

## Maps

I am working to accumulate maps of the Americal AO. Here are the names and the best information about these locations at this time. The grid coordinates with "?" marks are the coordinates that I worked out using the markings from maps provided by Mr McCaig, Bill Staffa, and Tony May. I have eight different military maps that can be copied. The dimensions are 2'x 3'. I can copy them for you, but I will ask you to pay for the cost. The copy store charges \$3.05 per copy. If I do my own set up and copy, I am charged \$2.04 per copy. Mailing tubes are \$1.60 and postage has varied from \$2.90 up to \$8.00. If you have a friend in the reserves they can receive the original color map for no charge simply by requesting it.

1. Series 1501 Sheet ND 49-1 Edition 2. 1:250,000. Da Nang area south to Mo Duc. LZ Sooner, LZ Baldy, LZ Ross, LZ Ryder, LZ Fiddlers Green, LZ Hawk Hill, LZ Professional, LZ Cork, LZ Snoopy, LZ Gator, LZ Buff (Stinson), OP1, LZ Chippewa, and LZ Bowman. Not as detailed as other maps, but shows more area with one map.
2. Song Ha (La Lang) Stock No. L70146739111. Horseshoe Area, Happy Valley, LZ Stinson (LZ Buff), LZ Cork, etc. 1:50,000
3. Sheet 6738 series L607. 1:100,000. LZ Liz, Charlie Brown, Thunder, Duc Pho, LZ Dragon, LZ Max.
4. Sheet 6640 Series L607. scale 1:100,000. LZ Young, LZ Sooner, LZ East, LZ Center, LZ Baldy, LZ Ross, LZ East, Hill 59, Hawk Hill (Hill 29), and Hoi An.
5. Sheet 6739 Series L607. 1:100,000. Arty Hill, LZ Bayonet, Tra Bong, Ha Thanh, Ba Gia, LZ Buff, LZ Dottie, Binh Son, LZ Minuteman, LZ Snoopy, Fat City, Ky Ha (123d Avn Bn Hqtrs), and LZ Dottie.
6. Sheet 6640 Tam Ky. Scale 1:50,000. Hill 29 marked. Area includes LZ East, Thang Binh, Tam Ky, LZ Young and Barrier Island. Detailed map of area around Chu Lai.
7. Kon Tum, Vietnam 12 October 1965. JOG(a) 1501 ND49-5 version 1. 1:250,000. South of Quang Ngai along the coast to Quin Nhon.
8. Quang Ngai, Vietnam 9 August 1962. AGC-ND 49-1. Scale 1:250,000. Ranges from North of the Hoi An river south of Da Nang along the coast to south of Quang Ngai City. Includes Cu Lao Re island on the east and goes out a few miles west of Hiep Duc. Brilliant colors, best color map. Created by the Aeronautical Chart and Information Center, U.S. Air Force, St Louis, MO, 63118.

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FB 4-11 in Quang Ngai area. ARVN & 11th BS539732/BS539731  
— AK Valley East part of Que Son valley.

LZ Amy?  
-- An Hoa. Marine 3rd division headquarters. North west of LZ Baldy. Twenty-two miles southwest of Da Nang.

— Antenna Valley west of LZ Ross. Also known as Dragon Valley.

LZ Artillery Hill. (Divarty Hill) BS 515042

LZ Baldy North of Hawk Hill, South of An Hoa. Thirty-five miles North of Chu Lai. Thirty-two miles from Da Nang. On Highway One near the coast. BT133453 ??BT139448? (Baldy BT130449 per Div Arty ORL)

— Batangan Peninsula (AKA Van Tuong Peninsula 12 miles South of Chu Lai.

— LZ Bato. BS555325

LZ Bayonet. Headquarters of the 198th Brigade at Chu Lai at the top of 1,000 foot hill. BT549016

— Binh Son BS596927?

LZ Blue. 3rd Marine operation Starlite ?BS6792 site of first significant action by Americans in area August 17-19 1965 (573 CKIA enemy vs 46 Americans).

LZ Bowman. Southwest of Tam Ky Approximately BT3015? (Div Arty ORLL BT238140)

LZ Bronco was west outside of Duc Pho. Base Camp for Eleventh Infantry Brigade. BS812383

-- Bu Dop - Special forces camp just South of the Cambodian border. Twenty miles north of An Loc.

FSB Buck AT806320

LZ Buddha?

LZ Buff - renamed to LZ Stinson after Colonel Stinson was killed. Platoon leader, sergeant Smith' mission on 737 Mar 3, 1969. BS539824

LZ Bulldog BS730528

LZ Cacti BT060473

LZ Center was east of Hiep Duc. In Hiep Duc Valley 1 mile northeast of Vinh Dong hill. BT050250

LZ Charger Hill, AKA Fat Cit, AKA Hill 35.

LZ Charlie Brown. Ten miles southeast of Duc Pho. Almost completely surrounded by water. BS933223?

LZ Chevy BS429718 (Div Arty ORLL BS428714)

LZ CHIC. Refugee camp North of Quang Ngai along the river. over 11,000 kept their from clearing operation on Batangan peninsula. (Combined Holding and Interrogation Center.

-- Chin Sung Southwest of Tam Ky

— Chu Lai BT555035.

— Chu Lai Main Gate BT520044.

LZ Cindy by Tra Bong. Big Battle Aug 69. Had 155mm and 175mm battery

LZ Chippewa BS485967

LZ Clemson BS480828?

LZ Colt - 196th AO.

LZ Cork - High up in the mountains lots of down drafts.  
West of Duc Pho. Bad to fly into during monsoon.  
BS448612? (Div Arty ORLL BS450612)

-- Craterville Area BT1528

LZ Crunch. ?

-- Cu La Re. Beautiful island off the coast of Chu Lai.

LZ Dancer BS682402

LZ Debbie south around San Juan Hill?

LZ Div Arty Hill BT51580399

LZ Don south around San Juan Hill?

LZ Dottie twelve miles south of Chu Lai BS630855

— Duc Pho south of Quang Ngai on Highway one. LZ Bronco  
home of 11th infantry brigade and sharks was here.

— Dragon Valley. West of LZ Ross also known as Antenna  
Valley.

LZ Dragon. South of Mo Duc BS730529 (ARVN)

LZ East (Hill 488) was eleven miles west of Tam Ky  
BT132203 (DivArty ORLL BT13102025)

LZ English (173rd Airborne) South along the coast near Bong  
Son.

LZ Fat City, AKA Hill 35, AKA LZ Charger, Close to Chu Lai  
BT435079 (Div Arty ORLL BT440077)

LZ Fiddlers Green (named after 1-1 Cav ditty) BT215437  
Re-taken by US troops several times for ARVNs.

LZ Frederick Hill - Marine Engineers base?

LZ Gator South of Chu Lai BS 578961 (Div Arty ORLL  
BS571963)

LZ George BS478859

LZ Gimlet AT858230

LZ Goldie South along coast?

-- Ha Binh BT2445 vicinity (Barrier Island)

-- Ha Thanh. CIDG west of Quang Ngai BS395705?  
(Div Arty ORLL BS428718)

— Hau Duc - LZ Mildred. I've was run out by mortars here.  
Saw ARVNs with cross bows. Five miles east of LZ Mary  
Ann. Hau Duc BT048043

LZ Hawk Hill (AKA Hill 29) North of Tam Ky and south of LZ  
Baldy West of Highway One. BT231315? or BT230315  
(Div Arty ORLL BT224311)

-- Happy Valley BS4100790? is somewhere in the middle.

-- Hiep Duc 20 miles north west of Tam Ky. Thirty miles  
south of Da Nang. Thirty-five miles northwest of Chu  
Lai. Hiep Duc Valley was also known as Death Valley.

— Hill 10 BT200390 Between Hawk Hill and Baldy.  
(Div Arty ORLL Hill 10 BS583722)  
— Hill 14 BT286190  
— Hill 29 (AKA Hawk Hill)  
— Hill 35 AKA Charger Hill, AKA Fat City  
— Hill 38 BT282225  
— Hill 43 BS6791? Operation Starlite 3d Marines August 18-19, 1965.  
— Hill 54 North of Chu Lai, provided arty support for Chu Lai North BT396145? (Div Arty ORLL BT396143)  
— Hill 59 BT165233 Northwest of LZ East.  
— Hill 69 BT462072  
— Hill 102 AKA Million Dollar Hill.  
— Hill 165 Near LZ Professional  
— Hill 173 Near BT1624  
— Hill 251 near BT1528  
— Hill 270 BT420048  
— Hill 285 BS829285  
— Hill 314 near BT1528  
— FSB 497 BT189047  
— Hoi An BT146517?  
— Horseshoe area. On Song Tra Khuc River twenty miles south of Chu Lai.  
— Huong My BT242403  
— LZ Hustler?  
— Iron Mountain ? West of Duc Pho?  
LZ Jane BS 660758  
LZ Jeff south, near San Juan Hill  
LZ Judy seven miles west of LZ Mary Ann.  
OP Juliet (Around Hiep Duc?)  
LZ Karen Between LZ West and LZ Siberia (Hiep Duc area).  
AT955238 (38 mi NW of Tam Ky)  
-- Ky Ha BT529116?  
-- Ky My RF outpost BT247254  
-- Ky Sanh Valley. Northwest of LZ Bayonet  
LZ Leslie in Que Son valley?  
LZ Liz Lowland five miles Northwest of Duc Pho was bad place at times. BS757432 BS743435?  
LZ Lowboy ?  
LZ Lurch AT926238

LZ Manassas BS551663?

LZ Mary Ann. Scary, it wasn't cleared for field of fire. Open perimeter, permanent bunkers and wire were not set up yet. South of Hiep Duc area. On a remote mountain in the 19th AO. AS961998 (38 miles west of Chu Lai).

-- Marble Mountain. Mountain a little south of DaNang along the coast.

LZ Maude. Northwest of LZ professional. Opened up with a 10,000 lb daisy cutter around August 1970?

LZ Max BS759469?

LZ Mellon. In Que Son Valley. AT804184 or 805184 blocked infiltration route from Kham Duc.

LZ Mildred at Hau Duc.

-- Million Dollar Hill (H111 102). Around Hiep Duc. Just North of LZ Karen across the old French Road. South of Song Lau River and Nui Chom Mountain. Named after losing over a million dollars in helicopters during a battle.

-- Minh Long Special forces. BS536511? (Div Arty ORLL BS458466)

LZ Minuteman (First LZ built on Batangan peninsula. Fifteen miles south of Chu Lai.) BS786857?

— Mo Duc district capital south near coast. Not far from Duc Pho. (BS733543)

— Monkey Mountain on the Peninsula that juts out from Da Nang.

— My Lai. Four small hamlets associated with the village of Song My. My Lai (IV) was site of massacre near LZ Pinkville. South of LZ Uptight about 4-5 five miles,

— Nghia Hanh (battle nearby was vic BS6061)

LZ North - bad times real close to an old 2nd NVA division headquarters.

— Nui Yon OP guarded western approach to Tam Ky. Overrun.

-- Nui Loc Son 13 kilometers west of battle at BT1528

LZ O'Connor near Antenna Valley. AT935243 Named after 1st Cav pilot who later became POW near DMZ in February 1968.  
-- OP#1 BS515780. (BS516778 ORL) Mortar attacks on helicopters.

LZ Pepper BS491729? (Div Arty BS496716)  
-- Phu Bai North of Da Nang  
— LZ Pineapple BS371966  
-- Pineapple Forest is west of Tam Ky or across the bay from Ky Ha?

LZ Pinkville near My Lai on Batangan Peninsula. My Lai also known as Pinkville massacre, or Song My massacre.

LZ Pleasantville BT051049

LZ Polar Bear II AT939211

LZ Prep way the heck out west. CIA helicopters and Laotian mercenaries hung out here. AT007148

LZ Professional twenty miles northwest of Chu Lai. BT176070 (Div Arty ORLL BT173076)

-- Quang Ngai City was south of Chu Lai on highway 1. Area was the third most populated area in Vietnam. BS647723  
-- Quang Ngai Air Field BS605719  
-- Rice Bowl - area east of Hiep Duc  
— LZ Rock Crusher BT108428  
-- Rock Pile - area west of Quang Ngai  
-- Rocket Pocket included area five miles southwest of Chu Lai.

LZ Ross was refueling point between LZ Baldy and Hiep Duc area. BT027342 (BT028341 Div Arty ORLL)

LZ Ryder West of LZ Ross. Highest Peak around (closed down then rebuilt) Thirty miles west of Tam Ky. BS948346?

LZ San Juan Hill west of Duc Pho. Mortar attacks on helicopters. BS634380

LZ Sheryl BT302192

LZ Siberia. West of Tam Ky? 35 miles northwest of Chu Lai. Overlooked the resettlement village for Hiep Duc. AT901232

LZ Snoopy. BS705612?  
-- Song Ve twelve miles south of Quang Ngai  
-- Song Chang Valley better known as AK valley. Near Hiep Duc Valley.  
-- Song Re Valley 25 miles southwest of Quang Ngai.

LZ South. 11th Infantry Brigade  
— Son Tra BT622015

LZ Sooner. BS868359?

LZ Stinson. Was LZ Buff renamed for LTC Stinson killed on A Co. Helicopter. West of Quang Ngai City along Song Tra Khuc river. BS538824  
-- Tam Ky North of Chu Lai and South of Hawk Hill  
— Tam Ky Airfield BT305199

LZ Thunder. South of Chu Lai. BS872325?  
-- Tien Phuoc fifteen miles Southwest of Tam Ky.  
-- Tooth Lake BS528752?  
-- Tra Bong 25 miles northwest of Quang Ngai City BS341880?

- LZ Two Bits
- LZ Uptight five miles east of LZ Dottie and four miles North of My Lai (IV). Aproximately BS720780? (Div Arty ORLL BS726857)
- Wedding cake hill. Northeast of Million dollar hill near the Song Lau river.
- LZ West was 196th Brigade headquarters. Nineteen miles west of Tam Ky. (The mountain is known as the mountain of leeches to the Vietnamese). LZ Karen was just the next hill west of LZ West. To the south was the Song Chang River. In the valley to the north was the Song Lau River and the Old French Road. To the east was the Nui Lon Mountain. AT990251/990250
- LZ Young - Four or Five miles west of Tam Ky. Really bad place to go, until the area was pacified. Was area near NVA Divisional headquarters at one time. BT182146 ??BT188168??
- NVA division headquarters found 22 miles west of Duc Pho.

Highway 535 was also known as Tien Phuoc Highway.  
Highway 534 was also known as the old French Road.

- Hoi An was Quang Nam province headquarters.
- Tam Ky was Quang Tin province headquarters.
- Quang Ngai was Quang Ngai province headquarters
- Bong Son and Qui Nhon shared province headquarters for Binh Dinh province.

I received this information from Joe Kralich.  
One may order xerox copies of the AO grid maps for \$4.80 per map, with a minimum order of \$9.60. The maps are 1:50,000 scale. You would need to know the map number. Joe has identified the following map numbers:

Dia-Loc	6640-IV
Hoi An	6640-I
Hiep Duc	6640-III
Tam Ky	6640-II
Hau-Duc	6639-IV
Tien-Phuoc	6639-I
Tra-Bong	6739-IV
Binh-Son	6739-I
Lac-Trom-Dong	6639-III
Gil-Ang	6639-II
Son-Ha	6739-III
Quang-Ngai	6739-II

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Maps used for reference in the ORLL reports:

Map references: Vietnam 1:50,000, Series L7014, Sheets: 6538 I; 6539 II, III, IV; 6638 I, IV; 6639 I, II, III, IV; 6640 I, II, III, IV; 6738 II, III, IV; 6739 I, II, III, IV; 6838 III, IV.

The best civilian style map of Vietnam came from a February 1967 issue of National Geographics. Perhaps the best high level map available is the easiest and quickest to obtain from "Sporty's", a catalogue supplier to aviators. Almost all of South Vietnam is on the ONC-K10 map. If you are interested in areas North of Da Nang, then you may want ONC-J11 as well. The maps are scaled 1:1,000,000 and are 42" x 57" and in color. Grid coordinates are marked on the map. The advertised cost of each map is \$4.50 (they only charged 3.25 each when I ordered two) plus about \$4.75 shipping and handling. Phone 1-800-543-8633 to place an order.

I found it interesting that Minh Long, Duc Pho, and Tam Ky airports were marked as not useable. The runways at Chu Lai appear to be operational. LZ Baldy, Marble Mountain, and Chu Lai are marked on the map even though these were not Vietnamese names. Saigon is marked as Hoi Chi Minh City. These warnings appear on the map:

WARNING VIETNAM AND LAOS ARE DESIGNATED SPECIAL AREAS. STATE DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE REQUIRED FOR OVERFLIGHT. SEE FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE.

WARNING. Aircraft infringing upon Non-Free flying territory may be fired upon without warning.

WARNING. Unlisted radio emissions from this area may constitute a navigation hazard or result in overflight unless unusual precaution is exercised.

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From the Division Artillery ORLL from May 69.

FSB Buck AT806320, LZ Center BT 050250, LZ Gimlet (BT858230, LZ West 990250, LZ Cacti BT060473, Polar Bear II AT939211, Baldy BT130449, LZ Ross BT028341, LZ O'Connor AT935243, Fat City BT 440077, LZ Lurch AT 926238, LZ Professional BT173076, LZ Bowman BT238140, LZ Pleasantville, Hawk Hill (BT224311, LZ Chippewa BS485 967, LZ Sheryl BT302192, Hau Duc BT048043, LZ Buff BS539824, LZ Jane BS 660758, LZ Cork BS450612. LZ Gator BS571963, Hill 54 BT396143, Uptight BS726857, Chevy BS428714, Bronco BS450612, Quang Ngai Air Field BS605719, Minh Long (BS 458466, Bato BS555325, Dragon BS730529, Ha Thanh BS 428718, LZ Bulldog BS730528, Div Arty Hill BT51580399, Hill 10 BS 583722, LZ Pepper BS496716, LZ Dancer BS682402, LZ East BT 13102025