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LZ SAN JUAN (BS635382) RVN  
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OPORD 2-71 (Operation Warrior I (U))

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; Series L7014: Sheets 6738I, 6738II, 6738III and 6738IV.

(C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

|           |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|
| A 4-3 Inf | Bn Control           |
| B 4-3 Inf | Recon                |
| C 4-3 Inf | 4.2 Mortars          |
| D 4-3 Inf | B 6-11 Arty (DS)     |
|           | Sec D 6-11 Arty (DS) |

1. (C) SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces: Annex A, Intelligence.
- b. Friendly Forces: Annex B, Operations Overlay.

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf conducts small unit search, clearing and interdicting operations and combined operations within assigned AO in order to disrupt pre-Tet plans, operations and conferences.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Maneuver:

(a) Phase I. 4-3 Inf following the CA of 1 company of 70th Ranger Battalion, Gia Vuc conducts operations with Co B conducting a combat assault to multiple LZ's vic BS499475, BS509458 and BS481475; conduct squad-size search and ambush patrols in assigned AO thereafter. The Battalion Command Group, Recon platoon and one section of 4.2 Mortars follow the insertion of Co B LZ vic BS488480. Upon completion of the move of the Command Group, Co C will extract to SJH for re-training.

(b) Phase II. On 19 Jan 4th Recon Company, 4th ARVN Regiment will CA from Quang Ngai to LZ vic BS4647. This will be followed by a CA by one company from the 68th Rangers at Minh Long to LZ vic BS4148. Immediately following will be one company from the 69th Rangers at Ba To to LZ vic BS4338.

(2) Fires:

- (a) Arty will fire a 5 minute prep on each LZ beginning at H-05 minutes.
- (b) Priority of fires to unit involved in air movement.

b. Co A: Continue current operations in assigned AO.

c. Co B:

(1) Conduct CA from SJH to multiple LZ's effective 181000 Jan; thereafter conduct combined operations with the Ranger Battalions (ARVN) from Minh Long, Ba To, Gia Vuc and 4th Recon, 4th Regiment. ARVN to be inserted on 19 Jan 71.

(2) Conduct squad-size search and ambush patrols in sector.

(3) Be prepared to assist the ARVN Battalions in their AO.

d. Co C:

(1) Conduct extraction immediately following the insertion of Co B and Battalion Command Group.

(2) Upon arrival at SJH conduct retraining as directed.

(3) Be prepared to reinforce elements of Co B on a one (1) hour notice.

e. Co D: Continue current operations in assigned AO.

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## f. Recon platoon:

- (1) Provide CP security for the Battalion Command Group.
- (2) Conduct team-size patrols as directed.
- (3) Steel helmets will be worn.

## g. Heavy Mortar platoon:

- (1) Deploy (1) section of 4.2 Mortar with Battalion forward CP.
- (2) Air movement assets 3 slicks for personnel and 3 Chinook external loads for mortar and ammo.

## h. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Submit airlift requirements to TOC 24 hours prior to scheduled movement.
- (2) A minimum of 3 mechanical ambushes consisting of at least 2 claymores each will be emplaced per squad.
- (3) Report locations hourly or every 1000 meters whichever occurs first.
- (4) Loud speakers will not be used on PRC 77/25 radios.
- (5) Steel helmets will be worn.
- (6) Unit CO will review CA procedures prior to air movement.
- (7) ARVN SITREP and location reports will be submitted at 0700, 1200 and 1800 hours daily.

## 4. (C) SUPPLY AND SERVICES:

### a. Supply:

- (1) Deploy with a 3 day supply of all materials needed.
- (2) 3 day resupply cycle. Rations, water and emergency items only. Submit requirements NLT 1600 hours on day prior to receipt.
- (3) 1 meal per man will be carried as an emergency ration.

b. Services: Unit CO will insure adequate quantity of malaria pills and salt tablets are carried and used during the operation.

## 5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

### a. Command: LZ San Juan Hill.

### b. Signal:

- (1) CA frequency: Secure plain.
- (2) Sufficient hand flares will be carried by each patrol to provide emergency ground-to-air location marking during hours of darkness.

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ANNEX A, INTELLIGENCE

ANNEX B, OPERATIONS OVERLAY

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Annex A to OPORD 2-71 (Operation Warrior I (U))

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; Ba To Sheet.

I. INTELLIGENCE REPORT (10 October 1970 to 17 January 1971)

1. In the vicinity of BS4945 there is a suspected enemy convalescent and recreation area.

2. There is a suspected resting area, vic BS5244, on the transportation route from BS6653 to BS3738. It is suspected that supplies are moved along this route by bicycle.

3. A visual reconnaissance aircraft reported 2 huts and 4 bunkers at BS482435 on 10 Oct 70.

4. A rest station is reported at BS470445 along the VC communications route which runs from BS3647 to BS6150.

5. A visual reconnaissance (VR) aircraft reported 6 huts and numerous bunkers at BS485452 on 6 Nov 70.

6. A VR aircraft reported 2 huts and numerous bunkers at BS480430 on 6 Nov 70.

7. A VR aircraft reported 4 huts at BS480428 on 6 Nov 70.

8. A VR aircraft reported 10 huts and numerous bunkers at BS485457 on 6 Nov 70.

9. A VR aircraft reported 10 huts at BS492452 on 15 Nov 70.

10. On 27 Oct 70, defensive positions and rest areas of the 108th Sapper Company, subordinate to the Q-20 Montagnard Battalion, were reported at BS518425. According to an agent report, rated D-4, an unidentified sapper company of the Q-20 Montagnard Battalion was deployed at this same location on 3 Jan 71. The mission of the company was to move to Nghia Hanh (D) and conduct operations NFI.

11. On 241530 Dec 70, at BS516425, a 21st Aviation Aerial Observer spotted 7 VC evading to the west. In this same area were 7 huts and numerous tunnel entrances.

12. On 081350 Jan 71, at BS529437, C 4-3 threw a hand grenade into a tunnel which they suspected to be an enemy position. The results were 3 VC KIA and 3 lb of rice CIA.

13. On 201315 Dec 70, at BS533455, 70th Rangers (ARVN) burned 8 huts and captured 1 AK-47 magazine, 1 pig and 1 lb of documents.

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47

14 JAN 1200  
15 JAN 1250  
13 JAN 800  
10 JAN 750

15 JAN  
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14 JAN  
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29 NOV  
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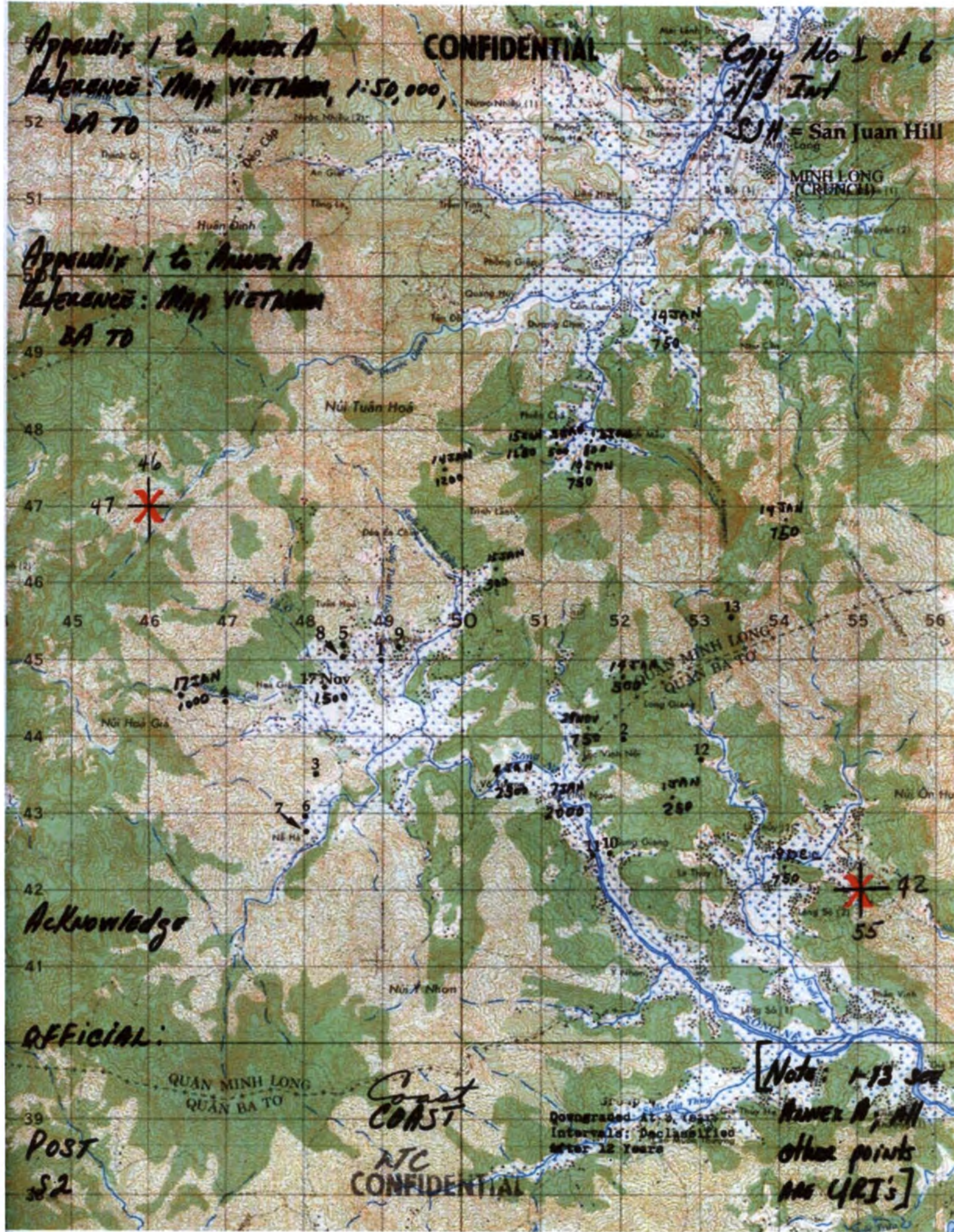
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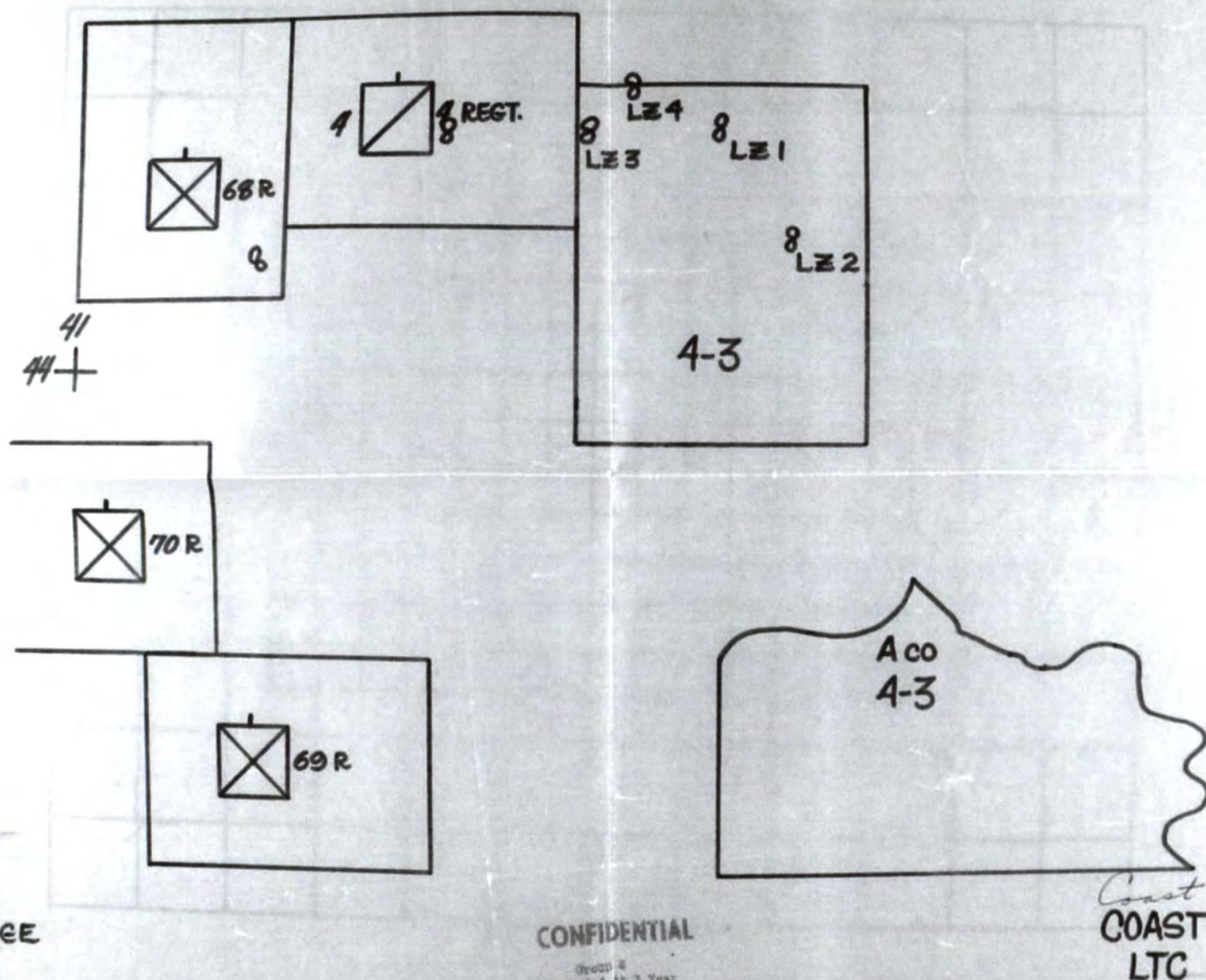
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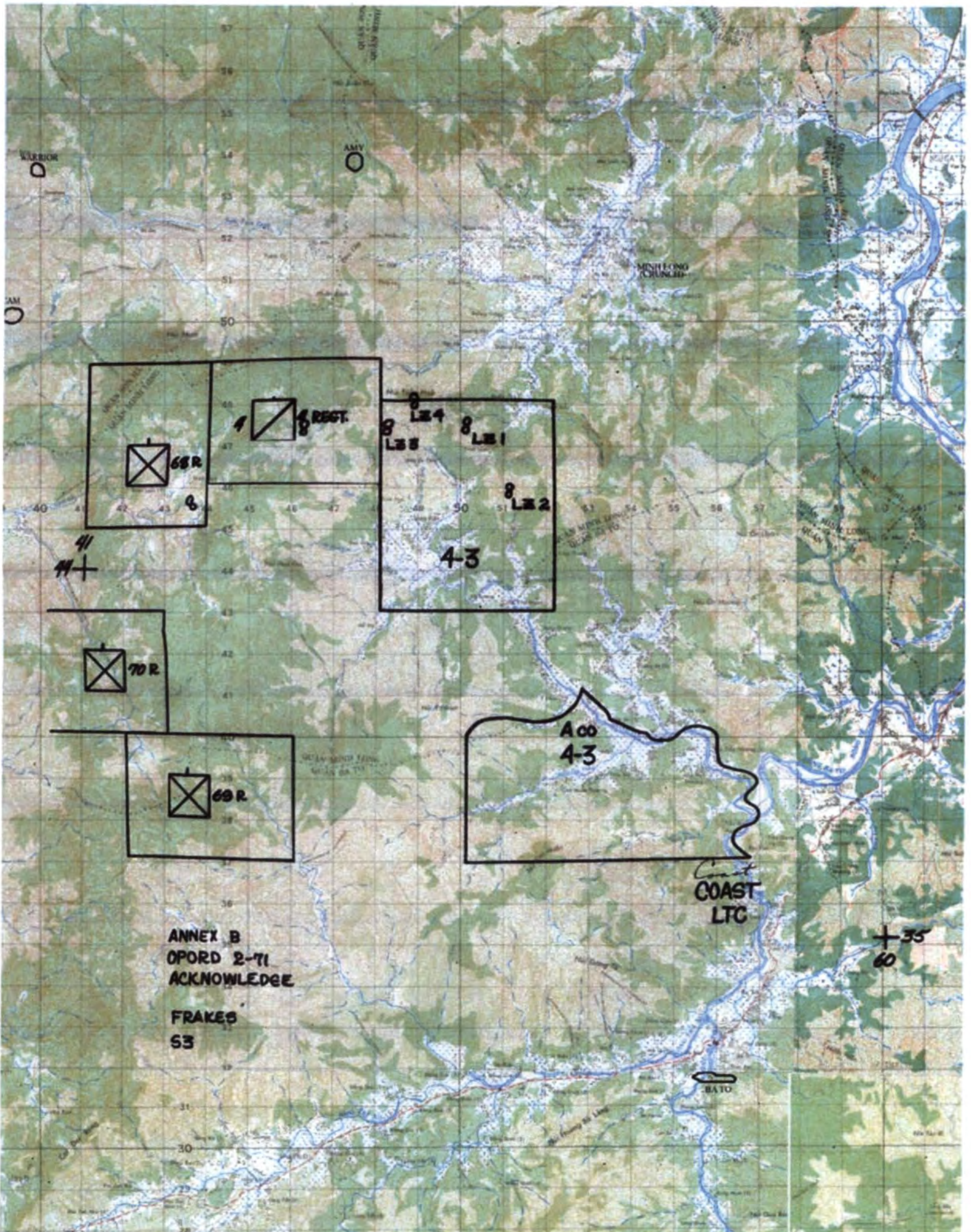
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WARRIOR

AMY

MONTEFONO

68 R

REGT.

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