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LESSONS LEARNED

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SECTION 1 (C) OPERATIONS: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

1. (C) General.

a. On 1 February 1969, the beginning of this reporting period, the 4th Infantry Division initiated Operation DAN QUYEN - HINES.

b. Organizational Structure. Task organization, Operation HINES, 1 February - 30 April 1969, is set forth at Inclosure 1.

c. Key personnel. Commanders and major staff as of the end of the reporting period are listed at Inclosure 2.

d. Mission.

(1) During the first two and a half months of Operation HINES, the Division's general mission remained essentially the same as in the later stages of Operation MACARTHUR: conduct sustained, coordinated, and combined offensive operations to destroy enemy main and local force units, destroy or neutralize enemy base areas, interdict high-speed infiltration routes, assist in the protection of urban areas, and support pacification efforts and civil programs of the Government of VIETNAM.

(2) In mid-April, after thwarting the North VIETNAMESE Winter-Spring offensive in the Highlands, the 4th Infantry Division intensified its operations in support of the Government of VIETNAM's Pacification and Development Plan of 1969. Divisional units supported operations of provinces and districts by clearing and protecting areas designated for pacification. They intensified their operations against VIET CONG Infrastructure (VCI), sapper units, and local force units. They assisted in the improvement of VIETNAMESE units, particularly the Regional Forces and Popular Forces (RF/PF). While concentrating its efforts on pacification, the Division remained prepared to resume operations against Main Force elements should a new threat emerge.

e. Concept of Operation.

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PLEIKU City, KONTUM City, and US fire support bases. The 24th NVA Regiment, despite its defeat in the CHU PA Mountain complex in early February, attempted to interdict Highway 14 North and harass the PLEI MRONG area. The 66th NVA Regiment infiltrated elements of two battalions to the vicinity of PLEI KLENG but withdrew after a series of small contacts. Although the enemy failed to take and hold any population center, local units in KONTUM and PLEIKU Provinces achieved some success in limited attacks against undefended villages. Pressed by the 4th Infantry Division's vertical envelopment operations, the enemy began to withdraw, covering his movement with harassing attacks. In late March and early April the bulk of the enemy forces successfully exfiltrated to base areas along the CAMBODIAN Border.

Large enemy forces continue to operate in the Tri-Border area, threatening BEN HET. There, on the night of 3-4 March, the enemy launched the first armor attack in the Central Highlands. Recent intelligence indicates the presence of a new NVA regiment, the 28th, in the Tri-Border area. On 3 February, a PW captured in I Corps revealed that he was a member of the 19th Medical Company, 28th NVA Regiment, and that the regiment was to continue to B-3 Front. On 30 March, the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry captured documents identifying the 28, a possible designator for the 28th Regiment. On 25 April, the 1st of the 12th captured additional documents identifying a regiment-sized unit. The participation of a battalion of infantry in the tank attack on BEN HET indicates the presence of additional units in the area.

After five months of relatively light activity in DARLAC Province, Camp Strike Force (CSF) and 4th Infantry Division elements operating southeast of TIEM ATAR (ZV021622) captured prisoners and documents identifying battalion-sized infiltration groups moving through northern DARLAC toward PHU YEN and KHANH HOA Provinces. In spite of extensive reconnaissance, allied elements have not yet located the enemy's main body.

(1) KONTUM: The BEN HET Special Forces Camp (YB872256) was the target of intense attacks by fire during February. Elements of the 40th NVA Artillery Regiment employed 85mm guns and possibly 105mm howitzers as well as 122mm rockets, mortars, and recoilless rifles. An estimated eight to ten Soviet PT-76 light amphibious tanks participated in the attack on the night of 3-4 March. For unknown reasons, the attack, which included a battalion of infantry, dissipated before enemy and friendly forces could become decisively engaged. Of the two enemy tanks knocked out, one was evacuated by US forces for extraction of technical intelligence. After 4 March, attacks on BEN HET dissipated to minor harassing fire.

In the PLEI TRAP Valley, the K25A and K25B Engineer Battalions constructed roads, fortifications, and weapons positions. Logistical elements, using the road system, attempted to establish a supply base in

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Elsewhere in KONTUM Province, enemy forces avoided military installations but launched attacks, up to battalion-sized, against lightly defended villages along Highway 14 southeast of DAK TO. Hardest hit was KON HORING (ZB125160), attacked by the 304th Local Force Battalion on 23 and 25 February. In spite of reinforcement by the 1st Battalion, 42d ARVN Regiment and support from gunships and tactical air, the village suffered 52 civilians killed, 36 civilians wounded, five civilians missing, and 132 houses destroyed. KON HONONG (ZB148149), DIEN BINH (ZB0918), and TANH CANH (ZB0622) were also attacked during February and March. Mining and ambushes along Highway 14 ten to fifteen kilometers north-northwest of KONTUM City were probably the work of the 304th Local Force Battalion; the 5th Battalion, 24th Regiment; and possibly the K25B Engineer Battalion.

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across northern PLEIKU Province into positions east and west of Highway 14. The 5th Battalion infiltrated northward into KONTUM Province.

On 24 February, the 24th Regiment sprang two abortive ambushes on Highway 14 between PLEIKU and KONTUM. Elements of the 3d ARVN Cavalry dispersed the ambushers, killing 63. The 24th Regiment remained in the vicinity of CHU PRONG Mountain (AR7764), attempting to interdict Highway 14. The 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry, sent into the CHU PRONG to destroy the 24th, met a well-disciplined, aggressive enemy who initiated numerous sharp fire fights at close range, employing small arms, RPG-2, and RPG-7 rocket launchers. After heavy fire fights on 6 and 7 March, the enemy's aggressiveness waned. The 2d of the 35th's persistent combing of the CHU PRONG revealed extensive cave complexes, containing a probable regimental CP and hospital and a chamber large enough to accommodate a battalion. In late March or early April, the 24th Regiment, decimated and deprived of its supplies, apparently exfiltrated back to the southern PLEI TRAP.

VIET CONG local forces in the area west of PLEIKU City between Highway 509 and 19 West were ineffectual, limiting their activity to harassing small arms and RPG-2 fire. The 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry, screening the border west of PLEIKU, hampered the local VIET CONG's operations by capturing 43 tons of rice.

Elements of the K31 Artillery Battalion harassed allied installations in the PLEIKU City-Camp Enari area with mortar and rocket attacks. Except for a concentrated effort on 23 February, the attacks were light and sporadic. The enemy's only employment of tube artillery in PLEIKU Province was in the DUC CO area, where 85 and 105mm CHICOM artillery fired a total of 79 rounds at LZ VERA (YA834178) and the Special Forces Camp (YA840247). It appears that this was a diversionary effort precipitated for the purpose of drawing friendly forces out of the POLEI KLENG area.

(3) BINH DINH (April 15-30): During the first two weeks of the 4th Infantry Division's operations in BINH DINH Province, enemy activity was light. Elements of the 4th Battalion, 95B Regiment conducted harassing attacks along Highway 19 between the MANG YANG Pass (BR2252) and AN KHE. The 5th Battalion, 95B Regiment probably located in the vicinity of the DAK PAYOU Valley, performed supply missions for the regiment. The 18th NVA Regiment operated out of Base Area 226 (BR7463) to interdict Highway 19 and the POL pipeline east of AN KHE.

(4) DARLAC (February 1-24, April 19-30): In February, while the 4th Infantry Division continued operations in DARLAC, enemy activity was light. Enemy elements located in the region were battalion-sized or smaller. They confined their activity to small skirmishes and standoff attacks. The K-34 Artillery Battalion, with security provided by the K-39 Infantry Battalion, launched several mortar and rocket attacks against BAN M: THUOT. The 401st Local Force Battalion apparently operated in the vicinity of

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b. Estimated Enemy Composition, Strength, and Disposition as of 30 April 1969:

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Elom 316th Trans Gp	500	Kontum and Pleiku Provinces
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30th Bn	300	Tri-Border Area
32d Bn	300	Unloc west of Polei Kleng
33d Bn	300	Tri-Border Area
41st Bn	300	Tri-Border, Plei Trap Areas
42d Bn	300	Unlocated
74th Bn	300	Tri-Border Area
K-31 Arty Bn	300	North and NW of Pleiku City
28th NVA Regt	1,600	Tri-Border Area
66th NVA Regt	1,200	Northern Plei Trap
24th NVA Regt	1,200	SW of Kontum
95B NVA Regt	800	Base Area 202 (VC Valley)
966th NVA Inf Bn	300	NW of Pleiku
K-16 Armor Bn	200	Unloc in Tri-Border Area
K-20 Sapper Bn	250	North of Tanh Canh
K-37 Sapper Bn	250	SW of Kontum
408th Sapper Bn	250	NE of Pleiku
K-28 Recon/Sapper Bn	250	West of Polei Kleng
K-25A Engr Bn	250	Tri-Border Area
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306th LF Bn	250	SW of Mang Buk
H-15 LF Bn	250	NE of Pleiku
X-45 LF Bn	250	West of Pleiku
Hqs & Spt Units 18th NVA Regt	500	Vicinity BR 7363
7th Bn, 18th NVA Regt	450	Vicinity BR 6672
8th Bn, 18th NVA Regt	450	Vicinity BR 5950
9th Bn, 18th NVA Regt	300	Vicinity BR 6936
Local Guerrillas	2,500	
Infrastructure	<u>6,000</u>	
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c. Enemy Battle Losses (1 Feb - 30 Apr)

(1) Personnel:	KIA (BC)	1,434
	NVA CIA	13
	VC/VMC CIA	<u>25</u>
	TOTAL	1,472
(2) Weapons:	S/A	234
	C/S	<u>65</u>
	TOTAL	299
(3) Ammunition:	S/A rds	368,881
	C/S rds	1,712
	Grenades	690
	Mines	261
(4) Miscellaneous Captured Items:	Explosives	762 lbs
	Documents	1,158 inches
	Rice	303.6 tons
	Salt	1,103 lbs
	(5) Enemy Facilities Destroyed:	
	Structures	614
	Fortifications	2,391

d. Enemy Capabilities, Vulnerabilities, and Probable Courses of Action:

(1) Enemy Capabilities:

(a) Elements of the 40th Artillery Regiment can still conduct attacks by fire in the DAK TO-BEN HET and DAK SEANG areas utilizing 85mm and 105mm howitzers, 122mm rockets, mortars, and recoilless rifles.

(b) The 66th and 28th NVA Regiments can conduct attacks in up to multi-battalion size against BEN HET, DAK TO, PLEI KLING, and KONTUM City.

(c) The K-25A and K-25B Engineer Battalions are capable of extending the road systems in the PLEI TRAP area. They are also capable of building fortifications and artillery positions, while at the same time committing company-sized elements to attack lines of communication.

(d) The enemy can mount battalion-sized armor attacks against BEN HET Special Forces Camp and possibly conduct convoy security in the PLEI TRAP road system, once the K-25A and K-25B Engineer Battalions complete the roads in the PLEI TRAP.

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- (e) The K-28 Sapper Recon Battalion can make company to platoon-sized reconnaissance of allied installations and conduct sapper attacks against these installations.
- (f) The 20th Sapper Battalion has the capability to attack allied installations and conduct in-depth reconnaissance of the same installations.
- (g) The 304th Local Force Battalion can conduct mining and small scale ambushes along Highway 14 North of KONTUM City. This unit can also conduct company to battalion-sized attacks against villages and hamlets along Highway 14. The 306th Local Force Battalion is capable of conducting company to battalion-sized attacks against the villages and hamlets in the MANG BUK Special Forces area (AS9842).
- (h) The 24th NV. Regiment is capable of conducting multi-battalion attacks against allied installations in western PLEIKU Province.
- (i) The K-31 Artillery Battalion, employing 122mm rockets and 82mm mortars, can conduct attacks by fire against allied installations in the PLEIKU-Camp Anari area. All or part of the 966th NV. Infantry Battalion, elements of the 24th NVA Regiment, and the K-37 Sapper Battalion can follow up attacks by fire with ground attacks.
- (j) The 408th Sapper Battalion can conduct sapper operations in up to company strength against allied installations in the KONTUM City area.
- (k) Local Forces can conduct attacks against lightly defended villages and hamlets anywhere in the 4th Division's area of operations. They can also interdict lines of communication utilizing mines, B-40 rockets, small arms, and automatic weapons.
- (l) The K-34 Artillery Battalion can perpetrate standoff attacks against installations at BAN ME THUOT employing 75mm Recoilless Rifles, 60mm and 82mm mortars, and 122mm rockets while the K-39 Battalion provides security.
- (m) The 95B Regiment has the capability to conduct attacks in up to battalion strength against fire support bases, isolated camps, and populated areas; interdict LOC's by ambush and mining, attack bridges, interdict the pipeline along Highway 19, and disrupt the pacification program by terrorism and attacks on lightly defended and undefended hamlets.

(2) Enemy Vulnerabilities:

- (a) Enemy units are vulnerable to artillery and air strikes when in bivouac or when massing for an attack.

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c. Enemy Battle Losses (1 Feb - 30 Apr)

(1) Personnel:	KIA (BC)	1,434
	NVA CIA	13
	VC/VMC CIA	<u>25</u>
	TOTAL	1,472
(2) Weapons:	S/A	234
	C/S	<u>65</u>
	TOTAL	299
(3) Ammunition:	S/A rds	368,881
	C/S rds	1,712
	Grenades	690
	Mines	261
(4) Miscellaneous Captured Items:	Explosives	762 lbs
	Documents	1,158 inches
	Rice	303.6 tons
	Salt	1,103 lbs
	(5) Enemy Facilities Destroyed:	
	Structures	614
	Fortifications	2,391

d. Enemy Capabilities, Vulnerabilities, and Probable Courses of Action:

(1) Enemy Capabilities:

(a) Elements of the 40th Artillery Regiment can still conduct attacks by fire in the DAK TO-BEN HET and DAK SWANG areas utilizing 85mm and 105mm howitzers, 122mm rockets, mortars, and recoilless rifles.

(b) The 66th and 28th NVA Regiments can conduct attacks in up to multi-battalion size against BEN HET, DAK TO, PLEI KLENG, and KONTUM City.

(c) The K-25A and K-25B Engineer Battalions are capable of extending the road systems in the PLEI TRAP area. They are also capable of buiding fortifications and artillery positions, while at the same time committing company-sized elements to attack lines of communication.

(d) The enemy can mount battalion-sized armor attacks against BEN HET Special Forces Camp and possibly conduct convoy security in the PLEI TRAP road system, once the K-25A and K-25B Engineer Battalions complete the roads in the PLEI TRAP.

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(b) Enemy lines of communications are sufficiently extended to make them vulnerable to interdiction by LRP teams or small conventional units.

(c) Enemy supplies stored in established base areas are vulnerable to battalion-sized search and clear operations.

(d) Enemy movement is vulnerable to detection by airborne detector devices.

(e) Because of shortage of food and medicine, sickness, heavy losses, and repeated failure to accomplish his mission, the enemy is vulnerable to psychological operations.

(3) Probable Courses of Action:

(a) Conduct attacks by fire on BEN HET, POLEI KLENG, PLEI MRONG, and DUC CO Special Forces Camps.

(b) Conduct combined armor and infantry attacks against BEN H.T Special Forces Camp with up to two regiments, supported by all available artillery, rockets, mortars, and recoilless rifle fire.

(c) Continue to harass Highway 14 by mining and sniper attacks.

(d) Conduct company to battalion-sized attacks against villages and hamlets in an effort to disrupt the pacification program.

(e) Increase infiltration of troops into the POLEI KLENG and BEN HET areas.

(f) Increase terrorism, assassinations, and small scale attacks by sapper and infantry units in the TANH CANH and KONTUM City areas.

(g) Conduct limited squad, platoon, and company-sized ground attacks against bridge security elements, pump stations, and convoys along Highway 14 and 19 in conjunction with attacks by fire on fire support bases. The area of most activity will most likely be on Highway 14 between KONTUM and PLEIKU, and on Highway 19 between the MANG YANG Pass and LZ SCHUELLER (BR367457).

(h) Conduct attacks by fire against allied installations, including airfields in the PLEIKU vicinity.

(i) Intensify activity in the DUC CO, PLEI DJERENG, PLEI MRONG, and POLEI KLENG areas in support of increased activity in the BEN HET, DAK TO, and TANH CANH areas.

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(1) In the latter part of January, the 4th Infantry Division was disposed as follows: (See Inclosure 6, Map 1)

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Occupying LZ's BUNKER HILL (YA995826), BRILLO PAD (YA962855), ALAMO (YA950880), and ROUND BOTTOM (YA937852), the 3d of the 12th made sightings and small contacts that indicated the enemy was attempting to slide northward around the battalion's blocking positions. On 7 February (See inclosure 6, Map 5), the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, released by the 1st Brigade, moved by truck to POLET KLENG and then combat assaulted to occupy the high ground in an arc north and west of LZ MILE HIGH (YA936930) to again block the enemy force. The 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry combat assaulted south from DAK TO to protect the 2d Brigade's northern flank from infiltration.

(3) After 7 February, when the last ARVN battalions withdrew to protect the cities during the approaching TET holidays, the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry and 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry continued their operations in the CHU PA region. They proceeded deliberately through the mountain area, working downward from the heights and relying on artillery and air support to soften the enemy positions. The 1st Brigade, with its one remaining battalion, terminated operations in eastern PLAIKU Province and joined forces confronting the threat in KONTUM Province.

(4) With the enemy effectively blocked, the Division elected to realign its forces, thereby creating a more responsive reserve. On 16 and 17 February, the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry and the 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry, after terminating their operations in the CHU PA region, moved to the 2d Brigade's area of operation (See inclosure 6, Map 6). While the 1st of the 12th occupied the east bank of the YA KRONG BOLAH to prevent infiltration toward KONTUM City, the 1st of the 14th relieved the 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry in place. The 3d of the 12th combat assaulted to the high ground west of PLAI MRONG, thus extending the Division's defensive screen southward across the YA KRONG BOLAH. Then, on 23 February (See inclosure 6, Map 7), the 1st of the 12th and 1st of the 8th exchanged positions and returned to the operational control of their parent brigades. The realignment proved to have been effective when, on 23 February, the NVA Spring Offensive began, since it freed the entire 1st Brigade to once again become the Division's reserve, alert for commitment anywhere in the area of operations. The Division was now aligned with the 2d Brigade, controlling three battalions, west of the YA KRONG BOLAH River (See inclosure 6, Map 8) blocking the enemy's advance and the 1st Brigade east of the YA KRONG BOLAH, protecting the approaches to KONTUM City and being prepared to combat assault to smash the enemy or cut him off from his sanctuaries.

(5) As part of their Spring Offensive, the NVA attempted to interdict Highway 14 North between PLAIKU and KONTUM Cities. On 24 February the 3d ARVN Cavalry smashed two attempted ambushes along the highway, killing 63 NVA and taking four prisoners. While these actions were in progress, a new threat developed in the BEN H T area with heavy

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(6) On 1 March, the 1st Brigade (See Inclosure 6, Map 10), composed of the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry; the 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry; and the 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry, combat assaulted west of the 66th NVA Regiment to effect a vertical envelopment and cut the enemy off from his lines of communication. Heavy fighting began as soon as the lift ships reached their LZs. The 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry drove an NVA platoon off LZ SWINGER (YA327465), killing 30 while losing only one man of their own. On 3 March, Company A, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry intruded into the base of an enemy battalion, suffering heavy casualties in the ensuing battle. ¹ From 4 through 8 March other companies of the 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry combed the area of contact, destroying remaining enemy forces. Confirmed enemy losses in the fighting with 3d of the 8th were 189 NVA killed.

(7) At BEN HET, the 1st Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 69th Armor confronted the first enemy tank attack in the Central Highlands. Of an estimated ten enemy tanks, two were destroyed. One US tank was damaged and two crew members were killed. The remainder of the 1st Battalion, 69th Armor², operating with the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry in an economy of force role in western and southern PLEIKU Province, was alerted for immediate deployment to KONTUM Province. Moving by night, one tank platoon reinforced the armor already at BEN HET. Company A and the Battalion command post reinforced ground elements at POLEI KLENG. There the tanks were centrally located to react to enemy attacks on population centers.

(8) When intelligence reports indicated that the 66th NVA Regiment was moving south toward the CHU PA, the 4th Infantry Division continued its efforts to envelop the enemy (See Inclosure 6, Map 11). On 14 March, the 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry combat assaulted from the vicinity of LZ SWINGER to establish a new fire base, LZ CIDAR (YA828798), 27 kilometers southwest of POLEI KLENG. The 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry, which had been

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deployed to BEN HET in anticipation of further attacks in that area, helilifted to blocking positions west of the PLEI MRONG CSF Camp.

(9) The enemy conducted harassing attacks to cover his withdrawal. While his already decimated artillery shelled BEN HET, SWINGAR, and CIDER, his infantry and sappers attacked US patrol bases. On the night of 28-29 March, two companies of the 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry repulsed a sapper attack on their ridge-top patrol base (YA8285), killing at least 33 of the attackers. The enemy continued harassing attacks into early April. The Division responded by requesting Arc Light strikes on suspected enemy headquarters and assembly areas. By mid-April, the 66th NVA Regiment was no longer a threat to KONTUM Province. Similarly, the 24th NVA Regiment ceased to be a threat to Highway 14 and northern PLEIKU Province.

(10) After the offensive of first-line enemy forces defeated, the 4th Infantry Division returned to large scale support of the Republic of VIETNAM's pacification program. The 1st Brigade airlifted out of the PLEI TRAM Valley and then travelled by convoy and C-130 aircraft to a new area of operations far to the east of the Division's usual sphere. Establishing its base at AN KHE, the former home of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), the 1st Brigade began operations in support of pacification in BINH DINH Province.

(11) At the close of the reporting period the Division was deployed over an unprecedentedly wide area of the Central Highlands (See Inclosure 6, Map 12).

(a) The 1st Brigade with the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry; 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry; 1st Battalion, 69th Armor; and 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry (-) continued pacification operations in coordination with province and district authorities in BINH DINH.

(b) The 2d Brigade continued its Operation PUTNAM PANTHER west and northwest of POLEI KLENG, with the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry on LZ MIL-HIGH (YA936930), and the 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry occupying patrol bases half way between POLEI KLENG and DAK TO. South of KONTUM City, the 2d Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry and 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry conducted pacification operations. The 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry departed the 2d Brigade's area for operations with the 3d Brigade against rice caches and infiltration routes of the 95B NVA Regiment in southern PLEIKU Province.

(c) Under 3d Brigade control, Operation GREENE QUEEN, with the 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry, two air cavalry and two ground cavalry troops, conducted reconnaissance of suspected infiltration routes between TIEU ATAR and BAN BLECH Special Forces Camps. The 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry, conducting search and clear operations west of the OASIS, prepared

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b. The following OPLANS/OPORDS were prepared:

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<u>TYPE MSN</u>	<u>REQ</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>A1</u>	<u>B57</u>	<u>F4</u>	<u>A4</u>	<u>F100</u>	<u>A6</u>	<u>AC47</u>	<u>AC119G</u>	<u>A7</u>
FAC/PP	1575	634	1261	149	12	292	0	802	6	0	0	0
FAC/IMM	461	417	847	52	0	250	0	543	0	0	0	2
CSS/PP	314	127	169	0	1	12	0	155	0	0	0	0
CSS/IMM	361	260	448	0	4	154	4	286	0	0	0	0
SPOOKY	92	86	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	0	0
MOONSHINE	15	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0
<u>SHADOW</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	2956	1673	2960	201	17	708	4	1786	6	98	137	2

(2) Bomb Damage Assessment:

<u>TYPE MSN</u>	<u>EST</u>	<u>SEC</u>	<u>SEC</u>	<u>AA/</u>	<u>MTR</u>	<u>STRUC</u>	<u>FOX-</u>	<u>TNL/</u>				
	<u>KBA</u>	<u>BKRS</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>EXPLO</u>	<u>AW</u>	<u>PSNS</u>	<u>TURIS</u>	<u>HOLDS</u>	<u>LDGFS</u>	<u>TRK</u>	<u>CAVE</u>	<u>BOI</u>
FAC/PP	10	225	59	118	24	3	55	43	11	0	8	0
FAC/IMM	178	232	52	262	25	37	28	25	2	8	7	3
CSS/IMM	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CSS/PP	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SPOOKY	50	0	0	202	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>SHADOW</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	238	457	120	625	49	40	83	68	13	8	15	3

(3) B52 Strikes (Arc Lights):

B52's struck known base areas, infiltration routes, strong points, and major NVA headquarters. Both primary and secondary strikes were delivered in support of Operation DAN QUYEN - HINES. The following figures show the number of B52 strikes carried out during the period 1 February - 30 April 1969:

<u>PRIMARY ARC LIGHT MISSIONS</u>		<u>TOTAL SORTIES</u>
4TH DIV	49	265
II CORPS	0	0
TOTAL	49	265

<u>SECONDARY ARC LIGHT MISSIONS</u>		<u>TOTAL SORTIES</u>
4TH DIV	31	82
II CORPS	0	0
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(3) The Combat Noncommissioned Officer Leadership course adopted a cadre and peer rating system. An evaluation report delineating strengths, weakness and potential was forwarded to each student's commanding officer. The honor graduate of each class received a one-grade promotion. The attrition rate of 30 percent is considered acceptable in view of the outstanding performance of recent graduates.

(4) With a consignment of 28 National Match M14 rifles with M84 scopes, the Division began a sniper school. The first class of seven sniper teams (14 snipers) began its 16-day course on 14 April. The 4th Engineers constructed a 900-meter known-distance firing range for use by the snipers in training. The Division is accurizing M14 rifles as an interim measure pending receipt of more National Match rifles.

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commander have taken advantage of this course.

(6) Each reconnaissance platoon of the Division attends a 17-day course in techniques of reconnaissance and ambush. This course includes a four-day combat operation in hostile territory and emphasizes thorough planning.

(7) Replacement Training for combat MOS's, officers, and senior NCO's was expanded from three days to four. Training for other replacements lasts only two days. Three groups, E7 through E3, E5 and E6, and E4 and below, attend separate classes. An expanded training day, from 0700 to 2100 hours, allows the Training Detachment to increase instructor without impeding the flow of replacements.

(8) Long Range Patrol School continued to produce well-trained men to meet Division requirements. During the last ten months all 4th Infantry Division students at MACV Recondo School have graduated in the upper 10 percent. Four students were honor graduates. Although the Division's LRP school has an attrition rate of 50 percent, the commendable performance of its graduates justifies the rigor of the present training program. The course has been extended from eight to fourteen days and now includes an overnight combat operation in hostile territory.

e. Chemical.

(1) The Division Chemical Section and the 43d Chemical Detachment continued to support combat operations within the Division during the reporting period by employing riot control agents (RCA), supervising the defoliation program, operating and maintaining the Division's Airborne Personnel Detectors (APD), rendering technical advice on the use of flame field munitions, operating a chemical ASP, and inspecting unit CER readiness, equipment, and supply.

(2) Increased haze and fog in target areas caused a reduction in defoliation (TRAILDUST) missions. Crop destruction operations, employing sprayer-equipped helicopters, increased during the latter part of the reporting period as grasses and crops emerged from their dormant state. See inclosure 5 for a statistical summary of defoliation operations.

(3) Riot Control Agent (RCA) munitions were used in direct support of combat troops and played a vital role in the destruction and demoralization of enemy targets detected in the PLEI TRAP Valley. Persistent and nonpersistent riot control agents were employed extensively throughout the Division area of operations in direct support of ground troops and in interdiction of routes of withdrawal. See inclosure 5 for statistical summary of RCA operations.

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(a) Bulk Riot Control Agent, CS. Employment of persistent CS quadrupled from the last reporting period. Persistent CS was used to contaminate infiltration routes, firing positions, bunkers, tunnels, assembly areas, and selected special intelligence targets. Artillery was fired into the fringes of drop zones to catch disoriented enemy troops in the open. Persistent CS was used extensively in the northern PL&I TRAP Valley to hinder enemy withdrawal.

1. XM-28 "Brown Bag" CS Dispenser. The six dispensers used during the reporting period continued to prove their effectiveness. They were found extremely suitable for attacking multiple targets. In one instance the dispenser was used to contaminate seven abandoned villages, thereby preventing resettlement and aiding the population consolidation program.

2. Bulk CS Drum. The Chemical Section employed 1190 drums during the reporting period. The majority of the drums were rigged with C-4 explosives, detonation cord, and a 15 second delay fuze. Agent burn was reduced 50 to 75 percent by enclosing the C-4 explosive in a sandbag filled with dirt.

(b) Nonpersistent CS. Riot Control Agent, CS, continued to be effective in close combat support, firebase defense, and convoy security. The effectiveness of B-52 Arc Light strikes in the Division's area of operations has been enhanced by the saturation of target areas with non-persistent CS 15 to 20 minutes prior to TOT. Fifteen Arc Light strike zones were prepared with 20 XM-15 munitions on each target. Non-persistent CS has also been used extensively to increase the effectiveness of artillery on acquired intelligence targets. During the reporting period 1176 XM-15 munitions were employed by the Chemical Section.

(4) Airborne Personnel Detector (APD) Employment. Airborne Personnel Detector operations continue to be centrally controlled from the Division base camp. Detector operations continue to include AH-1G gunships armed with flechette rockets, one APD LOH, and one chase LOH, called the SCORPION Team. The team continued to conduct standard APD missions and remained on standby for instant response to enemy targets acquired through intelligence sources.

(a) The Team conducted 92 missions in February, 103 in March, and 94 in April.

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f. Research and Development. Items of equipment evaluated during the reporting period were:

(1) Pop-up Flamo Mine (ENSURE-225): Four mines were detonated during demonstrations and six mines were emplaced on the Camp Enari perimeter. Recommendations were that the mine be redesigned as a directional device so that it can be employed closer to friendly troops and be covered by fire, and that the mine's weight be reduced so that it can be carried on ambush patrols.

(2) Portable Fluorescent Lamp (ENSURE-250): These lamps aided nighttime aircraft maintenance. The Division requested operational quantities.

(3) Radio Camouflage Net: Although this net functioned as intended, breaking up the outline of the man pack radio, it was found unnecessary and was not recommended for adoption by the Army.

(4) The following items are presently under evaluation:

- (a) XM203 Grenade Launcher.
- (b) M72A1E1 Light Antitank Weapon (LAW).
- (c) Chain link fence standoff shielding.
- (d) Barbed tape obstacle.

4. (C) Logistics:

a. Logistical Operations, DAN QUYEN - HINES.

(1) Emphasis continued on utilization of land lines of communication (LLOC) throughout the Division's area of operations for movement of all classes of supply. Air lines of communication (ALOC) were reserved for supplementary and emergency movement of supplies.

(2) Forward Support Elements (FSE) from Division Support Command,³

³ Company A, 4th Supply and Transportation Battalion operates Division FSE's.

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(e) After the 2d Brigade's departure from BAN ME THUOT in November 1968, a skeleton FSE continued to support the 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry until 25 February, when the battalion departed for operations in PLEIKU Province.

(f) On 24 April, personnel of the 4th S & T Battalion established FSE BAN BLECK to support the task force operating in the vicinity of TIEU ATAR. The FSE provided Classes I, III, fast moving II and IV items, and barrier material. The 4th Aviation Battalion provided JP4 fuel, a rearm point for Army aircraft, and an airfield control element. The 4th Aviation Battalion's support facility at BAN BLECK was organized as a Forward Airfield Operations and Control Team (FAOCT) consisting of an airfield control officer and NCO, a two-man air traffic control team, a logistical team of two POL handlers and an ammunition handler, a two-man pathfinder team, and a two-man Military Police ground traffic control team. This was the first instance that such an organization was employed in the Division's area of operations.

(3) Supply and Services:

(a) Division Supply Office (DSO).

1. Requisitions received:	17,621
2. Requisitions passed:	4,287
3. Requisitions filled:	9,678
4. Total due out releases:	5,949

(b) Class I.

1. Rations Issued (three meals per ration):

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>A RATIONS</u>	<u>C RATIONS</u>	<u>IRP RATIONS</u>	<u>SUN PACK</u>
Camp Enari	640,000	-	-	-
FSE Mary Lou	668,813	77,353	17,661	7,290
FSE Oasis	224,887	19,179	2,063	2,674
FSE McNerney (Soui Doi)	125,564	17,038	2,396	1,465
FSE Ban Block	560	3,276	384	28
TOTAL	1,659,824	116,846	22,504	11,457

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TOTAL	16,605	19,775	85

* As of 12 April, the last day of A Ration issue.

(c) Class III Issues:

1. Bulk POL Issues in Gallons:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>JP-4</u>	<u>AVGAS</u>	<u>MOGAS</u>	<u>DF-2</u>
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FSA Dak To ***	<u>375,000</u>	<u>31,000</u>	<u>69,000</u>	<u>198,000</u>
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<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OE-10*</u>	<u>OE-30*</u>	<u>OE-50*</u>	<u>GAA**</u>
Camp Enari	16,575	18,919	6,141	14,612
FSE Mary Lou	2,255	5,060	2,970	7,645
FSE Oasis	2,475	8,965	4,730	10,725
FSE McNerney	770	1,540	1,265	1,485
FSE Ban Blech	110	110	110	100
TOTAL	22,185	34,594	15,216	34,567

* In Gallons

** In Pounds

(d) Class IV Issues:

<u>LOCATION:</u>	<u>ROLLS OF</u>		<u>PICKETS</u>			<u>BALES CONC</u>
	<u>BARBED WIRE</u>	<u>SANDBAGS</u>	<u>2' & 3'</u>	<u>5' & 6'</u>	<u>8'</u>	
Camp Enari	1,460	1,214,600	2,355	372	266	53
FSE Mary Lou	74	2,131,400	25,378	18,350	27,958	456
FSE Oasis	619	812,000	10,783	11,064	13,956	146
FSE McNerney (Soui Doi)	417	487,400	8,769	4,985	7,992	88
FSE Ban Blech	144	26,400	300	400	400	3
TOTAL	2,714	4,671,800	47,585	35,171	50,572	746

(e) Baths. 59,630

(f) Graves Registration.

1. Human remains processed. 209

2. Personal property shipments processed. 281

(g) The US Air Force expended the following quantities of Class III and V in support of Operations:

1. <u>Class III</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Fighters	4,883,333 gals
B-52's	16,833,333 gals
2. <u>Ordnance</u>	<u>Qty (each)</u> <u>Weight (s/t)</u>
Bombs	10,993 3,683.75
CBU	470 152.1
Napalm	1,911 700.375
Rockets	324 64.8

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3. Delivered by fighters and AC-47 (Spooky):

<u>Ordnance</u>	<u>Qty (Each)</u>	<u>Weight (s/t)</u>
20mm	430,400	107.6
7.62mm	3,900,000	95.5

4. Delivered by B-52's

<u>Ordnance</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Weight (s/t)</u>
Bombs	338	6,909

(4) Transportation services.

(a) During the reporting period there were 924 convoys with a total of 36,997 vehicles. Company B, 4th S&T Battalion, based at Camp Phari, hauled supplies to the FSB's. When required, the company's trucks augmented the organic vehicles of units involved in moves.

(b) Aircraft Support:

1. Total cargo tonnage moved by dedicated air:	138.6
2. Total passengers moved by dedicated air:	2,447
3. Total cargo tonnage moved by special mission air:	46.8
4. Total passengers moved by special mission air:	541

(c) The hold baggage facility, operated by the 45th General Support Group, was relocated to a new and larger building. The new facility will increase the efficiency of this operation.

(d) Aircraft Control Operations. Traffic of C-7A aircraft at Hensel Air Field was controlled by one NCO from Division Transportation Office.

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3. Delivered by fighters and AC-47 (Spooky):

<u>Ordnance</u>	<u>Qty (Each)</u>	<u>Weight (s/t)</u>
20mm	430,400	107.6
7.62mm	3,900,000	95.5

4. Delivered by B-52's

<u>Ordnance</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Weight (s/t)</u>
Bombs	338	6,909

(4) Transportation services.

(a) During the reporting period there were 934 convoys with a total of 36,997 vehicles. Company B, 4th S&T Battalion, based at Camp Tari, hauled supplies to the FSE's. When required, the company's trucks augmented the organic vehicles of units involved in moves.

(b) Aircraft Support:

1. Total cargo tonnage moved by dedicated air:	138.6
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heavy-lift support for the Division. The following table shows weight and value of material retrograded during the quarter:

Feb 1969	279.4 tons	\$254,432
Mar 1969	80.5	8,176
Apr 1969	<u>86.7</u>	<u>51,788</u>
TOTAL	446.6 tons	\$314,396

(f) In late January, VIET CONG and NVA blew the QUI NHON-AN KHE-PLAIKU pipeline in several places. Until the pipeline could be repaired, it was necessary to haul bulk POL from QUI NHON to AN KHE and PLAIKU by tanker. Although the line to AN KHE was operational by the first part of March, the pipeline to PLAIKU did not function until 7 April. As a result, all available 5000 gallon semi-trailers hauled POL until the pipeline was operational. Because so many 5 ton tractors were hauling tankers, leaving 12 ton stake and platform semi-trailers idle, levels of supply declined. Items that were in especially short supply were penneprime, lumber and construction materials, concertina, sandbags, and similar barrier materials. A number of construction projects, including work at Fire Base MCNERNEY, were seriously delayed.

(5) Medical Service. The 4th Medical Battalion, with Companies B, C, and D supporting the 1st, 2d, and 3d Brigades respectively and Company A supporting Camp Shari, provided the following medical services:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PATIENTS SEEN</u>	<u>ADMITTED</u>	<u>RETURNED TO DUTY</u>
Hqs and A Co	10,870	415	296
Company B	1,720	133	2
Company C	6,660	1,235	151
Company D	1,235	373	125

b. Material Readiness.

(1) During the reporting period the operational readiness rate of all categories of equipment improved. The Weekly Deadline Report (DA Form 2406) has proved effective for monitoring maintenance management at unit level. The report is reviewed each week to insure that units have initiated the required supply actions to remove equipment from deadline or that equipment has been evacuated to Direct Support Maintenance within established time limits. The percentage of tactical vehicles deadlined declined from eight percent at the onset of the period to a low of six percent on 19 April. At the end of the reporting period, the combat vehicle deadline rate was seven percent, well below the USARV norm of 15 percent.

(a) The failure rate of tank and APC engines continued to be high.

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(b) The generator deadline rate decreased from eight percent at the start of the reporting period to a low of three percent on 19 April. The availability of engines and substitution of serviceable parts from retrograded equipment have contributed to this improvement.

(c) The deadline rate of AN/VRC-12 series radios, particularly the AN/VRC-46, remained high. At the end of the reporting period, it was 16.3 percent. The 704th Maintenance Battalion's Signal Maintenance Section repaired an average of 100 VRC-12 series radios each week. A representative of the US Army Electronics Command (USAECOM) liaison office, USARV, visited the Division to investigate the failures of VRC-12 series radios. Although no particular cause for the failures could be identified, the USAECOM representative suggested that the Division adopt the following measures:

1. Insure that drivers turn radio sets off when starting vehicles.
2. Insure adequate circulation of air around radio sets mounted in personnel carriers, tanks, and other confined spaces.
3. Require organizational maintenance personnel to clean accumulated dust from within radio sets at least once each month.

(2) The repair parts status remained approximately the same as in the preceding reporting period. Headquarters and Company A, Technical Supply, 704th Maintenance Battalion completed a 100 percent wall-to-wall inventory of its warehouse space. Since the inventory, the demand satisfaction rate has risen from approximately 25 to 70 percent. Armored personnel carrier and tank roadwheels, batteries and electrolyte, engines for 3/4 ton and 5 ton trucks, tires for 2½ ton trucks, and tank transmissions were critical items of supply. On 1 April, roadwheels were placed in direct exchange supply channels. This was necessary in order to recover unserviceable roadwheels from using units. The availability of tank and APC engines has improved considerably during the reporting period. Clutch disks for 2½ ton trucks, tires, batteries, and electrolyte were received in sufficient quantities to prevent an increase in the deadline rate.

(3) Maintenance Support.

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for all divisional and attached elements.

(b) Emphasis is placed on repair by forward maintenance companies with supplementary contact teams provided by Headquarters and Company A, 704th Maintenance Battalion.

(c) Job orders completed by divisional maintenance:

1. Tanks	103
2. APCs	205
3. VTRs	9
4. Wheeled Vehicles	735
5. Heavy Engineer Equipment	34
6. Artillery	113
7. Generators	361
8. Small arms	2,145
9. Instruments	573
10. Signal-repaired	2,508
11. Signal-evacuated	305
12. Aircraft	542
13. Aircraft components	1,454

(d) Repair parts requisitions processed and level statistics:

1. Total requests received	45,020
2. Total ASL requests received	36,133
3. Total ASL issued	16,042
4. Total receipts	9,659
5. Total due-out releases	10,459
6. Total passing orders	10,722

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(4) During the reporting period the Division CMMI Team completed 14 formal inspections. Results indicated improvement of the Division's maintenance management. Fewer errors were noted in repair parts supply and TAERS records. The Division Support Command's PLL and TAERS assistance team, visiting each battalion and separate company once each quarter, assisted in the review of records and provided instruction concerning procedures.

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a. TAOR: The consolidation program is having increased effectiveness in the TAOR. Through the use of PFs, PSDFs and Cadre Teams, the villagers have been able to repel all attacks and probes by the enemy. During this reporting period, the following consolidations were completed:

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- (b) PLEI CHOM NGOL (AR814398)
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- PLEI CHOM PRONG (AR818407) consolidated at PLEI CHOM PRONG (AR821,
- PLEI HET (AR818408)
- PLEI BONG GOLAR (AR824425)

(2) During this quarter enemy activity in the Division Base Camp TAOR has decreased slightly over past months. In the Division's area of operations however, volunteer informat program (VIP) payments have increased. There were approximately 200 payments totalling 260,460 \$VN.

(3) The Division is currently engaged in an experimental rice program. Through US/GVN support, IR-5 and IR-8 rice have been made available to ten pre-selected villages. A total of 2.5 acres will be planted in the TAOR. Instructions on how to grow this new rice have been given to all CA Teams involved with the program.

b. PLEIKU Province:

(1) The 3d Brigade continued Civic Action responsibility along Route 19W and in the PLEI MEONG area.

(2) The 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry continued Civic Action along Highway 19 from PLEIKU City to the MANG YANG Pass. High Impact Civic Action Projects (MEDCAPS) were conducted in conjunction with combat operations in the DE GROI area west of the DAK AYUN River and west of VC Valley as part of a LE TRUNG District Pacification Campaign. Four hamlets asked and received assistance in relocating along Highway 19.

(3) PLEIKU Province Hospital has continued the preventive medicine program in the 4th Division's TAOR. Additional people in Sectors Black, Blue, and Red have been inoculated against plague and cholera.

(4) During the attack on PLEI BRAL DOR on 23 February 1969, the combined efforts of the PF, PSDF, and CA Teams repelled the foray. This was the first time the VC/NVA had been denied entrance to the village. Previously, this village did not have an organized PSDF.

(5) On 23 February 1969, the village of PLEI HO BY was attacked by 20 VIET CONG who entered the village and set fire to 10 huts and departed. Later that night, they returned to the village and set fire to 33 more huts. Additionally, they kidnaped 17 men: 10 PSDF and seven chiefs. Five of the PSDF escaped and five were later returned. All seven chiefs have been returned to the village.

(6) On 16 February 1969, an enemy loudspeaker team was employed against a US CA Team. Its message --"Don't Die GI."

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d. DARLAC Province: During this quarter, the 4th Infantry Division sponsored no CA activities in DARLAC Province.

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f. Nation Building Program:

(1) Government.

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1. MEDCAPS remain one of the Division's strongest assets in the pacification campaign. During the reporting period there were 102,968 MEDCAPS in the 4th Division's area of operations.

2. The 1st Brigade is training eight MONTAGNARDS to be medics.

(2) Assistance to PLEIKU Province: The 4th Division assisted the Province in Operation Clean Up from 11 February 1969 to 17 February 1969. Each CA Team was assigned a sector of road for police call. Although the official program has ended, the Division is still supporting the province by constantly policing the villages within the TAOR and the lines of communication connecting all Division elements.

(3) People's Self Defense Forces: At present there are 12 consolidations with a combined PSDF of 1388. Eighty-eight of these men are presently undergoing training. A total of 463 weapons have been issued by L3 THRUNG District.

g. Statistical Summary of Civic Action:

(1) Construction.

<u>PROJECTS</u>	<u>BUILT</u>	<u>REPAIRED</u>
Dwellings	37, 10 (J)	172, 433 (J)
Roads (km)	14	3.5
Hospitals	2	0
Dispensaries	2, 4 (J)	4
Schools	13 (J)	11
Latrines	1, 11 (J)	0
Bridges	1	2
Bunkers	1, 173 (J)	13, 302 (J)
Fence (km)	4, 5 (J)	1, 2 (J)
Spillways	4, 5 (J)	1, 2 (J)
MEDCAP huts	0	4
Cattle pens	22, 35 (J)	26, 13 (J)
Pig pens	22,	4
Defense Perimeter	8, 800 (J)	2, 1900 (J)
Fish pond	1	0
Playgrounds	2, 14 (J)	1, 3 (J)
Corrals	1 (J)	7
Volleyball Court	1	0

Note: (J) indicates joint projects.

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Lumber	93,802 board feet
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Concertina	192 (50m coils)
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(6) 5 April 1969 - Villagers from PLEI HO BY (AR815245) found punji sticks and propaganda messages written on boards.

(7) 22 April 1969 - Villagers from PLEI HO BY found a grenade booby trap.

i. ARVN Dependent Housing.

(1) ARVN troops must travel excessive distances in order to visit and provide for their families. To alleviate this condition, GVN has undertaken a program of constructing dependent housing. Annual funding by the GVN is limited and cannot provide sufficient housing to cover the total requirement in a timely manner.

(2) To supplement the GVN funded program, US units have undertaken the task of providing material and technical assistance. The 4th Infantry Division has accepted the task of supporting three ARVN units: the 42d Regiment, 2d Ranger Group, and the 3d Armored Cavalry Squadron.

(3) During the past three months considerable progress has been made. One house consisting of ten family apartments has been completed and construction of six others has begun. To date the ARVN units have been provided with 5,000 bags of cement and 8,500 board feet of lumber. Also provided were salvaged canvas and salvaged water trailers.

(4) The construction sites have been given cement block making machines. At present, total production is approximately 1,500 bricks per day. This will allow a construction rate of two houses per month.

(5) The current goal is more than 200 buildings of the 10-apartment type. The 4th Infantry Division will continue to support this construction program until the needs are met.

j. Psychological Operations.

(1) Significant Activities.

(a) During the reporting period, a representative of the 4th Infantry Division joined the PLEIKU PSYOP coordinating committee, which coordinates all PSYOP activities in the Province. In addition to the Division's representative, the committee includes the chief of VIETNAM Information Service, PLEIKU; the PLEIKU ARVN S5; the chief of the PLEIKU CHI HU HOI Division; a representative of the Joint United States Public Affairs Office (JUSPAO); and representatives of MACV and 5th Special Forces.

(b) In an effort to coordinate PSYOPS activities more closely with Province Headquarters and other units operating in the 4th Infantry

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Division's area, a PSYOP Situation Report (SITREP) has been instituted. Prepared each Wednesday and Saturday and sent to PLEIKU, KONTUM, and BINH DINH Province Headquarters; 1st, 2d, and 3d Brigade PSYOP Officers; 5th Special Forces; and 52d Artillery Group, the SITREP includes the target coordinates of all leaflets, the type of tape, and a general target description. This information helps prevent duplication of PSYOP efforts.

(c) Voluntary Informant Program. with the move of the 1st Brigade to AN KHE, the VIP effort doubled. Over 1,000,000 VIP leaflets were dropped over populated areas near AN KHE. As of the end of the reporting period, this campaign had produced 29 VIP responses and 29,500 \$VN paid in rewards.

(d) The Division PSYOPS section acquired an ARVN interpreter in order to expedite production of leaflets in VIETNAMESE. The interpreter has two years of university and is an accomplished artist. Ideas for leaflets are discussed and produced in VIETNAMESE first, and then translated into English. This procedure largely eliminates the product-of-the-American-mind stamp from the leaflets.

(e) Filling the demand for news and increasing face-to-face PSYOPS in the PLEIKU area, G5 personnel distributed newspapers such as TU DO and BINH MINH and magazines such as THOM CAM and Free World to the 3,000 VIETNAMESE employed on Camp Enari. Handing out the reading material to the people as they passed through the MP checkpoint at the main gate, PSYOPS distributed a total of 8,000 newspapers and magazines during the reporting period.

(f) During the reporting period, the 4th Infantry Division Band gave two concerts at MONTAGNARD villages and one in the city of PLEIKU. A total of 2,750 people attended the concerts and their response was enthusiastic. The MONTAGNARDS showed particular interest in Dixieland music.

(g) The early Word ground to air loudspeaker transmission system is now installed in all O2-B aircraft of Flight B, 9th Special Operations Squadron (SOS). This innovation permits ground elements to make direct appeals over loudspeakers through any FM radio transmitter. It has been found effective up to a range of 30 to 50 miles.

(2) Statistics.

	<u>Feb-Apr</u>	<u>Nov-Jan</u>
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Division's area, a PSYOP Situation Report (SITREP) has been instituted. Prepared each Wednesday and Saturday and sent to PLEIKU, KONTUM, and BINH DINH Province Headquarters; 1st, 2d, and 3d Brigade PSYOP Officers; 5th Special Forces; and 52d Artillery Group, the SITREP includes the target coordinates of all leaflets, the type of tape, and a general target description. This information helps prevent duplication of PSYOP efforts.

(c) Voluntary Informant Program. with the move of the 1st Brigade to AN KHE, the VIP effort doubled. Over 1,000,000 VIP leaflets were dropped over populated areas near AN KHE. As of the end of the reporting period, this campaign had produced 29 VIP responses and 29,500 \$VN paid in rewards.

(d) The Division PSYOPS section acquired an ARVN interpreter in order to expedite production of leaflets in VIETNAMESE. The interpreter has two years of university and is an accomplished artist. Ideas for leaflets are discussed and produced in VIETNAMESE first, and then translated into English. This procedure largely eliminates the product-of-the-American-mind stamp from the leaflets.

(e) Filling the demand for news and increasing face-to-face PSYOPS in the PLEIKU area, G5 personnel distributed newspapers such as TU DO and BINH MINH and magazines such as THOM CAM and Free World to the 3,000 VIETNAMESE employed on Camp Enari. Handing out the reading material to the people as they passed through the MP checkpoint at the main gate, PSYOPS distributed a total of 8,000 newspapers and magazines during the reporting period.

(f) During the reporting period, the 4th Infantry Division Band gave two concerts at MONTAGNARD villages and one in the city of PLEIKU. A total of 2,750 people attended the concerts and their response was enthusiastic. The MONTAGNARDS showed particular interest in Dixieland music.

(g) The early Word ground to air loudspeaker transmission system is now installed in all O2-B aircraft of Flight B, 9th Special Operations Squadron (SOS). This innovation permits ground elements to make direct appeals over loudspeakers through any FM radio transmitter. It has been found effective up to a range of 30 to 50 miles.

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Teams employed	1	2
(e) Cultural/Drama Teams		
Performances	12	2
Attendance	6,500	3,000
(f) HOI CHANH	9	3
(g) VIP Responses	60	Not reported
Money paid	55,600 \$VN	Not reported
(h) VIS Visits	14	Not reported
(i) Band Concerts	3	0
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6. (C) Personnel.

a. Strength: Authorized and assigned strengths at the beginning and close of the reporting period were as follows:

(1) Beginning of reporting period (1 Feb 69)				
	OFF	WO	EM	AGG
(a) Authorized - organic units	1,113	194	16,370	17,677
Authorized - attached units	<u>49</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>942</u>	<u>1,027</u>
TOTAL	1,162	230	17,312	18,704
(b) Assigned - organic units	1,244	165	16,968	18,377
Assigned - attached units	<u>50</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>932</u>	<u>1,015</u>
TOTAL	1,294	198	17,900	19,392
(2) End of reporting period (30 Apr 69)				
(a) Authorized - organic units	1,116	195	16,483	17,794
Authorized - attached units	<u>50</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>963</u>	<u>1,050</u>
TOTAL	1,166	232	17,446	18,844
(b) Assigned - organic units	1,231	185	16,550	17,966
Assigned - attached units	<u>55</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>948</u>	<u>1,035</u>
TOTAL	1,286	217	17,498	19,001

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b. Replacements: A total of 224 officers and 4,282 enlisted replacements were received. During the same period, Division losses were 148 officers and 3,013 enlisted personnel. Emergency leaves processed during the reporting period totalled 235.

c. Promotions: A total of 5,067 enlisted personnel were promoted during the reporting period.

d. Casualties:

UNIT	WOUNDED	HOSTILE		NON-HOSTILE		
		DEAD	MISSING	INJURED	MISSING	DEAD
1st Bde	453	104	7	44	0	0
2d Bde	263	49	0	35	0	2
3d Bde	327	34	0	27	0	2
DIVARTY	81	11	0	11	0	0
DISCOM	18	0	0	17	0	0
2-1	45	3	0	17	0	3
1-10	61	3	0	16	0	1
1-69	38	4	0	6	0	0
4th Engr	17	6	1	12	0	1
4th Avn	12	1	0	6	0	0
124th Sig	11	1	0	1	0	0
HHC, 4th Inf Div2		0	0	1	0	0
4th MP	0	0	0	3	0	0
4th Admin	5	0	0	1	0	0
Scout Dog	3	1	0	0	0	0
K/75	5	3	1	3	0	0
4th MI	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,341	220	9	200	0	9

e. Morale and Personnel Services:

(1) Decorations Awarded

	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>
Distinguished Service Cross	0	0	0
Silver Star	19	15	78
Legion of Merit	2	1	3
Distinguished Flying Cross	5	6	33
Soldier's Medal	16	0	13
Bronze Star (Valor)	75	33	132
Army Commendation (Valor)	44	15	47
Air Medal (Valor)	10	10	12
Bronze Star (Service)	120	113	154
Army Commendation (Service)	518	562	1,256
Air Medal (Service)	306	387	291
Purple Heart	152	297	367
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Combat Medical Badge	76	42	54
Aircraft Crewman Badge	2	44	15
Miscellaneous Badge	<u>0</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>63</u>
TOTAL	997	945	373

f. Reenlistments: A total of 197 reenlistments or extension actions were completed. The enlistment/extension breakdown was as follows: First Term RA Reenlistments: 153; AUS enlistments: 34; RA extensions: 6; AUS extensions: 4.

g. Postal:

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h. Special Services:

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Jewish	21	214
Memorial Services	64	6,126

j. Maintenance of Discipline, Law and Order.

General Courts-Martial:	9
Special Courts-Martial:	193
Summary Courts-Martial:	22

k. Health.

(1) Malaria continues to be a serious problem in the Division. Over the past three months there were 338 confirmed cases of malaria of which 107 were vivax and 231 were falciparum. With the coming of the monsoons the mosquito population will increase and continued emphasis of prophylactic medication along with mosquito control and personal protective measures will be mandatory.

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(3) Recently the Division preventive medicine officer, the environmental sanitarian, and two members of the 3d Preventive Medicine Detachment trained 56 field sanitation team personnel at LZ MARY LOU. These teams, one to a company, are essential to the continued health of the command. They are trained in insecticide spraying and dusting techniques, mess hall inspection, latrine and urinal inspection, proper water treatment, and conduct of the malaria prophylaxis urine test. They are also taught about the nature of the disease they are fighting. Further training can be furnished either at Camp Enari by appointment or at trains areas.

7. (U) Engineer.

a. General. During the reporting period, the 4th Engineer Battalion (Combat) continued combat support of the Division. In almost all instances, operations of rifle company size or larger included engineer representation in direct support. Companies B, C, and D continued direct support of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Brigades respectively. Company A continued general support at Camp Enari. Company E (Bridge) supported the Division

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with tactical bridging; tanks, including two Combat Engineer Vehicles (CEV's); and assistance in base camp projects. Headquarters Company provided heavy equipment and water purification units.

b. Operations.

(1) Company B, in support of the 1st Brigade, constructed the new 1st Brigade base area, Fire Base MCNERNEY, in early February. In addition to constructing a tactical operations center (TOC) of three 30' x 50' bunkers, the company built observation towers, and improved the roads and drainage. In early March, when the 1st Brigade combat assaulted to begin heavy fighting in the PLEI TRAP, all available engineers went forward to expedite the clearing of LZ's and the construction of defensive positions. Airmobile bulldozers of Headquarters Company performed much of this clearing and construction. The Engineers' two Case 450 mini-dozers were used extensively on fire bases of the 1st and 2d Brigades in western KONTUM Province.

(2) Company C continued direct support of the 2d Brigade at LZ MARY LOU. Squad-sized or smaller elements accompanied infantry into the area west of POLEI KLANG destroyed numerous enemy bunkers and fortifications. One of the Company's chief undertakings was sweeping for mines along Route 511 from KONTUM to POLEI KLANG. In February, after enemy sappers destroyed a bridge on Highway 14 near DAK TO, Company B launched an Armored Vehicle Launched Bridge (AVLB) to reopen the Highway. On 9 March, the company conducted a rappelling mission to clear a one-ship LZ for the evacuation of casualties.

(3) Company D, supporting the 3d Brigade, cleared new fire bases in the CHU PA Mountain area. During the battle on CHU PA, the Company performed the one-shot destruction of a complex of 200 bunkers. The Company conducted two rappelling missions, one to evacuate wounded from CHU PA and another to destroy a bunker complex west of PLEI MRONG.

(4) In addition to supporting the Division with tactical bridging, Company E engaged in construction at Camp Enari, including an underground tactical operations center at Division Headquarters. The Company's ENSURE 202 tank-mounted mine roller traversed 596 miles during the reporting period, mostly in the vicinity of KONTUM. At the end of the reporting period, the mine roller was being modified to mount on the M-60 chassis of the Combat Engineer Vehicle.

(5) Company A, in general support to the Division, constructed 83 corrugated sheet metal and lumber perimeter bunkers at Camp Enari and laid 600 meters of six inch pipe for a new refueling point at Hensel Army Airfield.

8. (C) Army Aviation Operations.

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Tons of Cargo	292	246	181	719

Ammo Expended:

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2.75 rockets	2,402	3,660	2,074	8,136
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Flares	1,046	1,378	384	2,808
Smoke	752	241	120	1,113

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Avn Per WIA	4	11	3	18
Aircraft Dest	0	3	1	4
Aircraft Dam	13	10	8	31

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9. (U) Inspector General.

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10. (U) Signal.

a. General. Installation of multichannel VHF communications remained the 124th Signal Battalion's chief activity in support of Division operations.

b. Operations.

(1) On 27 February 1969, elements of Company C, which had been supporting the 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry near BAN ME THUOT, returned to Camp Enari.

(2) On 2 March, Company C dispatched a crew with one AN/MRC-112 four channel VHF system to POLBI KIENG to support the 1st Brigade TAC CP. On 5 March, a team from Company B deployed to POLBI KIENG to begin operation of an AN/MRC-69 24-channel VHF system.

(3) From 6 through 14 March, Companies A and C provided communications for the Division TAC CP at LZ MARY LOU. Equipment included one MRC-112, one MTC-10 switch board, and one secure FM radio.

(4) On 6 April, Company B dispatched one MRC-69 and team to Camp RADCLIFF (AN KHE) to establish communications prior to relocation of the 1st Brigade.

(5) On 15 April, when the TAC CP at POLBI KIENG closed, the team that had been supporting the 1st Brigade returned to Camp Enari.

(6) On 23 April, one MRC-69, one MRC-112, and one GRC-142 radio-teletype of Company C deployed to BAN BLICH to support the 3d Brigade's Operation GREENE QUEEN.

11. (U) Information Activities.

a. During the reporting period a total of 26 civilian correspondents covering a variety of subjects from hometown material to combat operations, visited the 4th Infantry Division. Included among the news media personnel were representatives of CBS, ABC, and NBC News. Military correspondents from MACV, USARV and IFFV visited the Division. Also, members from the French press, Overseas Weekly, UPI, and Stars and Stripes were represented.

b. Four hundred and twenty-five members joined the 4th Infantry Division Association during the quarter, bringing the total membership to 8,284. During the same period, \$50,729.50 was contributed to the 4th Infantry Division Scholarship Fund, bringing the total of \$219,716.13.

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f. Thirteen editions of the Ivy Leaf were published during the period. More combat art is being used than previously and is enhancing the attractiveness of the Division newspaper. More space is being devoted to civic actions and combined efforts of American-VIETNAMESE agencies.

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h. The Combat Illustration Section produced some 39 combat situations for publication in the Ivy Leaf. Three of these illustrations were also used in the MACV Observer.

i. The 4th Infantry Division received the following coverage in other publications during the February-April period: Saigon Daily News, 36 column inches and one two-column picture; Stars and Stripes, 105 column inches and one two-column picture; Army Times, 58½ column inches; MACV Observer 221 column inches and 7 pictures; Army Reporter, 317½ column inches; Army Digest, 27 column inches and one picture; and Overseas Weekly, 21 column inches and two pictures.

SECTION 2 (C) LESSONS LEARNED: COMMANDER'S OBSERVATIONS, EVALUATIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. (U) Personnel.

CONTROLLING BASE CAMP AND TRAINS AREA STRENGTHS.

OBSERVATION: Infantry battalions often exceed authorized base camp strengths. Personnel become unaccountable when controls are not imposed in the forward trains area.

EVALUATION: Assignment of an assistant adjutant or first sergeant to process and account for personnel in the trains area has been found effective. By processing all men moving from the trains area through one individual, units can maintain accurate personnel rosters and control the flow of men. A forward controller can organize groups of transients and provide rosters to be delivered to the OIC or NCOIC at each group's destination.

RECOMMENDATION: That infantry battalions employ a personnel NCO, first sergeant, or assistant adjutant in the trains area to control, coordinate, and document the movement of personnel.

2. (C) Operations.

a. CONVOY ESCORT AND SECURITY.

OBSERVATION: A recent study has shown that a heavy truck, used as lead vehicle of a convoy, offers greater crew protection than an armored personnel carrier used in the same capacity.

EVALUATION: One of the Division's cavalry squadrons used a truck with driver and assistant driver to precede convoys. The equipment on the truck includes sandbags on the floor of the cab, a mounted machine gun and an FM radio. Armored personnel carriers and tanks move interspersed

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APC	42	72	1.70

(2) B-40 rocket incidents.

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APC	6	26	4.30

RECOMMENDATION: That all mechanized and armored units compile statistics to determine the value of this technique for their own use.

b. DISCOVERING NVA BASE AREAS.

OBSERVATION: The NVA often locate bivouac areas, caches, and other non-tactical installations in deep draws and small steep-sided valleys.

EVALUATION: During recent operations, US infantry repeatedly discovered NVA bivouac areas in draws. Such locations offer convenient water supply, good concealment, and maximum protection from air and artillery fire. Security outposts for these enemy installations were located on the surrounding high ground. The presence of small NVA forces on high terrain overlooking a ravine indicates the possible presence of a non-tactical installation in the ravine.

RECOMMENDATION: That after adequate air and artillery preparation, units conducting search and clear operations investigate small valleys and draws for possible enemy facilities.

c. USE OF A DOUBLE POINT ELEMENT.

OBSERVATION: Because of the thick vegetation and rugged terrain of the Central Highlands, moving troops are vulnerable to ambush.

EVALUATION: Units have begun using a double point element as an extra precaution against ambushes. The point elements move by alternate bounds, one covering while the other moves ahead to the next vantage point.

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Thus, an element is always in position to return fire should the lead element discover a kill zone.

RECOMMENDATION: That units employ two point teams, particularly when moving through thick vegetation.

d. MEASURES TO DEFEAT ENEMY ANTIHELICOPTER TACTICS.

OBSERVATION: The enemy is making increasing use of antiaircraft fire and antihelicopter devices to cover old landing zones and unoccupied fire bases that are likely to be used by friendly forces reacting to an enemy threat.

EVALUATION: Recently, after completing a combat assault onto a temporarily unoccupied fire base, the assaulting unit found a 12.7mm antiaircraft machinegun and numerous antihelicopter mines. Artillery preparation of the hilltop had killed the machine gunner and rendered many of the mines inoperative.

RECOMMENDATION: That intense artillery preparations utilizing mixed fuze be employed on unoccupied fire bases to destroy enemy antihelicopter defenses prior to a combat assault.

e. FIRECRACKER ARTILLERY SUPPORT OF ARMORED UNITS IN CONTACT.

OBSERVATION: Firecracker rounds fired directly over armored vehicles cause negligible damage to the vehicles and no injuries to the crews, yet have devastating effect on troops in the open.

EVALUATION: When in close contact with enemy forces, armored or mechanized forces can call in firecracker artillery fire on their positions, buttoning up when they receive the word "splash" from FDC.

RECOMMENDATION: That all personnel in armored and mechanized units be informed of this method of repelling infantry attacks.

f. MARKING ENEMY POSITIONS WITH M-79 SMOKE ROUNDS.

OBSERVATION: Long Range Patrols often have difficulty marking enemy locations for airstrikes and gunship runs without compromising their own positions.

EVALUATION: By marking an enemy position with a smoke round fired from an M-79, a LRP team can remain hidden and then direct bombing and strafing passes accurately and safely.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That LRPs, SRPs, and small ambush patrols carry M-79

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EVALUATION: Usually there is terrain around a fire base where squad and platoon battle drill can be conducted. By freeing each platoon at least once every two weeks to conduct battle drill training, units have improved their reaction and control in combat.

RECOMMENDATION: That companies make regular battle drill training part of their SOP.

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EMERGENCY LIGHTING.

OBSERVATION: Often there is a shortage of emergency light sources such as Coleman lanterns and candles for use in command posts and fire direction centers.

EVALUATION: Field expedient light sources can be made from the waterproof wrapping found on artillery and mortar ammunition. This readily available material makes an excellent light source when twisted into the shape of a candle.

RECOMMENDATION: That field expedient candles be made of waterproof material when emergency light sources are needed.

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7. (C) Tactical Cover and Deception.

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EVALUATION: By constructing multiple bunkers in an area and then occupying them randomly, a unit can maintain a semi-permanent OP/LP with less risk that the OP/LP will be eliminated in the first stage of an attack.

RECOMMENDATION: That units occupying semi-permanent fire bases construct multiple OP/LP bunkers and occupy them in random fashion.

8. (C) Other.

a. Measures to Prevent Sapper Attacks.

(1) NVA DIVERSIONARY TACTICS.

OBSERVATION: Enemy forces utilize indirect fire and diversionary infantry attacks to draw fires of a patrol base so that sappers may more easily infiltrate the base's perimeter.

EVALUATION: Recently an Engineer and Special Forces Camp took incoming mortar fire from the southwest of their perimeter followed by an infantry attack along the northern and western perimeter. While attention was focused along those sides of the perimeter, approximately 35 to 40 sappers breached the perimeter on the east side.

RECOMMENDATION: When hit by indirect fire, probes, or standoff attacks, units should automatically be alert for sappers attempting to infiltrate through the inactive side of the perimeter. All troops should be assigned sectors of responsibility and should give these sectors their fullest attention.

(2) COMMAND AND CONTROL.

OBSERVATION: It is difficult to command a large perimeter defense from a central control headquarters. The communications system is overloaded, response to requests for fires is slow, and subordinate commanders are not utilized.

EVALUATION: Response to attack is more rapid when forces are controlled by unit commanders rather than by an ad hoc central base headquarters.

RECOMMENDATION: That established command lines be retained in the conduct of a perimeter defense.

(3) INTERIOR DEFENSE:

OBSERVATION: Sapper infiltrators may succeed in penetrating the

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EVALUATION: Men seeking shelter in bunkers under the shock of the first rounds of incoming mortar fire tend to ignore local defense of bunkers and tents. Sappers take advantage of initial disorganization to throw satchel charges and to fire small arms into shelter bunkers.

RECOMMENDATION: That troops be trained not to play ostrich when occupying shelter bunkers. Interior guards must be posted at the entrances to bunkers and near Tactical Operations Centers. Prepared foxholes or bunkered guard posts are recommended within interior areas and near perimeter bunkers.

(4) WIRE OBSTACLES.

OBSERVATION: Wire is not an obstacle to sapper attacks unless it is continuous, close enough for observation, and covered by fire.

EVALUATION: Under cover of darkness and of mortar fire, sappers can quickly move through most wire obstacles.

RECOMMENDATION: That wire not be relied upon to deter the enemy. It will aid in detecting him if it is properly laid, covered by fire and observation, and rigged with trip flares.

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EVALUATION: A compromise solution to this problem--cutting a firing port in the standoff screen--improves the defenders' field of fire while retaining good protection against B-40 and B-41 rockets.

RECOMMENDATION: That a six-inch horizontal strip be cut in each standoff screen to improve observation and fields of fire.

b. Civil Affairs.

CONSOLIDATION OF CIVIL AFFAIRS TEAMS.

OBSERVATION: A Civil Affairs team is effective only if it can remain in a given village for several weeks or months.

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or less in one village before moving to a new location. Current plans envision battalions operating in stabilized areas and collocating with district headquarters. There will be times, however, when the tactical situation makes such stabilized operations impossible.

RECOMMENDATION: That when stabilized battalion operations are impossible, forward CA Teams consolidate at the brigade CP and begin stabilized civic action programs under the supervision of the brigade S5.

c. Safety.

(1) REDUCING AIRCRAFT FLARE FAILURE RATES

OBSERVATION: Mark 24 aircraft flares have a high dud rate.

EVALUATION: The ground ignition of an aircraft flare, which resulted in the death of a small MONTAGNARD child, prompted a systematic attempt to reduce the aircraft flare dud rate. The flare that killed the child had been set and dropped according to local and USARV SOP. In the weeks that followed the accident, air crews took extraordinary precautions while employing flares. All flares on hand were rechecked for proper setting. Thereafter, all flares were set by experienced personnel, that is crew chiefs and gunners with 8 to 11 months in country and with many flare missions flown. The work was supervised by an C6 and checked by an officer. Flare settings were changed from five second ejection and 15 second ignition to five second ejection and 10 second ignition. Crews were required to carry flashlights and check each flare for setting, proper pulling of the safety pin, and proper securing of the lanyard before the flare was thrown. Pilots were instructed to fly at altitudes 500 to 1000 feet higher than normal. In spite of all the precautions the high rate of flare failures continued. Typical was a mission on 21 March in which a total of 65 flares were dropped. The flares were checked for proper setting, the lanyards were hand held, and all flares were timed by stopwatches for ejection and ignition. All lanyards separated from the flares; none of the flares hit a skid. Still, one flare streamed to the ground as its chute failed to open; six flares ignited late and landed while still burning; five flares ignited on the ground, starting three ground fires. Some of the flares used were manufactured in 1967. Some of their polyfoam containers had water in them, and some of the flares were corroded. Aviation personnel suspected that the power trains of the time fuses were damp and therefore unreliable. Statistical data was as follows:

FLARE REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FLARES THROWN</u>	<u>DUDS</u>	<u>STREAMERS</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>LOT NUMBER</u>
16 Mar	93	8	13	72	57-C-67 11/67

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4 Apr	36	2	2	32	"
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RECOMMENDATION:

1. That flare stocks in RVN be monitored closely to insure that shelf life is not too great.

2. That pilots regard the safety of friendly troops and civilians on the ground by not dropping flares directly overhead.

(2) CONTROLLING BRUSH FIRES STARTED BY ILLUMINATION OPERATIONS.

OBSERVATION: During the dry season the employment of high intensity aircraft flares creates hazards of grass and brush fires.

EVALUATION: The crews of aircraft dropping flares are in the most advantageous position to report fires started by their operations.

RECOMMENDATION: That all aircraft working over areas of fire hazard be assigned the secondary mission of detecting fires and reporting them to the nearest ground element.

d. Signal.

(1) MODIFIED CABLE FOR KY-38 AND AN/GRC-125 POWER SUPPLY.

OBSERVATION: The mounting MF-1029/VRC and the amplifier-power supply OA-3633/GRC components of the AN/GRC-125 may be used to furnish power for the portable speech security element KY-38.

EVALUATION: If the spare snap type fastener is removed from the side of the KY-38, the mount MF-1029/VRC will accept the KY-38 and it can be locked securely in place.

The AN/PRC-77 radio connector end of the KY-38/PRC-77 interconnecting cable will mate with the "set power" receptacle on the amplifier-power supply OA-3633/GRC. Wires are soldered from pin "A" and "E" of the connector to pin "2" and "3" of the Z-ACC battery pack on the KY-38.

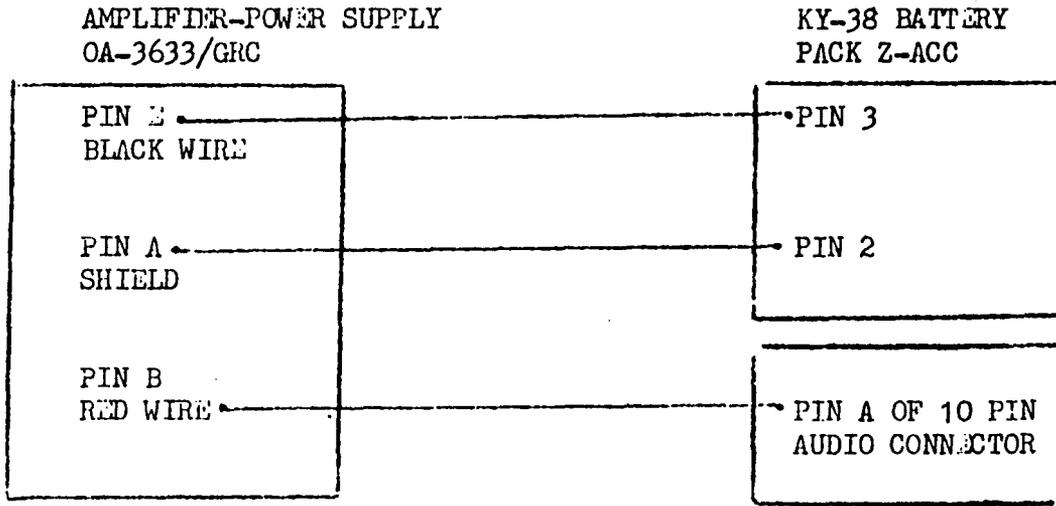
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INTERCONNECTING CABLE (ON108149-3)

NOTE: Pin B will furnish a positive 19 to 30 VDC. This pin may be used to supply the B + power for the KY-38/RT-524 audio cable.

RECOMMENDATION: That the modification described above be used when necessary to enhance the flexibility of a units portable speech security equipment.

(2) MODIFIED CABLE FOR KY-38 & RT-524 RADIO.

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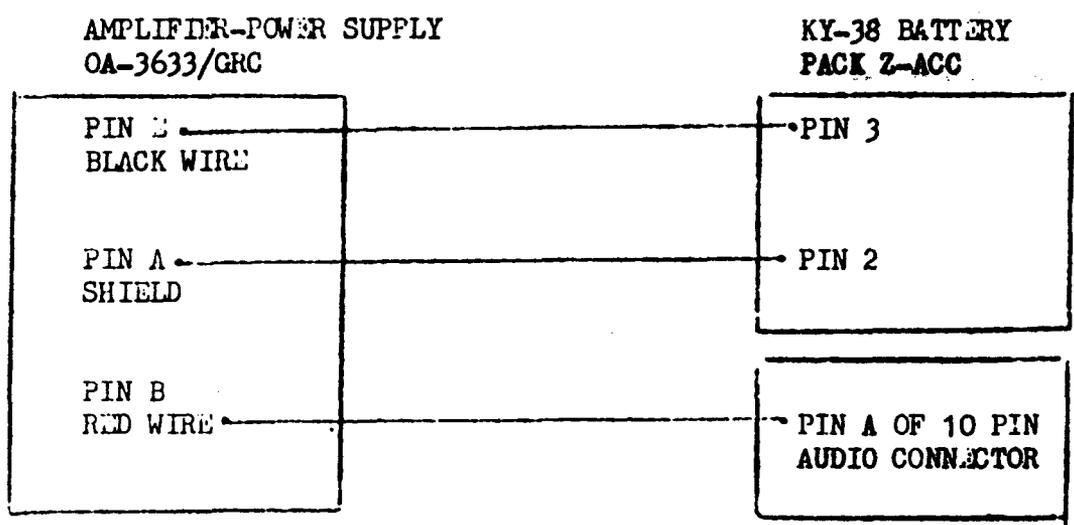
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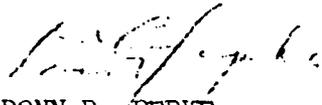
(d) It can be zeroized quickly.

(e) Several KY-38's may be keyed with one KYK-28 code changer.

(f) When the KY-38 is in cipher, a radio transmitting in plain will still be received by the KY-38.

RECOMMENDATION: That units adopt the expedient described above in order to improve long range secure mode radio transmission. (See Appendix 1).

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1 - USCONARC	1 - ACofS, G1
2 - CINCUSARPAC	1 - ACofS, G2
3 - DCG, USARV	1 - ACofS, G3
2 - COST ANAL STUDY GP, USARV	1 - ACofS, G4
6 - CG, I FFORCEV	1 - ACofS, G5
1 - Comdt, Armod Forces Staff College	1 - TACP (ALO), 4th Inf Div
1 - Comdt, C & GS College	1 - CO, 4th Inf Div Repl Tng Det
1 - Comdt, Armor Sch	1 - Chemical Officer
1 - Comdt, Arty Sch	1 - Provost Marshal
1 - Comdt, Avn Sch	1 - IG
1 - Comdt, Engr Sch	10 - CO, 29th Mil Hist Det
1 - Comdt, Inf Sch	1 - AG File
1 - Comdt, Sig Sch & Cen	
1 - Comdt, USA Chem Cen & Sch	
1 - USMA Library	
1 - CO, CDC, CBR Agency	
1 - CO, 52d Arty Gp	
1 - CO, 52d Cmbt Avn Bn	
2 - CO, 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div	
2 - CO, 2d Bde, 4th Inf Div	
2 - CO, 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div	
1 - CG, 173d Abn Bde	
2 - CO, DIVARTY	
2 - CO, DISCOM	
2 - CO, 2d Sqdn, 1st Cav	
2 - CO, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav	
2 - CO, 1st Bn, 69th Armor	
1 - CO, 1st Bn, 8th Inf	
1 - CO, 2d Bn, 8th Inf	
1 - CO, 3d Bn, 8th Inf	
1 - CO, 1st Bn, 12th Inf	
1 - CO, 3d Bn, 12th Inf	
1 - CO, 1st Bn, 14th Inf	
1 - CO, 1st Bn, 22d Inf	
1 - CO, 1st Bn, 35th Inf	
1 - CO, 2d Bn, 35th Inf	
1 - CO, 5th Bn, 16th Arty	
1 - CO, 6th Bn, 29th Arty	
1 - CO, 4th Bn, 42d Arty	
1 - CO, 2d Bn, 9th Arty	
2 - CO, 4th Engr Bn	
2 - CO, 124th Sig Bn	
1 - CO, 4th S&T Bn	
1 - CO, 4th Mod Bn	

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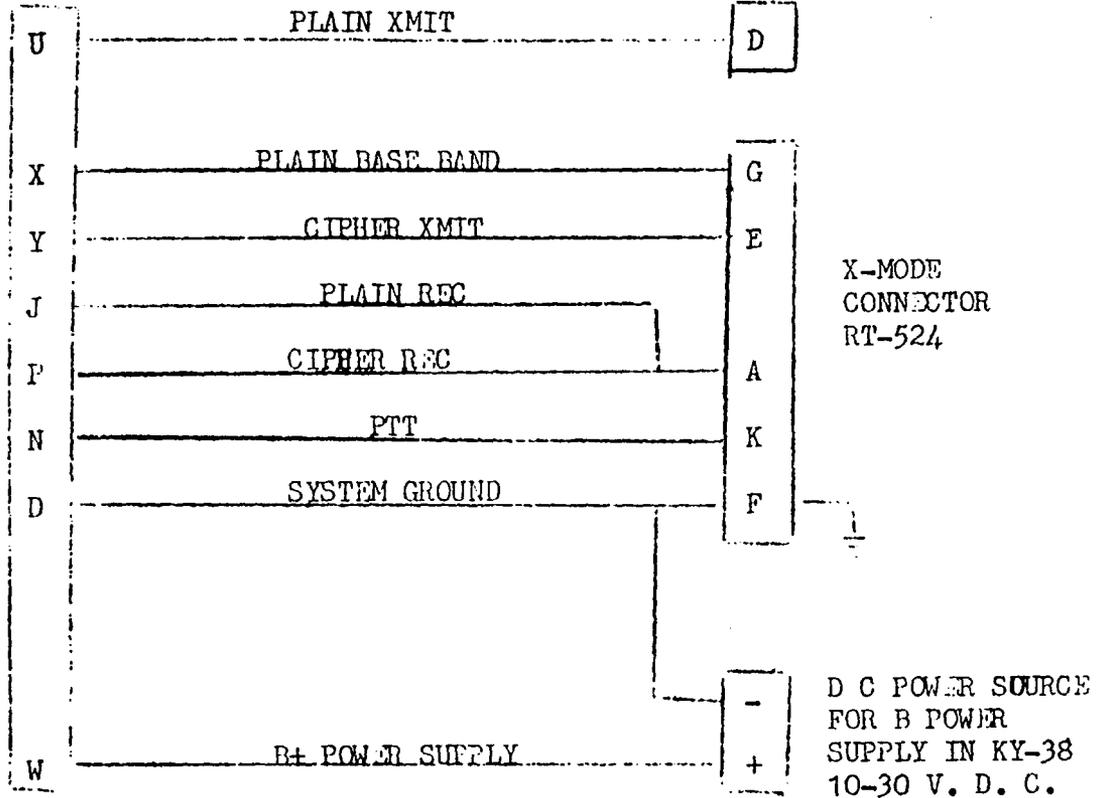
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1 - CO, 4th Bn, 42d Arty	
1 - CO, 2d Bn, 9th Arty	
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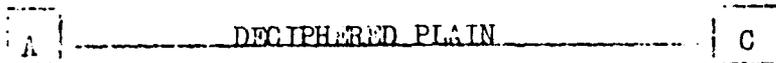
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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

1. (C) Task Organization as of 31 January 1969 with supporting artillery:

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|---|---|
| <p><u>1st Bde, 4th Inf Div</u></p> <p>1-8 Inf (-)
3-8 Inf
6-29 Arty (-) DS
B/4 Engr
D/704 Maint
B/4 Med
Plat/B/124 Sig
Plat/4 MP Co
TACP</p> <p><u>2d Bde, 4th Inf Div</u></p> <p>1-22 Inf
2-8 Inf
3-12 Inf
B/2-1 Cav
4-42 Arty (-) DS
B/5-16 Arty GSR 4-42
D/5-16 Arty GSR 4-42
B/6-29 Arty DS 3-12
B/6-14 Arty GS
C/6-14 Arty GS
B/3-6 Arty DS 2-8
B/1-92 Arty GSR 4-42
C/4 Engr
Plat/B/124 Sig
Plat/4 MP Co
TACP</p> | <p><u>3d Bde, 4th Inf Div</u></p> <p>1-12 Inf
1-35 Inf
1-14 Inf (+)
1-69 Armor (-)
1-10 Cav (-)
2-9 Arty (-) DS
B/4-42 Arty DS 1-12
A/5-16 Arty GSR 2-9
C/5-16 Arty GSR 2-9
C/7-15 Arty GS
A/6-14 Arty GS
C/3-6 Arty DS 1-10
C/1-92 Arty GS
A/1-92 Arty GS
D/4 Engr
B/704 Maint
D/4 Med
Plat/B/124 Sig
Plat/4 Mp Co
TACP
366 AVN Det</p> <p><u>Division Troops</u></p> <p>2-35 Inf (+)
7-17 Cav (-)
B/2-9 Arty DS 2-35
A/3-6 Arty GS
A/5-22 Arty GS
B/5-22 Arty GS
4 Engr (-)
B/1-8 Inf
2-1 Cav (-)
C/1-10 Cav
4 Avn
124 Sig (-)
4 MP Co (-)
E/58 Inf (IRP)
4 MI Det
4 War Dog Det (Prov)
43 Cml Det
29th Mil Hist Det
TACP</p> |
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2. (C) effective 1 Feb, 2d MSF Bn OPCON 1st Bde.

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3. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 1-4-69 eff 2 Feb:

1st Bde, 4th Inf Div

RECEIVE: B/1-8 Inf

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RECEIVE: B/1-35 Inf

3d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RELEASE: B/1-35 Inf

Division Troops

RELEASE: B/1-8 Inf

4. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 3-4-69 eff 7 Feb:

1st Bde, 4th Inf Div

RELEASE: 1-8 Inf w/DS Arty
RELEASE: 2d MSF Bn eff 8 Feb

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RECEIVE: 1-8 Inf w/DS Arty

DIVARTY

RELEASE: C/6-29 Arty eff 8 Feb

5. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 5-4-69 eff 10 Feb:

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RELEASE: B/1-35 Inf

3d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RECEIVE: B/1-35 Inf

6. (C) Effective 14 Feb 69, A/5-22 Arty released from 4th Inf Div control.

7. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 6-4-69 eff 19 Feb:

1st Bde, 4th Inf Div

RECEIVE: 2-8 Inf w/DS Arty
RECEIVE: 3-12 Inf w/DS Arty

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RELEASE: 2-8 Inf w/DS Arty
RELEASE: 3-12 Inf w/DS Arty

8. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 8-4-69 eff 19 Feb:

1st Bde, 4th Inf Div

RECEIVE: 1-12 Inf w/DS Arty

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RELEASE: 1-12 Inf w/DS Arty

9. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 9-4-69 eff 23 Feb:

1st Bde, 4th Inf Div

RELEASE: 1-12 Inf w/DS Arty
RECEIVE: 1-8 Inf w/DS Arty

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RELEASE: 1-8 Inf w/DS Arty
RECEIVE: 1-12 Inf w/DS Arty

10. (C) Eff 23 Feb: B/1-92 Arty assumes a GS mission in 2d Bde AO.

11. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 10-4-69 eff 23 Feb:

3d Bde, 4th Inf Div

Division Troops

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RECEIVE: A/1-10 Cav RELEASE: A/1-10 Cav
RECEIVE: 2-35 Inf w/DS Arty eff 25 Feb RELEASE: 2-35 Inf w/DS Arty eff 25 Feb

12. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 11-4-69 eff 24 Feb:

1st Bde, 4th Inf Div 2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RELEASE: B/1-8 Inf RECEIVE: B/1-8 Inf
3d Bde, 4th Inf Div RECEIVE: B/1-69 Armor (-)

RELEASE: B/1-69 Armor (-)

13. (C) Eff 26 Feb: D/5-16 Arty assumes GS mission in 2d Bde AO.

14. (C) Eff 27 Feb: B/5-22 Arty is released from Div control.

15. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 12-4-69 eff 28 Feb:

1st Bde, 4th Inf Div 2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RELEASE: 2-8 Inf w/DS Arty RECEIVE: 2-8 Inf w/DS Arty
RECEIVE: B/1-8 Inf RELEASE: B/1-8 Inf

16. (C) Eff 4 Mar: A/3-6 Arty assumes mission as DS 2-8 Inf. B/3-6 Arty assumes GS mission in Division AO.

17. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 16-4-69 eff 4 Mar:

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RECEIVED: 1-69 Armor RELEASE: 1-69 Armor

18. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 17-4-69 eff 4 Mar:

1st Bde, 4th Inf Div 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RECEIVED: A/1-35 Inf eff 5 Mar RELEASED: A/1-35 Inf

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RECEIVE: A/1-35 Inf
RELEASE: A/1-35 Inf eff 5 Mar

19. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 18-4-69 eff 6 Mar:

1st Bde, 4th Inf Div 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RECEIVE: 1-35 Inf (-) w/DS Arty RELEASE: 1-35 Inf (-) w/DS Arty

20. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 19-4-69 eff 7 Mar:

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3d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RECEIVE: C/75 Inf (RGR)

21. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 20-4-69 eff 10 Mar:

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

1st Bde, 4th Inf Div

RECEIVE: C/1-35 Inf

RELEASE: C/1-35 Inf

22. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 21-4-69 eff 15 Mar:

1st Bde, 4th Inf Div

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RELEASE: 1-35 Inf (-) w/DS Arty

RECEIVE: 1-35 Inf (-) w/ DS Arty

23. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 25-4-69 eff 18 Mar:

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

3d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RELEASE: 1-35 Inf w/DS Arty

RECEIVE: 1-35 Inf w/DS Arty

24. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 28-4-69 eff 28 Mar:

3d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RELEASE: C/75 Inf (RGR) (-)

25. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 30-4-69 eff 1 Apr:

3d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RELEASE: B/2-35 Inf 1/A1-10 Cav

26. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 31-4-69 eff 1 Apr:

1st Bde, 4th Inf Div

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RECEIVE: 1-22 Inf w/DS Arty

RELEASE: 1-22 Inf w/DS Arty

27. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 32-4-69 eff 3 Apr:

1st Bde, 4th Inf Div

Division Troops

RELEASE: 1 Co/1-8 Inf

RECEIVE: 1 Co/1-8 Inf

28. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 33-4-69 eff 2 Apr:

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

3d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RECEIVE: B/2-35 Inf

RECEIVE: 1/A/1-10 Cav

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3d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RECEIVE: C/75 Inf (RGR)

21. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 20-4-69 eff 10 Mar:

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

1st Bde, 4th Inf Div

RECEIVE: C/1-35 Inf

RELEASE: C/1-35 Inf

22. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 21-4-69 eff 15 Mar:

1st Bde, 4th Inf Div

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RELEASE: 1-35 Inf (-) w/DS Arty

RECEIVE: 1-35 Inf (-) w/ DS Arty

23. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 25-4-69 eff 18 Mar:

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

3d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RELEASE: 1-35 Inf w/DS Arty

RECEIVE: 1-35 Inf w/DS Arty

24. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 28-4-69 eff 28 Mar:

3d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RELEASE: C/75 Inf (RGR) (-)

25. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 30-4-69 eff 1 Apr:

3d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RELEASE: B/2-35 Inf 1/A1-10 Cav

26. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 31-4-69 eff 1 Apr:

1st Bde, 4th Inf Div

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RECEIVE: 1-22 Inf w/DS Arty

RELEASE: 1-22 Inf w/DS Arty

27. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 32-4-69 eff 3 Apr:

1st Bde, 4th Inf Div

Division Troops

RELEASE: 1 Co/1-8 Inf

RECEIVE: 1 Co/1-8 Inf

28. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 33-4-69 eff 2 Apr:

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

3d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RECEIVE: B/2-35 Inf

RECEIVE: 1/A1-10 Cav

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39. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 44-4-69 eff 25 Apr:

1st Bde, 4th Inf Div

3d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RELEASE: D/2-1 Cav

RECEIVED: D/2-1 Cav

RELEASE: A/7-17 Cav

40. (C) Eff 27 Apr: C/5-16 Arty was released from GSR 2-9 Arty and assumed GSR 6-29 Arty.

41. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 45-4-69 eff 27 Apr:

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RELEASE: 2d MSF & 3 MSF Bn

42. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 47-4-69 eff 29 Apr:

3d Bde, 4th Inf Div

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

RELEASE: 1 Plat/1-14 Inf

RECEIVED: 1 Plat/1-14 Inf

RELEASE: Hq/7-17 Cav

Division Troops

RECEIVE: Hq/7-17 Cav

43. (C) Task Organization as of 30 April 1969 with supporting arty:

1st Bde, 4th Inf Div

3d Bde, 4th Inf Div

1-8 Inf
3-12 Inf
B/2-8 Inf
1-69 (-)
2-1 Cav (-)
6-29 Arty (-) DS
A/2-17 Arty GS
B/2-17 Arty GS
C/5-16 Arty GSR 6-29 Arty
B/4 Engr
D/704 Maint
B/4 Med
Plat/B/124 Sig
Plat/4 MP Co
TACP

1-35 Inf
2-35 Inf
1-10 Cav
D/2-1 Cav
D/7-17 Cav
2-9 Arty (-) DS
C/3-6 Arty DS 1-10 Cav
C/5-27 Arty GS
D/5-16 Arty GS
A/6-14 Arty GS
A/5-16 Arty GSR 2-9 Arty
D/4 Engr
B/704 Maint
D/4 Med
Plat/B/124 Sig
Plat/4 MP Co
TACP
366 Avn Det

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div

2-8 Inf (-)
3-8 Inf
1-12 Inf
1-14 Inf
1-22 Inf

Division Troops

4 Engr (-)
7-17 Cav (-)

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39. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 44-4-69 eff 25 Apr:

<u>1st Bde, 4th Inf Div</u>	<u>3d Bde, 4th Inf Div</u>
RELEASE: D/2-1 Cav	RECEIVED: D/2-1 Cav
	RELEASE: A/7-17 Cav

40. (C) Eff 27 Apr: C/5-16 Arty was released from GSR 2-9 Arty and assumed GSR 6-29 Arty.

41. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 45-4-69 off 27 Apr:

2d Bde, 4th Inf Div
RELEASE: 2d MSF & 3 MSF Bn

42. (C) Task Organization as changed by FRAGO 47-4-69 eff 29 Apr:

<u>3d Bde, 4th Inf Div</u>	<u>2d Bde, 4th Inf Div</u>
RELEASE: 1 Plat/1-14 Inf	RECEIVED: 1 Plat/1-14 Inf
<u>Division Troops</u>	RELEASE: Hq/7-17 Cav
RECEIVE: Hq/7-17 Cav	

43. (C) Task Organization as of 30 April 1969 with supporting arty:

<u>1st Bde, 4th Inf Div</u>	<u>3d Bde, 4th Inf Div</u>
1-8 Inf	1-35 Inf
3-12 Inf	2-35 Inf
B/2-8 Inf	1-10 Cav
1-69 (-)	D/2-1 Cav
2-1 Cav (-)	D/7-17 Cav
6-29 Arty (-) DS	2-9 Arty (-) DS
A/2-17 Arty GS	C/3-6 Arty DS 1-10 Cav
B/2-17 Arty GS	C/5-27 Arty GS
C/5-16 Arty GSR 6-29 Arty	D/5-16 Arty GS
B/4 Engr	A/6-14 Arty GS
D/704 Maint	A/5-16 Arty GSR 2-9 Arty
B/4 Med	D/4 Engr
Plat/B/124 Sig	B/704 Maint
Plat/4 MP Co	D/4 Med
TACP	Plat/B/124 Sig
	Plat/4 MP Co
<u>2d Bde, 4th Inf Div</u>	TACP
2-8 Inf (-)	366 Avn Det
3-8 Inf	
1-12 Inf	<u>Division Troops</u>
1-14 Inf	4 Engr (-)
1-22 Inf	7-17 Cav (-)

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B/1-69 Armor
4-42 Arty (-) DS
C/6-29 Arty DS 3-8 Inf
A/2-9 Arty DS 1-14 Inf
A/3-6 Arty DS
A/4-42 Arty GS
C/6-14 Arty GS
A/1-92 Arty GS
B/1-92 Arty GS
B/5-16 Arty GSR 4-42 Arty
C/Engr
C/704 Maint
C/4 Med
Plat/B/124 Sig
Plat/4 MP Co
TACP

B/3-6 Arty GS
B/6-14 Arty GS
C/1-92 Arty GS
C/7-15 Arty GS
4 Avn
124 Sig (-)
4 MP Co (-)
K/75 Inf (RGR)
4 MI Det
4 War Dog (Prov)
43 Cml Det
29th Mil Hist Det
TACP

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KEY PERSONNEL

Key personnel by position as of the end of the reporting period.

Pepke, Donn R.	MG	CG, 4th Inf Div
Irzyk, Albin F.	BG	ADC-A
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McChrystal, Herbert J. Jr.	COL	Chief of Staff
Daniels, John L.	LTC	ACofS, G1
Thomann, Charles E.	LTC	ACofS, G2
Dillon, Robert E.	LTC	ACofS, G3
Snyder, Charles L.	LTC	ACofS, G4
Thoreson, David P.	LTC	ACofS, G5
Rumbaugh, Earl E. Jr.	LTC	DPC
Clinton, Frederick C.	LTC	AG
Anker, Don C.	LTC	IG
Peck, Darrell L.	LTC	SJA
Lewis, George N. III	LTC	Surg
Russell, Donald N.	LTC	PM
Gillespie, John W.	LTC	Cml Off
Childers, John C. Jr.	LTC	Fin Off
Leaming, Vaughn F.	LTC	Chap
Maxwell, George M. Jr.	MAJ	IO
Bikus, John J. Jr.	CPT	Ammo Off
Laskoski, Richard D.	CPT	Trans Off

1st Bde, 4th Infantry Division

Kirwan, Robert L.	LTC	CO
Dotur, Stephen P.	LTC	Dep Bde CO
Sheridan, Stan R.	LTC	XO
Hull, Robert L.	MAJ	S3

2d Bde, 4th Infantry Division

Duquemin, Gordon J.	COL	CO
Cottingham, John B. Jr.	LTC	Dep Bde CO
Fiora, Edward F. Jr.	LTC	XO
Lieber, Albert C.	MAJ	S3

3d Bde, 4th Infantry Division

Gruenther, Richard L.	COL	CO
Patterson, Clyde H. Jr.	LTC	Dep Bde CO
Burris, James C.	LTC	XO
Hutchison, Hugh F. Jr.	MAJ	S3

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Rogers, Guy A.	LTC	XO
Mauer, William W.	LTC	S3

Division Support Command

McCarthy, Joseph E.	COL	CO
Sapp, Alfred G.	LTC	XO
Whedbee, John S. Jr.	MAJ	S3

Battalions

Buckner, Allen M.	LTC	CO, 1st Bn, 8th Inf
De Camp, William S.	LTC	CO, 2d Bn, 8th Inf
Mickel, Woodburn J.	LTC	CO, 3d Bn, 8th Inf
Carter, Robert H. Jr.	LTC	CO, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
Harris, Bobby J.	LTC	CO, 3d Bn, 12th Inf
Lander, Robert B.	LTC	CO, 1st Bn, 14th Inf
Stevenson, William M.	LTC	CO, 1st Bn, 22d Inf
English, Don C.	LTC	CO, 1st Bn, 35th Inf
Price, James E.	LTC	CO, 2d Bn, 35th Inf
Renick, Roderick D. Jr.	LTC	CO, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav
Miller, Richard A.	LTC	CO, 2d Sqdn, 1st Cav
Bean R. Calvin	LTC	CO, 7th Sqdn, 17th Cav
Brandt, Leo M.	LTC	CO, 1st Bn, 69th Armor
Sampson, Donald E.	LTC	CO, 6th Bn, 29th Arty
Perlow, Joseph P.	LTC	CO, 4th Bn, 42d Arty
Forrester, Redmond V. Jr.	LTC	CO, 2d Bn, 9th Arty
Weathersby, Russell A.	LTC	CO, 5th Bn, 16th Arty
Fust, John W. Jr.	LTC	CO, 4th Avn Bn
Easton, Robert H.	MAJ	CO, 4th Engr Bn
Weber, William G.	LTC	CO, 4th Med Bn
Porter, Vernon R.	LTC	CO, 4th S&T Bn
Ball, Duard D.	LTC	CO, 704th Maint Bn
Rolya, William I.	LTC	CO, 124th Sig Bn

Separate Companies and Detachments

Di Meo, Richard S.	CPT	CO, HHC 4th Inf Div
Eck, Carleton L.	CPT	CO, 4th Admin Co
Cooper, Marvin J.	CPT	CO, 4th MP Co
Chambers, James A.	MAJ	CO, 4th MI Det
Pavia, Richard J.	MAJ	CO, 29th Mil Hist Det
Shanks, Lindsey S.	CPT	CO, 4th Repl Det
Silverling, Reuben H.	CPT	CO, K/75th Ranger

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Division Artillery

Williams, Virgil H.	COL	CO
Rogers, Guy A.	LTC	XO
Mauer, William W.	LTC	S3

Division Support Command

McCarthy, Joseph E.	COL	CO
Sapp, Alfred G.	LTC	XO
Whedbee, John S. Jr.	MAJ	S3

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Mickel, Woodburn J.	LTC	CO, 3d Bn, 8th Inf
Carter, Robert H. Jr.	LTC	CO, 1st Bn, 12th Inf
Harris, Bobby J.	LTC	CO, 3d Bn, 12th Inf
Lander, Robert B.	LTC	CO, 1st Bn, 14th Inf
Stevenson, William M.	LTC	CO, 1st Bn, 22d Inf
English, Don C.	LTC	CO, 1st Bn, 35th Inf
Price, James E.	LTC	CO, 2d Bn, 35th Inf
Renick, Roderick D. Jr.	LTC	CO, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav
Miller, Richard A.	LTC	CO, 2d Sqdn, 1st Cav
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Brandt, Leo M.	LTC	CO, 1st Bn, 69th Armor
Sampson, Donald E.	LTC	CO, 6th Bn, 29th Arty
Perlow, Joseph P.	LTC	CO, 4th Bn, 42d Arty
Forrester, Redmond V. Jr.	LTC	CO, 2d Bn, 9th Arty
Weathersby, Russell A.	LTC	CO, 5th Bn, 16th Arty
Fust, John W. Jr.	LTC	CO, 4th Avn Bn
Easton, Robert H.	MAJ	CO, 4th Engr Bn
Weber, William G.	LTC	CO, 4th Med Bn
Porter, Vernon R.	LTC	CO, 4th S&T Bn
Ball, Duard D.	LTC	CO, 704th Maint Bn
Rolya, William I.	LTC	CO, 124th Sig Bn

Separate Companies and Detachments

Di Meo, Richard S.	CPT	CO, HHC 4th Inf Div
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Chambers, James A.	MAJ	CO, 4th MI Det
Pavia, Richard J.	MAJ	CO, 29th Mil Hist Det
Shanks, Lindsey S.	CPT	CO, 4th Repl Det
Silverling, Reuben H.	CPT	CO, K/75th Ranger

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ABBREVIATIONS

List of abbreviations used in text (local, common usage, standard Army).

AA	Anti-Aircraft
AFB	Air Force Base
AFRS	Armed Forces Radio Service
AGI	Annual General Inspection
ALOC	Air Line of Communication
AO	Area of Operations
APC	Armored Personnel Carrier
APD	Airborne Personnel Detector
ARP	Aero Rifle Platoon
ARVN	Army Republic of Vietnam
ASL	Authorized Stockage List
ASP	Ammunition Supply Point
ASR	Ammunition Supply Rate
A/V	Audio/Visual
AVLB	Armored Vehicle Launched Bridge
AW	Automatic Weapon
BC	Body Count
CA	Civic Action, Combat Assault
CAS	Close Air Support
CBU	Cluster Bomb Unit
C&C	Command and Control (Aircraft)
CHICOM	Chinese Communist
CI	Counterintelligence
CIA	Captured in Action
CMIT	Combined Mobile Instruction Team
CMTT	Combined Mobile Training Team
CORD	Council on Revolutionary Development
CP	Command Post
CS	Tear Gas
CSF	Camp Strike Force
CSS	Combat Sky Spot
DISCOM	Division Support Command
DS	Direct Support
DTOC	Division Tactical Operations Center
EDP	Equipment Deadlined for Parts
ERP	Engineer Rappel Platoon
FAC	Forward Air Controller
FDC	Fire Direction Center
FO	Forward Observer
FOB	Forward Operating Base
FRAGO	Fragmentary Order
FSA	Forward Support Area
FSB	Fire Support Base
FSE	Forward Supply Element
FWMAF	Free World Military Assistance Forces

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GS	General Support
GSR	General Support Reinforcing
Gunship	Armed UH-1 Helicopter
GVN	Government of Vietnam
Hawkeye Team	Four Man Hunter-Killer Team
HE	High Explosive
H&I	Harassment and Interdiction
Headhunter	O-1E Aircraft Used for Visual Reconnaissance
Hook	CH-47 "Chinook" Helicopter
ICC	Installation Coordination Center
I FFORCEV IFFV	I Field Force, Vietnam
JUSPAO	Joint US Public Affairs Office
KBA	Killed by Air
KIA	Killed in Action
LF	Local Force
LOH	Light Observation Helicopter
LP	Listening Post
LRP	Long Range Patrol
LLOC	Land Line of Communication
LZ	Landing Zone
MACV	Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
MEDCAP	Medical Civic Action Program
MF	Main Force
MI	Military Intelligence
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MSF	Mobile Strike Force
MSR	Main Supply Route
MTOE	Modified Table of Organization and Equipment
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NVA	North Vietnamese Army
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RCA	Riot Control Agent
RD	Revolutionary Development
Red Ball	Emergency Requisition for Part to Remove Major Item from Deadline
RF	Regional Force
RIF	Reconnaissance in Force
RL	Rocket Launcher
RRC	Radio Research Company
RVN	Republic of Vietnam
SA	Small Arms
Slick	UH-1 Helicopter Used Primarily for Air Lift
SLAR	Side Looking Airborne Radar
Snatch	Sudden Apprehension of Suspect Person
SP	Self Propelled
Spooky	Air Force Minigun Armed AC-47 Flaeship
SRP	Short Range Patrol
SSB	Single Side Band (Radio Transmission Mode)
STZ	Special Tactical Zone
TACP	Tactical Air Control Party
TAOR	Tactical Area of Responsibility
TOE	Table of Organization and Equipment
TOT	Time on Target
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USARV	United States Army, Vietnam
USSF	United States Special Forces
VC	Viet Cong
VCC	Viet Cong Captive
VETCAP	Veterinary Civic Action Program
VMC	Viet Montagnard Cong
VMCC	Viet Montagnard Cong Captive
VR	Visual Reconnaissance
VT	Variable Time
VTR	Vehicle, Tank Recovery
WIA	Wounded in Action
WP	White Phosphorous

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THRU: Commanding General
IFFORCEV
APO 96350

TO: Commander
United States Army Vietnam
ATTN: G3
APO US Forces 96375

1. NAME OR IDENTITY AND/OR TYPE OF OPERATION: Reconnaissance in force, Company A, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry.
2. DATES OF OPERATION: 2 March 1969, through 4 March 1969.
3. LOCATION: PLEI TRAP, KONTUM Province (YA803879). Map 1:50,000 sheet 6537 IV, series L7014.
4. CONTROL OR COMMAND HEADQUARTERS: 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry.
5. REPORTING OFFICER: LTC Pennel J. Hickey.
6. TASK ORGANIZATION: Company A, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry.
7. SUPPORTING FORCES:
 - a. B and C Btry, 6/29 Arty (105) DS.
 - b. C Btry, 1/92 Arty (155) GS.
 - c. A Troop 7/17 Cav.
 - d. 52d Aviation Bn.
 - e. 7th US Air Force.
8. INTELLIGENCE:
 - a. The 66th NVA Regiment was known to be in the general area of contact.

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d. Company C was to secure FB Pause and the Battalion CP.

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b. On 3 March Company A was scheduled to continue the reconnaissance in force

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to YA812884 where they were to establish a night location. At 1200H the Company laged for the noon meal and then continued up the finger toward the crest of a north-south ridgeline. An eight-man ambush force was left for rear cover. At approximately 1530H the Company reached what they believed to be their night location. Actually they were at YA804878. Captain Isom, the Company Commander, who was new to VIETNAM, assuming command on 12 February, established a company perimeter, assigning the 3d Platoon the sector covering the portion of the trail leading up the finger of the ridgeline. Lieutenant Williams, the platoon leader, dispatched a two-man team to reconnoiter the trail running up the ridgeline. The team surprised a NVA soldier who ran up the hill. The two soldiers returned to the perimeter and reported the information to Lieutenant Williams. Lieutenant Williams conveyed the information to Captain Isom. Lieutenant Flannigan, the forward observer with the Company, recommended that the area be prepared with artillery before the Company investigated. Captain Isom elected to investigate immediately, and dispatched the 3d Platoon. Lieutenant Williams halted them in a clearing immediately behind a log across the trail. He had the squads set up a perimeter and moved on up the trail with three other men. They found an NVA OP with a cooking pot in it and continued a short distance up the trail. Suddenly, the point man saw a NVA soldier rise from behind a bush. The point man engaged and killed the NVA. Lieutenant Williams observed three other NVA and fired at them. A machine gun positioned behind some logs opened up and was silenced with three hand grenades. The element withdrew back to the platoon location. Lieutenant Williams called Captain Isom and reported that he was in contact with a platoon or company of NVA. The enemy started firing at the platoon from the front and gradually encroached on the sides. Some of the NVA were wearing fatigues, others shorts or black pajamas. The weapons squad located behind the log returned fire, as did the rest of the platoon.

c. Captain Isom, when he received word that the platoon was in contact, reported the contact to the 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry CP at 1621H. Electing to reinforce Lieutenant Williams, Captain Isom left one squad from each platoon in the night location and proceeded up the trail. The Company was in a file with the Headquarters element leading, followed by the 2d, 4th, and 1st Platoons. The last two platoons received sniper fire from the left as they moved north-east up the finger. Captain Isom and the Headquarters element were able to join Lieutenant Williams behind the log, but the rest of the company had to take shelter at the rear or behind the 3d Platoon position. Lieutenant Griffith, the 2d Platoon leader, was killed shortly after reaching the 3d Platoon positions. The NVA forces pinned down the Company with machine gun fire from the front. Meanwhile, NVA soldiers climbed trees to the flanks and started shooting down at the US soldiers. The Company commenced taking casualties, and at 1635H, Captain Isom reported to the 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry CP that he was in contact with a battalion-size force and was receiving casualties. A short time later the RTO was wounded, and Captain Isom, going to his aid, was killed. This left Lieutenant Williams and Lieutenant Flannigan, the FO, as the only surviving officers. The troops holding the left side of the perimeter were either dead or wounded, and the entire 3d Platoon Weapons Squad had been killed. Lieutenant Williams gave

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d. The Company reached their night location at approximately 1800H. They had suffered 17 KIA and 10 MIA or PIA. The force heard firing in the contact area, but were receiving only sporadic sniper fire at the night location. The Company dug in and prepared for an expected enemy attack. Lieutenant Flannigan called in gunships and artillery around the contact area but not upon it. A resupply helicopter brought in ammunition, claymore mines, and trip flares, which were employed around the perimeter.

e. Later Specialist Four Sowa called the Company on the radio. He said he was lying wounded in the contact area and asked for help. An eight-man patrol moved to the contact area and recovered Sowa and another wounded man and returned to the night location. A dustoff helicopter was requested, and, after receiving enemy fire twice, it managed to evacuate three wounded. This left 68 men in the perimeter. AC-47 (Spooky) and artillery fired supporting fires all night. The Company remained on 75% alert for an anticipated enemy attack that did not materialize.

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g. The reaction by the US soldiers was almost instantaneous as they jumped out of their foxholes and yelled to Company B. It was not until they saw a NVA platoon emerge from the area to the north that they realized the use of a ruse de guerre. They returned to their foxholes and continued firing. Their fighting spirit seemed to break under the great pressure, and all they could think of was getting out of the area. One man bolted out of the perimeter, and was not again until two days later when he walked into a firebase. Lieutenant Williams passed the order around the perimeter to withdraw down the hill. Some of the personnel were carrying the wounded. A number of men were without weapons as a result of enemy action, and most were short of ammunition. Sergeant Jones, who temporarily lost his hearing, observed the withdrawal and was the last to leave the position. He became separated from the company during the withdrawal and evaded for ten days before he managed to reach a friendly fire base.

h. The Company withdrew off the ridgeline to a creek bed at the bottom of a draw, where it regrouped and proceeded in a westerly direction in a single file. The NVA continued to shoot at them from the top of the hill and sent a squad-size element to pursue them. Lieutenant Williams attempted to contact the 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry, but the batteries for the radio were too weak. NVA could be heard moving in the heavy undergrowth, so the Company moved on top of a small hill. A small enemy force was observed coming up behind them in the stream bed and was fired upon. The Company then moved into another stream bed and commenced moving west. Radio contact was finally established, and gunships covered the Company's withdrawal. A LOH guided the Company to a landing zone where it was extracted at 1525H.

12. RESULTS:

a. Company A sustained 20 infantry KIA, one artilleryman KIA, and one engineer KIA. One infantryman remains MIA. Fifty-two men were wounded, and three originally missing in action managed to evade to friendly positions. In addition, one man captured by the NVA was recovered on 6 March by Company D, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry.

b. Enemy confirmed losses are 50 KIA by body count in the contact area. Further, the soldier captured by the NVA and subsequently recovered reported seeing a large number of NVA wounded along the top of the north-south ridgeline of the scene of action.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

a. An initial resupply of ammunition was accomplished at 031825 March by Alligator 108, a UH-1 aircraft. The helicopter received ground fire as it approached the position and gunships were employed. Ground fire and the lack of LZs dictated that this ammunition be "kicked out" at a low level above the company.

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b. Later intelligence has revealed that Company A probably encountered the K-8 Battalion, 66th Regiment. The statement of a US soldier captured by the NVA and recaptured by Company D, revealed that the 66th NVA Regimental Headquarters may have been in the area. The chain of events indicates that the NVA were surprised by the intrusion, but quickly reacted. Their size and close proximity of their base area gave the NVA a decided combat superiority.

c. Company A met a superior enemy force and aggressively engaged it. The numerically superior NVA force occupying the dominant terrain forced Company A to withdraw. US firepower was employed with unknown results during the night. The dense jungle aided the enemy by preventing either a reinforcement or withdrawal. It also provided excellent cover and concealment which was used by the enemy to surround the Company the morning of 4 March. Thus the NVA were able to employ devastating fires around the perimeter. The duress, combat fatigue, casualties, and weakened chain of command, compounded by the enemy ruse, combined to reduce combat effectiveness. The Company consequently withdrew under difficult conditions.

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accomplishing resupply and medical evacuation. Poor visibility prevented pilots pinpointing Company A's location. The Dustoff helicopter, with flare ship assistance, spent about one and one-half hours trying to locate the Company at night.

15. LESSONS LEARNED:

a. Company A, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry became involved in a contact with a larger enemy size force in dense double to triple canopy jungle. Because of the vegetation, the Company could not be reinforced or withdrawn prior to the major enemy contact. Had a landing zone been available, the results of the operation could have been very different. RECOMMEND: Landing zones be preselected or a rapid means to cut a landing zone be supplied to small units and this be undertaken as soon as an area is occupied.

b. The loss or absence of key Company personnel adversely influenced the action. The casualty reporting, chain of command, and company structure were impaired by the shortage of key company personnel. RECOMMEND: Battalions review any shortage of critical personnel prior to any major operations and make adjustments accordingly.

c. If another company-size unit could have reinforced Company A within a reasonable period of time the tide might have been turned. RECOMMEND: When units move into an area where contact with a superior force is probable, company-sized elements should operate within reasonable supporting distance.

16: SOURCES: This report is based on the after action report submitted by the Battalion Commander (Incl #2) and additional research and interviews conducted by the 29th Military History Detachment. There are some differences between the two as a result of the additional research accomplished after the Battalion Commanders report was submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

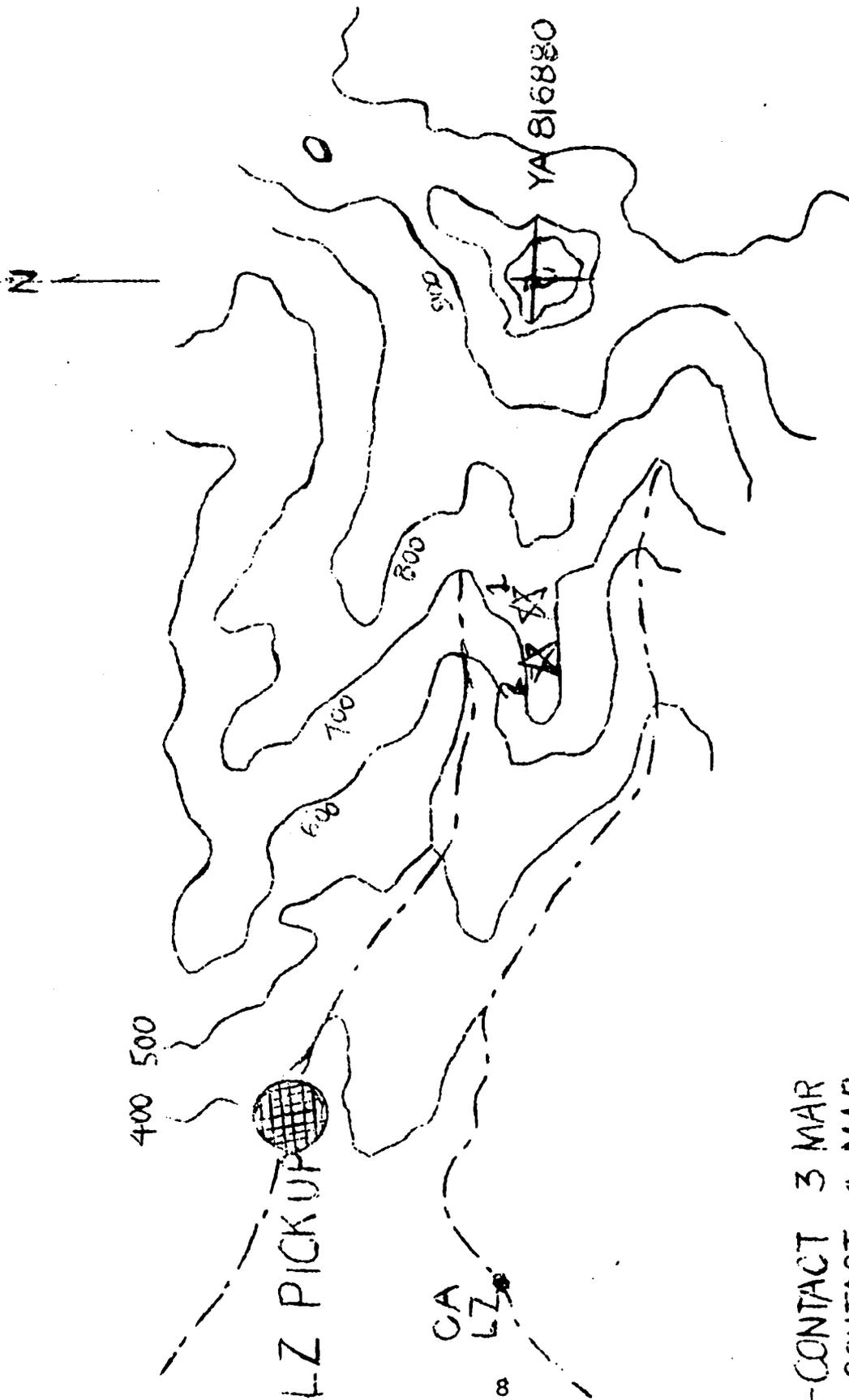
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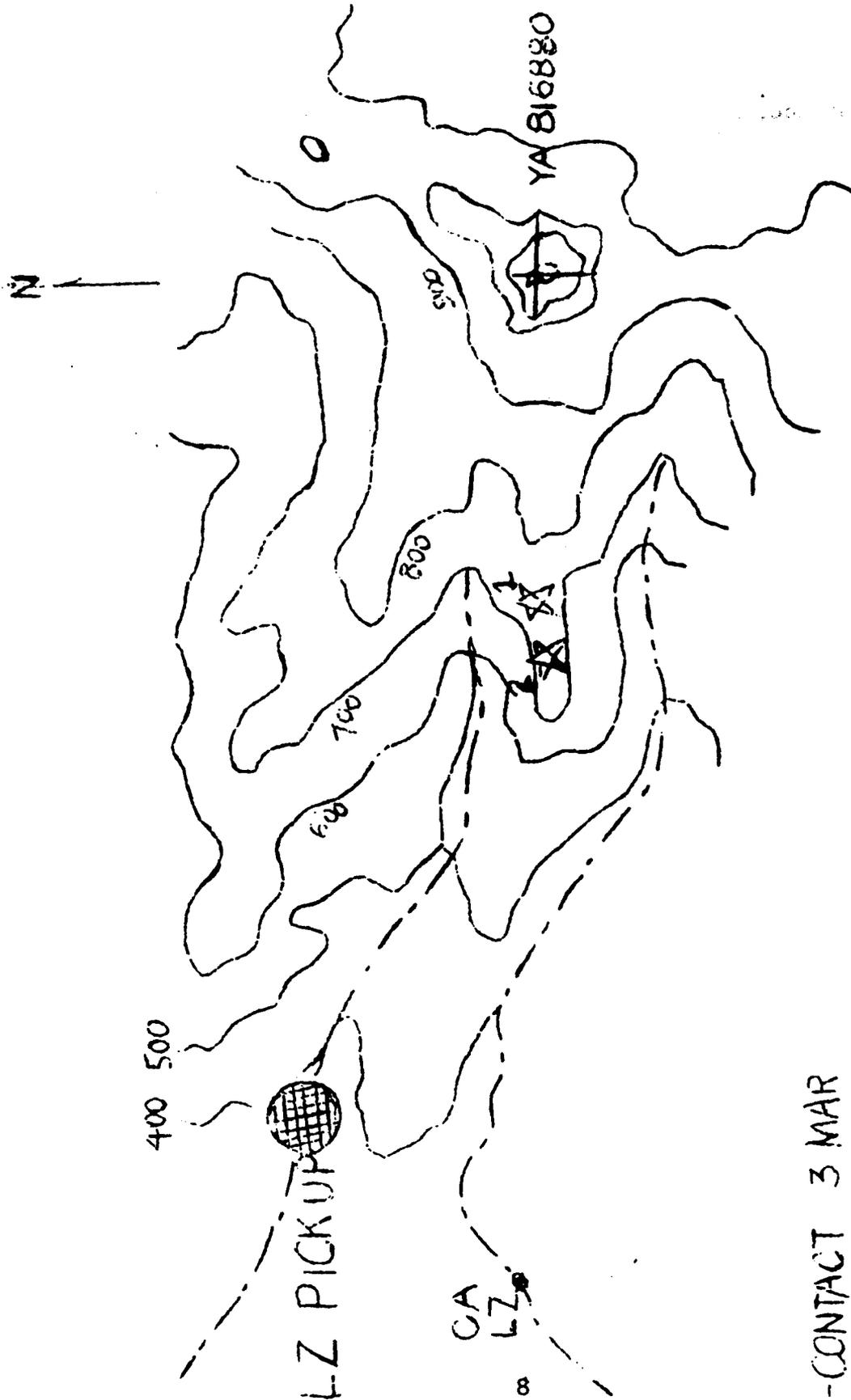


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CHEMICAL OPERATIONS

1. (C) TRAILDUST MISSIONS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>SORTIES*</u>
1 Feb 69	YB7704-YA7789-7887	3
3 Feb 69	YB8908-8021	3
5 Feb 69	YB7300-YA7390-7087	3
7 Feb 69	YA7073-6664-6655	3
8 Feb 69	YA8802-YV9098-9184	3
9 Feb 69	YB8808-8201-YA8294-8091	3
14 Feb 69	YA7432-7450	3
14 Feb 69	YB8709-8101-8195-7891	3
15 Feb 69	YA6974-6563-6555	3
25 Feb 69	YA6173-5865-5855	3
25 Feb 69	YA6974-6563-5855	3
28 Feb 69	YA6173-5865-5855	3
2 Mar 69	YA6871-6463-6455	3
3 Mar 69	YA6879-6373	3
7 Mar 69	YA6973-6563-6555	3
8 Mar 69	YA6873-6463-6455	3
9 Mar 69	YA7089-6673	3
10 Mar 69	YA7074-6663-6655	3
10 Mar 69	YA6789-6373	3
12 Mar 69	YA6689-6273	3
12 Mar 69	YA7073-6663-6655	3
16 Mar 69	YA6990-6472	3
16 Mar 69	YA6274-5965-5955	3
17 Mar 69	YB7605-YA7691-7481	3
18 Mar 69	YA6574-6166-6155	3
19 Mar 69	YB7705-YA7789-7587	3
20 Mar 69	YA6476-6165-6055	3
22 Mar 69	YA6789-6374	2
23 Mar 69	YA6474-6165-6055	3
24 Mar 69	YB8709-8001-YA8094-7891	3
25 Mar 69	YA6889-6373	3
25 Mar 69	YA6774-6364-6355	3
26 Mar 69	YB7035-YA7390-7087	3
31 Mar 69	YA6989-6573	3
4 Apr 69	YA7089-6572	3
5 Apr 69	YA6674-6264-6254	2
9 Apr 69	YA7790-8194-YB8103	2
17 Apr 69	YB7604-8218-8221	2
20 Apr 69	YB7705-YA7791-7587	3

*Note: Each sortie (C-123 Aircraft) sprays 1000 gallons of defoliant (orange).

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2. (C) CROP DESTRUCTION:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>TYPE CROPS</u>	<u>HECTARES</u>	<u>AGENT</u>	<u>GALLONS</u>
17 Apr 69	BR131249-135249	RICE	10	ORANGE	250

3. (C) PERIMETER DEFOLIATION:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>METHOD</u>	<u>AGENT</u>	<u>GALLONS</u>
22 Feb 69	AR7833	UH-1	white	400
11 Apr 69	Camp Enari	UH-1	white	770
13 Apr 69	Camp Enari	UH-1	white	220
13 Apr 69	YA8645	UH-1	white	330
19-23 Apr 69	Camp Radcliffe	Truck	white	840
19-23 Apr 69	Camp Radcliffe	UH-1	white	1635
25 Apr 69	Camp Radcliffe	UH-1	white	390
26 Apr 69	Camp Radcliffe	UH-1	white	1200
28 Apr 69	Camp Radcliffe	UH-1	white	600
29 Apr 69	Camp Radcliffe	Truck	blus	400

4. (C) ROADSIDE DEFOLIATION:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>METHOD</u>	<u>AGENT</u>	<u>GALLONS</u>
2 Mar 69	AQ9269	UH-1	white	550

5. (C) RIOT CONTROL AGENT (RCA OPERATIONS):

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MUNITION</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>AIRCRAFT</u>
1 Feb 69	YA803641-830640	XM-15	70	CH-47
2 Feb 69	YA988729	XM-28	1	UH-1
3 Feb 69	YA912748	XM-28	10	UH-1
3 Feb 69	YA951732	XM-28	1	UH-1
4 Feb 69	YA939684	XM-15	4	UH-1
4 Feb 69	YA939683	XM-15	4	UH-1
4 Feb 69	YA938681	XM-15	4	UH-1
4 Feb 69	ZB210027	CS DRUM	10	CH-47
4 Feb 69	ZB212992	CS DRUM	10	CH-47
5 Feb 69	ZA232997	CS DRUM	10	CH-47
5 Feb 69	AR232997	CS DRUM	20	CH-47
5 Feb 69	AR804975	CS DRUM	10	CH-47
8 Feb 69	YA920679-930672	XM-15	10	UH-1
8 Feb 69	YA930680-937690	XM-15	10	UH-1
8 Feb 69	YA784658	XM-15	3	OH-6A
9 Feb 69	YA725879-727874	CS DRUM	20	CH-47
9 Feb 69	YA848660-850646	CS DRUM	20	CH-47
9 Feb 69	YA799650-809632	CS DRUM	20	CH-47
9 Feb 69	YA830647	XM-15	6	UH-1
9 Feb 69	YA838647	XM-15	6	UH-1
9 Feb 69	YA938678	XM-15	3	UH-1
9 Feb 69	YA803648	XM-15	2	UH-1
9 Feb 69	ZAO40579	XM-15	2	UH-1

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2. (C) CROP DESTRUCTION:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>TYPE CROPS</u>	<u>HECTARES</u>	<u>AGENT</u>	<u>GALLONS</u>
17 Apr 69	BR131249-135249	RICE	10	ORANGE	250

3. (C) PERIMETER DEFOLIATION:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>METHOD</u>	<u>AGENT</u>	<u>GALLONS</u>
22 Feb 69	AR7833	UH-1	white	400
11 Apr 69	Camp Enari	UH-1	white	770
13 Apr 69	Camp Enari	UH-1	white	220
13 Apr 69	YA8645	UH-1	white	330
19-23 Apr 69	Camp Radcliffe	Truck	white	840
19-23 Apr 69	Camp Radcliffe	UH-1	white	1635
25 Apr 69	Camp Radcliffe	UH-1	white	390
26 Apr 69	Camp Radcliffe	UH-1	white	1200
28 Apr 69	Camp Radcliffe	UH-1	white	600
29 Apr 69	Camp Radcliffe	Truck	blus	400

4. (C) ROADSIDE DEFOLIATION:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>METHOD</u>	<u>AGENT</u>	<u>GALLONS</u>
2 Mar 69	AQ9269	UH-1	white	550

5. (C) RIOT CONTROL AGENT (RCA OPERATIONS):

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MUNITION</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>AIRCRAFT</u>
1 Feb 69	YA803641-830640	XM-15	70	CH-47
2 Feb 69	YA988729	XM-28	1	UH-1
3 Feb 69	YA912748	XM-28	10	UH-1
3 Feb 69	YA951732	XM-28	1	UH-1
4 Feb 69	YA939684	XM-15	4	UH-1
4 Feb 69	YA939683	XM-15	4	UH-1
4 Feb 69	YA938681	XM-15	4	UH-1
4 Feb 69	ZB210G27	CS DRUM	10	CH-47
4 Feb 69	ZB212992	CS DRUM	10	CH-47
5 Feb 69	ZA232997	CS DRUM	10	CH-47
5 Feb 69	AR232997	CS DRUM	20	CH-47
5 Feb 69	ARSO4975	CS DRUM	10	CH-47
8 Feb 69	YA920679-930672	XM-15	10	UH-1
8 Feb 69	YA930680-937690	XM-15	10	UH-1
8 Feb 69	YA784658	XM-15	3	OH-6A
9 Feb 69	YA725879-727874	CS DRUM	20	CH-47
9 Feb 69	YA848660-850646	CS DRUM	20	CH-47
9 Feb 69	YA799650-809632	CS DRUM	20	CH-47
9 Feb 69	YA830647	XM-15	6	UH-1
9 Feb 69	YA838647	XM-15	6	UH-1
9 Feb 69	YA938678	XM-15	3	UH-1
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9 Feb 69	ZA040579	XM-15	2	UH-1

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11 Feb 69	YA907670-907672 906674	XM-15	12	UH-1
14 Feb 69	ZA158253	XM-15	6	OH-6A
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16 Feb 69	YA852745	XM-15	2	OH-6A
16 Feb 69	YA986545	XM-15	2	OH-6A
17 Feb 69	AR952073-965078 972079	XM-15	8	OH-6A
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22 Feb 69	YA862960	XM-15	3	OH-6A
24 Feb 69	AR768675	XM-15	2	OH-6A
24 Feb 69	AR771671	XM-15	1	OH-6A
24 Feb 69	YA825809	XM-15	6	UH-1
26 Feb 69	ZA170698	XM-15	6	UH-1
27 Feb 69	ZA933679-935678	CS DRUM	20	CH-47
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3 Mar 69	YA726953	XM-15	2	UH-1
4 Mar 69	YA914736-918738	CS DRUM	24	CH-47
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6 Mar 69	YA925957	XM-15	5	UH-1
7 Mar 69	YA892940-996913	XM-15	20	UH-1
7 Mar 69	YA975936-988908	XM-15	20	UH-1

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11 Mar 69	YA926920	E-8	3	UH-1
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12 Mar 69	YA799153-791160	CS DRUM	24	CH-47
13 Mar 69	YB777228-780230	CS DRUM	24	CH-47
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18 Mar 69	YA731378	XM-15	1	OH-6A
18 Mar 69	YA672764	XM-15	3	OH-6A
19 Mar 69	YA866002-873984	XM-15	16	UH-1
19 Mar 69	YA349934-842934	CS DRUM	24	CH-47
19 Mar 69	YA849934-842934	CS DRUM	23	CH-47
20 Mar 69	YA839939-839942	CS DRUM	24	CH-47
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23 Mar 69	YA800786	XM-15	3	UH-1
23 Mar 69	YA889753	XM-15	3	UH-1
24 Mar 69	YB741065	XM-15	4	UH-1
24 Mar 69	YA837828	XM-15	2	UH-1
24 Mar 69	YA775026-772028	CS DRUM	24	CH-47
25 Mar 69	YB814032-812029	XM-15	6	UH-1

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7 Mar 69	ZA013883	XM-15	2	OH-6A
8 Mar 69	ZB025243	XM-15	2	OH-6A
8 Mar 69	ZB029304	XM-15	2	OH-6A
8 Mar 69	YA768740	XM-15	3	OH-6A
8 Mar 69	YA983910-903940	XM-15	20	UH-1
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9 Mar 69	YA887963	XM-15	5	UH-1
9 Mar 69	AR965762	XM-15	3	OH-6A
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9 Mar 69	BR130390	E-8	1	UH-1
10 Mar 69	ZA010893-024868	XM-15	12	UH-1
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10 Mar 69	YA845715	XM-15	3	UH-1
11 Mar 69	YA888963	CS DRUM	24	CH-47
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13 Mar 69	YB777228-780230	CS DRUM	24	CH-47
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15 Mar 69	YA885974	XM-15	7	UH-1
16 Mar 69	YA933678-935677	CS DRUM	24	CH-47
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16 Mar 69	YA904992-910996	XM-15	8	UH-1
18 Mar 69	YA739397	XM-15	1	OH-6A
18 Mar 69	YA731378	XM-15	1	OH-6A
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19 Mar 69	YA866002-873984	XM-15	16	UH-1
19 Mar 69	YA349934-842934	CS DRUM	24	CH-47
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25 Mar 69	YB812029-810025	XM-15	4	UH-1
26 Mar 69	YB775055-770054	CS DRUM	24	CH-47
27 Mar 69	YB770028-774027	CS DRUM	24	CH-47
27 Mar 69	YB763034-769035	CS DRUM	24	CH-47
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28 Mar 69	YB762033-768029	CS DRUM	24	CH-47
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28 Mar 69	AR945783	XM-15	3	OH-6A
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30 Mar 69	YB744039-751038	CS DRUM	22	CH-47
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1 Apr 69	YA779779-782805	CS DRUM	20	CH-47
1 Apr 69	YA802828 (Vicinity)	XM-15	20	UH-1
1 Apr 69	YA822810	XM-15	4	UH-1
1 Apr 69	YA822815	XM-15	4	UH-1
1 Apr 69	YA822810-827810	XM-15	4	UH-1
1 Apr 69	YA812798	XM-15	4	UH-1
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1 Apr 69	YA634814	XM-15	3	OH-6A
1 Apr 69	YA762542	XM-15	3	OH-6A
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2 Apr 69	YA812798	XM-15	4	UH-1
3 Apr 69	YA88138-787130	CS DRUM	20	CH-47
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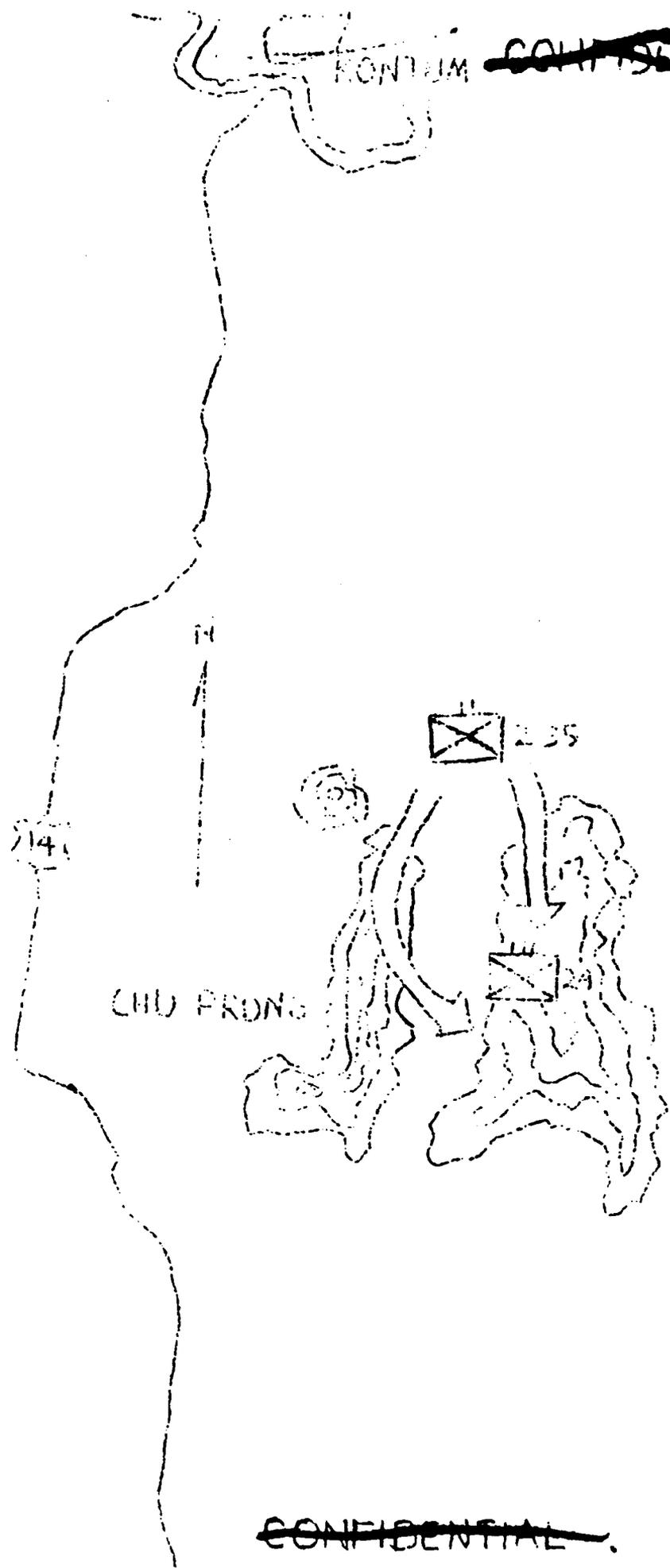
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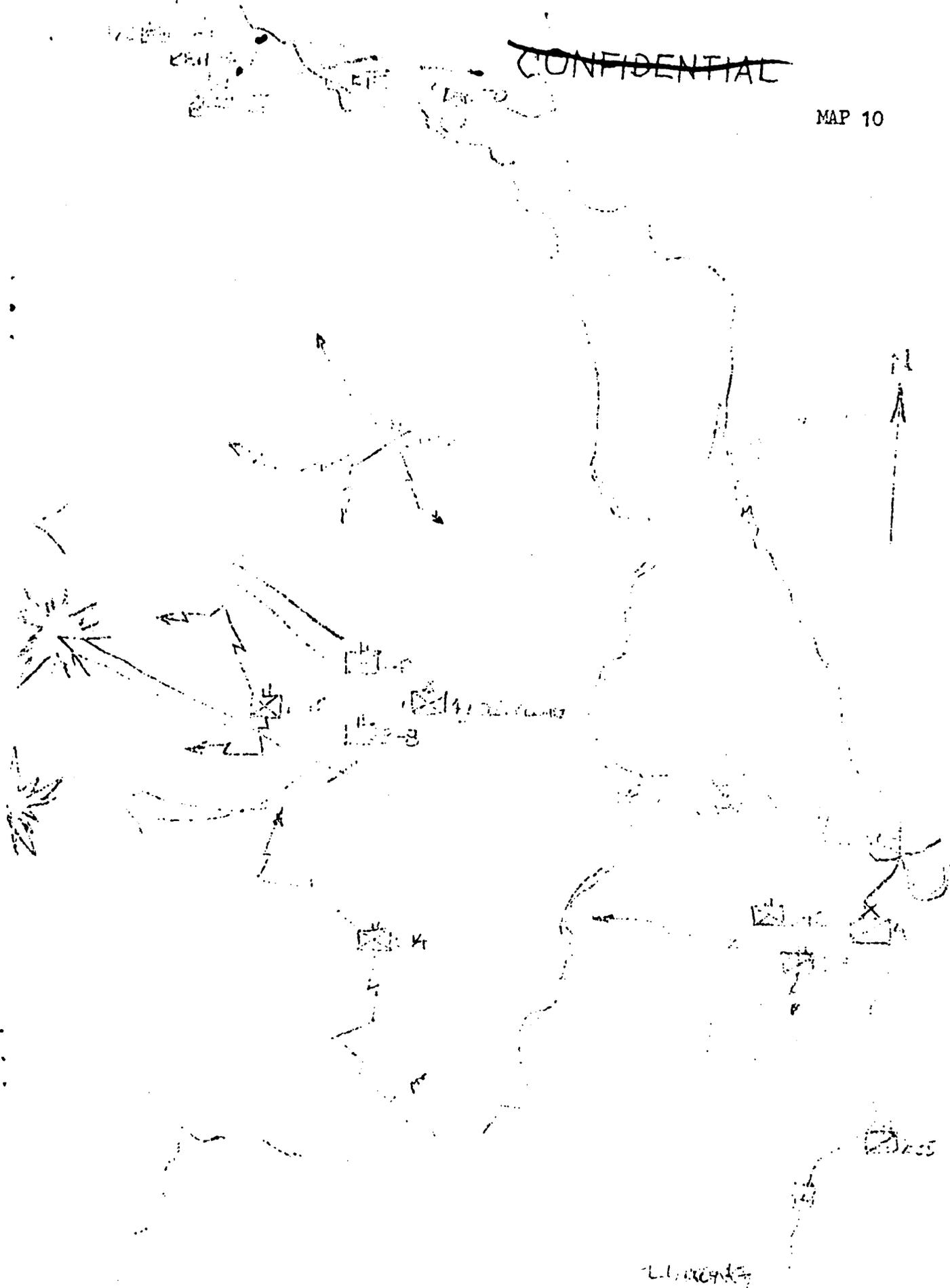
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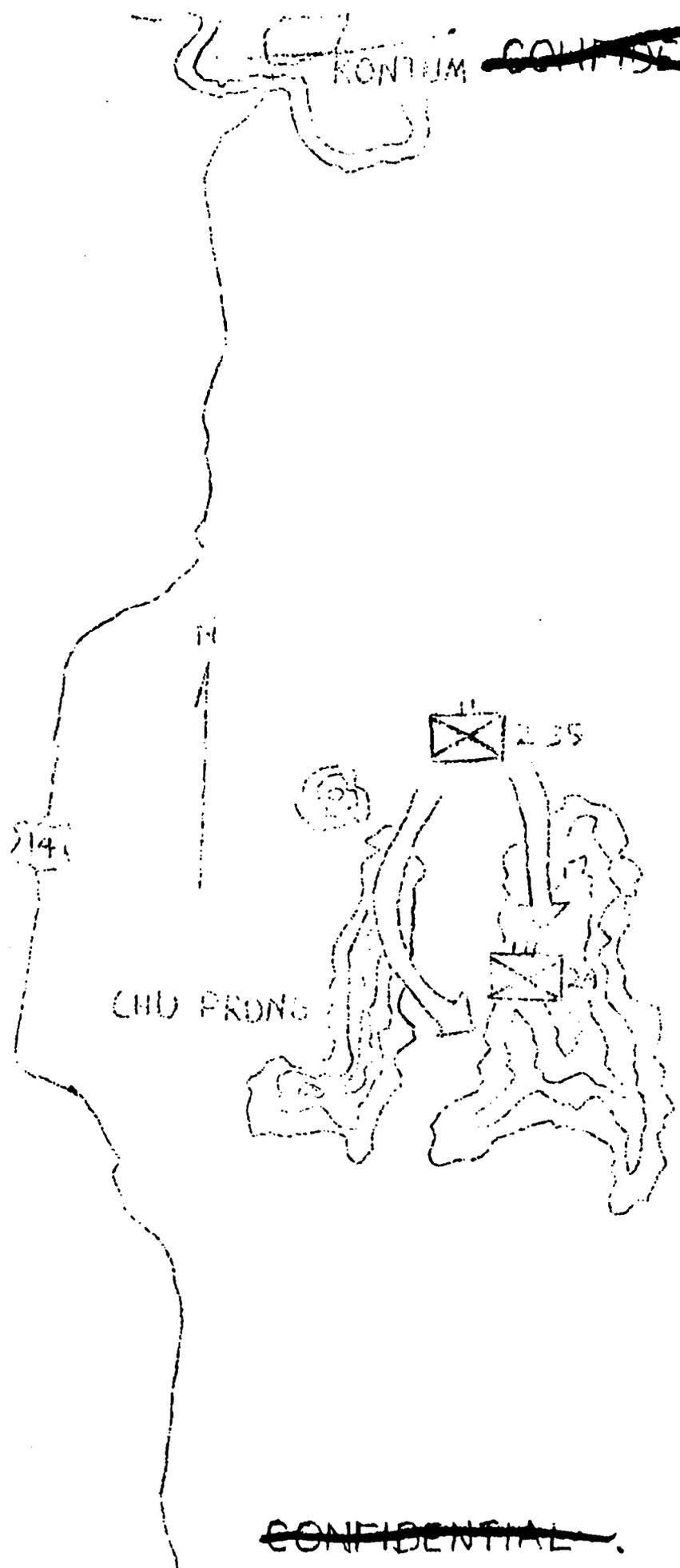
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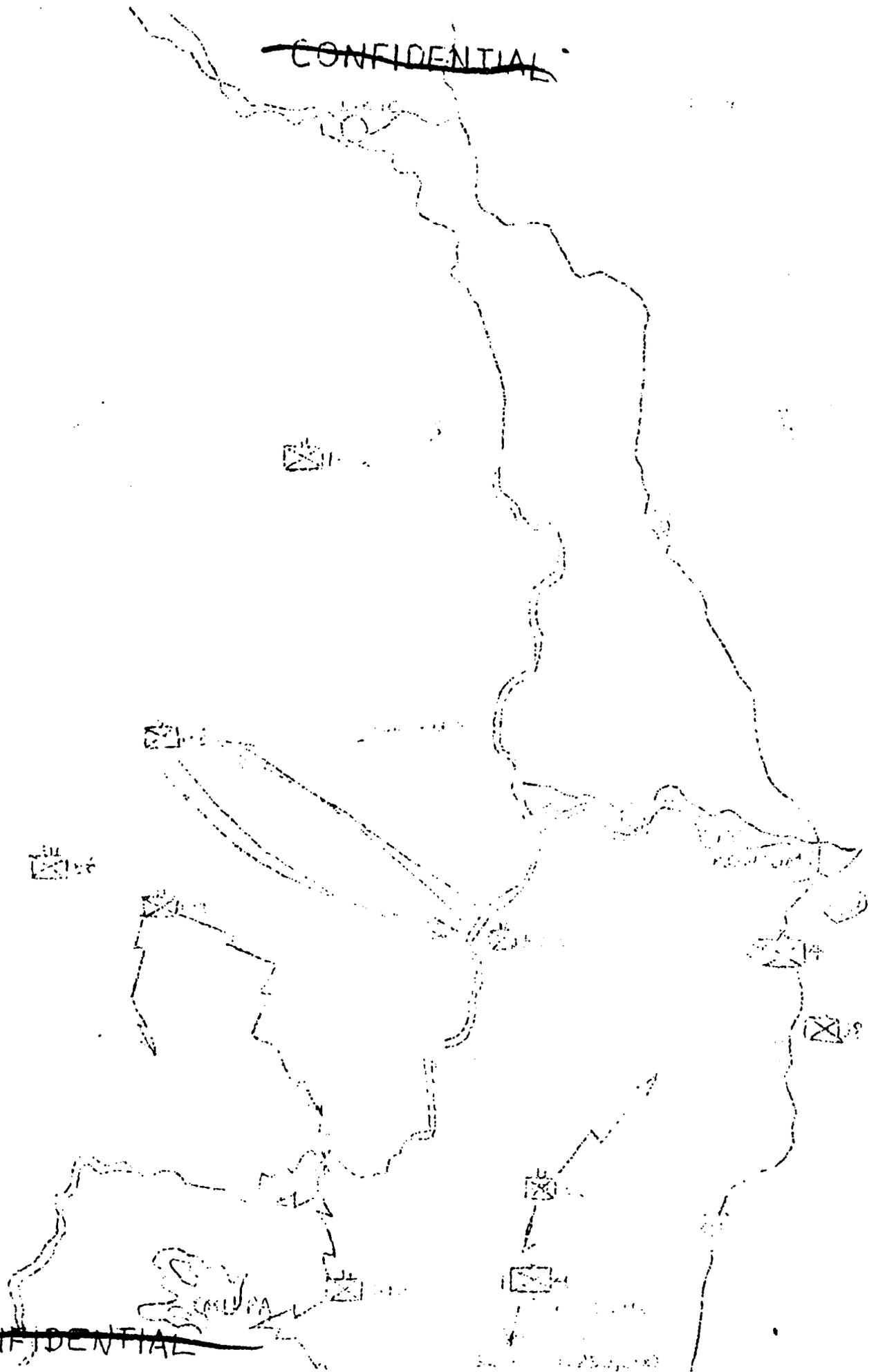


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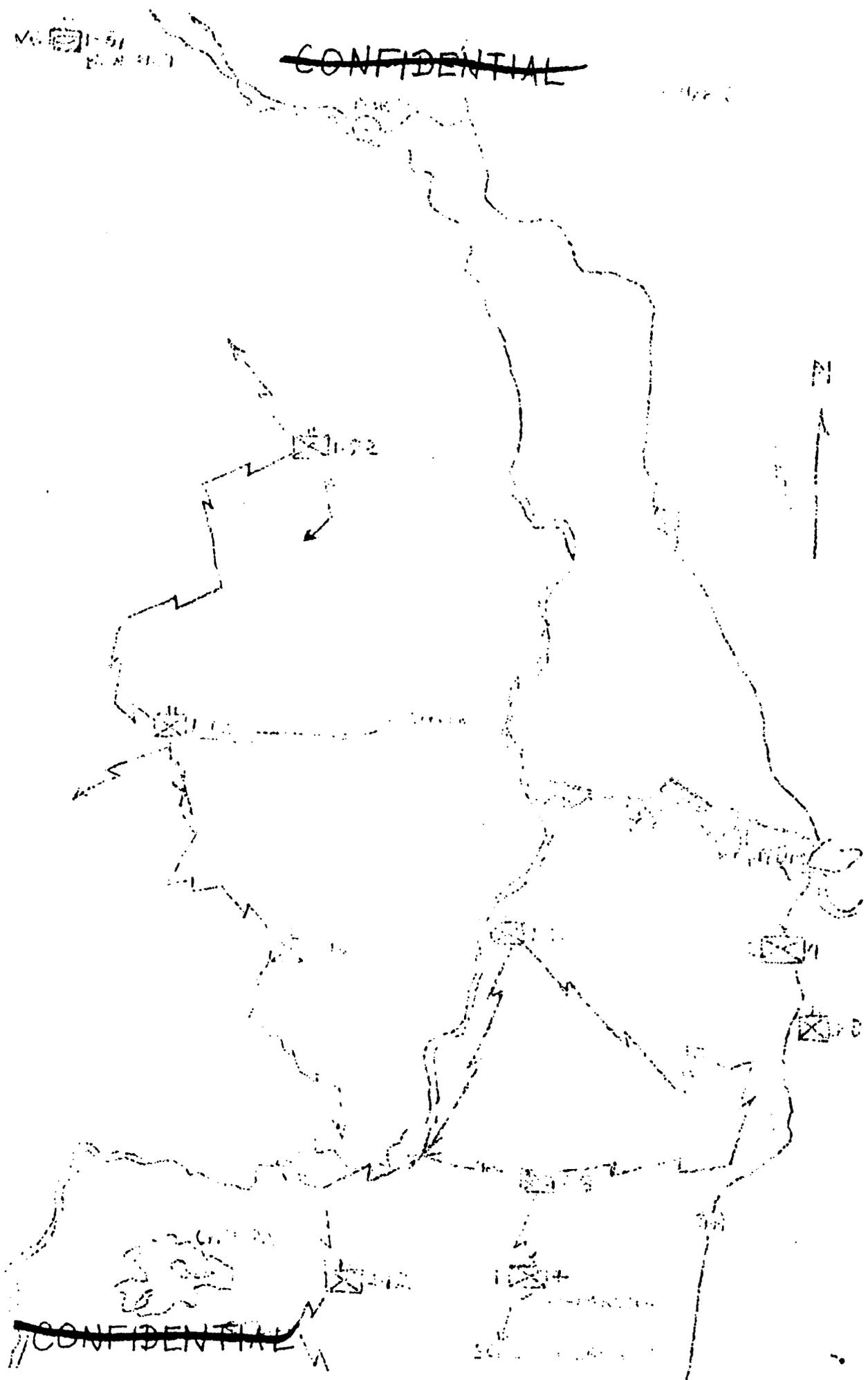
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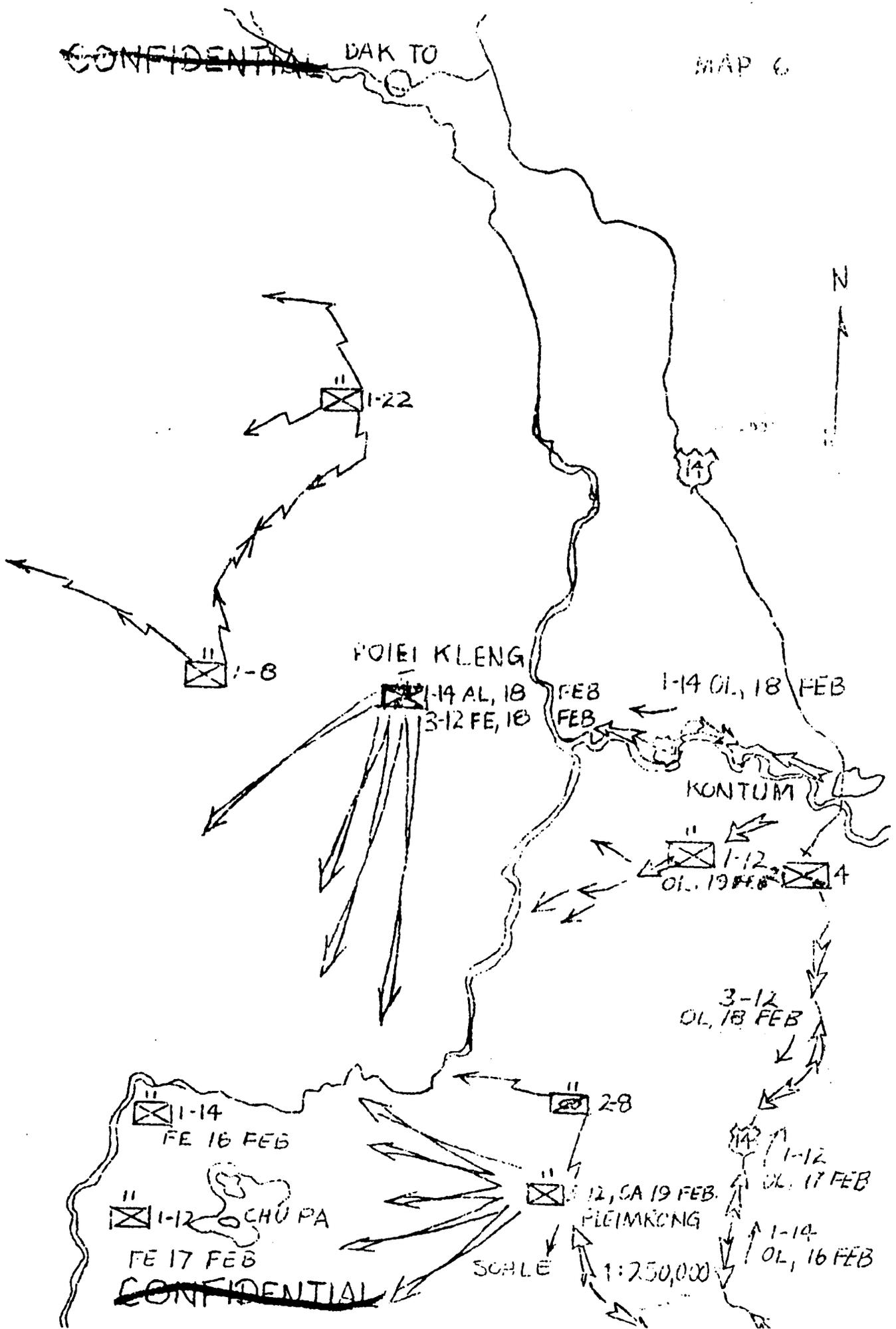
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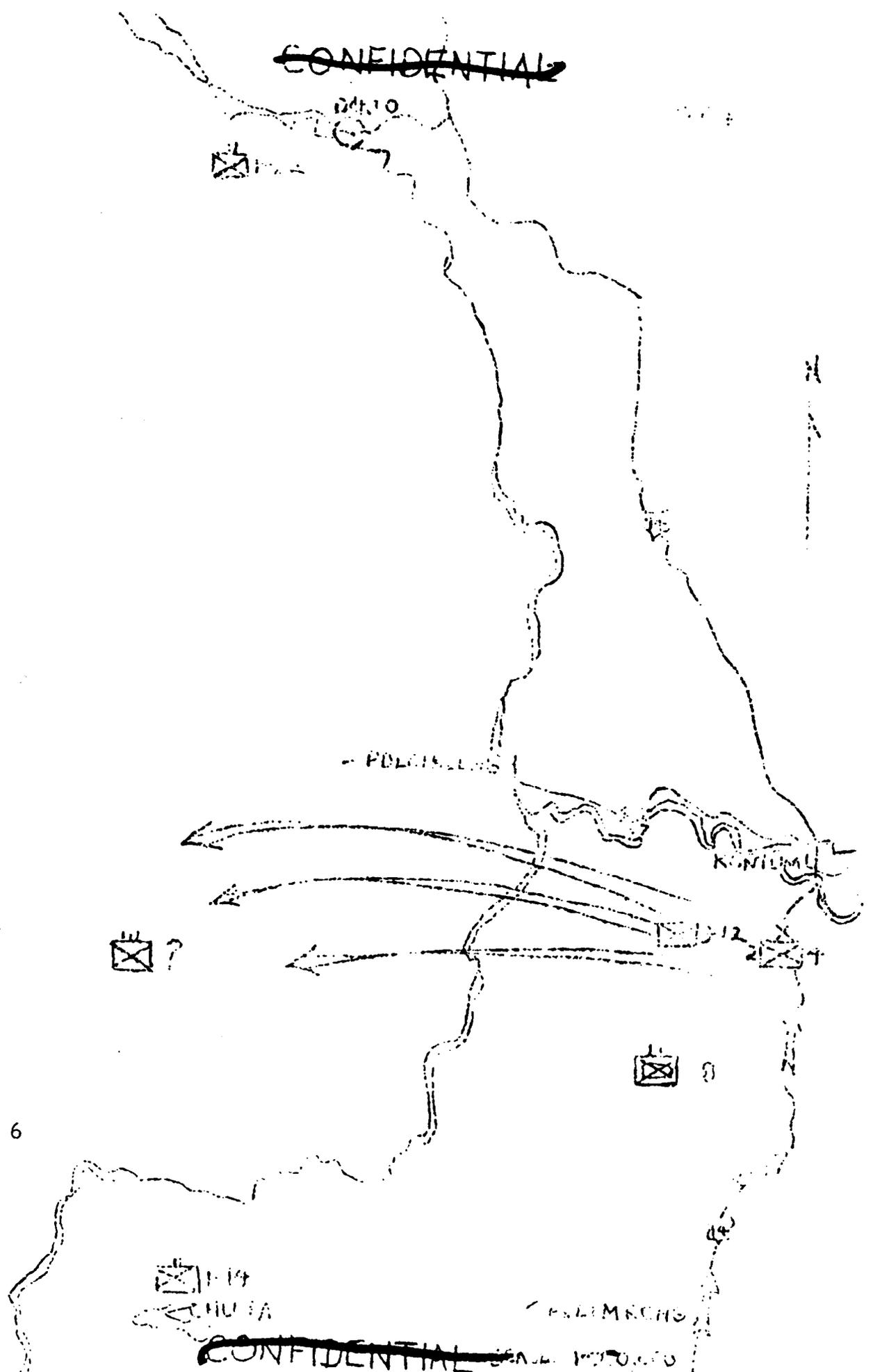


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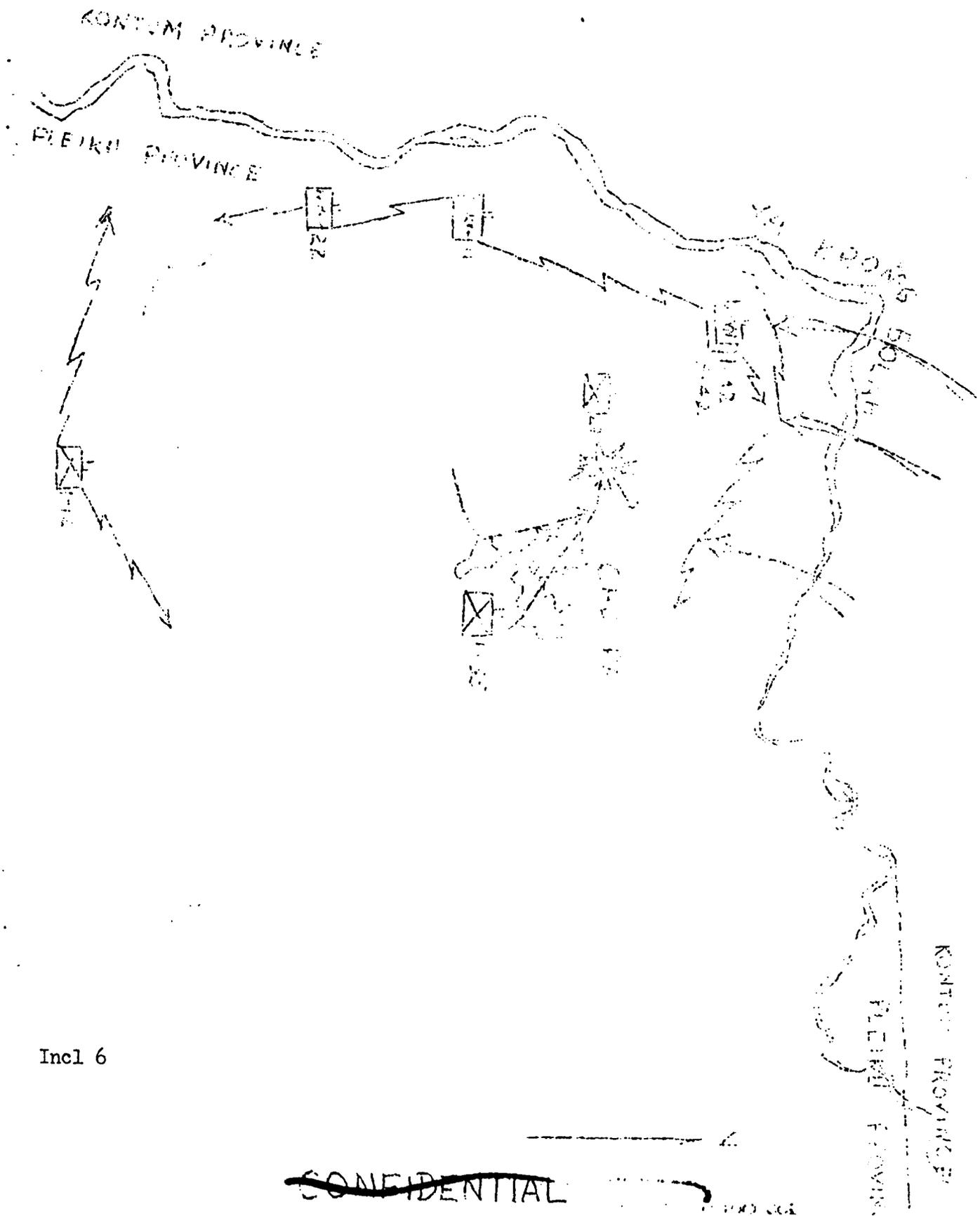


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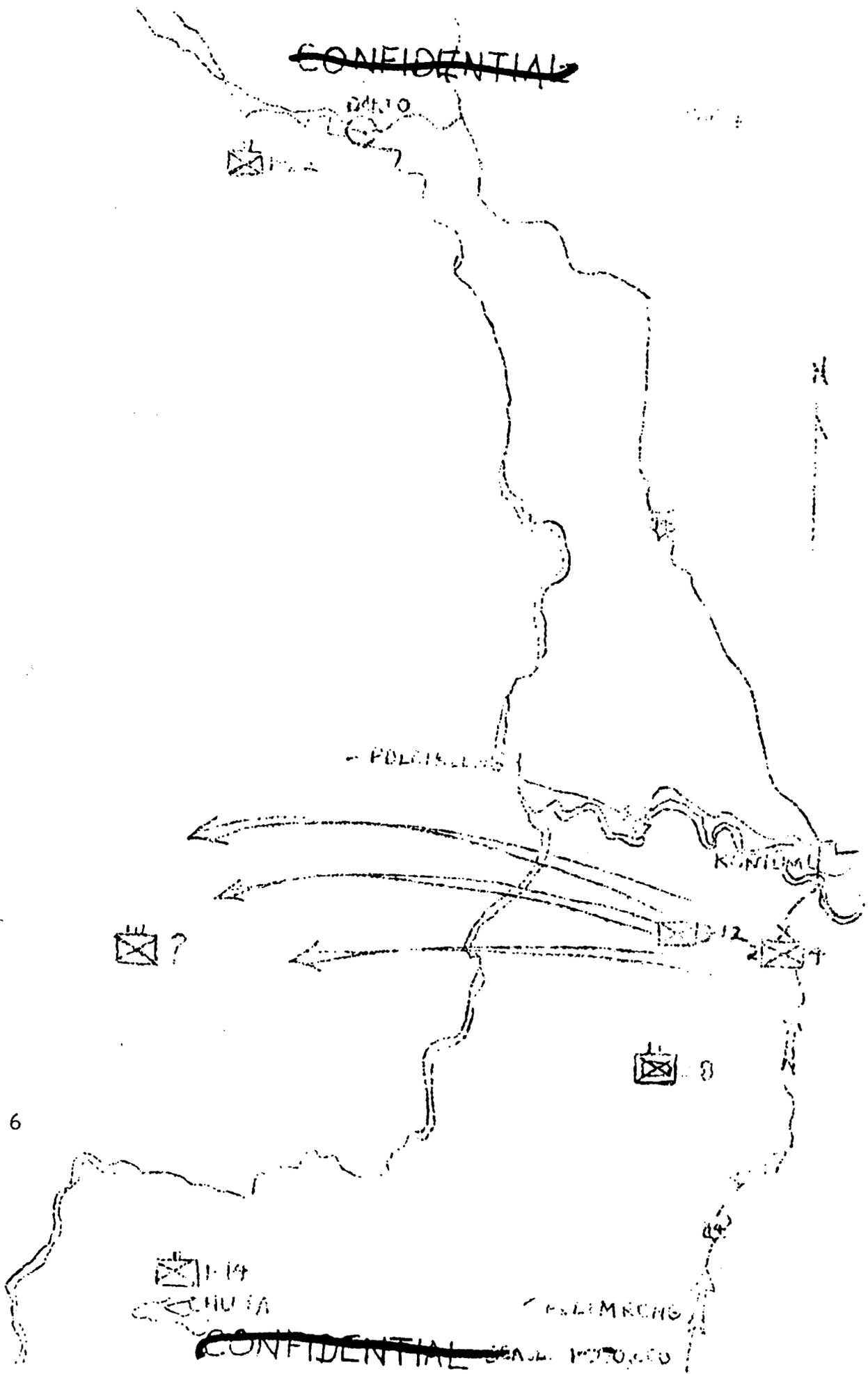
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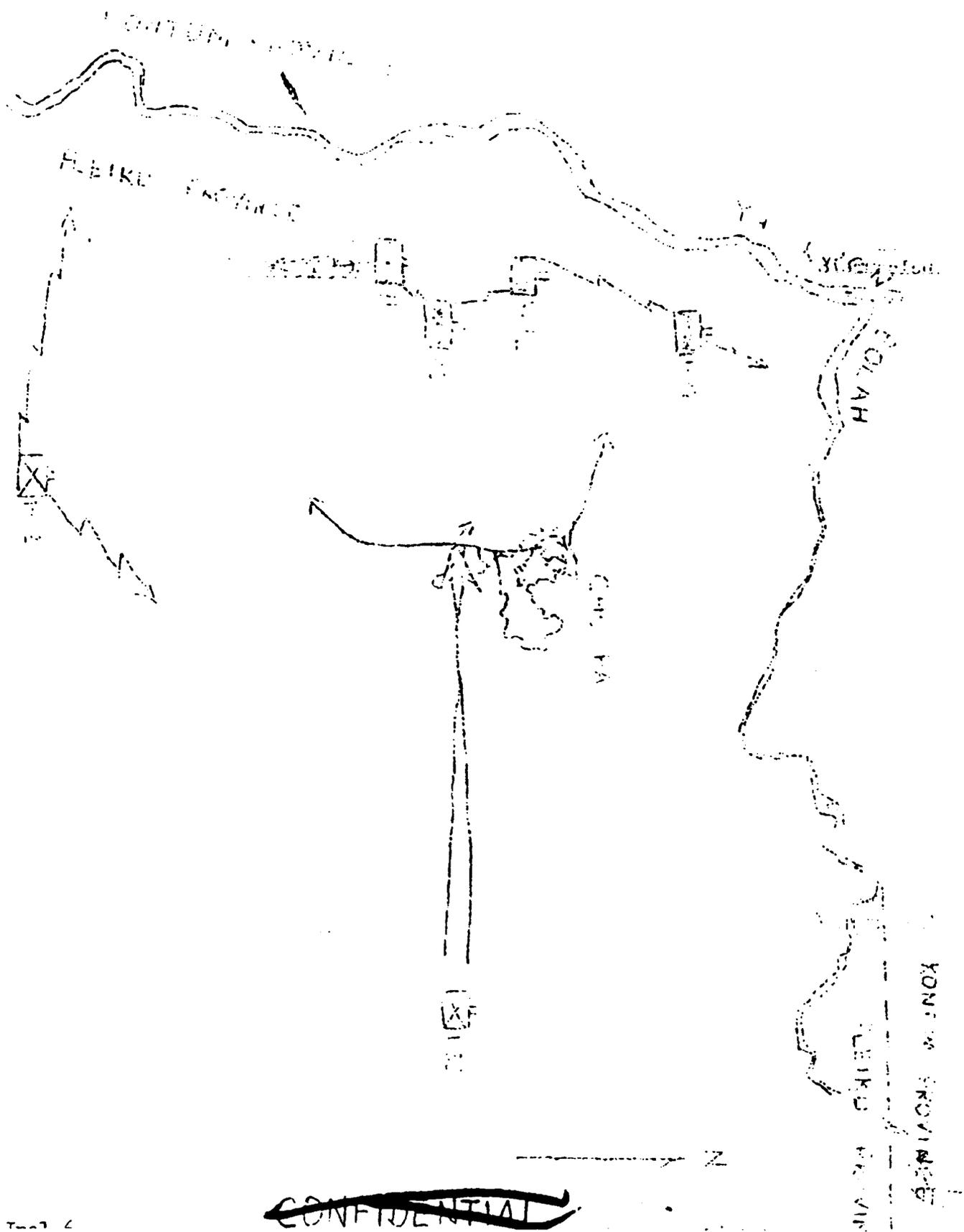
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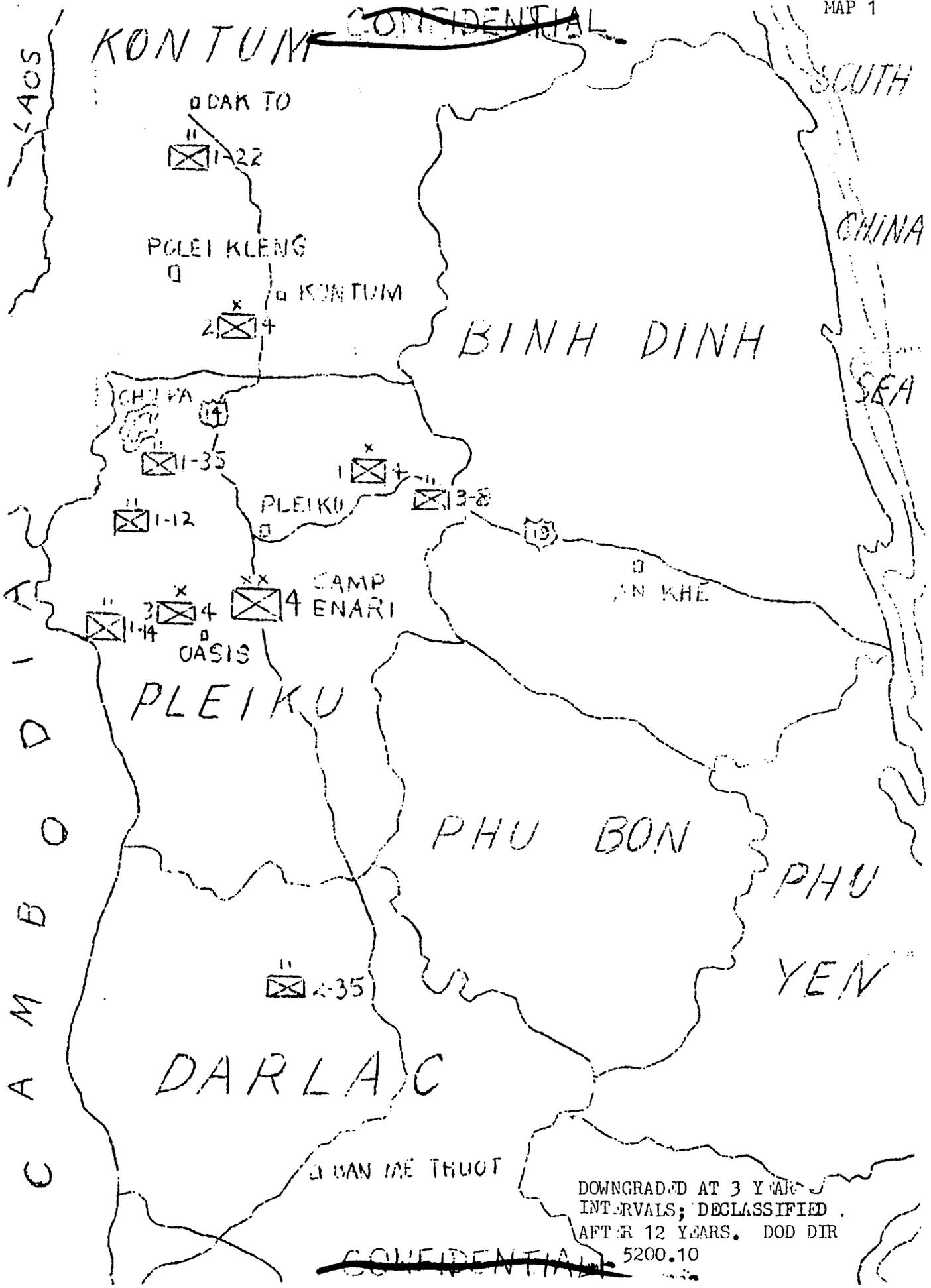


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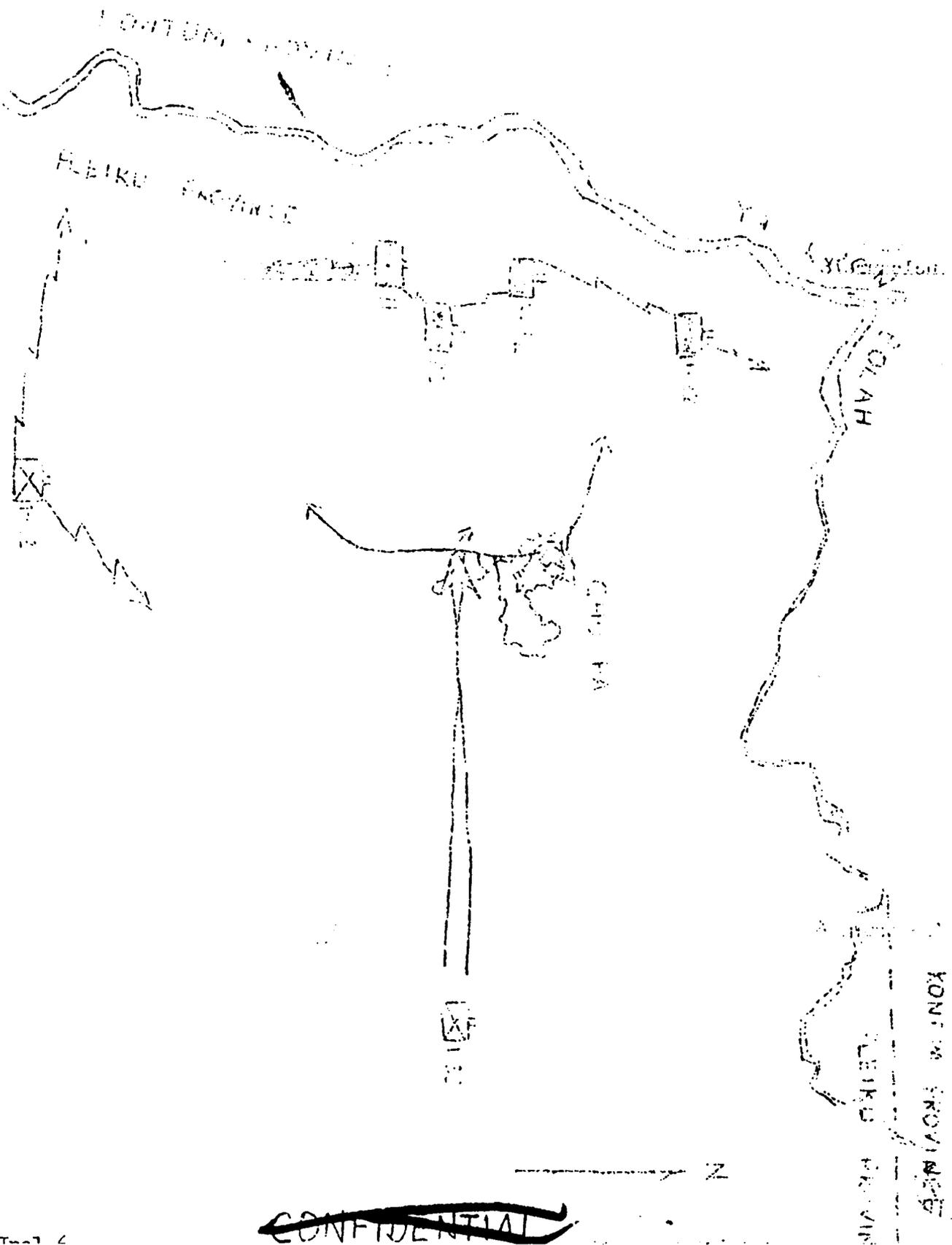
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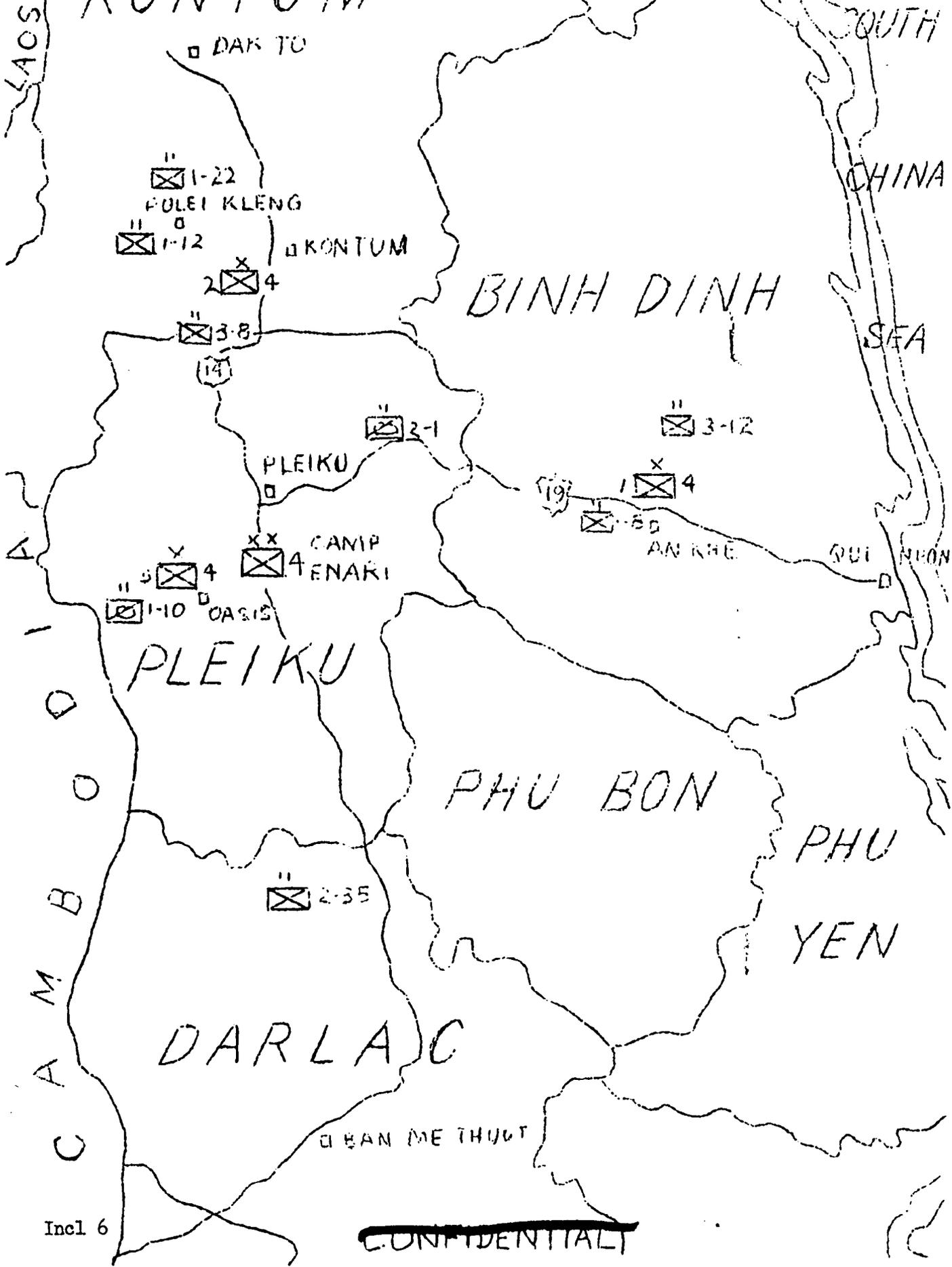
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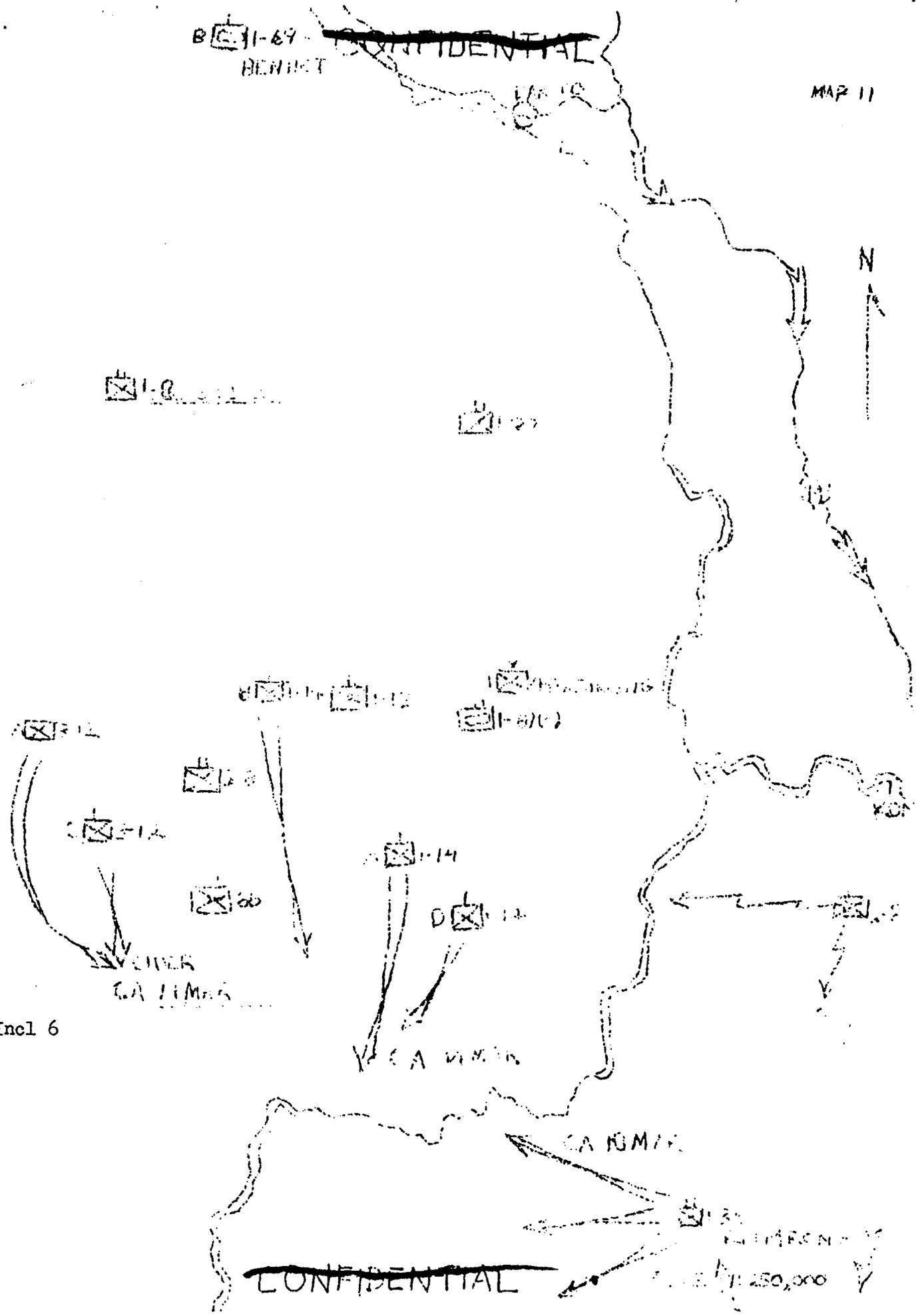
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As an addition to the 4th Infantry Division's regular Operational Report - Lessons Learned for Period Ending 30 April 1969, RCS CSFOR-65 (R1), the following lessons learned are submitted:

SECTION 2 (C) LESSONS LEARNED: COMMANDER'S OBSERVATIONS, EVALUATIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. (U) Personnel. N/A
2. (U) Operations. N/A
3. (U) Training. N/A
4. (C) Intelligence.

a. USE OF CAPTURED ENEMY MAPS.

OBSERVATION: Interrogation of PW's and captured enemy documents often provide names of villages, rivers and other terrain features which cannot be found on US maps.

EVALUATION: Captured enemy maps generally contain the same names for terrain features as those used by the enemy in their documents. Places named on NVA and VC maps normally do not conform to those found on commonly used Allied maps.

RECOMMENDATION: That intelligence sections make maximum use of captured enemy maps to assist in locating terrain features and villages identified in captured documents and through PW interrogation. Copies of captured maps are available through normal supply channels.

b. IDENTIFICATION OF VC/VMC PERSONALITIES.

OBSERVATION: Adult MONTAGNARD villagers are reluctant to point out VC/VMC personalities in their home village.

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OBSERVATION: A large scale map is often required for detailed tactical planning or for briefing purposes.

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e. RELOCATION OF WEAPONS POSITIONS.

OBSERVATION: The enemy attempts to sketch former weapons positions, bunkers and wire of abandoned fire bases.

EVALUATION: An enemy document captured by the 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry on 7 March at YA815880 showed a detailed, to scale, sketch of LZ ANN located three kilometers southeast of POLEI KLENG. The sketch showed exact positions of all bunkers, LZ's and wire. The sketch contained arrows showing directions of attack into LZ ANN. Writing on the sketch indicated that LZ ANN was at that time vacant, but it is clear that it was being observed in the event of US or ARVN reoccupation. This gives us documented intelligence that our vacant fire bases are being closely observed, studied and reconnoitered, with enemy plans for future attacks being made.

RECOMMENDATION: That upon reoccupation of a fire base, the location of weapons positions, bunkers and other defensive positions be changed in so far as is practical in order to reduce enemy intelligence of our positions.

f. USE OF AERO RECON PLATOONS IN CORDON AND SEARCH MISSIONS.

OBSERVATION: The sole use of conventional infantry units in cordon and search missions often gives the VC an opportunity to conceal items since they have more prior warning.

EVALUATION: Utilization of Aero Rifle Platoons increases the effectiveness of cordon and search operations. The village can be sealed off at first light before any villager is able to leave the area. CI Agents can be given an aerial view of the village, affording the opportunity to pre-plan for the ground coordination. In this manner the villagers can be taken by complete surprise, decreasing their opportunity to conceal items from US forces.

RECOMMENDATION: That Aero Rifle Platoons be used in conjunction with cordon and search operations when the situation permits.

g. UNDERGROUND RICE CACHES:

OBSERVATION: The VC/VMC have begun to cache their rice, which is pre-husked and separated, in large huts buried in the ground thus making them more difficult to find.

EVALUATION: Rice huts buried in the ground are generally the same size and type as the rice hootches found above the ground with the exception that the buried huts are not on stilts. The hut is placed in a large hole with a few feet of space on all sides to allow for circulation of air, then the hole is covered with thick bamboo poles, bamboo matting, six or eight inches of dirt, dead flora, and sometimes topped with fallen or cut trees to make it appear to be unused and uncared for area. These caches have all been

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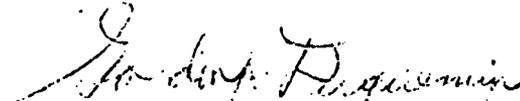
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