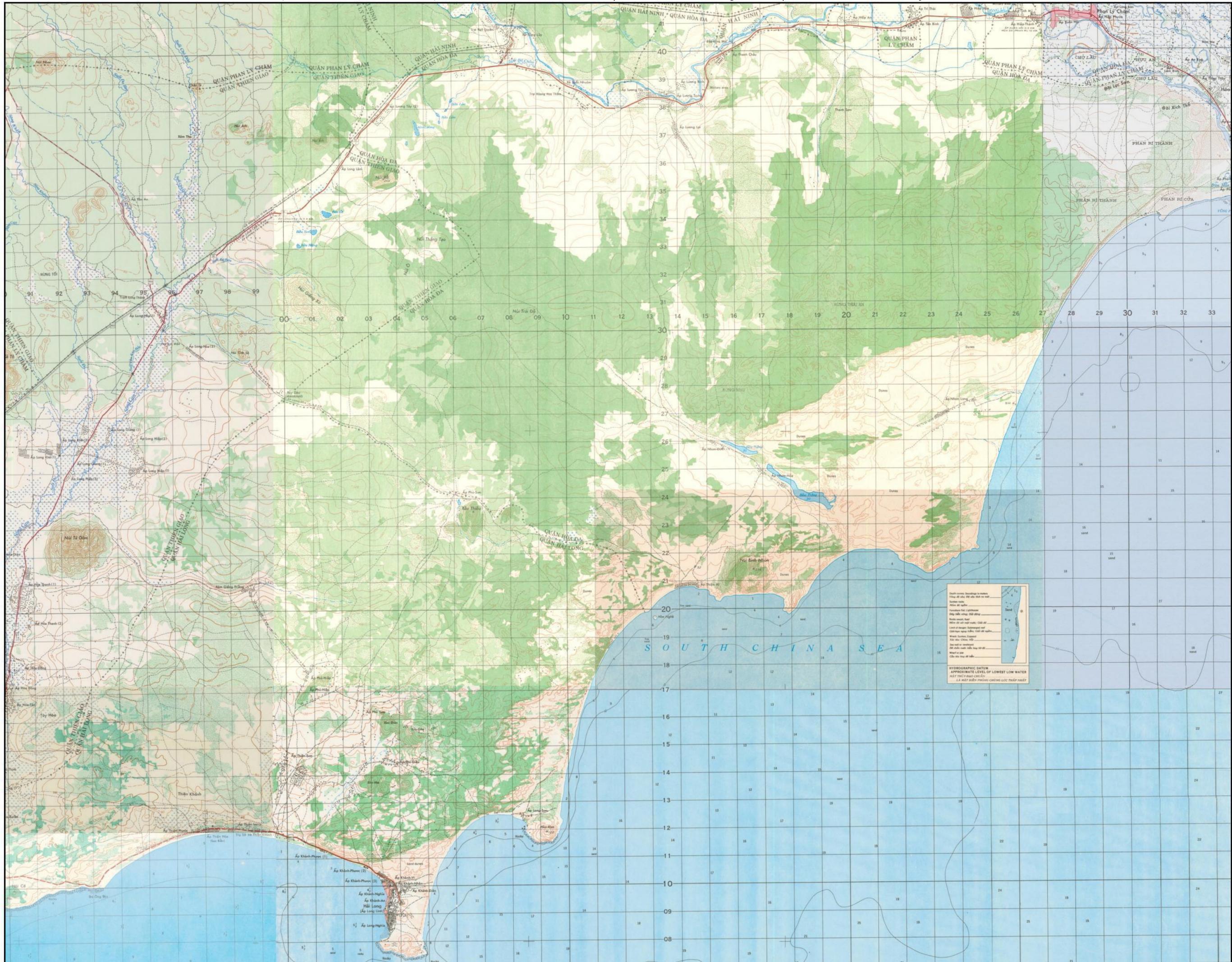
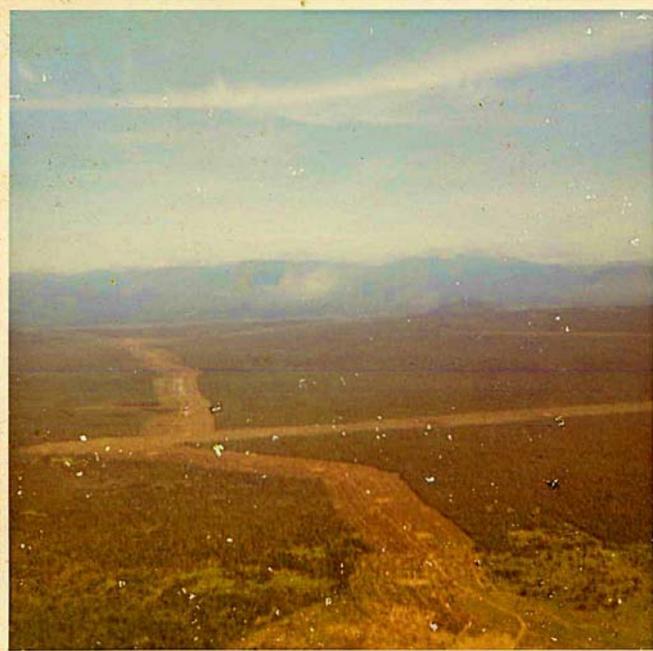


LE HONG PHONG FOREST VICINITY

From Map Series TL7014, Portions of Map Sheets 6630-IV Phan Thiet, 6631-III Ap An-Lam, 6630-I Hai Long, 6631-II Ap Thien Ai and 6731-III Phan Ly Cham.



Bryan "Frenchy" Lagimoniere, on his LZ BETTY Website: <http://www.lzbetty.com/index.html> specifically, on his 1969 Photos page: <http://www.lzbetty.com/id13.html> , has this image of the Le Hong Phong Forrest (Below Left):



Frenchy writes: "Le Hong Phong Forest, Picture taken at the beginning of a C/A. The 440 foot wide paths were cut by the 687th Engineer co. and 3/506th(101st Abn) provided security" . Above Right is James Dacus's photo of the Forest from his photos page: <http://www.ichiban1.org/images/photos/dacus/pages/dacus7.htm>

Gleaned from the following web page: <http://www.army.mil/CMH-pg/books/Vietnam/Engineers/ch7.htm> is this photo of the 687th at work:



The site states:" In the vocabulary of U.S. forces in Vietnam, Rome Plow came to be synonymous with land clearing. Of all the various types of land-clearing equipment tested in Vietnam, the military standard D7E tractor, equipped with a heavy-duty protective cab and a special tree-cutting blade manufactured by the Rome Company of Rome, Georgia, proved to be by far the most versatile and effective. The tractor took its name from its most imposing feature-the huge blade on the front.