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Hq, 1st Bn, 52d Inf
LZ Cacti (BT060470), RVN
280001H May 1968

OPLAN 4-68

References: Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheets 6640I & 6640 II; OPLAN 4-68, Hq, 196th Inf Bde (Lt) dtd 18 May 68.

1. (C) Situation:

a. Enemy Forces: ANNEX A (Intelligence).

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 1st Bn 52d Inf continues tactical operations in assigned AO.

(2) Thang Binh Sub-Sector defends Thang Binh City with the following forces:

(a) 1 RF Co.

(b) 5 PF Plts

(c) Local militia (916 personnel, 300 armed)

(d) Additional RVN forces can defend Thang Binh proper until aid arrives.

c. Assumptions:

(1) That local RVN forces can defend Thang Binh proper until aid arrives.

(2) The most probable direction of attack is from the west and south-west. The second most likely direction is from the east.

(3) That US Forces will be committed to block enemy withdrawal routes and to assist in the defense of Thang Binh on request of RVN authorities

2. (C) MISSION: The 1st Bn 52nd Inf will provide reaction forces and supporting fires to assist in the defense of Thang Binh Sub-Sector Headquarters and the surrounding community in the event of ground attack against that city.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: (Annex B Operation Overlay) Thang Binh Sub-Sector continues to provide security for the Sub-Sector Headquarters and the built up area of the city proper with forces locally available. The 1st Bn 52nd Inf prepares to provide a reaction force consisting initially of one infantry company equivalent for deployment in areas ALPHA, BRAVO, CHARLIE, or DELTA, in that order of priority. 3-82 Arty provides DS Arty from present battery positions.

b. Designated infantry company equivalent: Be prepared to move on order to a designated area outside of Thang Binh and establish blocking positions.

c. Coordinating Instructions: This headquarters will make all necessary coordinations, to include artillery, with Thang Binh Sub-Sector upon notification of probable commitment of the reaction force.

4. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: OPORD 1-68

5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL

a. Signal: Current SOI and SSI in effect

b. Command:

(1) Bn CP remains at LZ CACTI

(2) US forces only will be OPCON US commander.

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ANNEXES:

A - Intelligence: TBI
B - Operations Overlay

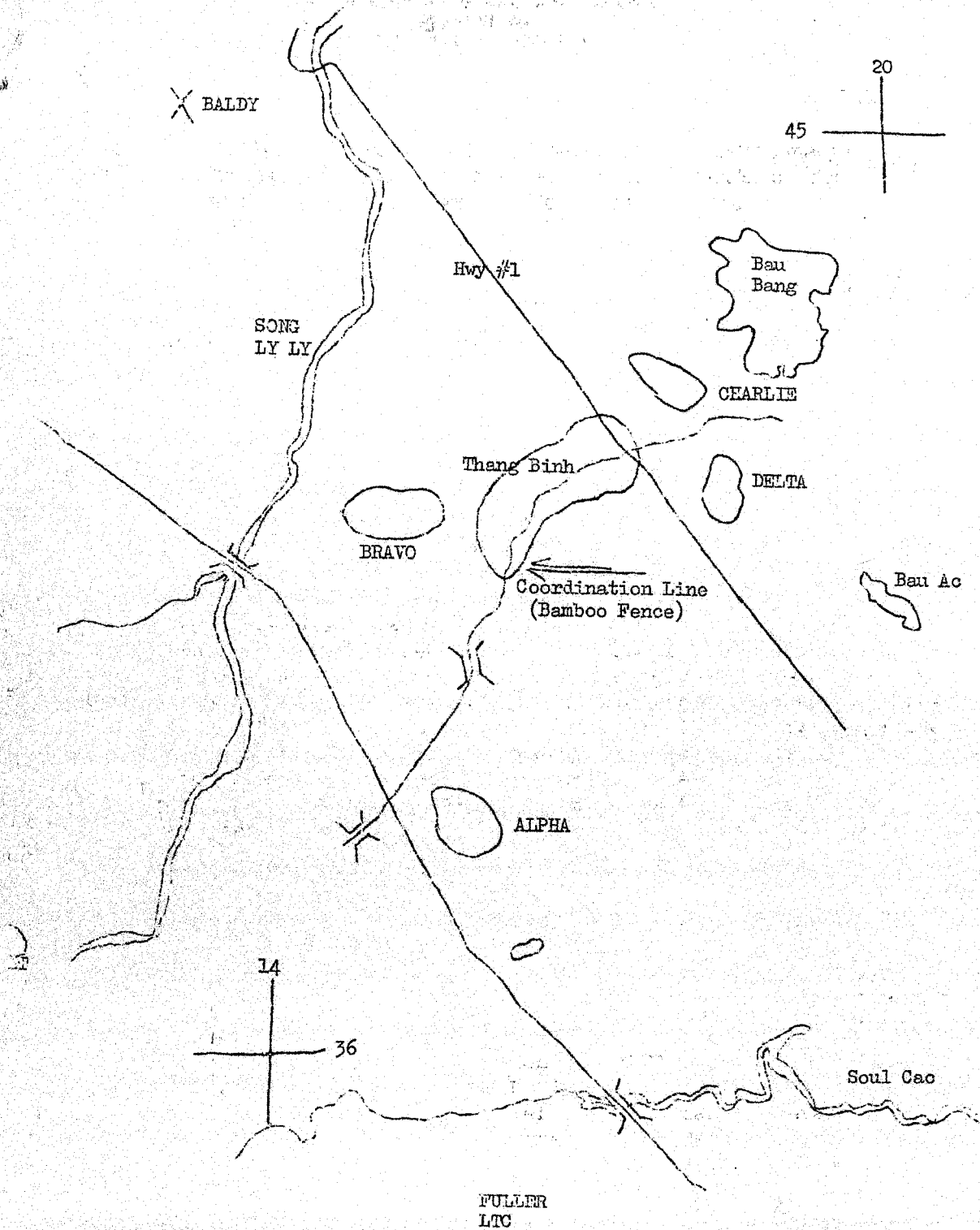
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