigned TAOR with one company OPCON to 5th Marines as Bald Eagle, two companies providing close-in security for Highway #1 and bridges 2-7, and two companies conducting day and night operations north and south of Highway #1 in the Battalion TAOR. (See Operations Overlay.)

b. Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) OPCON to 5th Marines as Bald Eagle.

c. Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Conduct operations in assigned AO to provide security for Highway #1, bridges 2, 3 and 4 and friendly units and installations in AO. Coordinate with all CAP's in AO and be prepared to provide a reaction force to assist them. (See Operation Overlay).

d. Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Conduct operations in assigned AO to provide security in depth for highway #1, bridges 2, 3 and 4, and other friendly units and installations. Deny avenues of approach into the Vital Area and on order conduct long range operations outside of AO. Be prepared to reinforce friendly units in AO.

e. Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Conduct operations in assigned AO to provide

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security in depth for Highway #1, bridges 5, 6 and 7, and other friendly units and installations. Be prepared to reinforce friendly units in A0. Deny avenues of approach into the inner operating belt, and on order conduct long range operations outside A0.

f. Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) OPCON to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. Conduct operations in assigned A0 to provide security for Highway #1, bridges 5, 6 and 7, and friendly installations in A0. Coordinate with CAP's in A0 and be prepared to provide a reaction force to assist them.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) All 1st Battalion, 5th Marines units coordinate activities with adjacent and affected units.

(2) Submit planned operations reports by 1500 daily to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, stating locations of day and night activities.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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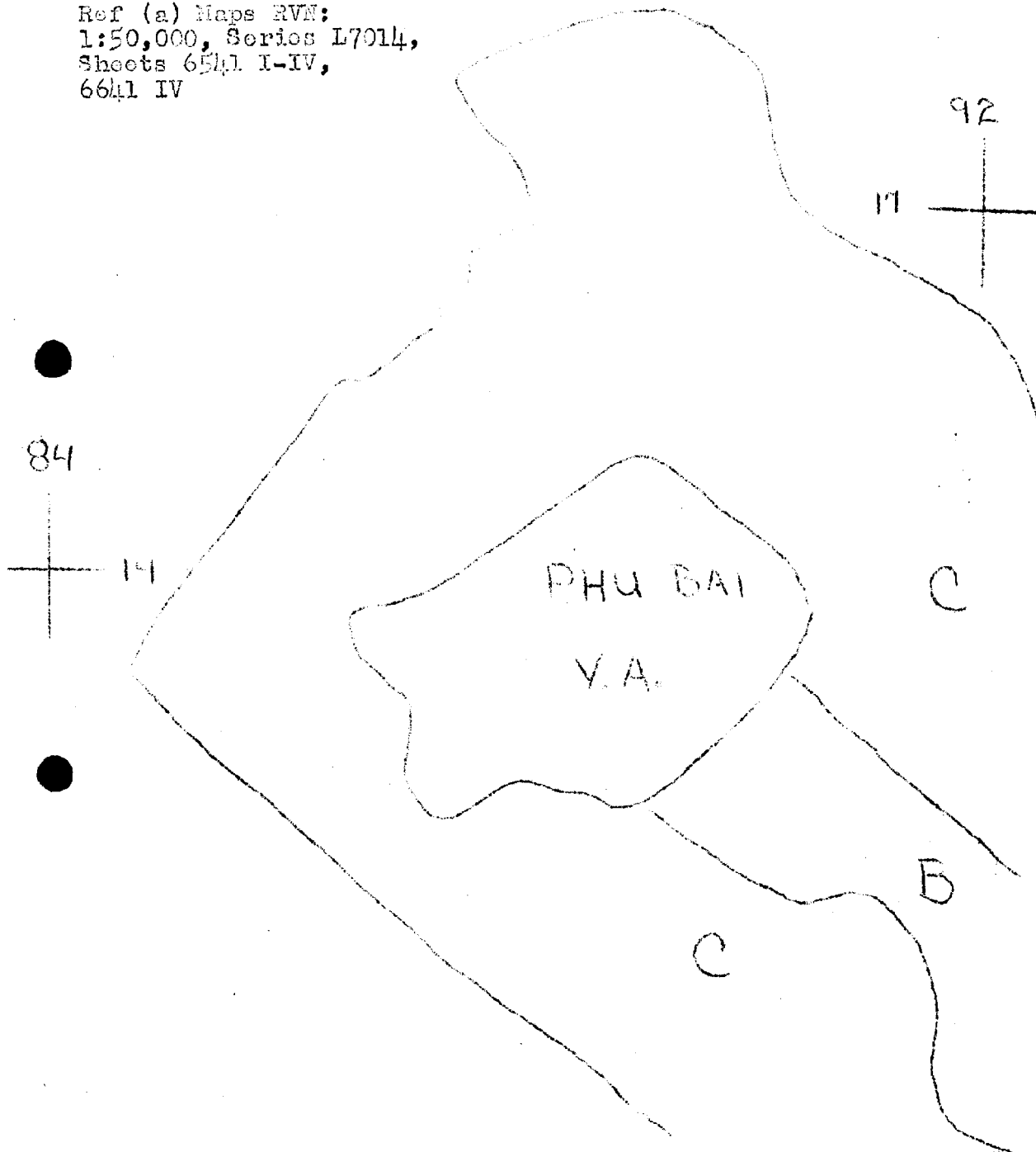
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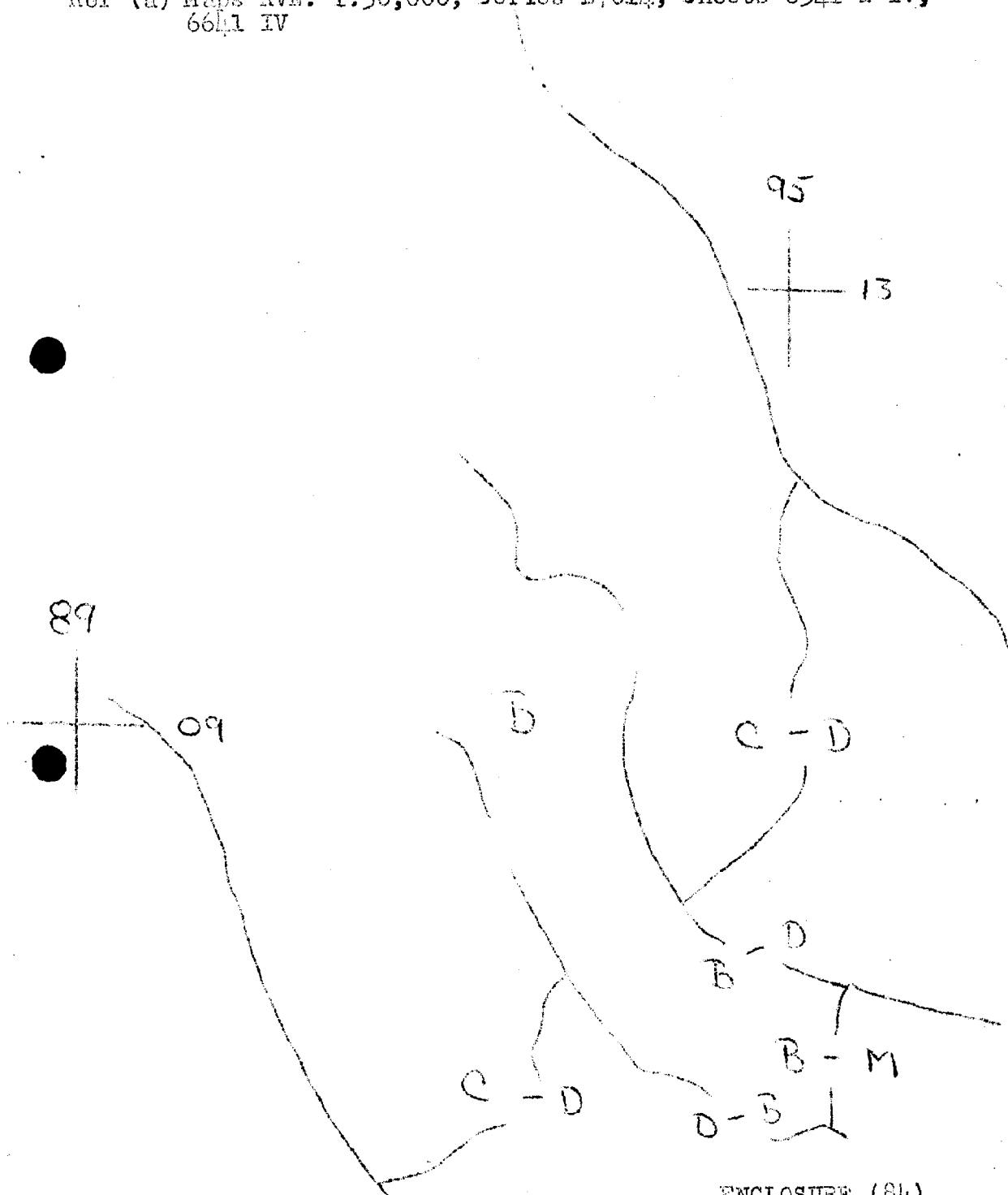


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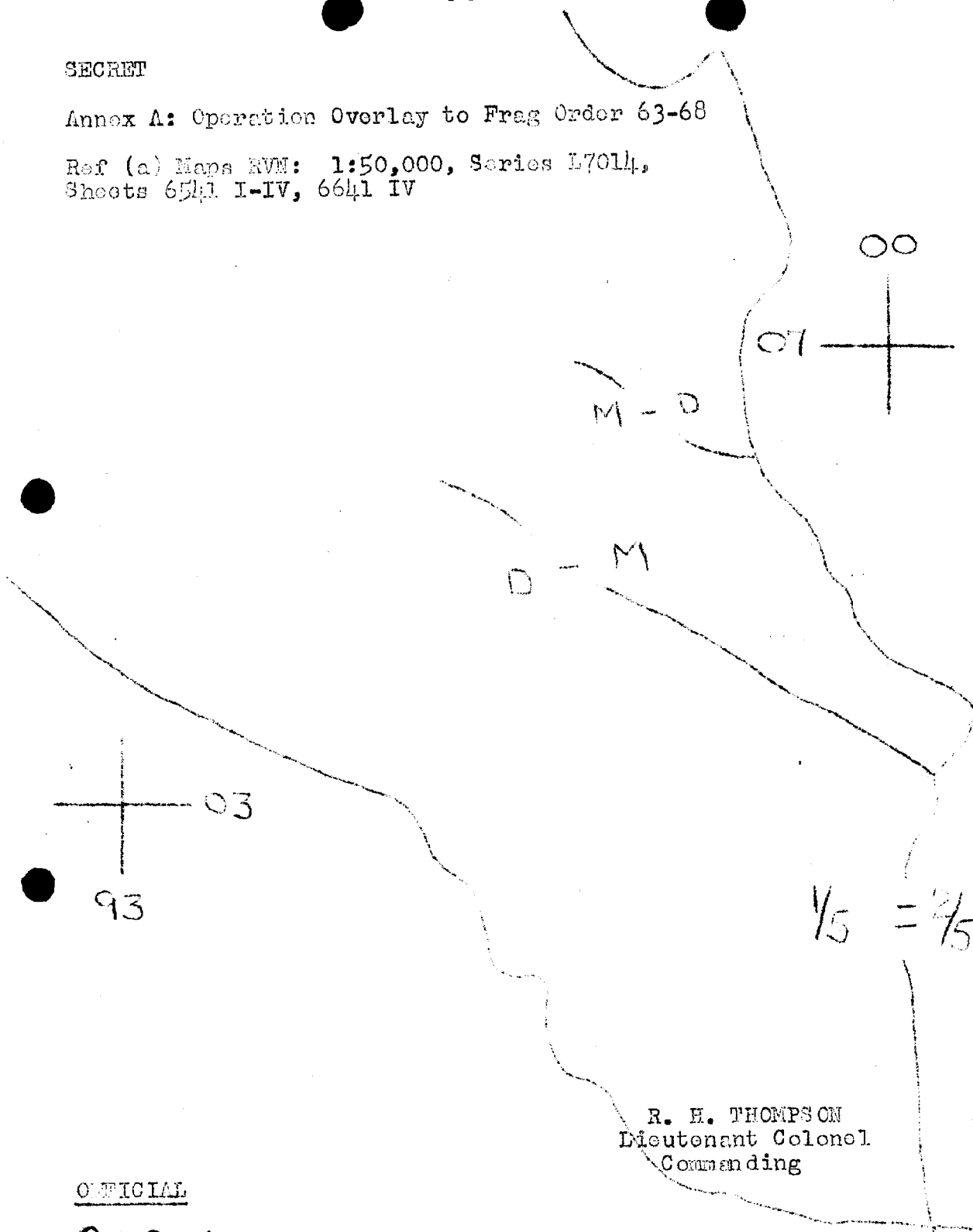
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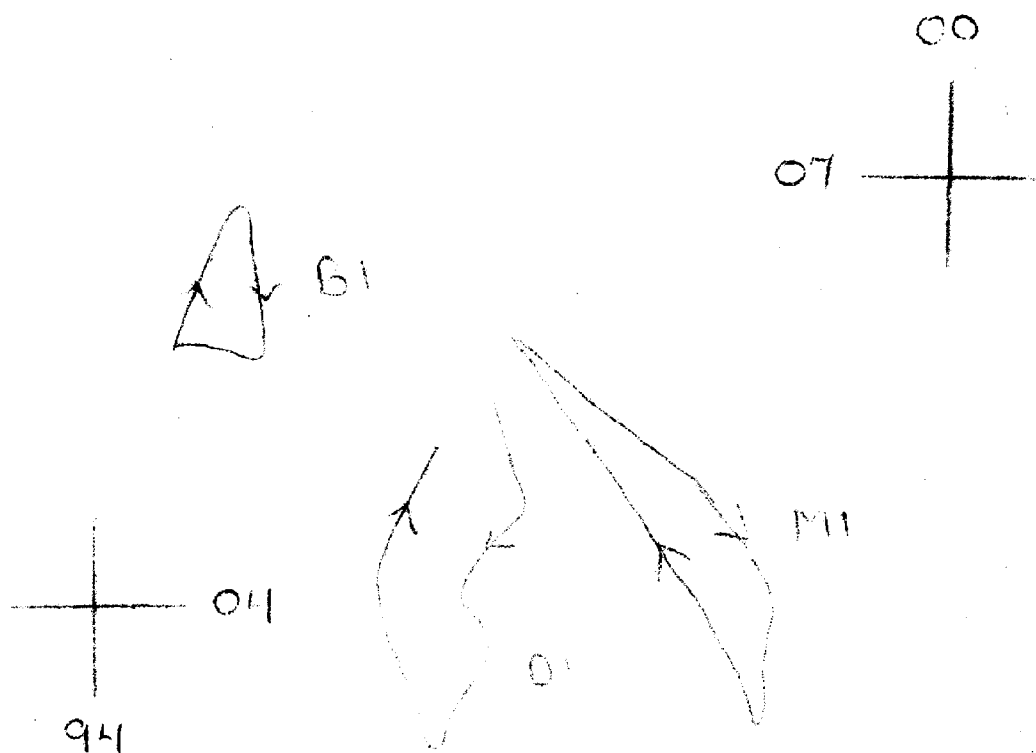
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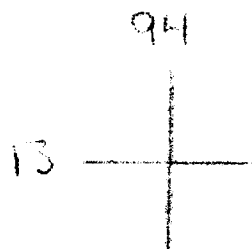
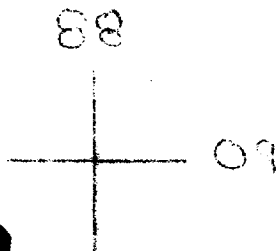


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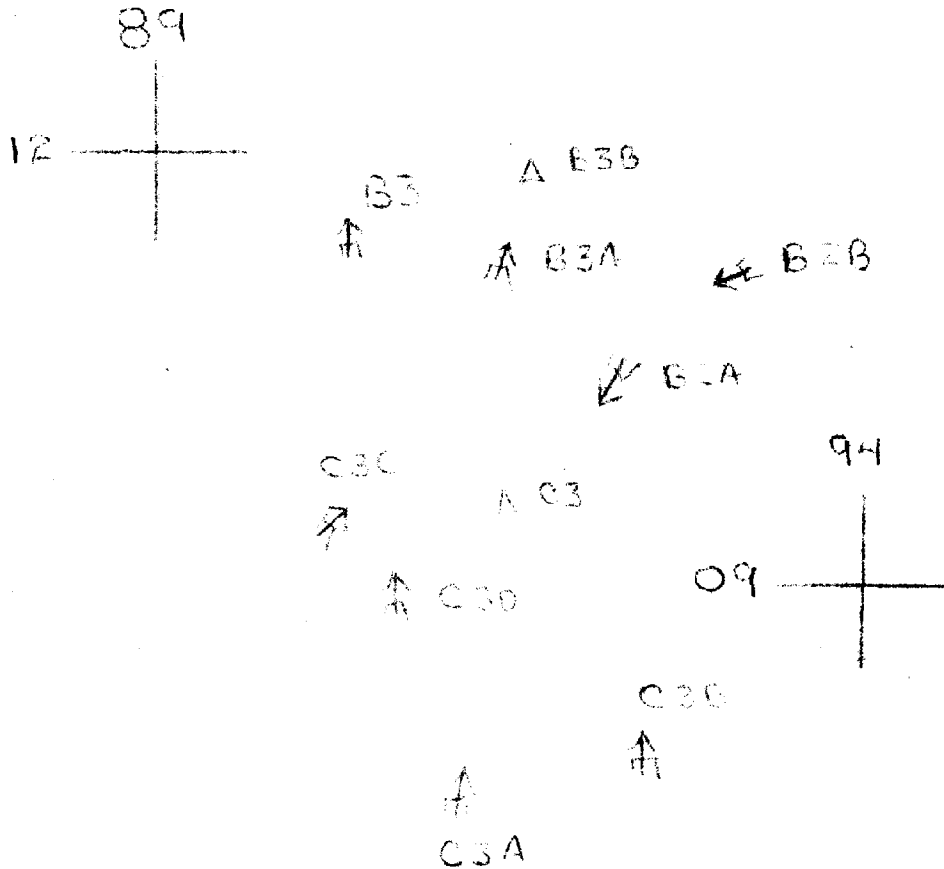


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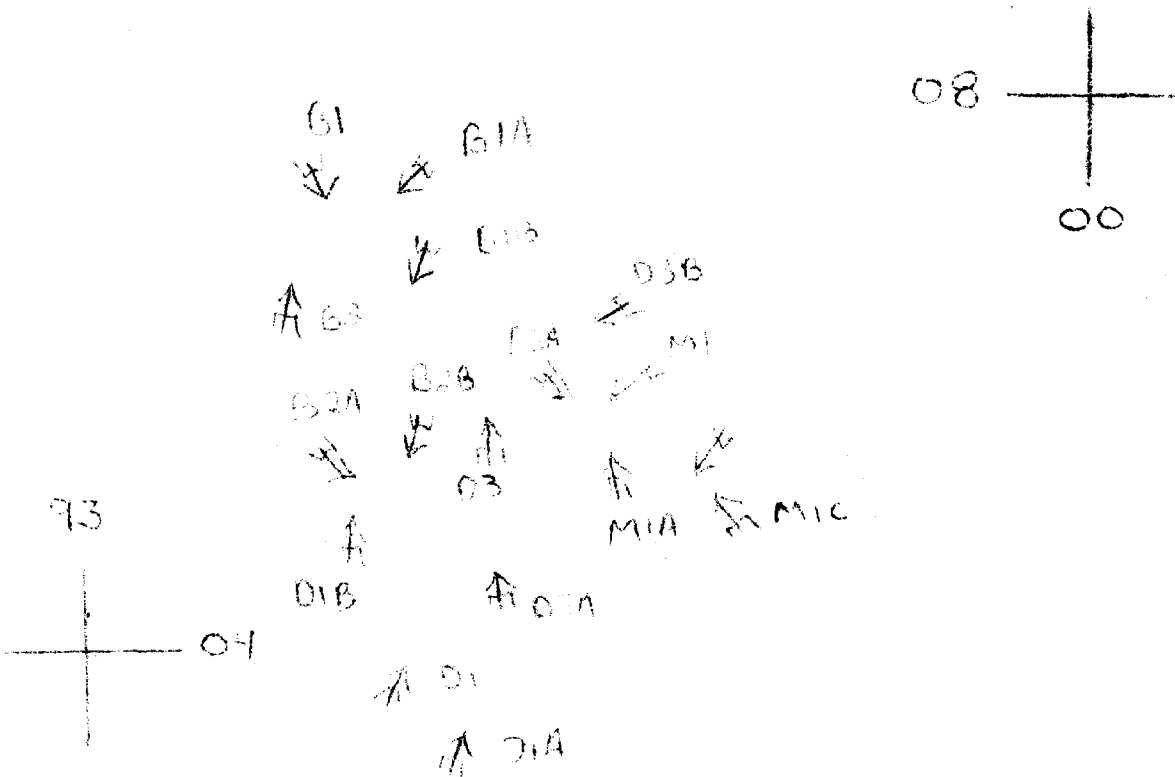


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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
Phu Bai, RVN
30 April 1968

Frag Order 64-68

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.
2. MISSION. No change.
3. EXECUTION.

a. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

- (1) Continues present mission.

b. Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Conduct extensive riverine and hole-hunting operations during daylight hours to locate and capture or destroy enemy weapons and supply caches, docking sites and harbor sites in AO. (See Operation Overlay).

(2) Utilize Recon Teams, Scout Dogs and all marine equipment available to assist in operations.

d. Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Conduct extensive riverine and hole-hunting operations during daylight hours to locate and capture or destroy enemy weapons and supply caches, docking sites and harbor sites. (See Operations Overlay).

(2) Utilize Recon Teams, Scout Dogs and all available marine equipment to assist in operations.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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A. Operation Overlay

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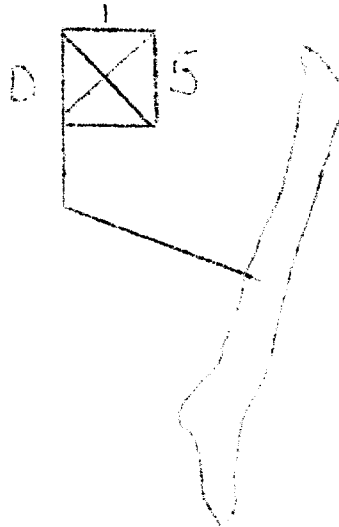
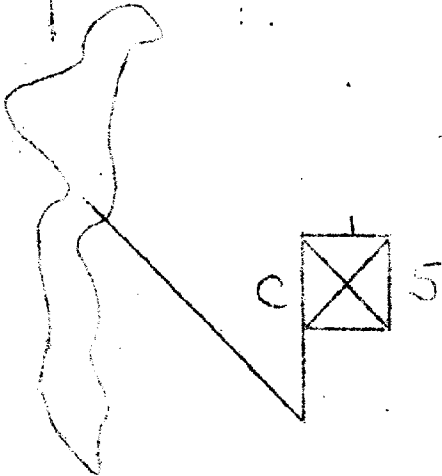
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MEDICAL SUPPLIES
USAGE DATA

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6505 1385-138	PYRIDIUM	BT		4BT
6505 153-8818	TETRACAINE	TU		4TU
6505 299-8276	TERRAMYCIN	BT		22BTS
6505 111-1290	CALAMINE LOTION	BT		6BTS
6505 104-7990	ALCOHOL	CN		1CN
6505 299-8279	KWELL CREAM	TU		6TU
6505 753-5043	CHLOROQUINE PRIM	BT		2BT
6505 656-1612	PENICILLIN VK	BT		5BT
6505 662-9790	ERYTHROMYCIN	BT		1BT
6505 159-6625	BACTRACIN OINT	TU		12TU
6505 967-8480	DARVON 32	BT		1BT
6505 153-8480	H202	BT		10BT
6505 687-4402	ETH	BT		6BT
6505 299-967	KAOPECTATE	GL		1GL
6505 656-1610	COMPAZINE	AMPS		6AMPS
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6505 598-6117	KYLOCAINE 2%	BT		1BT
6505 128-5705	MERTHIOLATE TR.	BT		1BT
6505 160-7410	PRO PENICILLIN	BT		16BT
6505 246-7706	PLAGUE VAC.	BT		18BT
6505 074-4702	LOMOPIL	BT		1BT
6505 100-9985	ASPRIN TABS	BT		1BT
6505 129-5518	MOROPHINE	BX		1BX
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6515-082-2426	SYRINGES	BX		4BX
6510-203-8448	SURGICAL GAUZE	PG		10PG

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3. Location.

1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation
"BAXTER GARDEN" in the Phu Thu area.

4. Control or Command Headquarters.

1st Battalion, 5th Mar (-)(Rein)	Lt.Col. R.H.THOMPSON
1st Battalion, 5th Mar (-)(Rein)X-Ray	Maj. L.A.WUNDERLICH
H&S Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Mar	1stLt. S.A.NELSON
Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Mar	Capt. R.C.RICH
Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Mar	Capt.J.M.BEAUCHAMP
Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Mar	Capt. J.P.CAYNAK
Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Mar	Capt.M.J.HARRINGTON
Company H, 3rd Battalion, 5th Mar	Capt. F.D.PACELLO

5. Task Organization.

1st Battalion, 5th Mar (-)(Rein)	Lt.Col. R.H.THOMPSON
1st Battalion, 5th Mar (-)(Rein)X-Ray	Maj.L.A.WUNDERLICH
H&S Company (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar	
Company A (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar	
Company B (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar	
Company C (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar	
Company D (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar	
Det, Co.B, 1st Engr.Bn.	
Det, H&S Company(-)(Rein)1stBn,5thMar	1stLt. S.A.NELSON
Det, H&S Company (-)	
Det, 81mm Mortar Plat.	
Det, Comm. Plat.	
TACT	
Det, 106mmRR Plat.	
Company B(-)(Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar	Capt.J.M.BEAUCHAMP
Company B(-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar	
Det, Co.B, 1st SPBn	
Det, Btry.D,2ndBn,11th Mar(FO Tha)	
Det, HqCo,5thMar,(Scout Sniper)	
Det, H&S Co.,1st Bn, 5th Mar	

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Det, 81mm Mortar Plt.(FO Tm)
 Det, Mod. Plat.
 Det, Comm. Plat.
 S-2 Scout
 FAC Tm

Company M(-)(Rein)3rd Bn, 5th Mar
 Company M(-), 3rd Bn, 5th Mar
 Det, Co.B, 1st SPBn
 Det, Btry D, 2nd Bn, 11th Mar(FO Tm)
 Det, HqCo, 5th Mar (Scout Sniper)
 Det, H&SCo., 1st Bn, 5th Mar
 Det, 81mm Mortar Plat. F.O. Tm
 Det, Mod Plat.
 Det, Comm Plat.
 S-2 Scout
 FAC Tm

Capt.F.D.PACELLO

6. Supporting Force.a. Air.

(1) 21 April 1968. Coordinated with TACA (Cowpoke) for fixed wing support, in vicinity of (XD 858235). Two flights of Crusaders arrived on target with D-9 and DIA type ordnance. Target was said to be troops in open.

(2) 22 April 1968. Coordinated with TACA (Cowpoke) for fixed wing support in vicinity of (YD 923188). One flight of Marine Huey's and one flight of Army Huey's arrived on target. Fixed wing support consisted of two flights of F4B's with DIA, D-2A and D-9 type ordnance. One F4B provided assistance with D-1 type ordnance.

(3) 23 April 1968(A.M.). Coordinated with TACA (Cowpoke) to bring fire on enemy troops located in wooded area, vicinity of (YD 942195). Two Marine Huey's arrived on target.

(4) 23 April 1968 (P.M.). Coordinated with TACA (Cowpoke) to provide fire support in vicinity of (YD 957153). Target consisted of enemy infested villa e. Two Marine Huey's and two Army Cobra's arrived on target.

b. Artillery.

(1) Delta Battery 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines fired in direct support of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines during Operation "BAXTER GARDEN".

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(2) Whiskey Battery 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines and Provisional Battery 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines fired in general support.

(3) During the operation, two prep fires were fired for Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines on grids (YD 922187) and (YD 892221).

(4) Artillery was fired on the enemy while friendly units were in contact on two occasions.

(5) A mission was fired on grid (YD 870187) for the Vietnamese against a dug-in enemy.

(6) A mission was also fired in support of Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines on grid (YD 985139) when 25 NVA were encountered.

c. Engineers.

(1) Engineer support was provided by Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion. Engineers were employed principally to destroy duds, booby traps and captured enemy ammunition. Two 250lb. bombs were among the duds destroyed.

d. Tanks.

(1) A light section of the 3rd Platoon, Company B, 1st Tank Battalion was employed in direct support of the Battalion. Although the movement of the tanks was channelized much of the time, they were able to move to prescribed objectives.

e. Ontos.

(1) A light section of the 4th Platoon, Company A, 1st Anti-Tank Battalion was employed in support of the Battalion. These vehicles navigated the terrain with difficulty and on several occasions had to be towed by the AmTrac's.

f. AmTrac.

(1) A light section of the 3rd Platoon, Company A, 1st AmTrac Battalion was in support of the battalion during the operation. These vehicles provided considerable support in transporting supplies and troops. Of the tracked vehicles employed, they had the least difficulty with the terrain and were able to travel with very little restriction of movement.

g. Shore Party (HST).

(1) HST's were provided by Company B, 1st Shore

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Party Battalion. These attachments provided satisfactory support in coordinating and effecting helicopter resupply and medevacs.

7. Intelligence.

a. Estimate of NVA/VC strength, location and disposition in the objective area.

(1) Intelligence reports received from 5th Marines on 20 April 1968 identified elements of the following enemy units operating in the Battalion Zone of Action:

- (a) 802 Battalion (NVA)
- (b) 804 Battalion (MF)
- (c) K4B Battalion (MF)
- (d) C-116 Co. (LF)
- (e) C-117 Co. (LF)
- (f) C-118 Co. (LF)

(2) Enemy disposition. See Enclosure (1).

b. Enemy strength and disposition actually determined during the operation.

(1) Contacts encountered during the second phase of this operation at no time exceeded squad size units, however, the probability that larger forces were operating in the areas uncovered was evident. Extensive covered and uncovered trenches, fighting holes and bunkers covering likely avenues of approach were in evidence. All routes of access and egress throughout the Battalions Zone of Action were fortified in depth.

c. NVA/VC Units Identified.

(1) Field examination of one of several enemy documents recovered by Company B from a buried cache on 21 April 1968 vicinity (XD 868236) identified its originator as the Commander, Northern Front (K-500)

(2) Based on information derived from detainees and other enemy documents recovered only the existence of the 804 Battalion LKA (K-4) and unidentified hamlet guerillas was ascertained.

d. Significant Intelligence Gained.

(1) Order of Battle. Negative.

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(2) Tactics. The enemy repeatedly employed local guerilla forces in small groups as screening, harrassing and delaying elements. As was expected the enemy made extensive use of Punji stakes, and mine/booby traps.

(3) Political. Indications of hostility and lack of cooperation by local endigenous population were readily apparent. Propaganda, party slogans and directives of the NLF apparatus (agricultural and political organs) were publicly displayed in every hamlet searched.

(4) Other. All hamlets uncovered were sparsely populated despite the fact that additional and vacant family dwellings were in evidence. Young females with children, elderly males and females comprised the majority of the population throughout the Battalion's Zone of Action, except in those areas immediately under the military control of RVN forces.

e. Terrain.

(1) The Battalion's AO was located in central Thua Thien Province to the immediate East of Hue City in the Phu Vang District.

(2) A large portion of the AO consisted of rice-lands which were open areas of cultivation and are seasonally inundated either by irrigation or natural flooding.

(3) Rice fields were surrounded by low dikes 0.5 to 1.0 meters high and 0.3 to 0.6 meters wide. During April and May the fields are drained in order to harvest the rice crop.

(4) The AO is bordered on three sides by waterways to the south-southeast Dam Thuy Tu, the southern tip Dam Cau Hai and to the west by the Sonl Thien Hoa.

(5) Numerous villages were located along the AO normally 500 to 750 meters to the southeast of the Song Thieu Hoa.

(6) Cover and Concealment was generally good along the rivers and populated areas with scattered tree lines. In cultivated areas cover was limited, and afforded only by rice paddy dikes.

f. Weather. Throughout the operation the weather was mild to warm during daylight hours and mild to cool at nights.

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Temperature and humidity had no adverse effect on movement during daylight hours. The moon was in its last quarter. Illumination was reduced from 37% on 21 April 68 to 06% on 25 April 68, hampering to a limited degree night movement. In general the weather, wind and cloud conditions did not have any adverse effects on operations or the use of air support.

8. Mission. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) land in designated LZ, vicinity (YD 867234), and attack southeast in zone of action employing intermediate block and offensive operations to destroy enemy forces.

9. Concept. On D-day three companies establish roving blocks on southern flanks of AO. At L-hour-1 on D-day, one company secure an LZ for helicopter landing of one company and the Battalion CP Group at L-hour. Two companies at the LZ then attack southeast in assigned ZOA's.

10. Execution.

a. D-1. 20 April 1968

(1) Company B continues OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(2) 200047H Received 5th Marines Frag Order 28-68. See Reference (b).

(3) 202000H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 54-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (1).

b. D-Day 21 April 1968. See Enclosures (2) and (4).

(1) 211000H Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines return OPCON from 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. See Reference (c).

(2) 211100H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Forward) assembly area located at (YD 929073) at 211100H via Helo-lift and arrived LZ Robin (YD 865234) at 211110H and commenced "Operation BAXTER GARDEN". See Enclosure (2).

(3) 211200H Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines chopped OPCON to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at 211200H, and landed at the LZ at 211130H. See Enclosure (c).

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(4) 211045H Company B, Platoon in the attack at (YD 874232), found 3 dead VC with one B-40 rocket launcher, two B-40 rocket rounds, 200 rounds 7.62mm, 2, 81mm mortar rounds, and two 250lb bombs at (YD 874232). Rocket launcher and ordnance destroyed. Results: 3 VC KIA.

(5) 211615H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines crossed LOD. See Enclosure (2).

(6) 211700H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 55-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (3).

(7) 211830H Marine from Company M, while probing objective #3 at (YD 866207) tripped booby-trapped enemy Chi Com grenade, wounding 2 Marines. A medevac was called and a further search of the area revealed an additional enemy M. 26 Frag Grenade rigged as a booby trap. Results: 1 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIAHE and 1 enemy booby trap destroyed in place.

c. D+1 22 April 1968 See Enclosure (5).

(1) 220840H Marine from Company M, in the attack at (YD 872204) tripped unknown type of enemy booby trap. Called for and received Medevac. Results: 1 USMC WIAE and 1 USMC WIAHE.

(2) 221215H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines boundaries of operation extended by verbal message from 5th Marines. See Enclosure (7) Change of Boundary Overlay.

(3) 221230H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 56-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (6).

(4) 221500H Company B, while in the attack at (YD 919186) received heavy automatic small arms fire from estimated 15 VC at (YD 925188). Company B returned fire with 800-1000 rounds small arms fire. Enemy fire continued. Called for and received air support consisting of two flights of fixed wing. Enemy fire continued. Additional Huey gunship support requested and received. A thorough search of the area revealed negative results. Negative friendly casualties.

(5) 221810H 1st Battalion Frag Order 57-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (8).

(6) 221915H While in the attack with Company B a Marine detonated an unknown type booby trap set w/pressure

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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
Via: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines
Commanding General, Task Force X-Ray

Subj: Combat After Action Report

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1A
(b) 5th Marines Operation Order 5-68
(c) 5th Marines Frag Order 28-68
(d) 5th Marines Frag Order 30-68

Encl: (1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 54-68
(2) Day Movement Overlay D-day
(3) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 55-68
(4) Night Disposition Overlay D-day
(5) Day Movement and Night Disposition Overlay D+1
(6) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 56-68
(7) Change of Boundary Overlay
(8) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 57-68
(9) Day Movement and Night Disposition Overlay D+2
(10) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 58-68
(11) Day Movement and Night Disposition Overlay D+3
(12) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 59-68
(13) Day Movement Overlay D+4
(14) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 60-68

1. Code Name.

Operation "BAKTER GARDEN" (Search and Destroy).

2. Dates of Operation.

a. From 211400H April 1968 to 251700H April 1968

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type fuse at (YD 923189). A medevac was called for and received. Results: 4 USMC WIAE, 2 USMC WIANE

(7) 222110H Company B, while set in night defensive position at (YD 919186) received 25 to 30 rounds enemy small arms fire from (YD 920186). Company B returned fire with 75 to 100 rounds small arms fire. Area was searched at first light with negative results.

d. D+2 23 April 1968 See Enclosure (9).

(1) 230700H While Company B was continuing the attack at (YD 925188) a Marine detonated pressure type boxed, booby-trapped mine. Medevac was called for and received. Results: 3 USMC WIAE and 1 USMC WIANE.

(2) 231040H Received 5th Marines Frag Order 30-68. See Reference (d).

(3) 231100H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 58-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (10).

(4) 231720H Company M in the attack at (YD 959128) heard explosion at (YD 959128). Checked out area and found one VC KIA who had been killed with his own booby trap while attempting to set up hasty booby trap for attacking Marines. Results: 1 VC KIA.

(5) 231850H Company B and 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group while setting in night position at (YD 954147) received 4 to 6 M-79 rounds and 150 to 200 rounds semi-automatic small arms fire from (YD 954152). Company B returned 250 to 300 rounds of small arms fire and then with a platoon from Company M, and support from tank and Ontos pursued the enemy. In the process, an additional 200 to 250 rounds small arms fire, 10 rounds M-79 fire, 50-75 rounds .30 cal., 1 round 90mm HE were expended. In addition an 81mm mission of 12 rounds HE was fired. Two Huey gunships in the area were also directed to the suspected enemy positions. A thorough search of the area could not be conducted due to nightfall. Results: 1 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIANE.

(6) 232000H Company M, in night defensive positions at (YD 984132) received approximately 40-60 rounds small arms fire from estimated squad of VC at (YD 985165). Company M laid down sustained fire for approximately 90 minutes. Area could not be searched due to darkness. A medevac was called for and received. Results: 5 USMC WIAE.

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e. D+3 24 April 1968 See Enclosure (11).

(1) 240800H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 59-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (12).

(2) 240915H Company B in the attack at (YD 895215) while proceeding to objective A, came under small arms and automatic weapons fire from estimated 5 or 6 VC at (YD 894218). Company B immediately gained fire superiority and sent an enveloping force to attack through the village. Intelligence officers questioning of civilians in area ascertained that there had been 5 VC in the hamlet. Company B fired 300-400 rounds 5.56, 4-6 rounds M-79 and 200 to 300 rounds 7.62 linked. A search of the area revealed 1 VC KIA and 1 civilian woman killed, caught in middle of initial fire fight.

(3) 240945H Company B reverted to battalion reserve and Company M commenced attack on objective B.

(4) 241000H Company M at (YD 899124) while in the attack spotted 4 VC at (899125) fleeing from a hamlet to the North and East. Company M opened fire with 50-75 rounds 5.56 killing 1 VC and capturing 1 M-26 grenade, which was destroyed in place.

(5) 241200H Company M reverted to battalion reserve and Company B commenced attack on Objective D.

f. D+4 25 April 1968 See Enclosure (13).

(1) 250700H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 60-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (14)

(2) 250715H Company M attacked and seized Objective E, then provided security for Tanks, Ontos and LVT's in movement to Company H, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines for transfer of direct support.

(3) 251700H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participation in Operation BAXTER GARDEN Phase II terminated. Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines returned to Phu Bai vital area, Company M continued OPCON to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and moved to Truoi River Bridge at (YD 968063) and 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group returned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines forward Combat Base Hill #28, (YD 928073). See Enclosure (13).

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KIA	0
WIAE	<u>15</u>
WIANE	<u>6</u>
MIA	<u>0</u>
NBC	<u>6</u>

b. Friendly Equipment Losses. None.c. Enemy Casualties:

KIA:	NVA-3	VC-3	Total:	<u>6</u>
Detainees:	IC-6	CD-1	Total:	<u>7</u>
POW:	None			

d. Captured ordnance.

(1) B40 Rocket launcher

e. Captured/Destroyed Munitions.

2-250 lb. Bombs
 8-B40 rounds
 2-81mm mortar rounds
 200-7.62mm short
 3-M26 grenade
 4-Unk type explosive devices
 1-ChiCom grenade
 1-B40 Rocket launcher.

f. Captured equipment. Noneg. Captured enemy food stores. (None)12. Administrative Matters.a. Supply.

(1) Resupply was effected by helicopters, controlled by helicopter support teams provided by detachments from

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Company B, 1st Shore Party Battalion to the Command Group and all participating companies.

(2) Initially 4 MCI's were carried by each individual which were adequate for a two day period. A basic allowance of ammunition and three canteens were carried by each individual. Ammunition and water resupply requests were processed through routine resupply missions. In addition to individual weapons, machine guns, 60mm mortars, 81mm mortars and 106mm Recoilless Rifle were carried on the operation

b. Maintenance.

(1) Cleaning equipment for crew served and individual weapons was carried by all units. Weapons were cleaned and inspected on a daily basis. No maintenance problems were encountered during the operation with weapons or equipment.

c. Treatment of Casualties and Evacuation and Hospitalization.

(1) Casualties were initially treated by corpsmen attached to each rifle company and with the Command Group.

(2) Casualties were evacuated by helicopter and were transported to the 1st Medical Battalion at Phu Bai, RVN.

d. Transportation.

(1) Helicopters were the primary means of transportation during the operation. The initial helilift on D-day consisted of 2 CH-46 helicopters. Medical evacuation was effected with CH-34 helicopters. A CH-53 was used on D+4 for the return lift. Wheeled vehicles were found to be unsatisfactory in the operating terrain and were sent back to Phu Bai. Two AmTracs were used to transport personnel and equipment. These vehicles proved to be satisfactory.

e. Communications.

(1) There were no significant problems encountered with communications.

f. Medical Evacuation.

(1) Each Corpsman carried sufficient medical supplies to provide adequate treatment of the wounded until medical evacuation could be effected.

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(2) Casualties were evacuated by helicopters. The arrival of the medical evacuation helicopters was timely whenever a reasonably secured landing zone was available.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. (None)

14. Commander's Analysis. First Battalion, Fifth Marines with a Command Group, one Organic Company and one OPCON Company, was committed to Operation "BAXTER GARDEN" on D-Day. The Battalion was assigned the right flank of the regimental AO. The right boundary, the Song Dai Giang, was a common boundary with the battalion's regular TACR, which is centered on Hiway #1. The three uncommitted companies of the battalion, under an X-Ray command group, continued in their primary mission of providing security for Hiway #1. In addition they provided a screen for the right flank of the "BAXTER GARDEN" AO. This screen was augmented by and coordinated with the Red Devil Battalion of Indigenous Forces. Although this battalion was not OPCON to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, it was entirely responsive to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and maintained a liaison officer with the battalion Command Group. The initial mission of the Red Devil Battalion was to provide a sliding block south of the "BAXTER GARDEN" AO, guiding on the advance of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

This organization and disposition of forces provided operational flexibility, facilitating rapid alteration of the scheme of maneuver to fit the existing situation and terrain.

For example, on D+1 the battalion had advanced in zone to a point at which the front narrowed to 1000 meters from a width, at the LD, of 5000 meters, and it had become apparent that major portions of the zone were under firm GVN control. The zone was no longer considered potentially profitable for employment of the battalion. A change in boundaries was requested and granted. The left boundary was moved to provide an additional frontage of two thousand meters north of the Song Dai Giang and assumed the zone originally assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines moved to the newly assigned sector of its zone. To cover the area previously screened by the Red Devil Battalion, certain elements of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, not committed to Operation "BAXTER GARDEN" were placed in blocking positions south of the Song Dai Giang.

The major difficulties encountered during the operation were caused by the terrain. Movement of the Command Group and in some cases, of the assault companies, was dictated by the mobility of the supporting vehicles. Wheeled vehicles

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were trail-bound and were often stuck. They were extracted from the operation on D+2. Tracked vehicles were generally able to negotiate the paddies, but the two Onto's operating in direct support became stuck on several occasions. They were extracted by LVT's, which were least hampered by the terrain.

The LVT's proved, once again, their versatility in a combat situation. They were used to effect unit distribution of supplies, to ferry troops, as mounts for .50 caliber machine guns and 106mm Recoilless Rifle's, as night CP's, for communications augmentation, as aid stations, and as elements within mechanized column's.

15. Recommendations. (None)

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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
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(b) 5th Marines OPO 5-68 BAXTER GARDEN

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy.

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence)
- (2) Current ISUMS and PERINWEEPS

b. Friendly. 5th Marine Regiment (-) (Rein) continues operation "BAXTER GARDEN" in Phu Thu area.

(1) Air. 1st MAW provides fixed and rotary wing and AO support.

(2) Artillery. Delta Battery 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines in direct support of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines with provisional battery ready to reinforce.

c. Attachment. Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, OPCON to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at 211200H.

2. MISSION. On D-day at H-hour attack southeast in zone of action employing intermediate blocks and offensive operations to destroy enemy forces.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. On D-day three companies establish roving blocks on southern flanks of AO. At L-Hour-1 on D-day, one company secures an LZ for a helicopter landing for one company and the Battalion CP group at L-hour. Both companies at the LZ then attack southeast in assigned ZON's.

b. Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) At 1000 on D-day, secure LZ Robin for helicopter landings to commence at L-hour.

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(2) On order attack southeast in ZOA to secure objective 4.

(3) On order, revert to Battalion reserve.

c. Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) At L-hour on D-day land in LZ Robin and at H-hour attack southeast to secure Battalion objectives in ZOA.

(2) Continue the attack on order.

d. H&S Company (Forward Command Group).

(1) General support.

(2) Located behind Company B initially.

e. Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Continue mission in assigned AO.

(2) On order, establish roving blocks in assigned AO in support of Operation "BAXTER GARDEN".

f. Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Continue mission in assigned AO.

(2) On order, establish roving blocks in support of Operation "BAXTER GARDEN".

(3) Be prepared to assume responsibility for Bridge #4 and route #1 North to present boundary.

g. Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Continue mission in assigned AO.

(2) On order, establish roving blocks in support of Operation "BAXTER GARDEN".

(3) Be prepared to assume the mission of Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines or Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

h. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) D-day 21 April 1968

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- (2) E-hour 1400
L-hour 1130
- (3) Landing zones
 - (a) Robin (YD 867234)
 - (b) Quail (YD 886220)
- (4) Thrust points
 - (a) Any River: (YD 9223)
 - (b) Any Dog: (YD 9320)
 - (c) Any Tree: (YD 9515)
- (5) Phase lines
 - (a) PL Orange: (YD 922160 to YD 930164).
 - (b) PL White: (YD 935142 to YD 940149).
 - (c) PL Apple: (YD 898186 NE on road to XD 950195).
 - (d) PL Cherry: (Fm: YD 944146 along stream and trail to YD 974170).
 - (e) PL Peach: (Fm: YD 982130 NE on trail to YD 998140).
- (6) PCL's: Boundaries and Phase Line's.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Resupply: Requests by shopping lists to HST or 1st Battalion, 5th Marines S-4 (Forward).
- b. Observe water discipline. Three canteens per man. Issue halizone and salt tablets.
- c. Two days of supply classes, I and IV.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Command Posts.

- (1) Battalion CP initially with Company B.
- (2) Units report CP locations as established.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group at Hill 28 (YD 928073) Suffix call sign with "X-Ray" other call signs normal.

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c. Control.

(1) Control of activities within 1st Battalion, 5th Marines TAOR normal. On displacement of Battalion CP Group to Phu Thu area, coordination of units on route #1 will be by 1st Battalion X-Ray.

(2) Companies coordinate activities of friendly forces external to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines located within 1st Battalion TAOR.

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Annexes:

- A. Operation Overlay
- B. Intelligence Annex

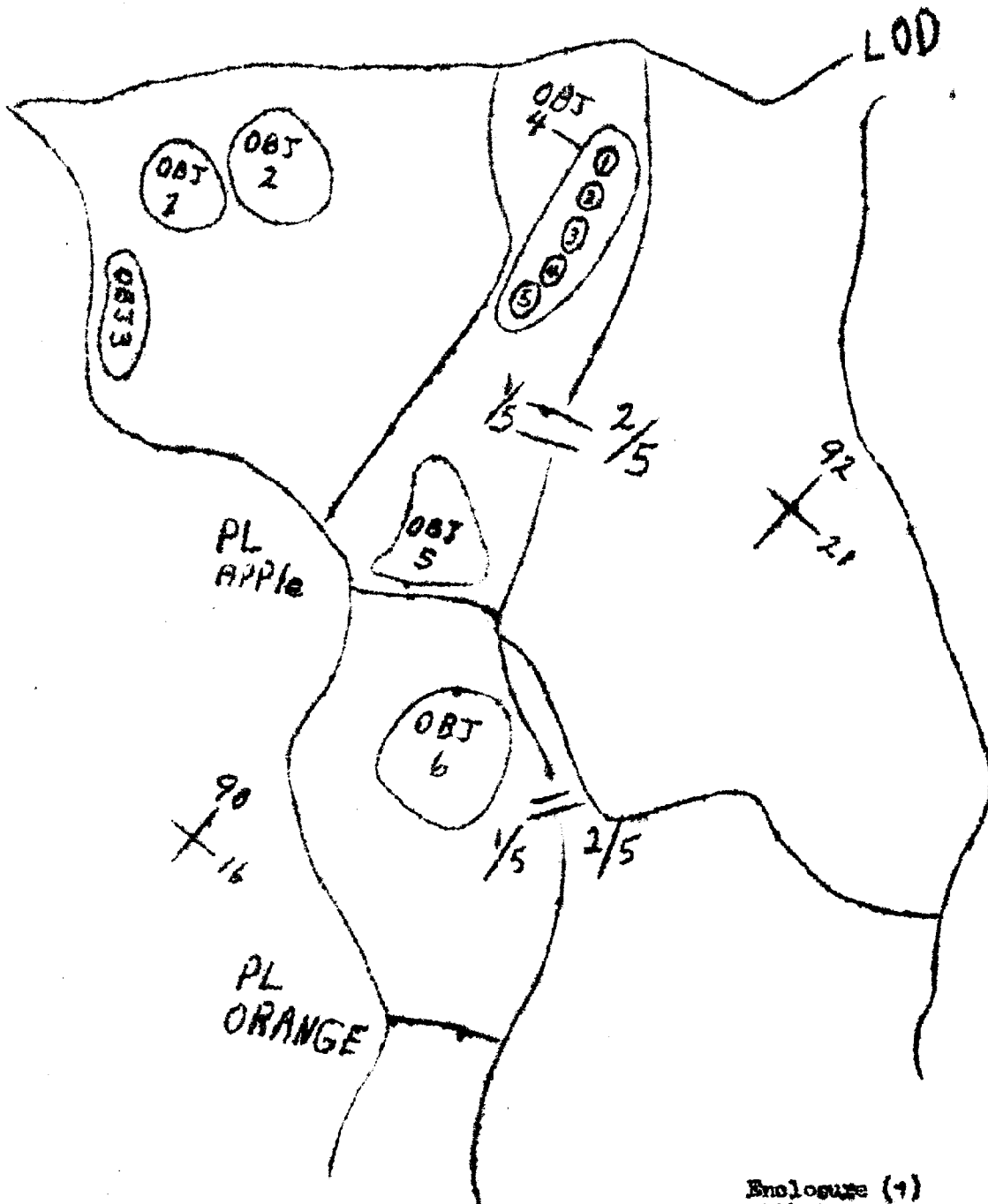
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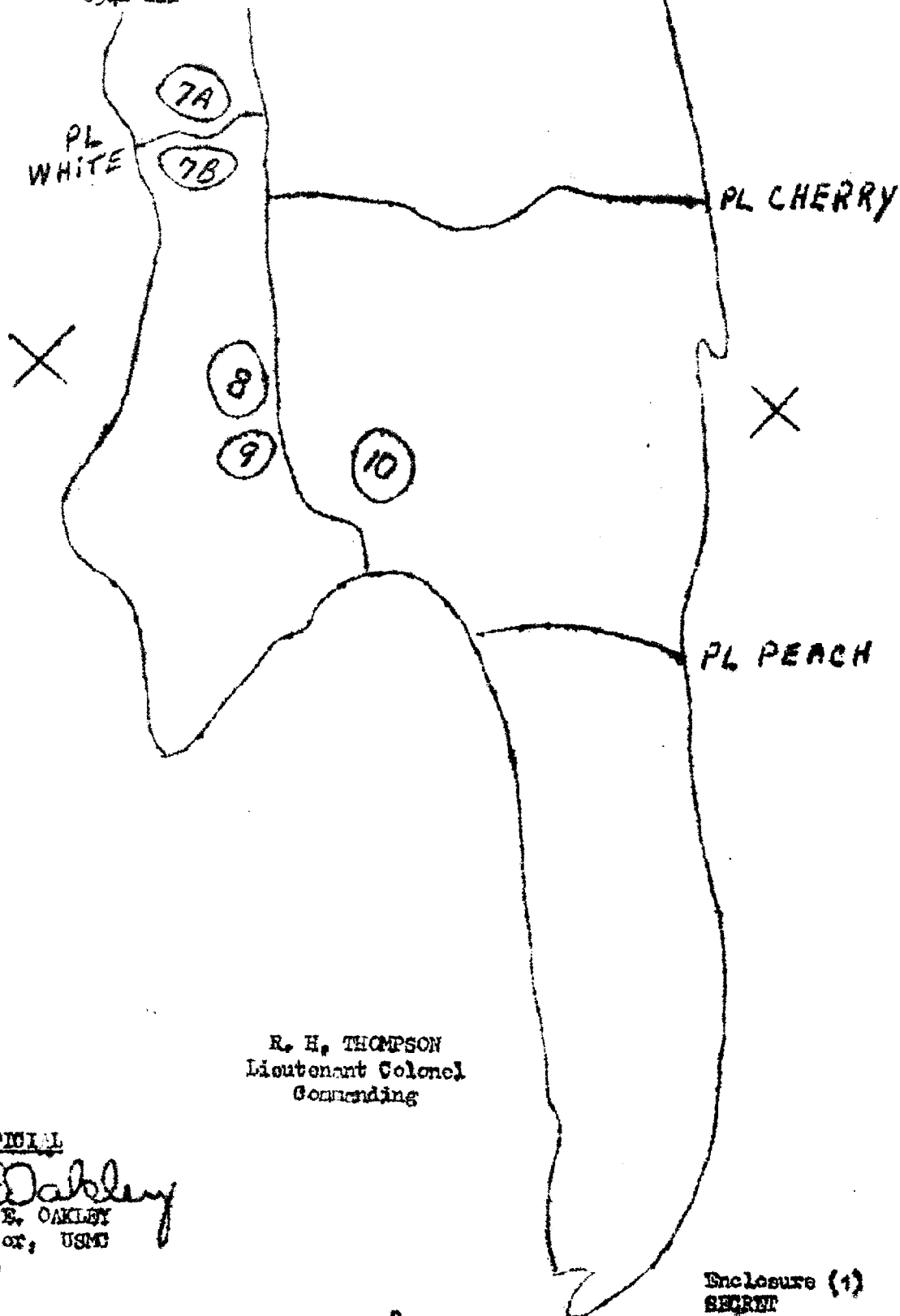
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Annex B (Intelligence) to Frag Order 54-68 Operation BAXTER
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(b) Annex A (Operation Overlay) to Operation Order
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(c) Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 5-68

ENEMY SITUATION

1. The AO is defined reference (b) and (c) is located within Phu Vang District, Thua Thien (P) immediate East of HUE City. Phu Van District, according to most current Intelligence Estimates is the present operating area of the C-117 and C-116 Local Force Company and KLB Main Force Battalion. In addition the 802 NVA Battalion is believed to have operated recently in the AO.

2. Contacts with enemy elements thus far encountered during stage I of Operation "BAXTER MARKEN" have indicated the following:

a. Aerial observation and other sources affirm the presence of extensive trenches and fighting holes in the AO. Deceptive techniques utilized by the enemy have stressed the use of grave yards (burial mounds) for emplacement of fighting holes.

b. The enemy has a definite mortar capability and has utilized with particular flexibility both 60mm and 82mm mortars.

c. Contacts with enemy elements are likely to consist primarily of harassing, delaying, sniping and mining operations rather than conventional defense of area or counter attack.

d. Local village self defense cadres are present in some villages and hamlets therefore extensive use of surprise explosive devices and mines/booby traps should be expected.

e. Attached overlay provides most up to date information available of known enemy fixed fortifications. All villages indicated are fortified to some degree, employing punji stakes, mines and defensive wire.

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f. One occasion of use of CS gas by the enemy was encountered on 20 April 1968.

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APPENDIXES:

1. Enemy Situation Overlay
2. Enemy Situation Overlay Legend

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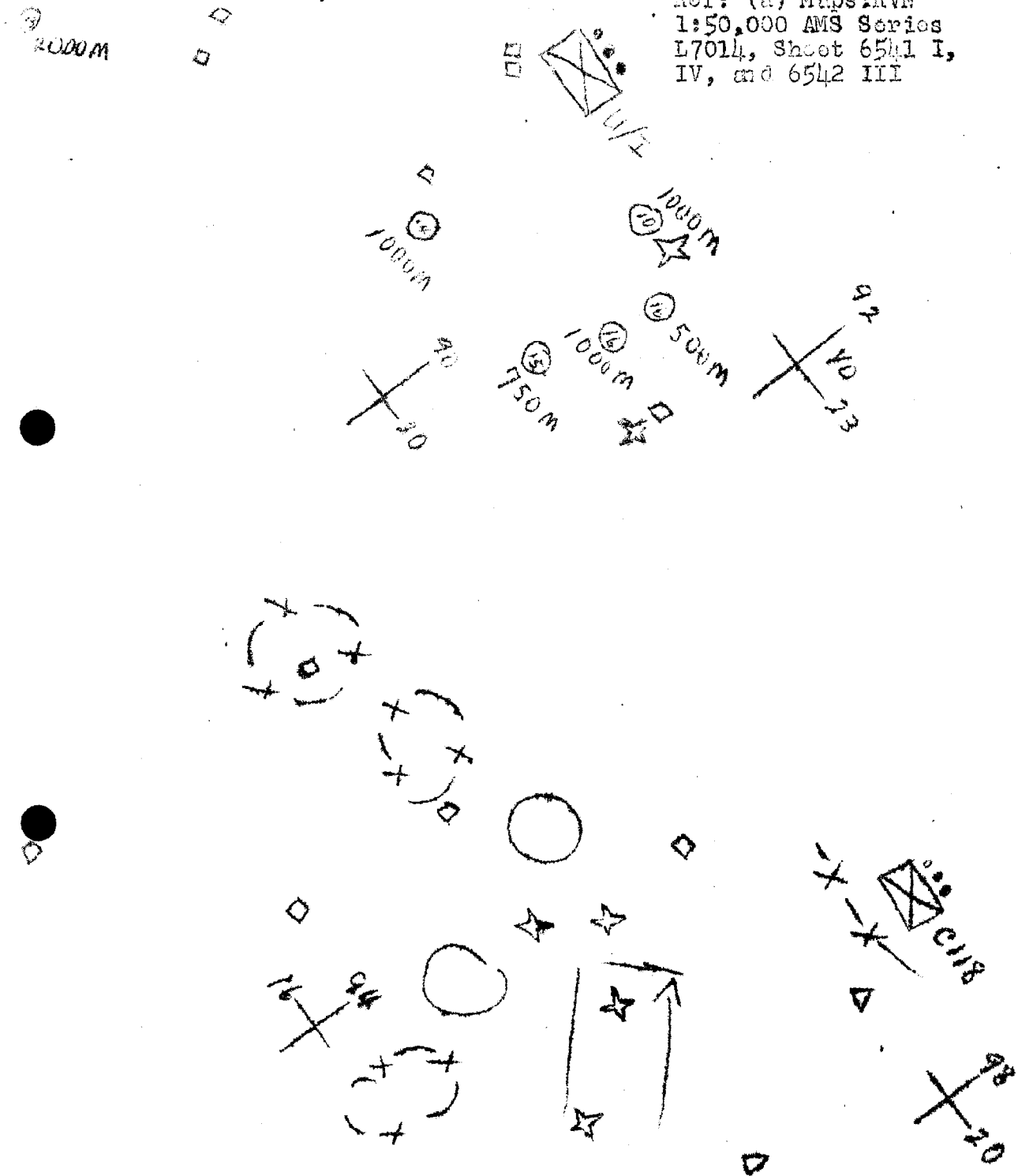
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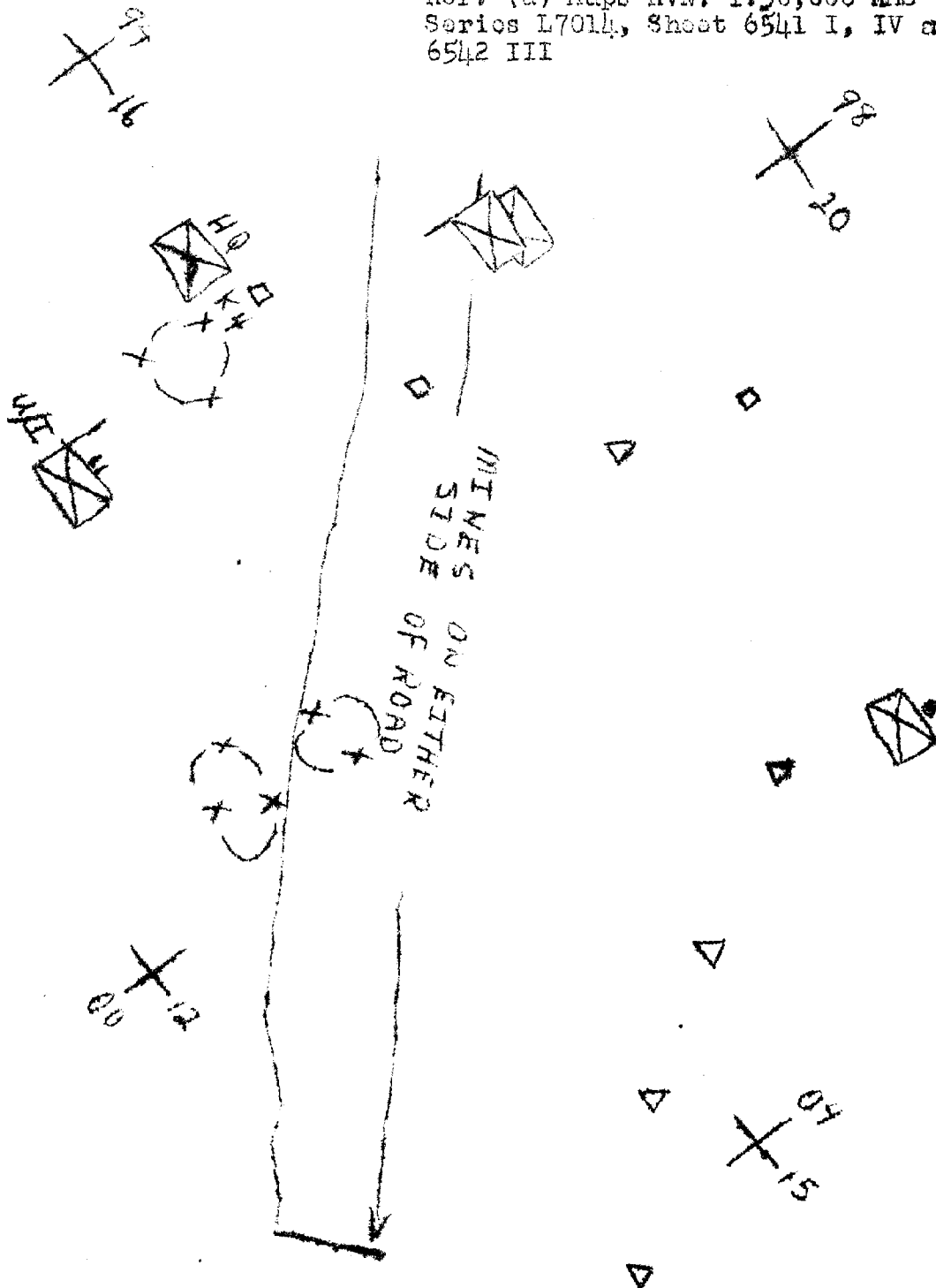
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Appendix (2): to Annex B to Frag Order 54-68

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Δ Enemy OP's (Early Warning System)

□ Contacts w/enemy units

★ Mine incidents

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○ Fenced in ville, trench and mined

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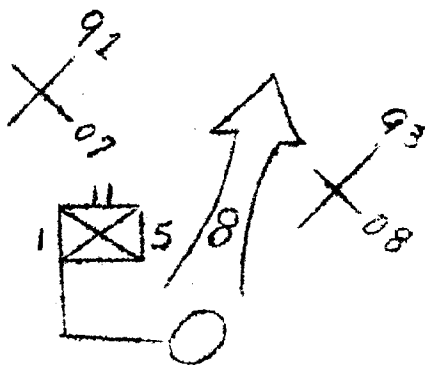
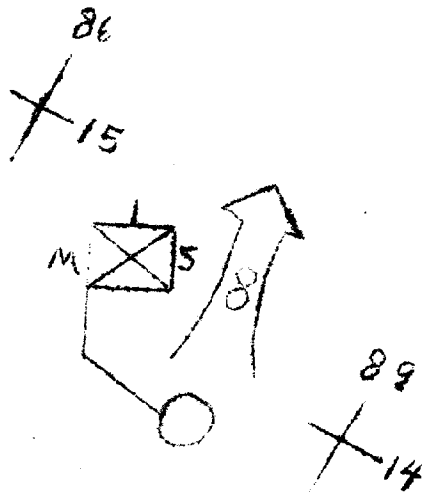
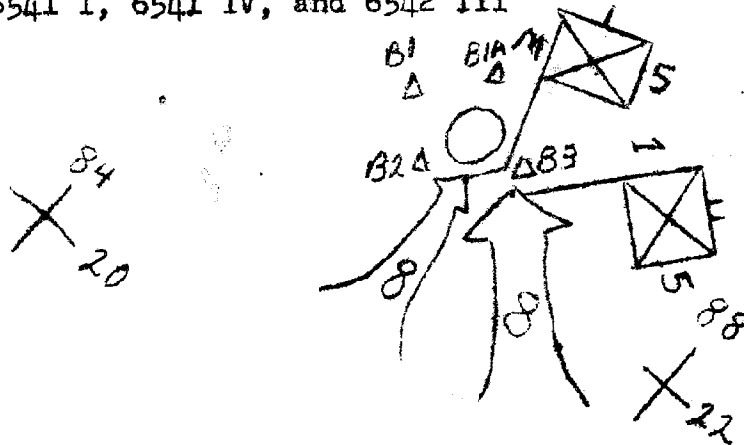
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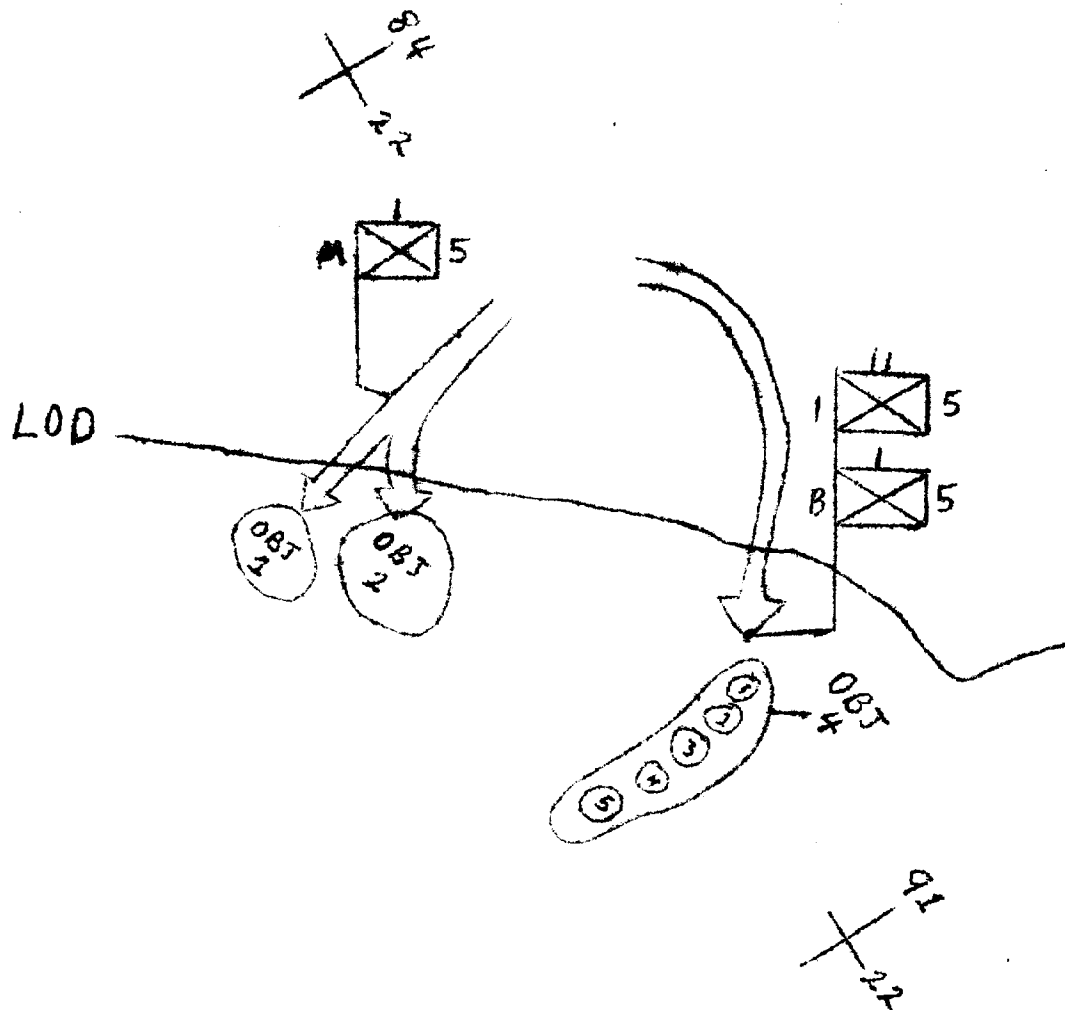


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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
Phu Bai, RVN
21 April 1968

Frag Order 55-68

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(b) 5th Marines OPO 5-68 BAXTER GARDEN

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. No change.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. Commence S&D Operation within ZOA with 2 Companies attacking southeast to seize objectives. (See Operation Overlay).

b. Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) On order, attack and secure objective #4. Consolidate around checkpoints 3 and 4.

(2) Commencing first light on 22 April, attack to seize objective 5 in zone.

(3) Be prepared to continue the attack on order.

c. Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Consolidate night positions on objectives 1 and 2.

(2) Probe objective 3 and exploit if contact is made.

(3) Commencing first light on 22 April attack and seize objective 1A and 2A.

(4) Be prepared to continue the attack on order.

d. H&S Company (Forward Group Command).

(1) General Support

(2) Battalion CP will locate at checkpoint 3 on objective 4.

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(3) Defense will be coordinated with 1st Platoon, Company H, Battalion reserve.

(4) Initially will move in trace of Company B in attack on objective 5 on morning of 22 April.

- e. Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. No change.
- f. Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. No change.
- g. Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. No change.
- h. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Report seizure of assigned objectives within ZOA.

- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.
- 5. COMMAED AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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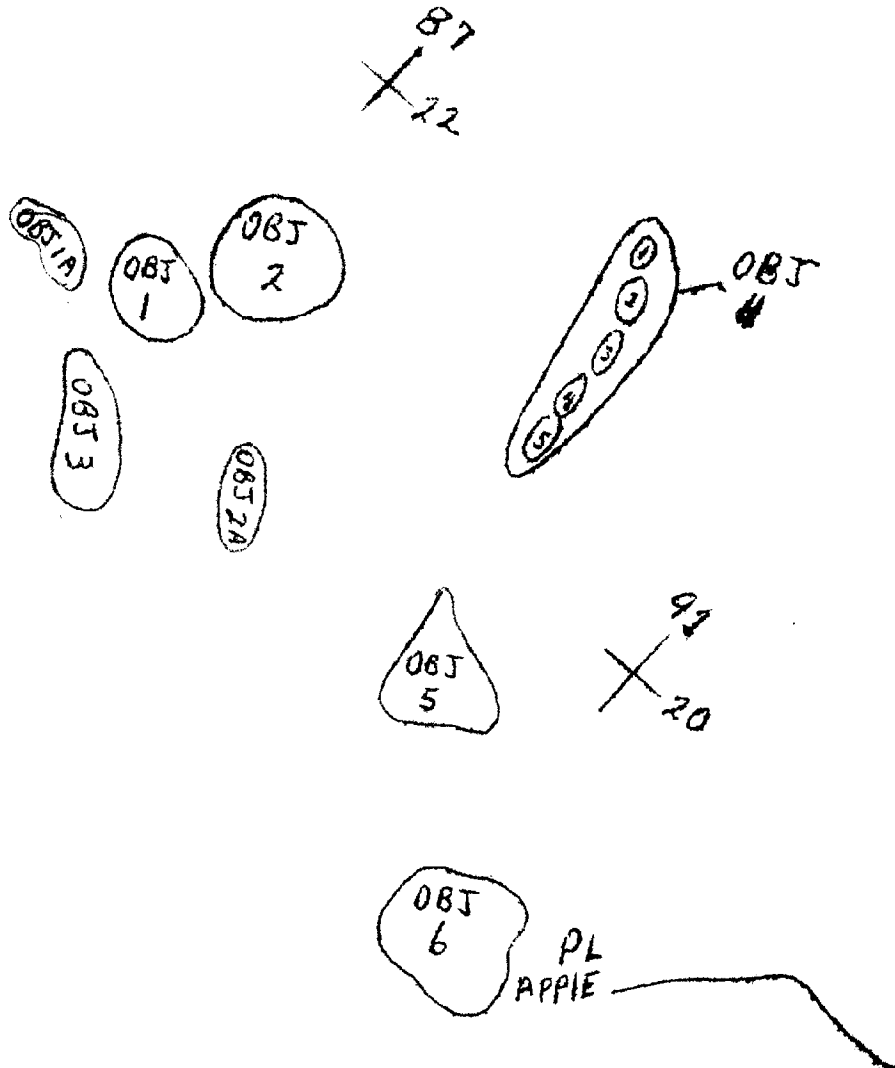
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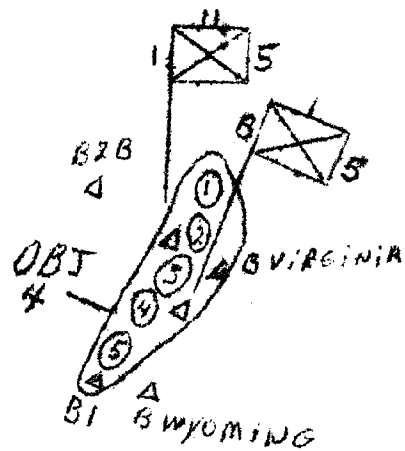
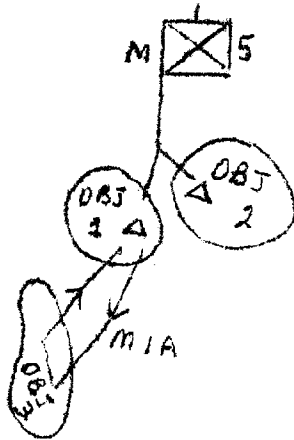
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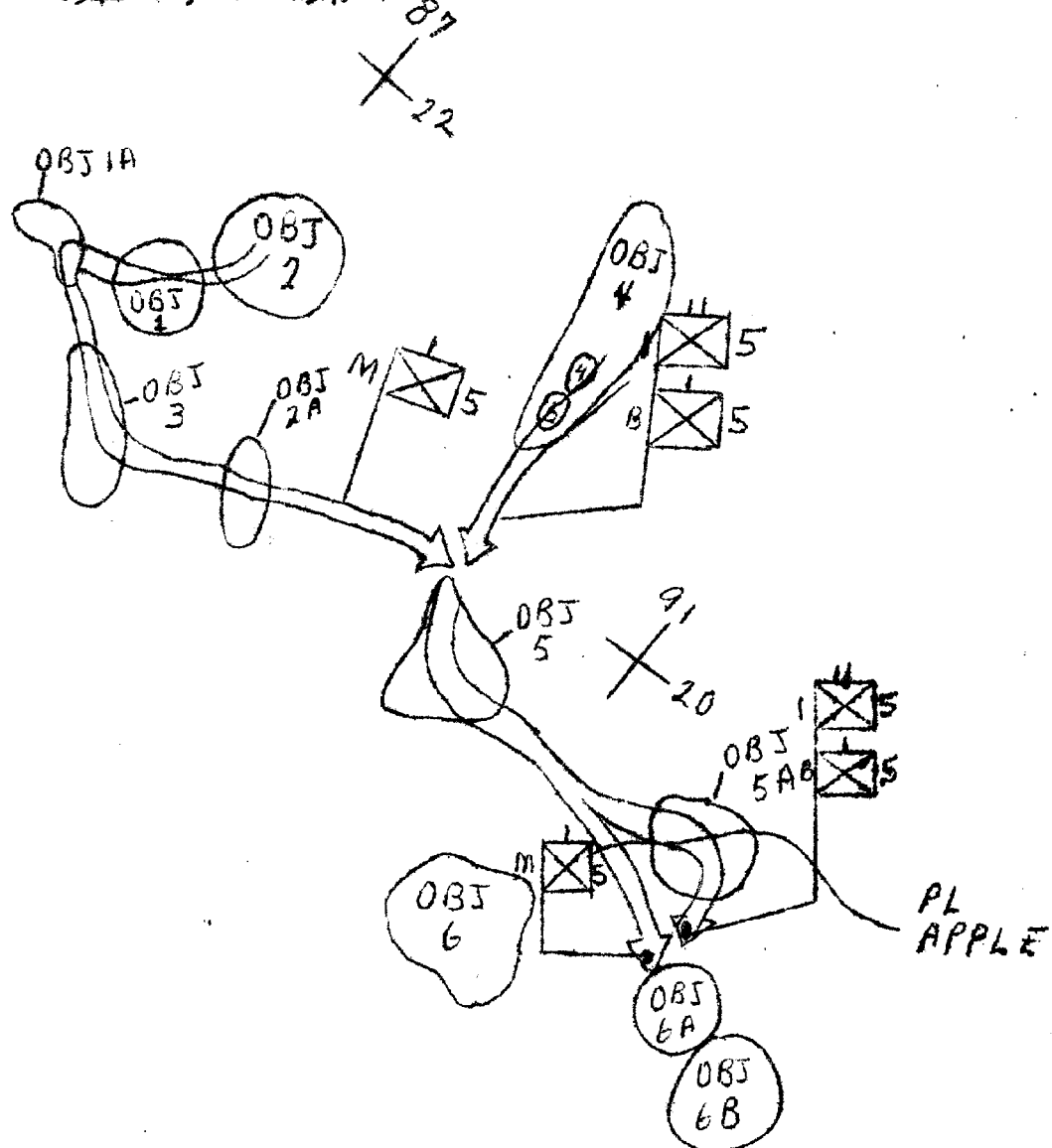


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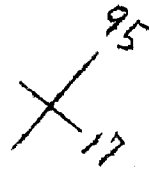
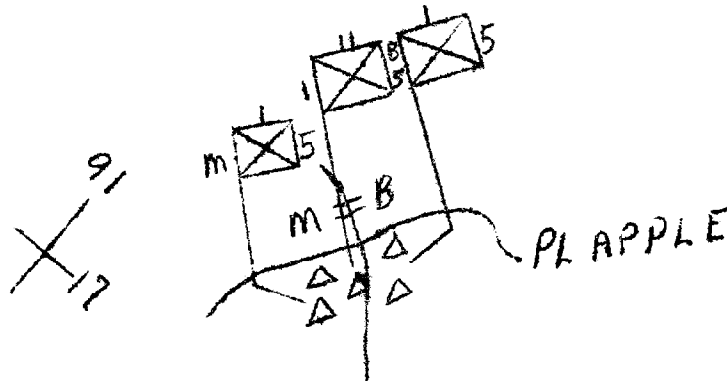


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Phu Bai, RVN
221230 April 1968

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(b) 5th Marines OPO 5-68 BAXTER GARDEN

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. No change.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. Battalion will attack east to destroy enemy in assigned ZONE.

b. Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) On order, attack east on battalion front to seize objective 5A.

(2) Be prepared to continue the attack on order.

c. Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Revert to battalion reserve and follow in trace of Company B and the battalion Command Group.

(2) Be prepared to assume the mission of Company B.

d. Head Company (Forward Command Group).

(1) General Support.

(2) Initially follow in trace of Company B.

e. Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. No change.

f. Company G, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. No change.

g. Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Establish blocking force vicinity (YD 955105) to (YD 940120) to support ARVN attack.

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(2) Continue assigned mission in AO.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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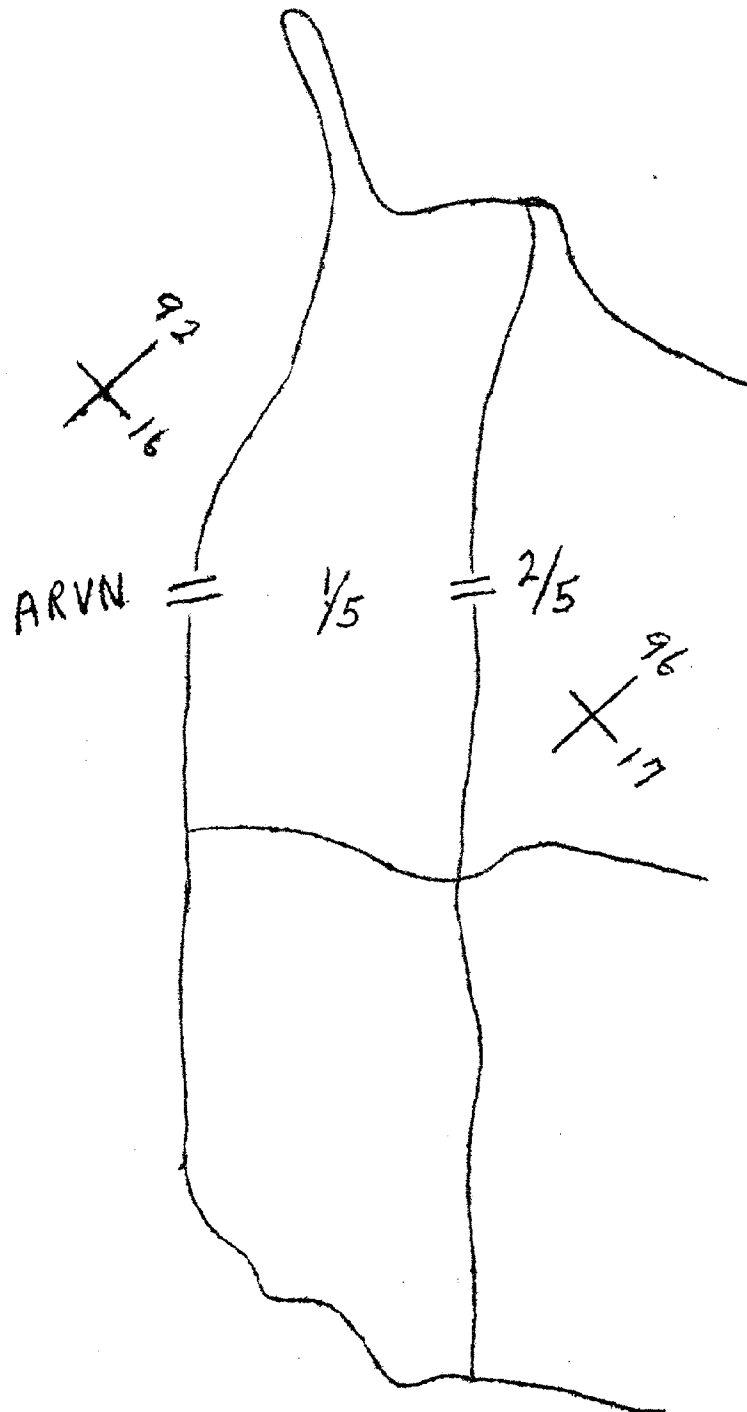
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(b) 5th Marines OPO 5-68 BLANCK GARDEN

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION: No change.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept. Battalion will continue to attack southeast to destroy enemy in the assigned ZOA.

b. Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) At first light attack to seize objective 6A.

(2) Be prepared to continue the attack to the southeast on order.

c. Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) At first light move to link up with Quinmaster in the vicinity of (YD 931194) and assume OPCOM of a light section of tanks and light section of Ontos.

(2) Attack in zone to seize objective 6B.

(3) On order, continue the attack on the battalion front to PL Cherry. Move as rapidly as the terrain, situation and broad front will allow.

d. Head Company (Forward Group Command).

(1) Will follow in trace of Company M, initially.

e. Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. No change.

f. Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. No change.

g. Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. No change.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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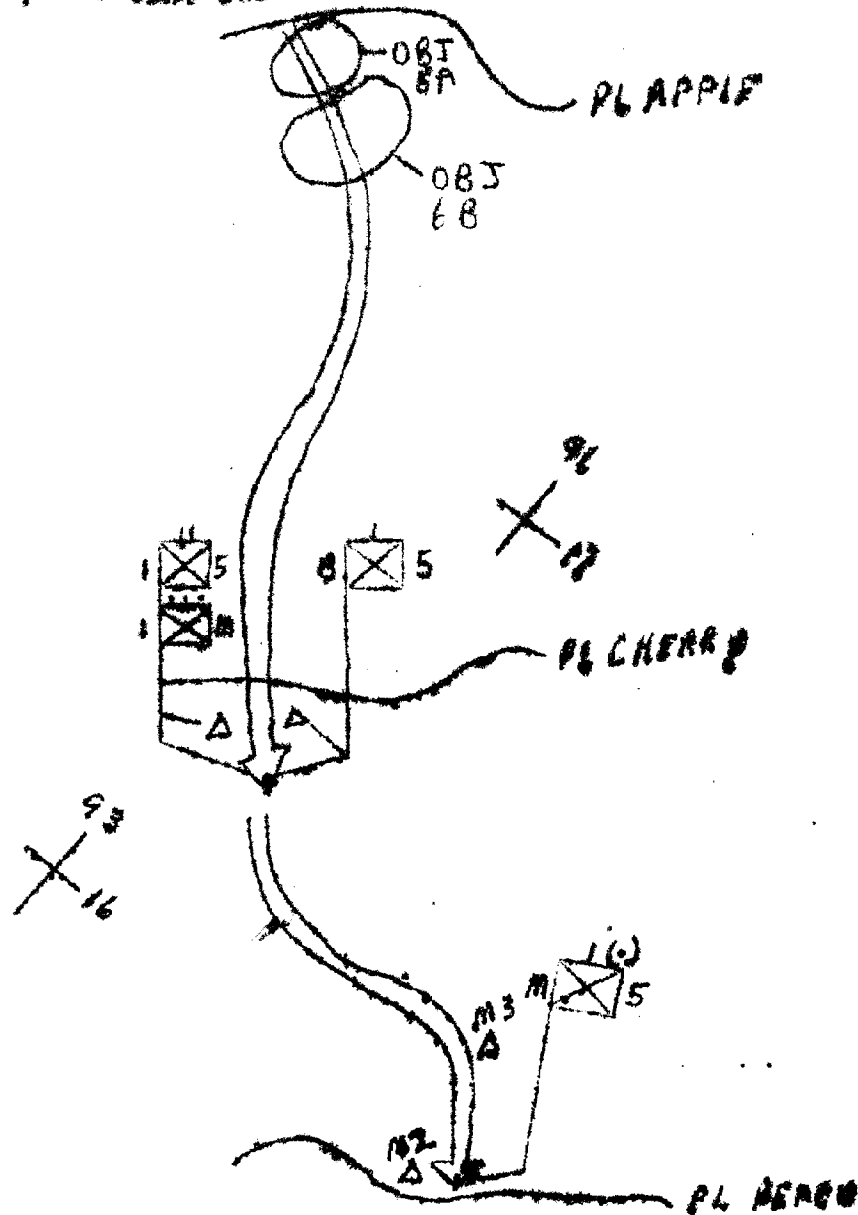
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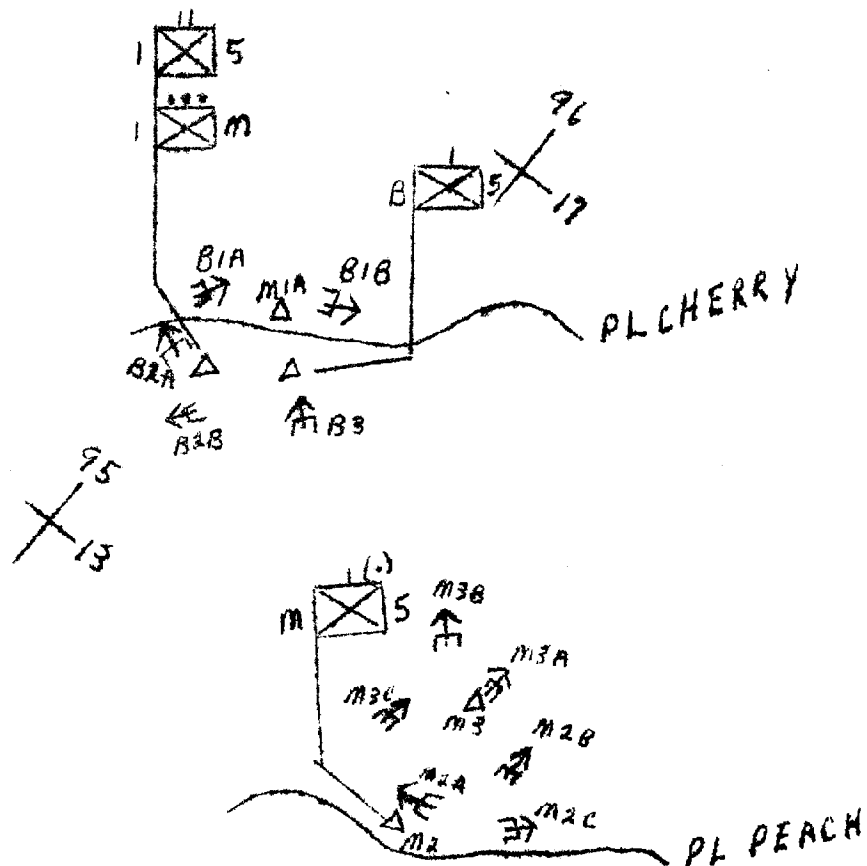


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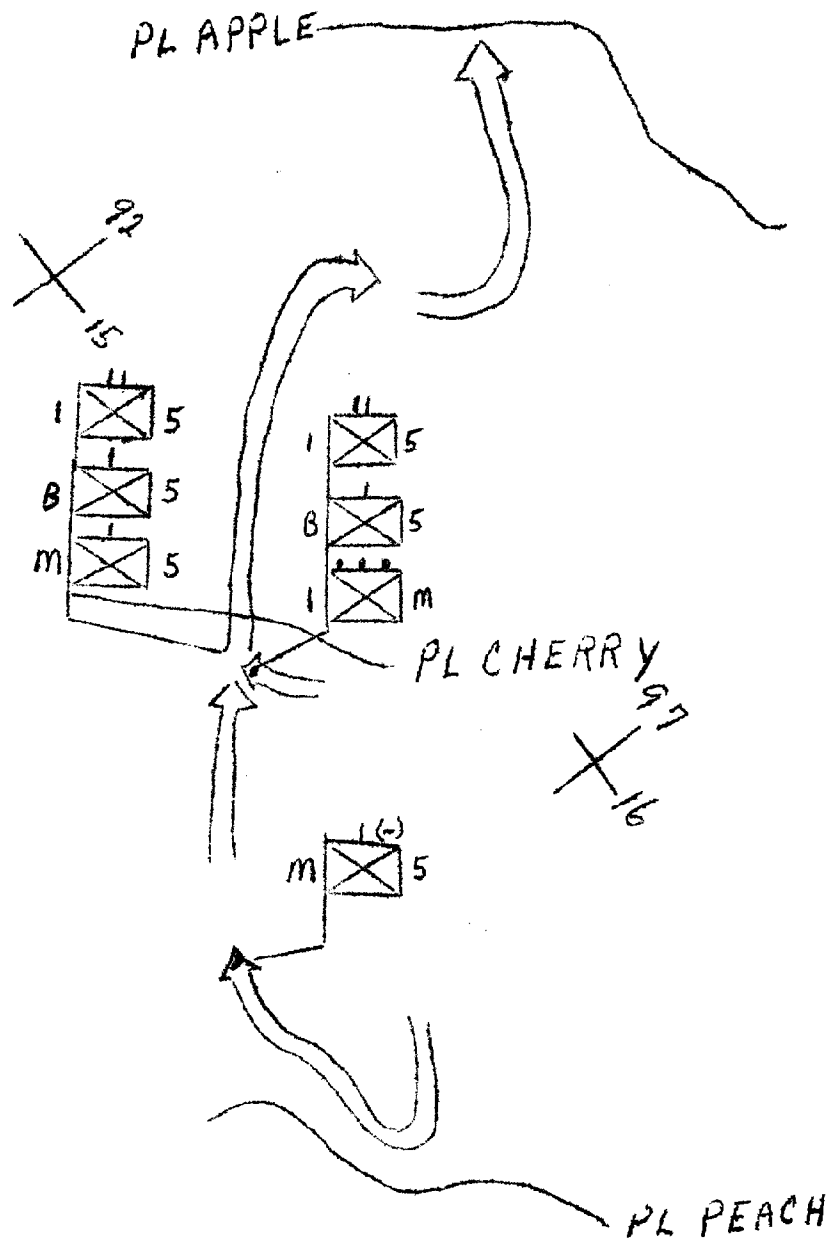


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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
Phu Bai, RVN
23 April 1968

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(b) 5th Marines OPD 5-68 BAXTER GARDEN.

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy. Indications that enemy forces have recognized villages cleared by 5th Marines attack to SE.

b. Friendly. Special firefly will be operating over other friendly forces, no change.

2. MISSION. No change.3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. Battalion continues attack SE to PL Peach and hold at that position. On order wheel and conduct night move to NW to reach PL Apple ASAP. Be prepared to conduct day attack NW from that position to stream winding along axis of QL (YD 83).

b. Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Attack in southern portion of battalion ZONE to southeast and secure position at PL Peach.

(2) On order wheel and conduct night move in ZONE NW to PL Apple.

(3) Be prepared to continue attack on order.

c. Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Attack in northern portion of battalion ZONE to southeast and secure position at PL Peach.

(2) On order wheel and conduct night move in ZONE northwest to PL Apple.

(3) Be prepared to continue attack on order.

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- d. HQS Company (Forward Command Group).
 - (1) General Support.
 - (2) Located behind company B, initially.
- e. Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. No change.
- f. Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. No change.
- g. Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. No change.
- h. Coordinating Instructions. No change.
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.
- 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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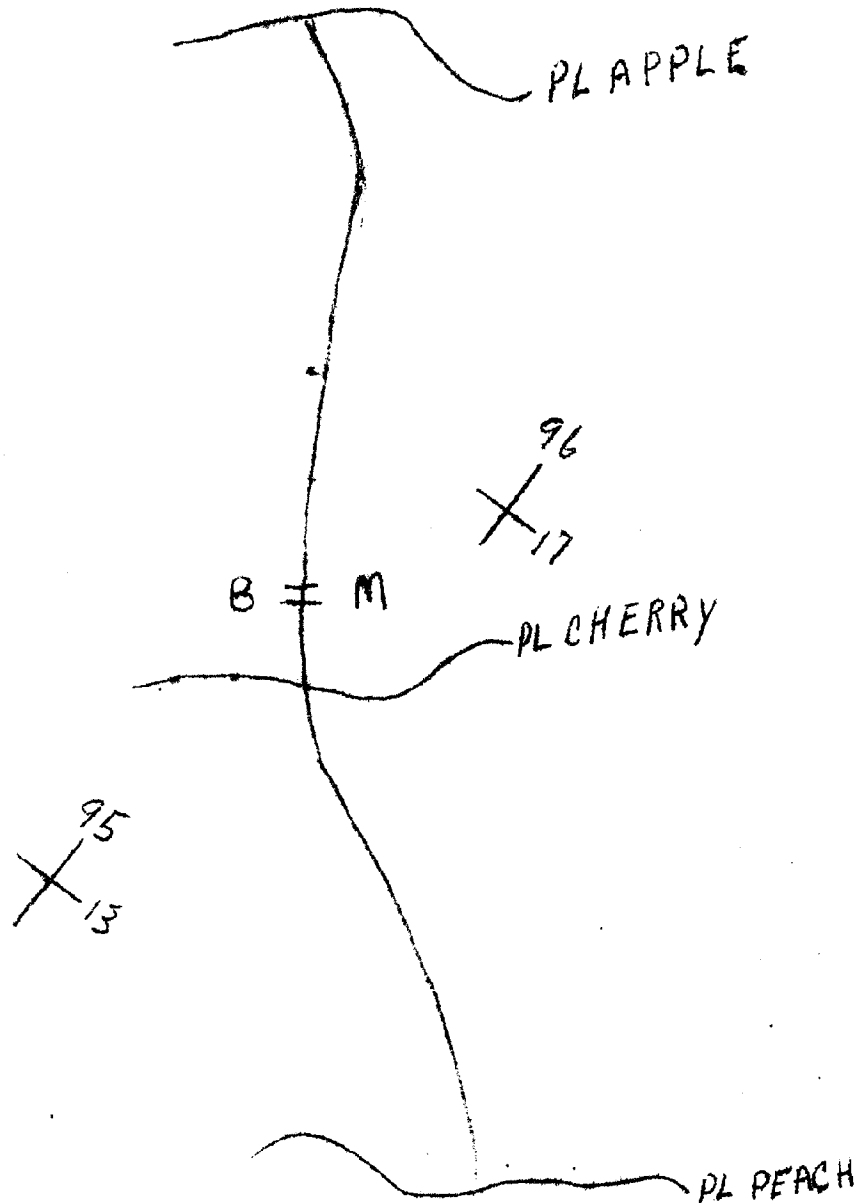
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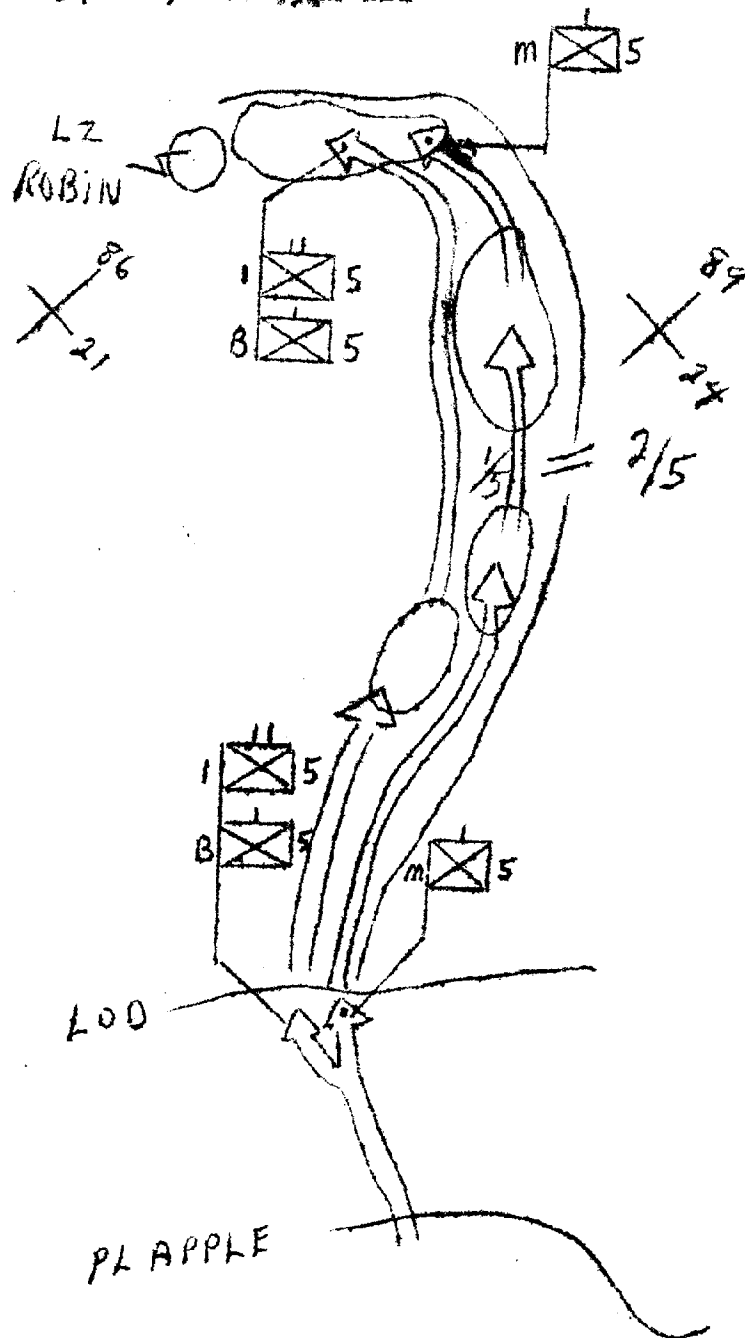
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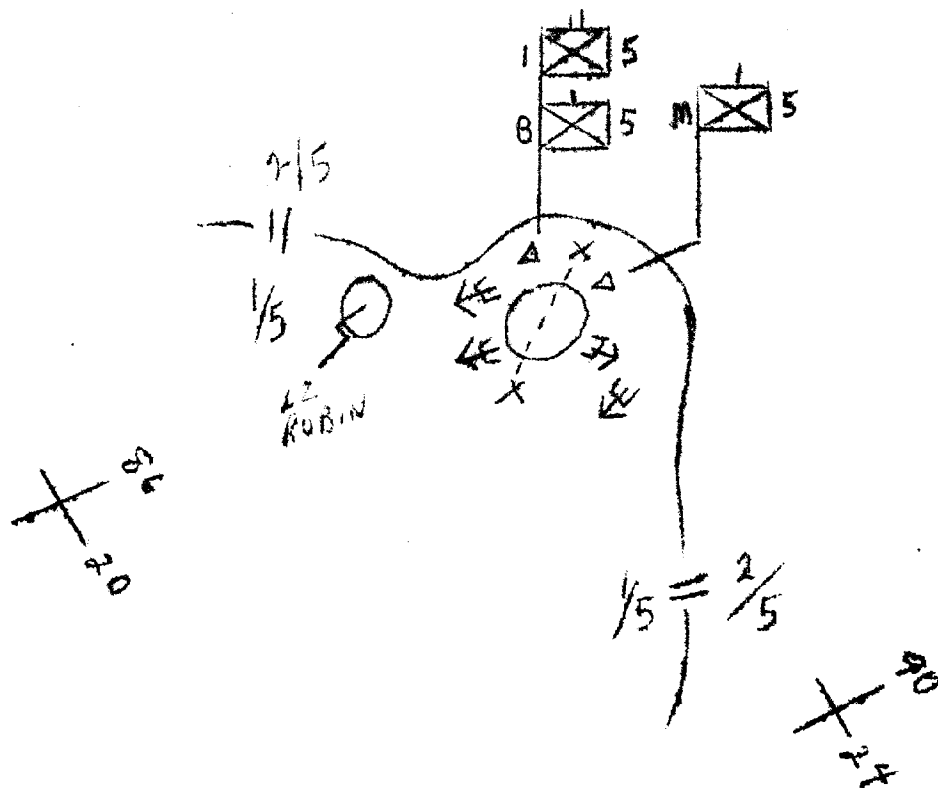


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(b) 5th Marines OPD 5-68 BAXTER GARDEN

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. No change.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. The Battalion attacks to the NW on a one company front with one company in reserve to seize a series of objectives. After seizing final objective, the Battalion will establish night defensive positions in the vicinity of LZ Robin.

b. Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Commencing at 240015H, attack in zone to seize objective A.

(2) Upon seizure of objective A revert to battalion reserve.

(3) Be prepared to move through Company M on order and seize objective D, with tanks, Ontos and AmTracks in direct support.

(4) Establish defensive positions and conduct night operations in the vicinity of LZ Robin.

c. Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Initially in battalion reserve.

(2) On order pass through Company B to attack in zone to seize objectives B and C with tanks, Ontos and LVT's in direct support.

(3) Upon seizure of objective C revert to battalion reserve.

(4) Establish positions and conduct night operations in the vicinity of LZ Robin.

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d. H&S Company (Forward Command Group).

(1) General Support.

(2) Located behind Company B initially.

e. Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. No change.f. Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. No change.g. Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Continue mission within AO.

(2) As of 241515H relieved of responsibility for providing blocking force in northern portion of AO.

h. Coordinating Instructions. No change.4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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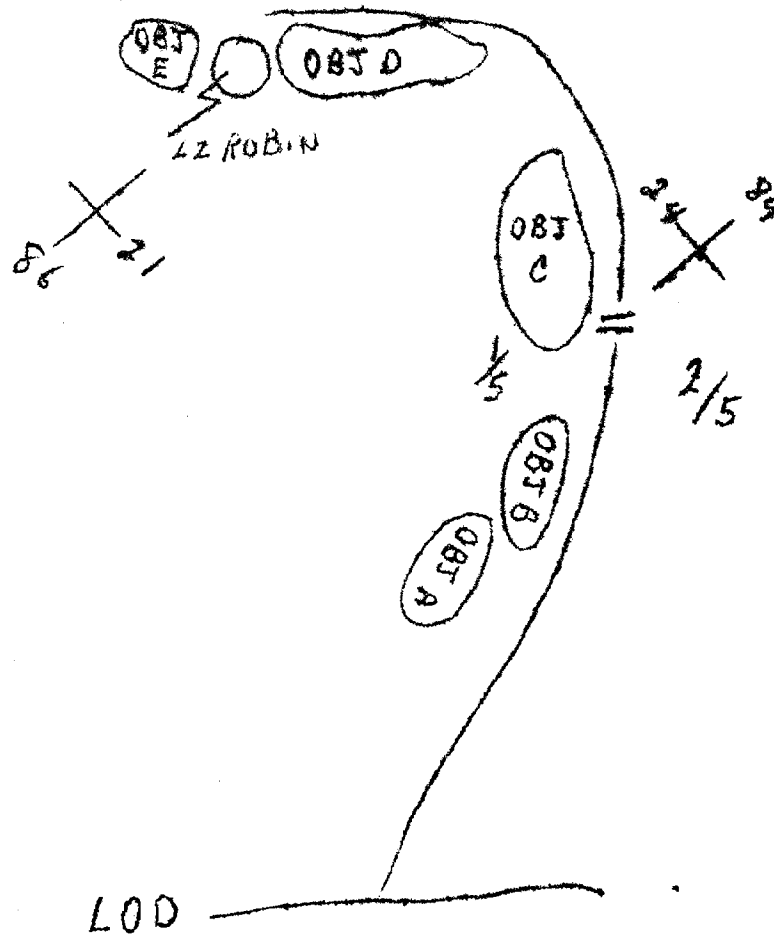
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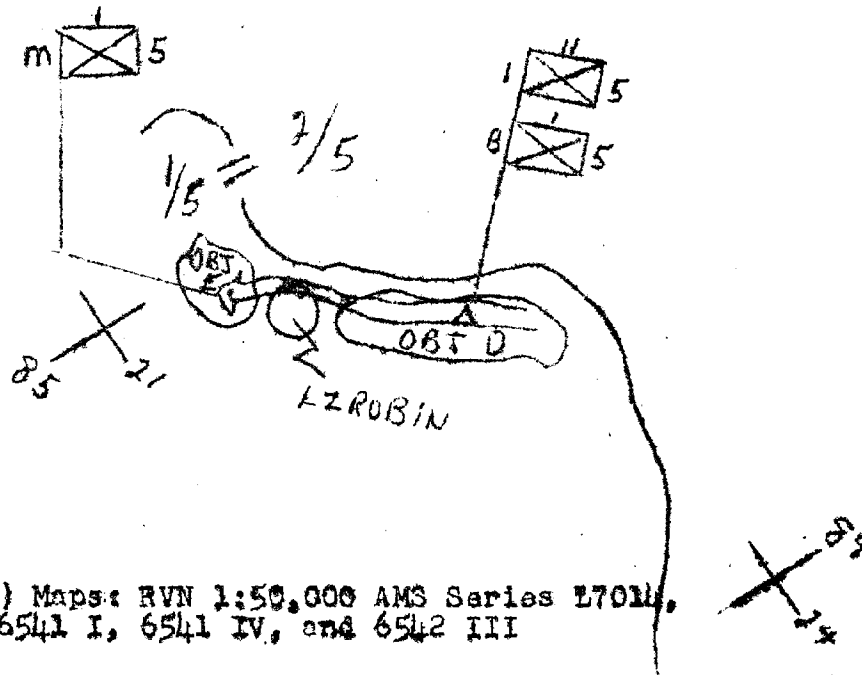
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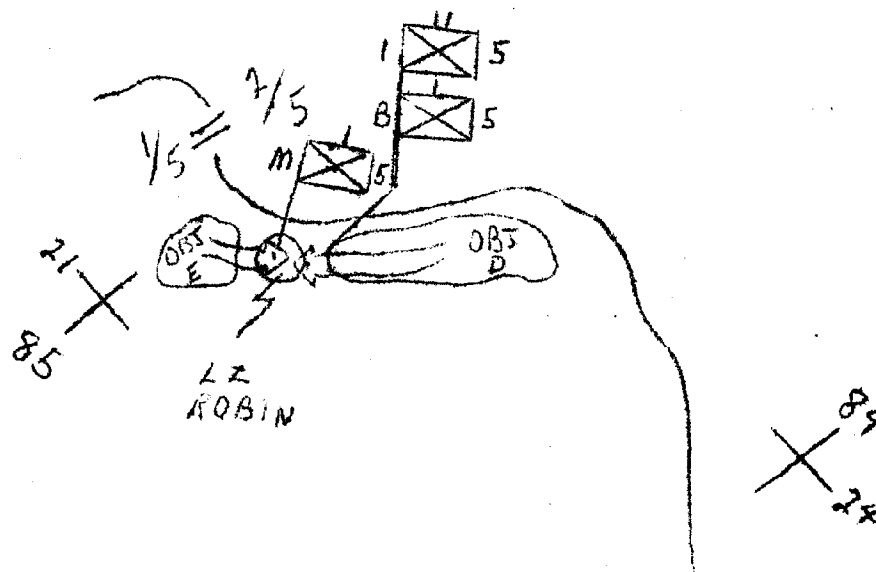
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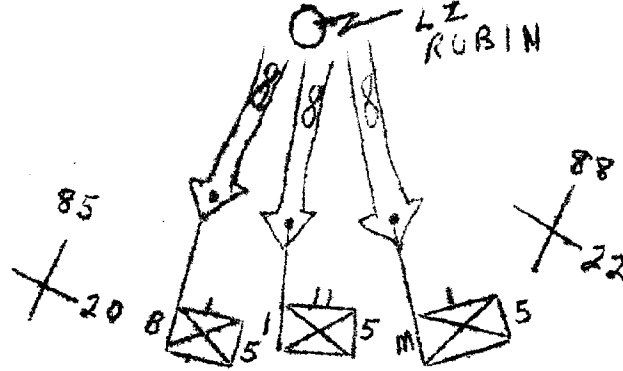
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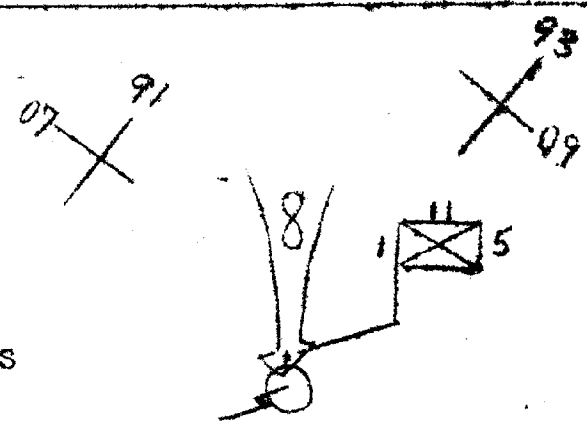
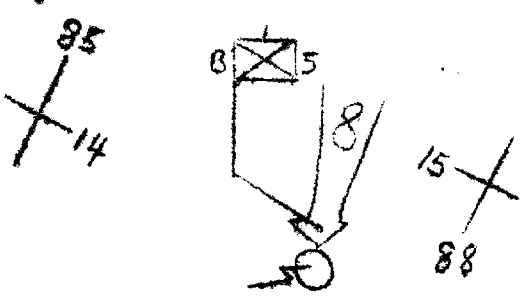
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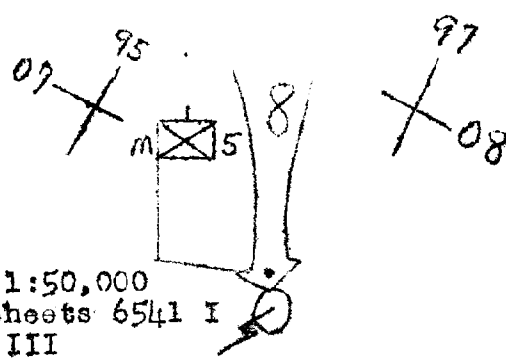
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Phu Bai, RVN
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(b) 5th Marines OPO 5-68 BAXTER GARDEN

Time Zone: E

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. No change.

3. EXECUTION.

A. Concept. Attack and seize Objective E.

b. Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) Conduct daytime activities around Objective D.

(2) Be prepared on order to assume the mission of Company B.

c. Company H, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) On order pass through Company B to attack Objective E with tanks, Ontos and LVT's in direct support.

(2) Provide security for tanks, Ontos and LVT's in move to location of Company H, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines for release of direct support to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

d. H&S Company (Forward Command Group).

(1) Remain in general support of Objective D.

e. Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. No change.

f. Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. No change.

g. Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. No change.

h. Coordinating Instructions. No change.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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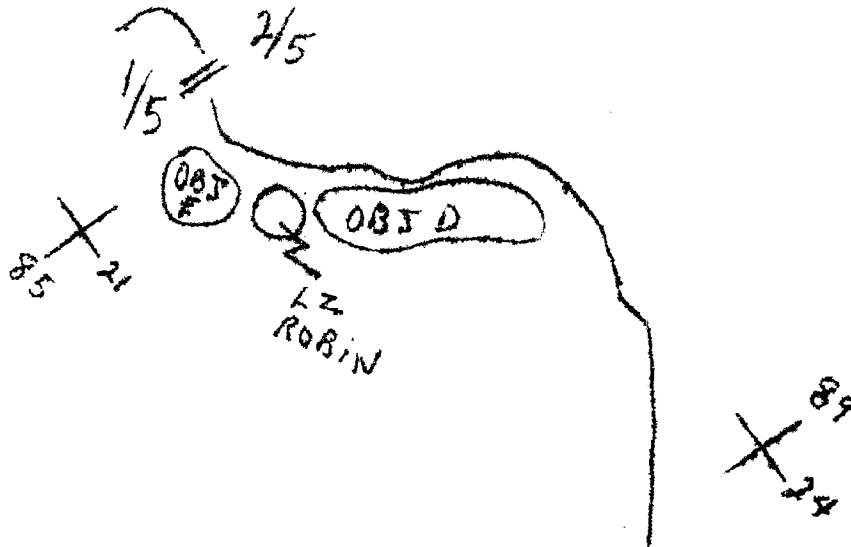
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