

23 January 1990

Dear Mike,

Just a short letter to send you some information. Yesterday I received the book I mentioned to you, and as I feared, it is not nearly as good as I wished. A great deal of the book is taken up with coin collecting, or in this case, "token" information. Many clubs issued their own tokens and these are explained and referenced in detail in the book (300+ pages). I am enclosing the only real maps in the book. They offer some information but I don't know if they will be of value.

On the maps of the four Corps areas I've made notations as to what the copier missed. There is some information on the naming of areas (base camps, airfields, etc.) as dedications to certain people but there is no complete list of areas used by the military.

I'll continue to go through it and pick out tiny bits of information that may be of interest in the writing of unit histories. I'll bring it with me in July to New Orleans. I plan to arrive in New Orleans on the afternoon of the 3rd to recover from the trip and prepare my stuff for the reunion, so I'll be there if you need any help. I made airline reservations to leave there on the afternoon of the eighth so I won't miss any committee meetings this year.

I'm still trying to contact the right people to get unit histories but so far have not made the proper contact. I have a couple of leads that I thought would provide some help but they haven't come through yet.

I've enclosed a letter from Phil Chinnery, from whom I have gotten nothing but requests. I asked him for information a long time ago and received nothing. In my letter to him about use of the use of call signs I asked him for a tiny bit of information but received this letter instead. He knows me because he got information from my father and kept photos my father told him he needed back. He's trying the same thing with me. Although he states he has "five box files of helicopter unit information" I doubt he'd ever allow us to use the information ... at least not without it costing us a great deal. I'm sending a copy of the letter to Roger with my recommendation but in my opinion Mr. Chinnery shouldn't get anything we have without paying for it in some way.

Also enclosed is a copy of a letter received from the Smithsonian. I thought you might be interested in it.

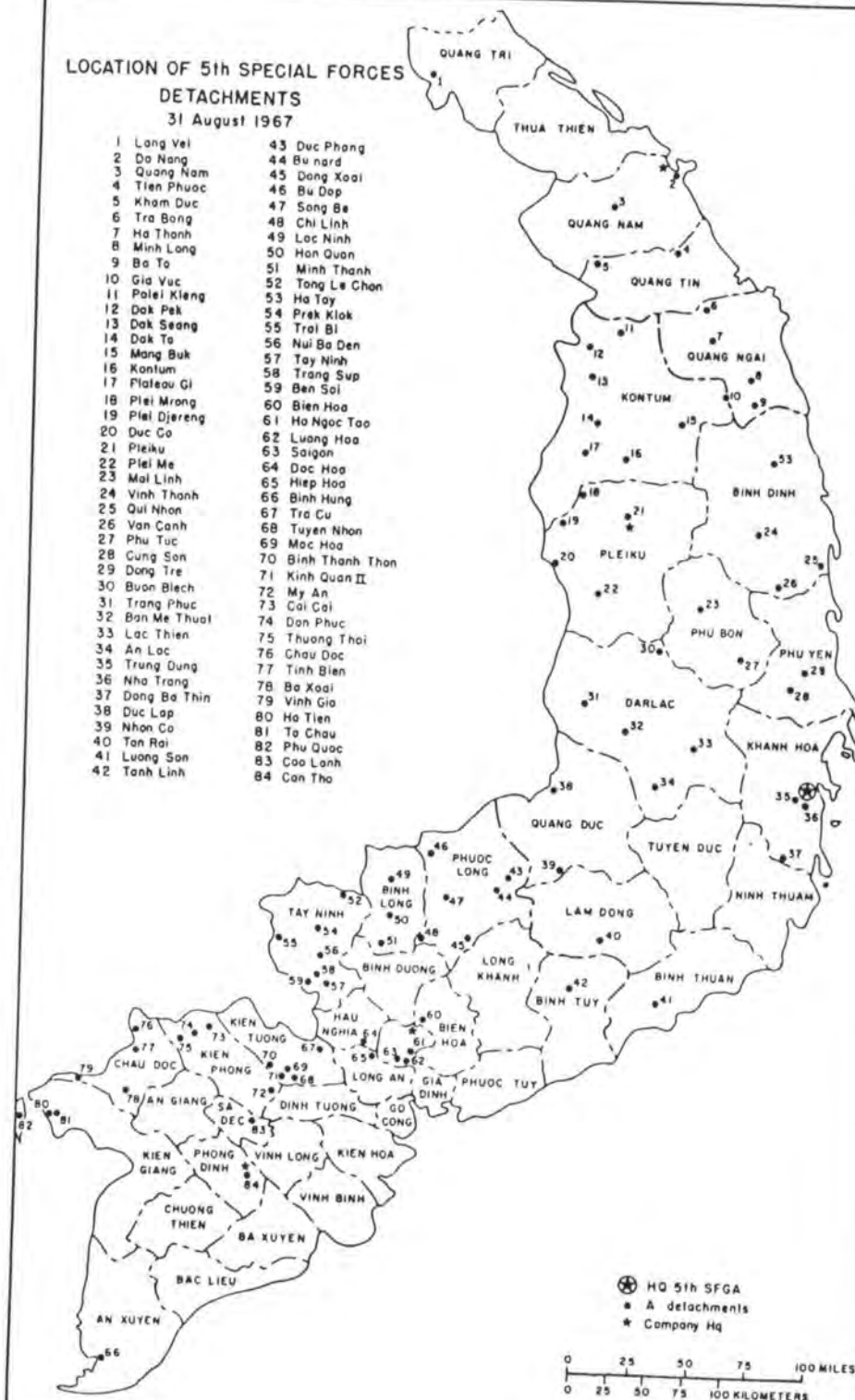
I'll be in touch but for now must get on to some other work.

Take Care,

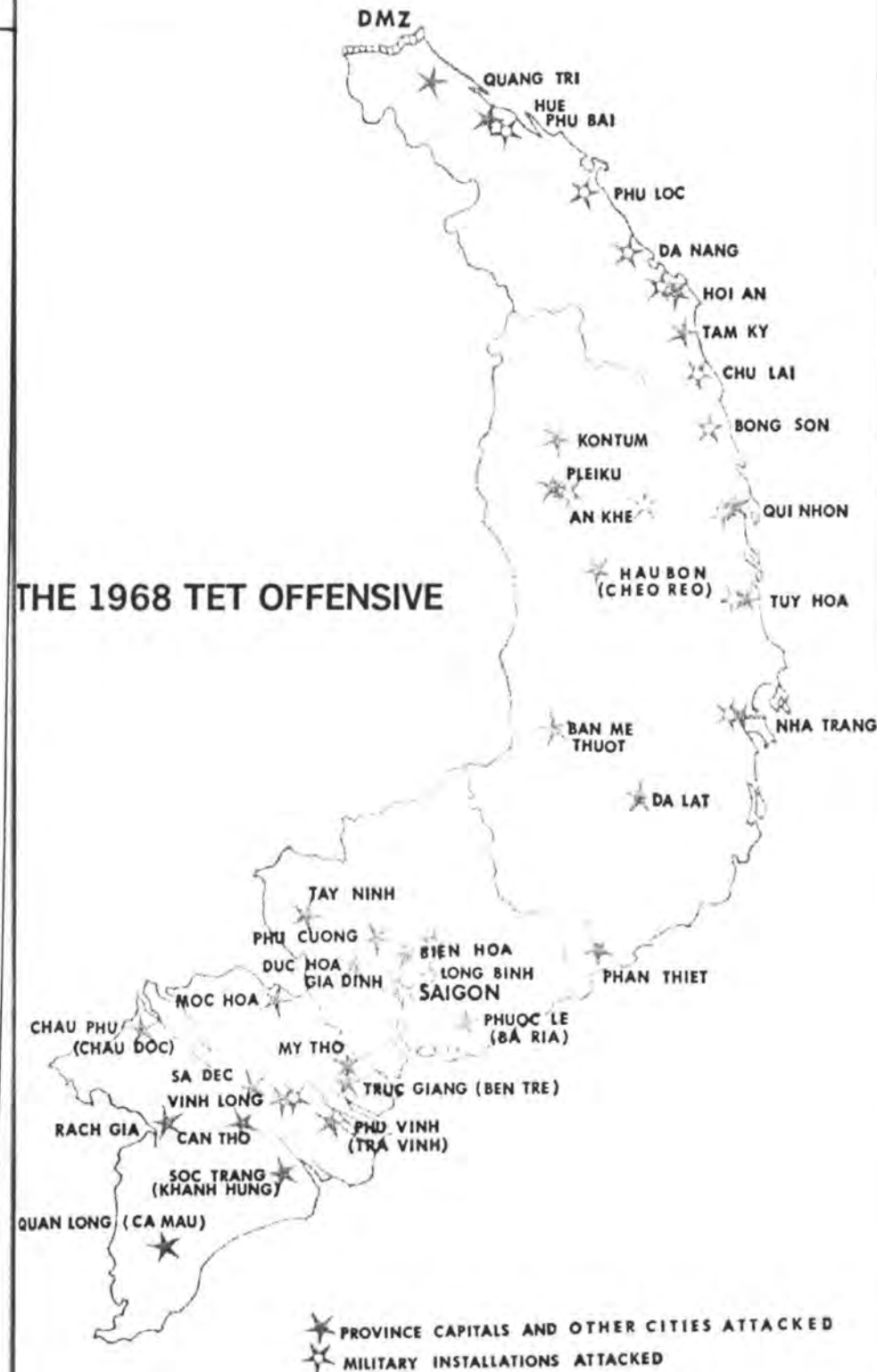

Bill Greenhalgh

LOCATION OF 5th SPECIAL FORCES
DETACHMENTS
31 August 1967

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THE 1968 TET OFFENSIVE



PROVINCES & PROVINCIAL CAPITALS

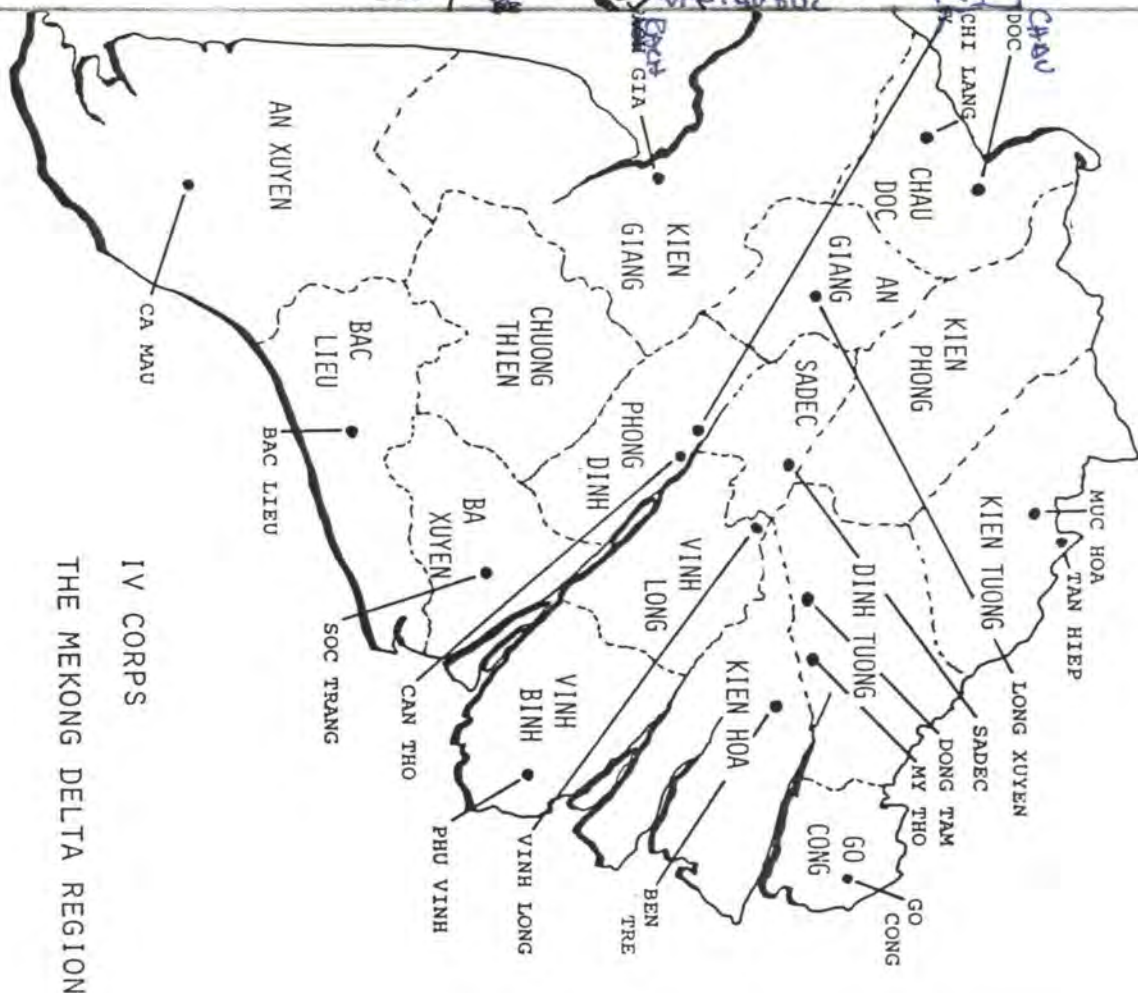
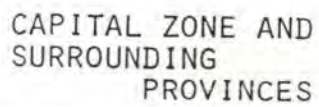
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Legend
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MAJOR HIGHWAYS AND ROUTES IN SOUTH VIETNAM





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Mr Mike Law
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7th February 1990

Dear Mike,

Greetings, I hope you are well. It was nice to speak to you on the telephone last night.

I enclose a signed copy of LIFE ON THE LINE, and I hope you enjoy it. Do you think the VHPA Newsletter editor might review the book if I sent him a copy? It has now been released in the States in paperback, as well as hardcover.

Out of interest, I also enclose some details of three of the other books that I have written. The fourth, AIR WAR IN VIETNAM, a chronological history of the air side of the war, is only available in the States now and is fast becoming out of print.

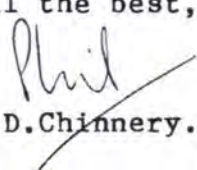
The book you are looking for is called INTO LAOS 'The story of of Dewey Canyon II/Lam Son 719', by Keith William Nolan. It is stocked by the Vietnam Bookstore at PO Box 122, Collinsville, CT 06022 at \$18.95.

For your interest, I also enclose a copy of the contents list for my forthcoming book, VIETNAM - THE HELICOPTER WAR. If you are interested in reviewing the chapter which covers the time you were in Vietnam, just let me know and I will run off a copy for you.

I would like to offer to help the Historical Committee in any way that I can. As soon as I finish my current project I will photocopy anything that I think you can use and send it to you. In addition, if you would like someone to research the history of some of the more obscure units, such as the ACH-47 equipped 1st/53rd Aviation Detachment; the various Scout units; any Marine squadron, or some of the Air Force units, such as the 20th and 21st SOS, the 11th Tactical Drone Squadron or the various Search and Rescue squadrons, just let me know.

Please let me know what you think of the book.

All the best,


P.D.Chinnery.

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