

Summary of Maneuver

Second Battle of Tam Quan

December, 1967
Republic of Vietnam

Extracted From

1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile)
After Action Report

December 30, 1967



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2-6 December 1967 - Before the Battle

Nov/Dec 1967	22 nd Regt. PAVN	Infiltrating	Bong Son Plain	Agent Reports	
2 Dec	22 nd Regt. PAVN	Headquarters	BS 893086	Agent Reports	
1-4 Dec	22 nd Regt. PAVN	Probing attacks	Bridges, other installations	RVN infrastructure	
Overnight 4 Dec	22 nd Regt. PAVN	Attack	BS 899087	ARVN at LZ Tom	
Overnight 4 Dec	22 nd Regt. PAVN	Attack	Tam Quan	RVN Sub-District HQ	

6 December 1967 – The Battle Begins

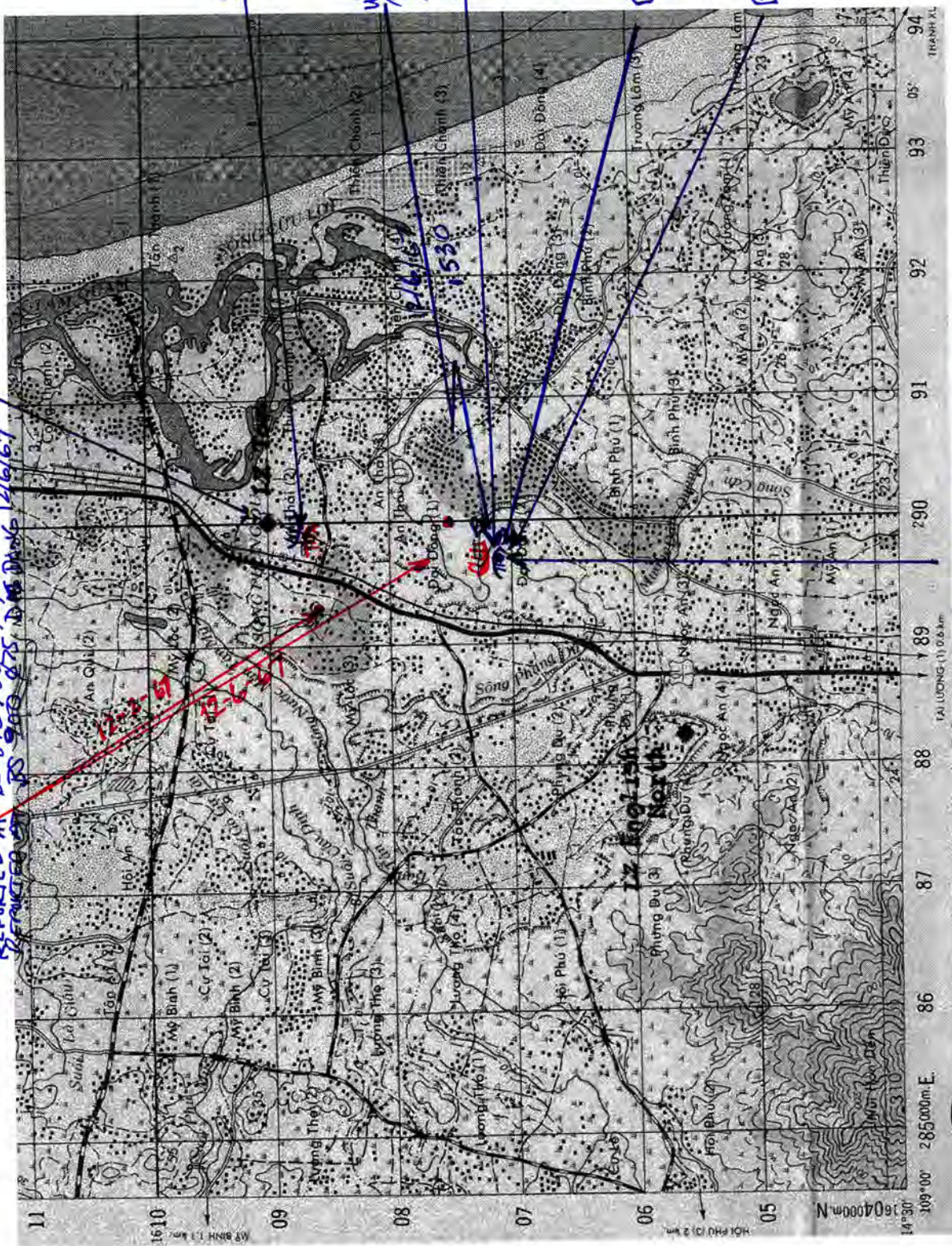
Afternoon	A 1-9 Cav Scouts	Aerial Scouting	Same	See Antenna, take fire	(8)
1630	A 1-9 Cav Blues (Infantry Platoon)	Air Assault	BS 897071	Pinned down by fire	(8)
1655	D 1-9 Cav Blues (Infantry Platoon)	Air Assault	Same	Reinforce A; also pinned down	(8)
1725	1 st Bde., 1 st ACD	Takes control of battle			
1800	B 1-8 Cav	Air Assault	BS 897071		(6)
1800	ACav Platoon A 1-50 th Mech	Ground Movement	To same		(9)
2100	Blues A&D 1-9 Cav	Extracted	BS 897071		(8)
2200	All committed units	Small arms fire ceases	Same		

2 DEC 1967
TO 6 DEC 1967
EVENING

(HQ)  22 PAVN

 40 ARVN

REPORTED AT BS 843086 12/2/67
REFRANKED AT BS 900 875 DMS DRUG 12/6/67 (HD)



BATTLE NIGHT OF
4 DEC 1967. ATAN
22 PAVN (ARVN)
40th INF
AT LZ TON
AT 859087
BS
1/9 CN
15th BN
9th BAV
AIR ASSAULT
1630 12/6/67
BS 897071
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AIR ASSAULT
1655 12/6/67
B
1/8 CN
AIR ASSAULT
1800 12/6/67

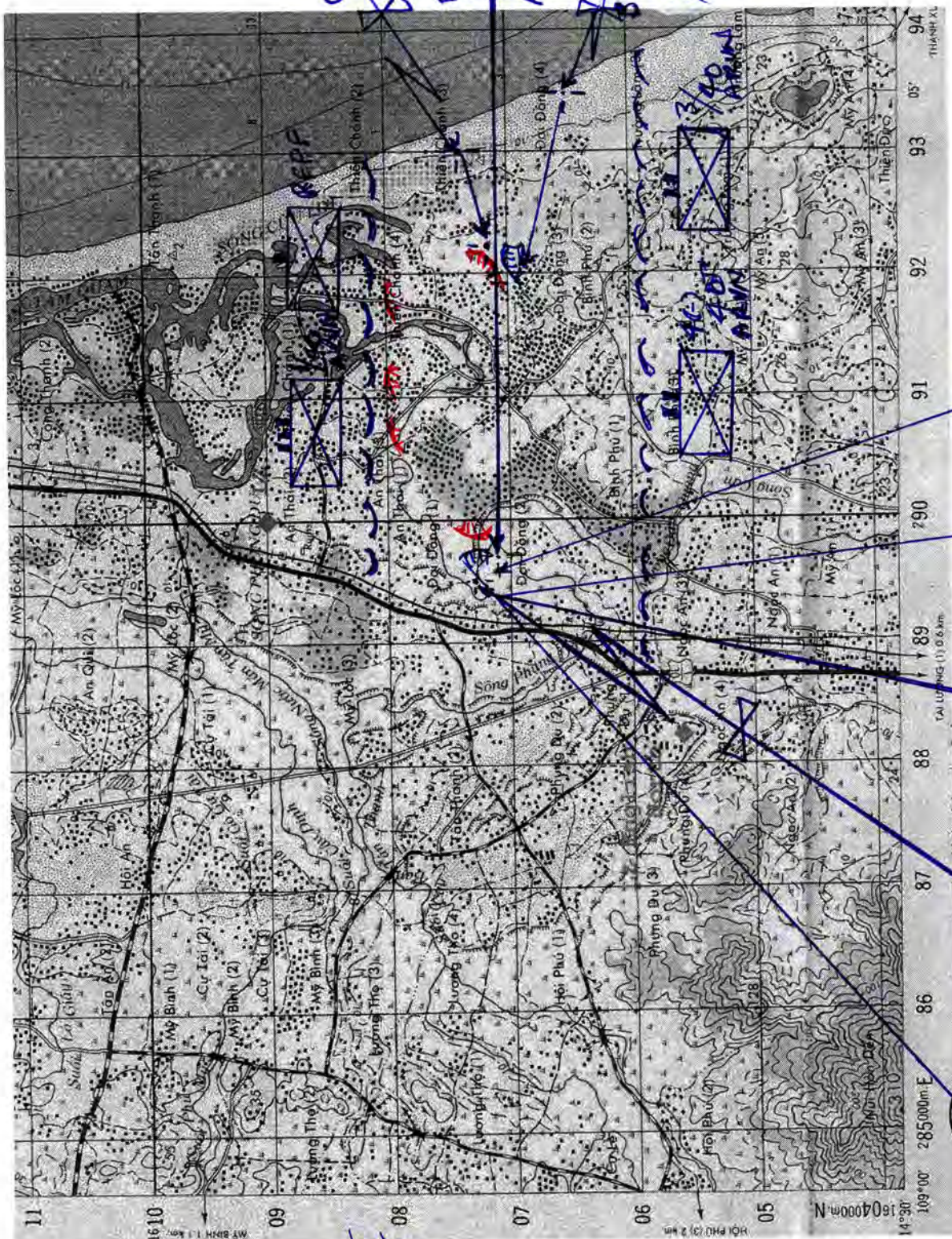
A  1st BN (MECH)
50th INF
ROAD MARCH FROM
LZ ENGLISH
12/6/67

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>Source</u>
7 December 1967 – Contain, Pile On, Attack					
0725	Artillery	CS Prep, TOT			
0815	A 1-8	Air Assault complete	LZ Vic BS 895073		(6)
0852	ACav Platoon A 1-50 th Mech	From LZ Loboy	Vic. 895073		(9)
	2 Duster Sections	From LZ Loboy	Vic. 895073		
0915	B 2-8	Air Assault complete	LZ BS 935065		
	C 2-8	Air Assault complete	LZ BS 930075		(1)
	1-40 th ARVN	Screening	Above 08 E-W gridline from Hwy 1 to SCS		
	RFPF Company	Screening	Same		
	4(-) 40 th ARVN	Screening	Below 06 E-W grid line From Hwy 1 to SCS		
	3-40 th ARVN		Same		
1230	D 1-50 th Mech	Opcon to 1-8 from 2 nd Bde., 1 st ACD			(9)
1406	A 1-8	Attack	From BS 895073		
	D 1-50 th Mech	Attack	From BS 895073	Incl. flame tracks	(9)
	19 th Engineer - 2 D7 Bulldozers	Support Attack	Same	"several KIA's" reported	(9)
1645	CP C 2-8	Movement to contact	BS 922072	Pinned down by fire	(1)
1900	CP C 2-8	Extracted	BS 922072		(1)
	1-40 th ARVN	Heavy Contact	08 E-W gridline		
Last light	All	In NDP's			

7 DEC 1967

B/1/8
A/1/8
H/1/50
PUSERS
076

CC) 2/8 correct
1645
B/2/8



C-2/8
AIR ASSAULT
Ø915 12/7/67
BS 935075
1/8 CAV
A/1/50 MECH
2/8 CAV
AIR ASSAULT
Ø915 12/7/67
BS 935685

19TH Engr
Ø852

1/50 MECH
ROAD FR. LZ LOBOY
Ø852 12/7/67

1/8 CAV A
AIR ASSAULT
Ø815 12/7/67

D
1/50 A
BS 895073
ROAD TO 1145 - BS 895073 (QL)
Ø800 18 1230
FR W/LIFT, BLOWN, POW

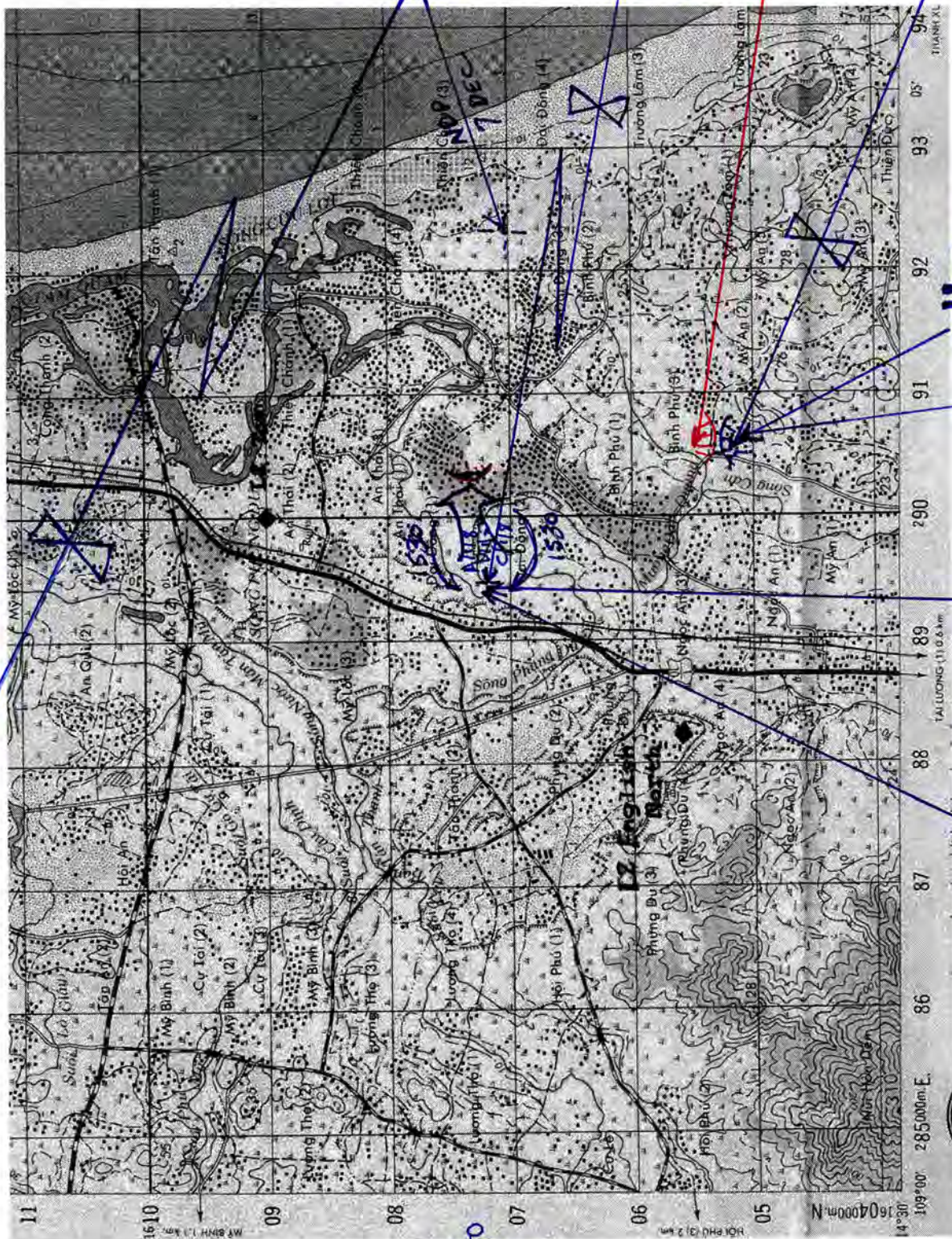
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8 December 1967 – Battle Area Widens

0745	C 1-8	Air assault	To BS 895072	Relieve B 1-8	(6)
0815	Artillery	TOT, CS attack	BS 899072		
	Tac Air	Air Strikes	same		
	Artillery Tac Air	repeat	same		
0845	D 1-50 th	Recon in force	NE to BS 904073		(9)
	A 1-8	Attack E & N	From BS 895072		(6)
	C 1-8	same	same		(6)
1130	HQ 1-50, B 1-50	Opcon to 1 st Bde.	To LZ English North		(9)
1245	A 1-50	Release to defense	Of Loboy and English		
	2 ACav Platoons	Same	same	A (-) 50 th ?	
1500	1 Company of 3-40 th ARVN	Engage 8 th Bn., 22 Regt. PAVN	Vic. BS 905052		
1520	B 2-8	Air assault	To BS 876114	From 923070	
	C 2-8	Air assault	same	same	
1520	9th Bn. 22 nd Regt. PAVN	Intel Report	(At/vic?)		
1520	40 th ARVN Regt.	Screening	North & South of Dai Dong	From vic BS 923070	
1530	D 1-50	Return from recon in force	To vic. 895072		(9)
	A 1-8	same			(6)
	C 1-8	same			(6)
1620	2 Companies, 4-40 th ARVN	Air Assault	To BS 905052	Reinforce Company of 3-40 in contact with 8-22 PAVN	
	ARVN PC Troop	Ground Movement	Same	Same	
	All 1 st Bde and allied units	NDP			

8 DEC 1967

AIR ASSAULT
1520 BS 876114



1245 RELEASE
TO DEFENSE OF
ENGLISH & LOBBY

7/8 CAN
B

7/8 CAN
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C
0745 AR ASSAULT
89507Z

8/12 CAN
PAN

4/40
2
AIR ASSAULT
1620

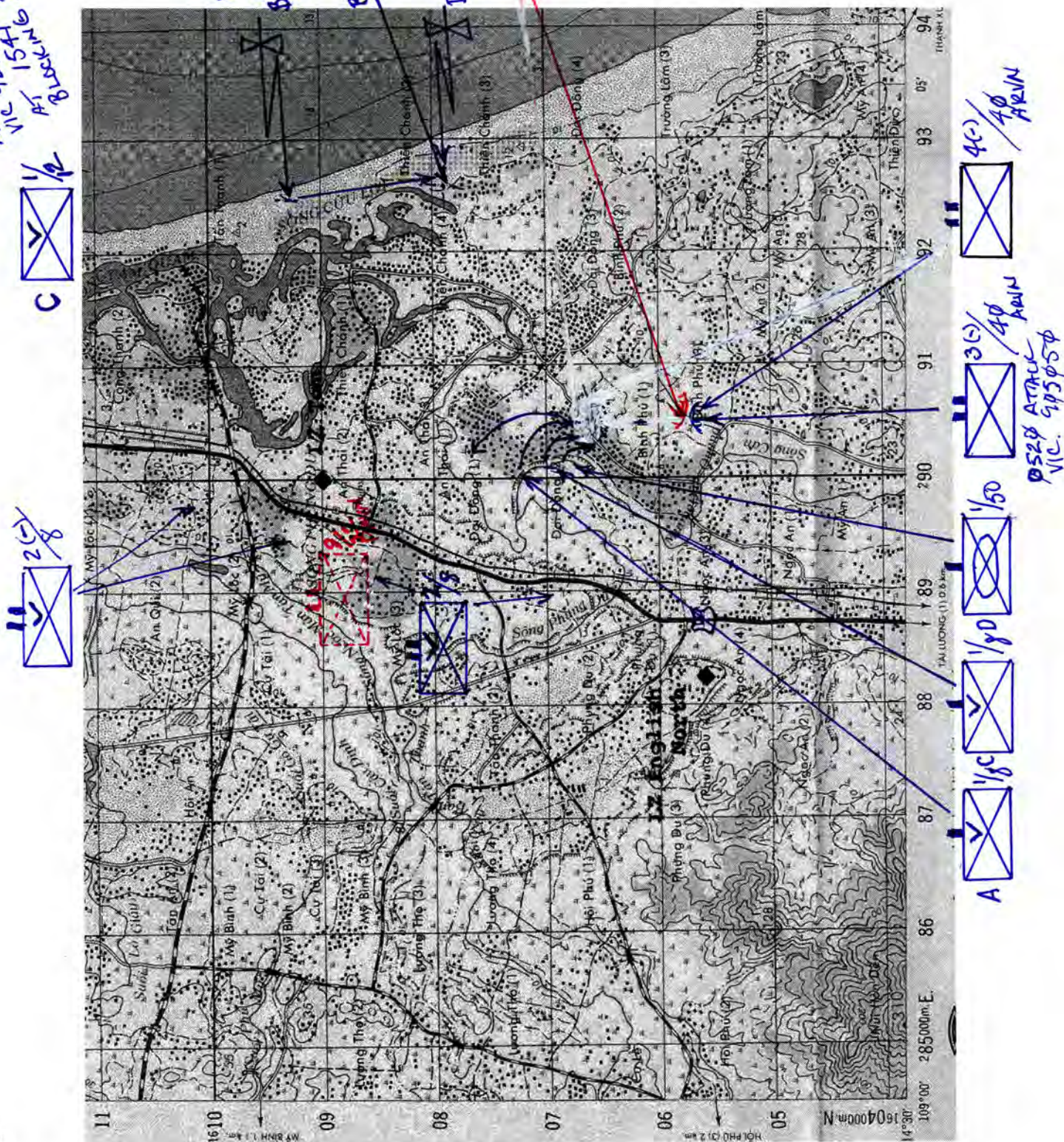
3/40
ARVN

ARVN
GROUND MOVE 1620

1/8 CAN
A

1/50 (1/50)
D

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>Source</u>
9 December 1967 – Develop the Battle					
0520	3 (-)-40 th ARVN	Attack	Vic. BS 905050	Target: 8-22 nd Regt. PAVN	
	4(-)-40 th ARVN	Same	Same	same	
0700	B 1-50	Ground Movement	From LZ English North to Beach vic. 926079		
	Artillery	HE & CS prep			
0845	A 1-8	Sweep	Through Dai Dong	(confirm which?)(coord)	(6)
	C 1-8	Same	Same		(6)
	D 1-50	Same	Same		
1050	D 1-12	Arrive English	From Dak To		
1102	B 1-8	Air assault	To 1500 meters north of BS 926079		(6)
1240	C 1-12	Arrive English	From Dak To	(2)	
1530	A 1-8	Search to/reach	South edge of Dai Dong	(confirm which?)(coord)	
	C 1-8	Same			(6)
	D 1-50	Same			
1541	C 1-12	Air assault	BS 927122	Opcon to Task Force Dolphin	
1630	A 1-8	Ground movement/return to	To NW edge of Dai Dong		(6)
1630	D 1/12	Air assault	BS 926079	Opcon to Task Force Dolphin	
Throughout day	2-8 Cav	Search & Destroy	West of QL 1	For 9-22 nd Regt. PAVN	

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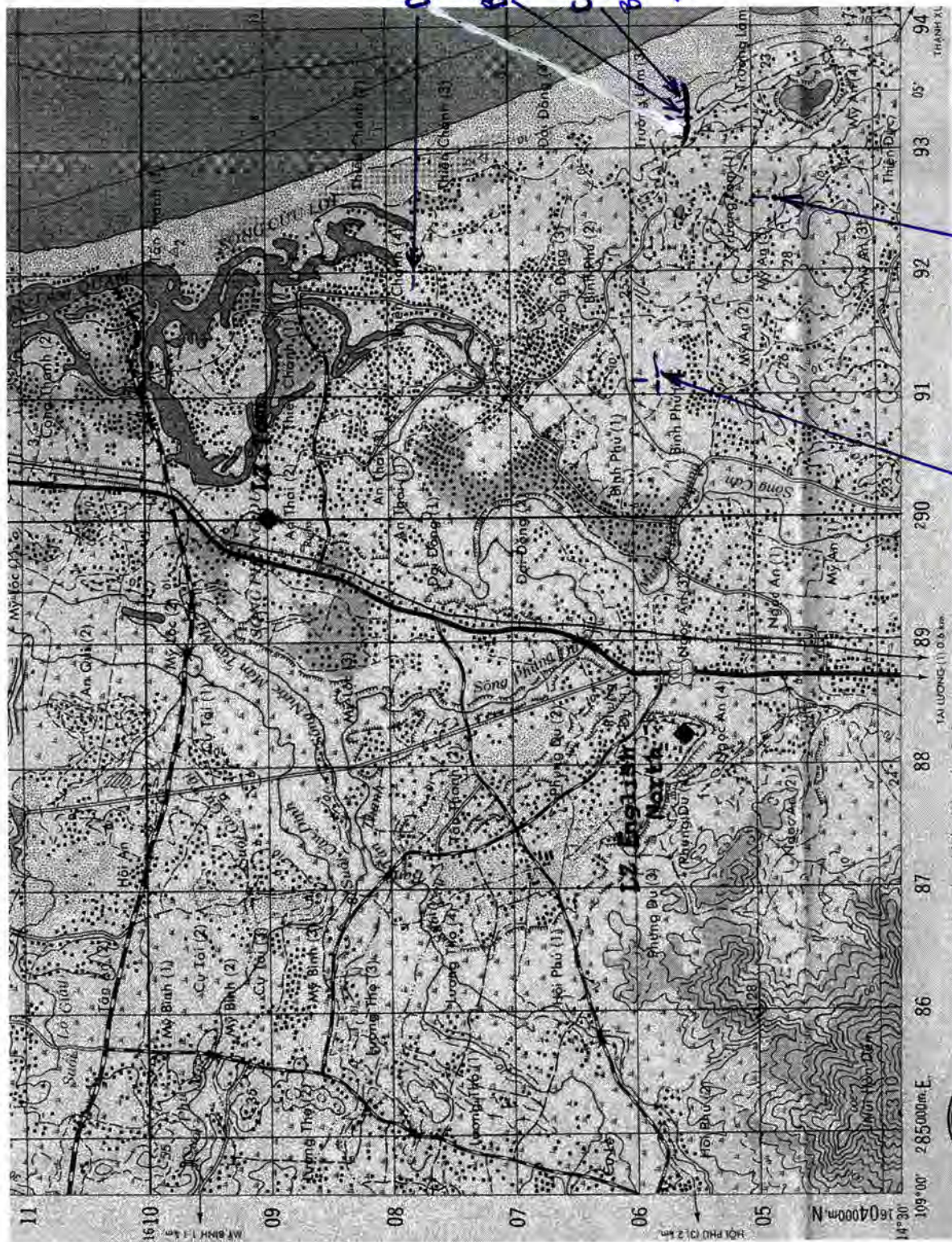
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10 December 1967					
0500	3 (-)-40 th ARVN	Contact	BS 911048	Attacked by 8-22 nd Regt. PAVN	
	4(-)-40 th ARVN	same	Same		
	APC Troop	Same			
	Above Units	Counter Attack		5 during day (to 1600, see 1545 and 1600, D 1-50 below)	
0852	B 1-12	Air Assault	To BS 926079		
0900		Civilians seen running	From Truong Lam (2) vic BS 925055		
0925	B 1-12	Search & Destroy	To west of loc.		
	D 1-12	Search & Destroy	Vic 923079	Seeking 7-22 nd Regt. PAVN	
1055	B 1-50 th (w/ B & C 1-12 th ?)	Contact approaching	Truong Lam (1)	Heavy contact	(9)
1106	D 2-8	Air assault	BR 925996	Block escape routes to Cay Giap mountains	
1136	A 2-8	Air assault	BR 968985	Same	
1220	C 1-12	Air assault	To BS 932055	To close left flank	
1545	D 1-50	Arrive	ARVN Loc. at BS 911048		
	D 1-50	Attack	Join 5 th ARVN attack of the day at BS 911048		
	B-1-50 th	Break contact			(9)
	B 1-12	Break contact			
	C 1-12	Same		(2)	
All day	1-8 Cav	Search & Destroy	West of Hwy 1	Seeking 9 th Bn., 22 nd Regt. PAVN	
	1 st Bde units	Into NDP			

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11 December 1967

Early Morning	Artillery	CS + TOT	Truong Lam (2)		
0715	TF 1-12	Attack	From North into Truong Lam (2)		
2215	D 2-8	2 Ambushing elements in contact	At vic. BS 926048	Enemy moving to North	
2245	D 2-8	Same	Same	same	
All Day	D 1-12	Light contact	Vic. BS 920078		
All day	TF Dolphin	Police battlefield	Vic. 911058	No contact	(9)

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D B&C 0715 DESTROY
VIC. 0715 0718
w/ light contact

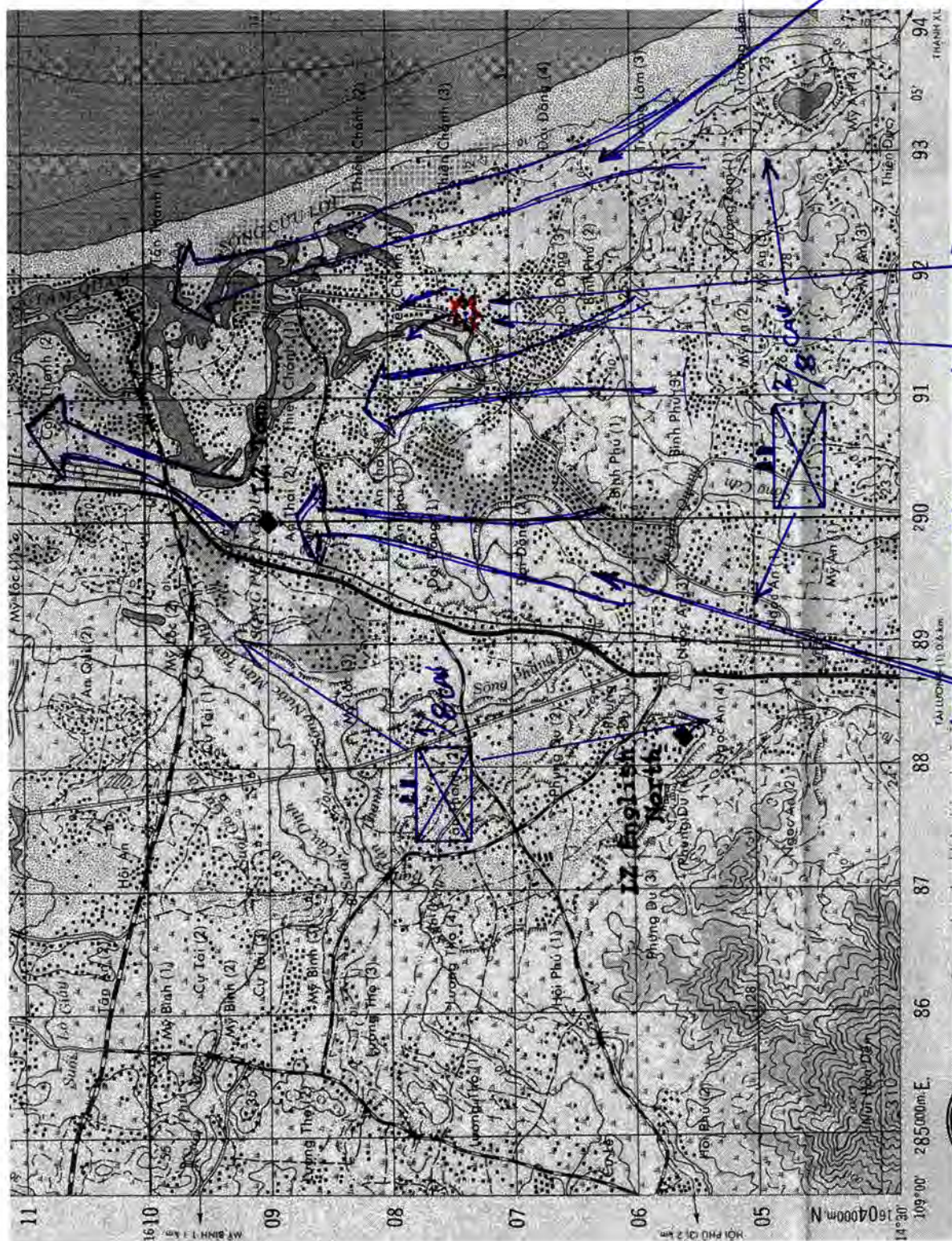
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B 1/2-1/2
C 1/2-1/2
B&C 0715 ATTACK
SOUTH INTO
TRUONG LAM (2)

D 2/8 CN
2215 2245
AMBUSH ELEMENTS (2)
IN CONTACT

TF DOLPHIN
POLICE BATTLEFIELD
VIC

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>Source</u>
12 December 1967					
0715	Marine Task Force Alpha	Attack	To north on left		
	TF 1-12	Attack	To north on right	Adjoining Marine Task Force Alpha	
1055	D 1-12	Contact	At boundry of MTFA and TF 1-12 vic. BS 917073		
	D 1-50	Contact	Same		(9)
	Arty/ARA		Same		
	D 1-12	Flanking movement and pursuit	To 08 E-W gridline		
	D 1-50	Same	Same		(9)
All day	1-8 Cav	Search & Destroy	West of QL 1	No contact	
All day	2-8 Cav	Search & Destroy	North of Bong Son River (Song Lai Giang) between QL 1 and South China Sea	No contact	

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ASK FORCE-1/12

B-1/12
C-1/12



TASK FORCE
DOLPHIN
D-1/50

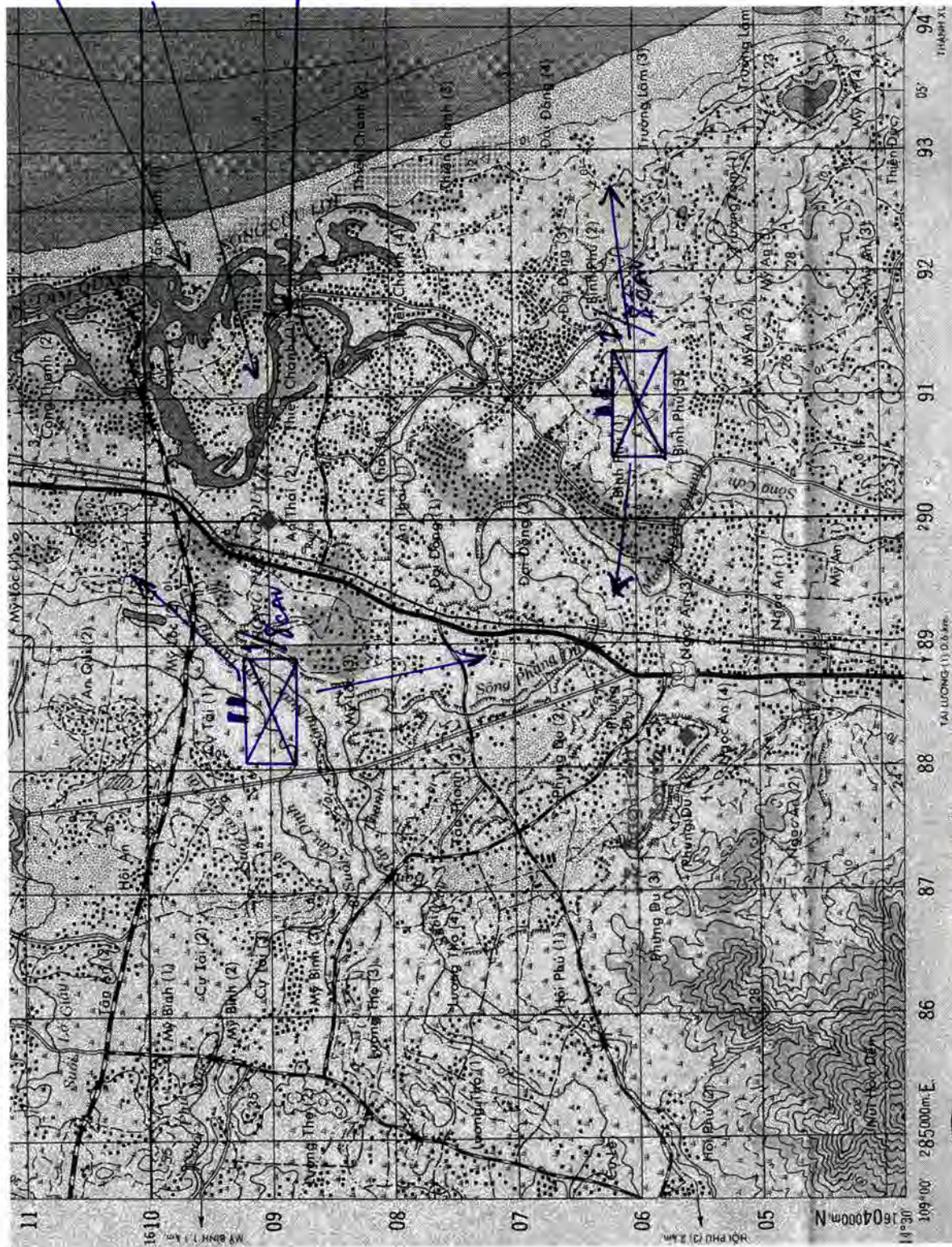


ARVN
MARINE TASK
FORCE ALPHA

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13 December 1967					
0630	D 1-12	Ambushing	BS 917088	Contact	
0800	Marine Task Force Alpha	Ground movement	Return south to normal AO		
All day	TF 1-12	Pursuit	To North		

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TF
DOLAN
TF
1/12
SEARCH AND
DESTROY ON
SNIPER ISLAND
D
1/12 CAN
D6870 AMBUSH
CONTACT A
BS 917 988



8800 RELEASED
AD
NORMAL
AD
MARINE TASK
FORCE ALPHA
ARVN

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14 December 1967					
0800	B 1-50	Return to 1 st Bde opcon			(9)
	D 1-50	Same			(9)
	D 1-12	Return for stand down	To LZ English		
All day	1 st Bde units	Search & Destroy	In assigned AO's	No contact	
All day	40 th ARVN	Same	Same	Same	
Evening	NVA force	Vic BS 928_50	Intel report		

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D $\frac{1}{42}$ A $\frac{1}{50}$
 LZ ENGLISH LZ UPLIFT

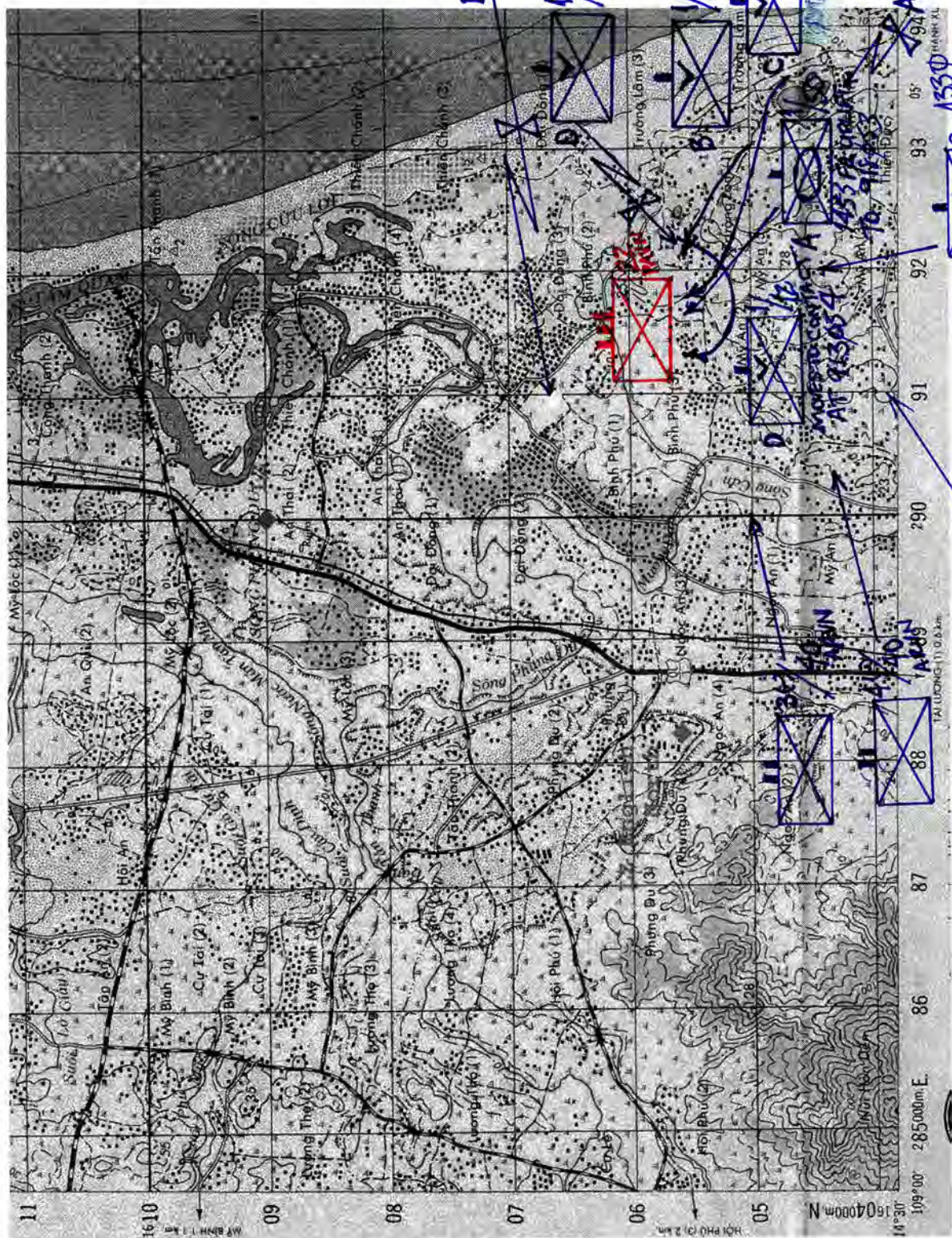
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15 December 1967 – The 22nd Regiment Cornered, Bites Back					
Locations overnight	A 1-50	Lz Uplift		Starting locations	(9)
	B 1-12	BS 93_050			
	C 1-12	BS 936047			(2)
	D 1-12	LZ English			(3)
	1 st Bde	Moves 1-12			
0719	D 1-12	Air Assault	To BS 922052	Initially to block	(3)(4)
0818	C 1-12	Contact	BS 918053	Heavily engaged	
	1-50 th Mech	Request from 1 st Bde for addl. company		Granted (from 2 nd Bde? unclear)	
	B 1-12	Ground movement	West to vic. BS 921055	Moderate contact	
	D 1-12	Ground movement	Southwest then North, executing flanking movement	Light to heavy contact throughout	(3)(4)
	D 1-12	Penetrates enemy position	vic. BS 913054	Heavy contact	(3)(4)
1455	A(-) 1-50	Opcon to 1-12			(9)
	A (-) 1-50	Ground movement	To join C 1-12 at BS 918053		(9)
	Artillery, Tac Air	Prep	Forward of C (BS 918053 & D 1-12 (BS 9130054)		
	D 1-12	Attack to North		Repulsed	(3)(4)
Early to mid afternoon	1 st Bde	Moves 1-8, 2-5, 40 th ARVN in to blocking positions	N, W & S of point of contact	(7)	
1325	A 2-5	Air Assault	From BS 764034 to BS 936042	(7)	
1330	D 2-8	Ground movement	To BS 920044	Block to Southwest	
	A 2-8	Blocking	From 91 N-S gridline to South China Sea along 04 E-W gridline	Seven (7) platoon-sized blocking positions	
	B 2-8		Same	same	
1515	B 1-8	Air Assault	To BS 910063	Blocking to North	
	3(-) 40 th ARVN + APC Troop	Ground movement	To vic. BS 900050	Blocking to West	
	4-40 th ARVN	Ground movement	To vic. BS 903043	Blocking to west	
	D 1-12	attack		multiple throughout day, pulls back	(3)(4)
	Artillery, Tac Air		Battle area		
1745	All Bde units	In NDP's	In place		

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AIR ASSAULT
TO 910063
1515

B $\frac{1}{8}$

Ø719 ASSAULT
1/12 TO 922052

MOVES TO CONTACT
AT 921055

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MOVES TO CONTACT
AT 918053

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AIR ASSAULT
TO 936042
FROM 764034

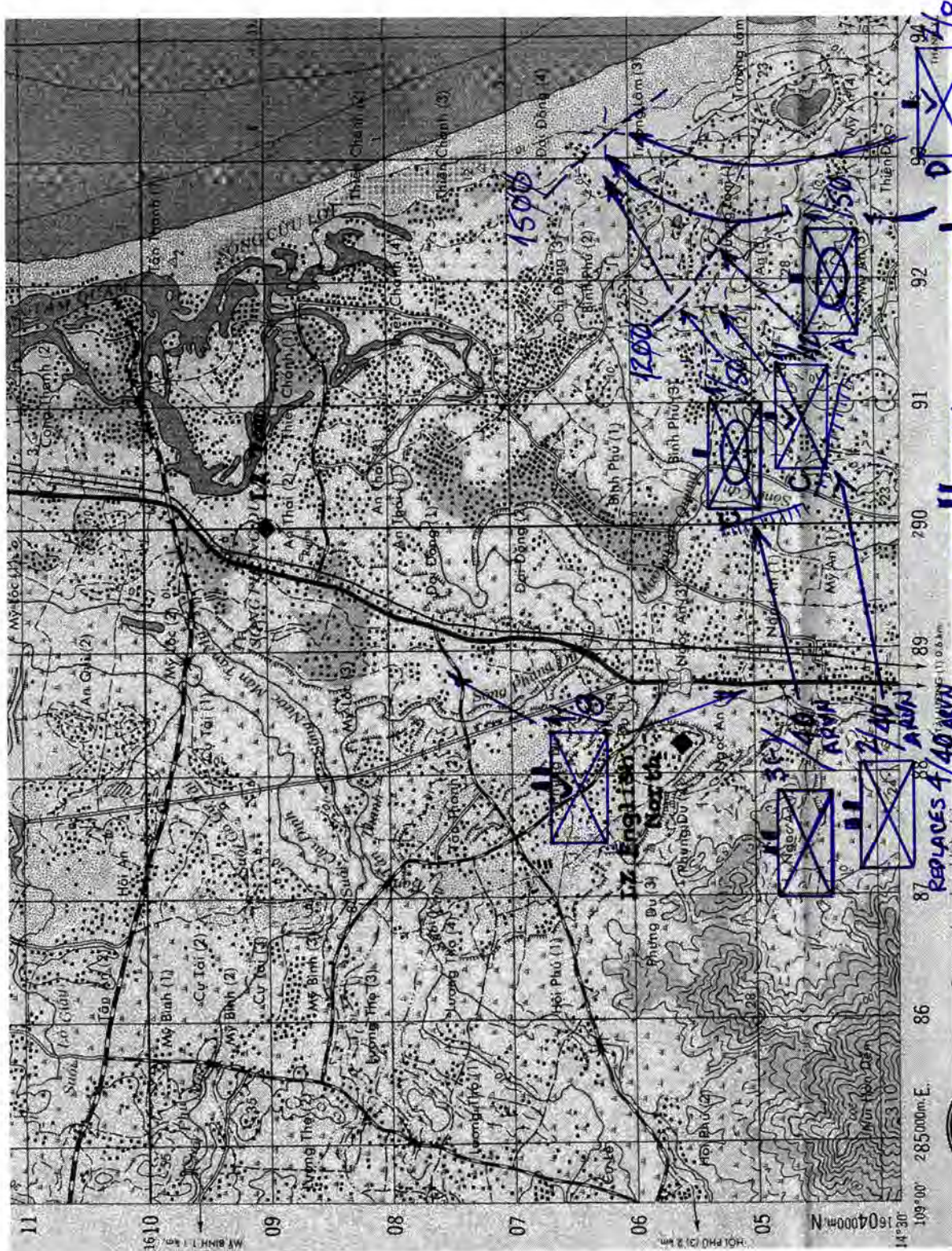
D $\frac{2}{8}$
GROUND MOVE
TO 920044

A $\frac{2}{8}$ B $\frac{2}{8}$

7 PLATOON BLOCKING POSITIONS
FROM 91 N-3 GRID TO SC5 ON 04 E-W GRID

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16 December 1967 – Attack and Pursue					
Morning	2-40 th replaces 4-40 th ARVN	Blocking	To west	With 3 rd (-) 40 th ARVN	
0945	C 1-50	Opcon to Task Force 1-12			(9)
1030	C 1-50	Attack	South to North vic. BS 918053 & BS 9130054	Unit on left of advance	(9)
	A(-) 1-50	Same	Same	On right of advance	
	C 1-12	Same	Same	In trail of advance	
1200	C & A(-) 1-50, C 1-12	Attack complete		Light resistance	
1300	A 2-8	Pursuit	To North vic. 932062		
	D 2-8	Same	Same		
1400	C 1-50	pursuit	To North vic. 932062	Opcon to 2-8	(9)
Afternoon	Task Force 1-12	Police battlefield	BS 918053, BS 9130054		
All day	1-8 Cav	Search and Destroy	West of QL 1		

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11 1/12
POUCE BATTLE FIELD
vie. 918053/913054

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17 December 1967

All day	Task Force 1-12	Police battlefield and destroy fortifications			
	Platoon of A Co., 8 th Engineers	same	Vic. BS 918053, BS 9130054		
	Task Force 2-8	Pursue	North to BS 922076 West of QL 1	No contact	
	2 nd 40 th	Pursuit	NE from blocking positions vic. BS 903043	No contact	
	3 rd (-) 40 th	Same	NE from blocking positions vic. BS 900050	No Contact	

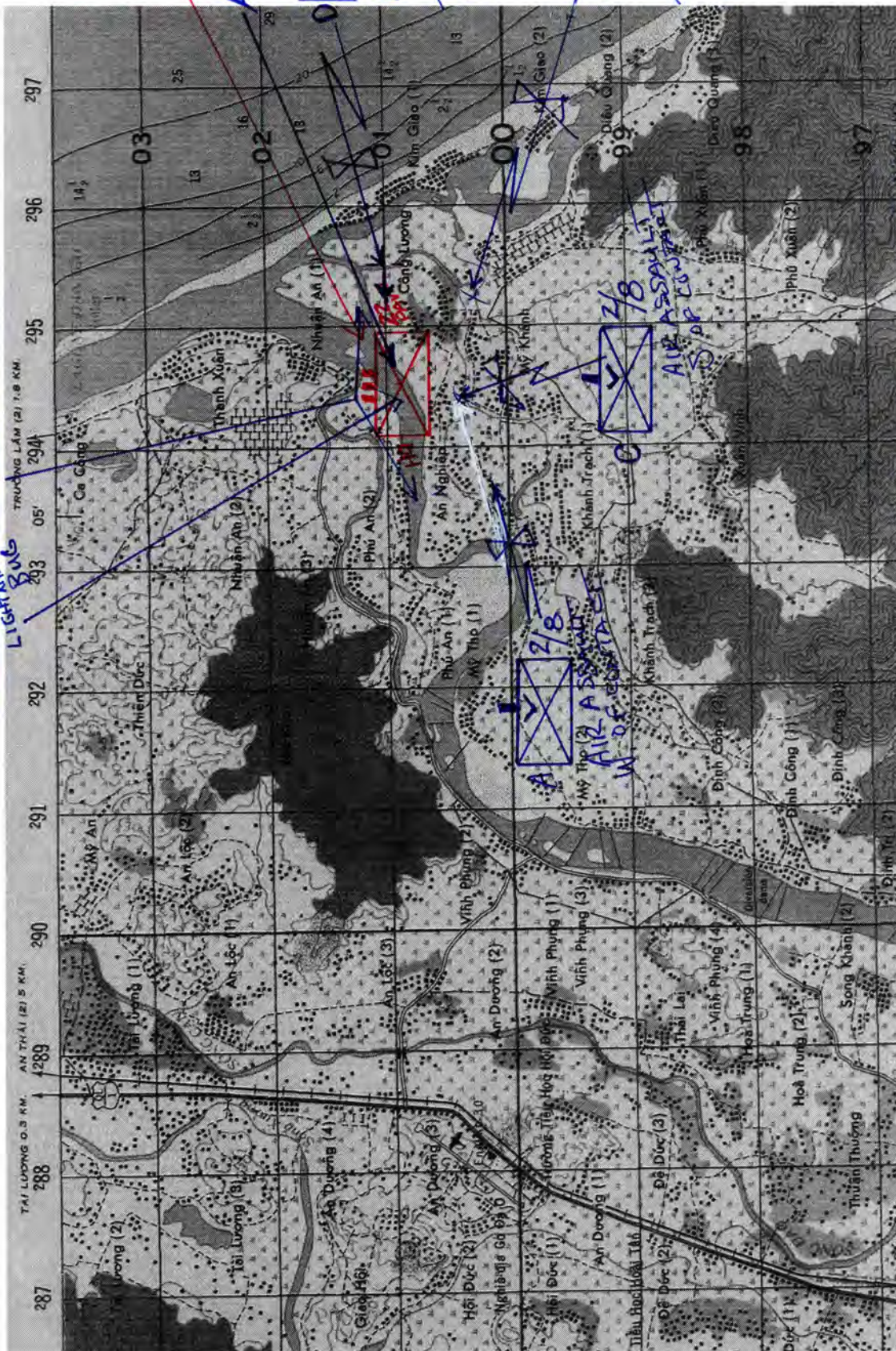
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All Day	All elements	Search	AO	For 22 nd Regiment PAVN	
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19 December 1967 – The Final Battle					
Morning	All elements	Continue search			
1110	22 nd Regiment PAVN	Intel report to 1 st Bde.	vic. BS 945010		
	A 1-9 White Team	Recon	Same	Antenna, large bunker complex	(8)
1408	D 2-8	Air Assault	To BS 955010		
	D 2-8	Contact	BS 953010	Broke contact immediately	
	Psychological Warfare Team	Broadcast to leave area/surrender	Battle area	Some civilians, no troops depart	
Afternoon	3 Cos. 2-8	Air Assault	To west and south	Establish cordon	A and C to West and South?
	B 2-8		Southeast		
	D 2-8		East		
			Bong Son River (Song Lai Giang) on North		
Afternoon	Tac Air	6 airstrikes	Battle area vic. 945010		
By 1800	2-8	Blocking in place		4 Co's mentioned establishing platoon-sized blocking positions. Loc. of A & C 2-8?	(5)Phone call puts A 2-8 in the field policing battle area
Night	Lightning Bug and 2-20 ARA	Patrol	Bong Son River (Song Lai Giang)	Intercepted enemy crossing and attacked throughout the night	

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111P
INTEL REF.
BS 445P1P
111P
W HITE TEAM
2/8
1408 ASSAULT
AIR ASSAULT
TO SE OF
CONTACT AT
955P1P
953P1P
B
AIR ASSAULT
TO SE OF
CONTACT

1800 CORDON IN PLACE

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20 December 1967 – Last Attack

Morning	Artillery, Tac Air	4 airstrikes, artillery fires	An Nghiep vic. BS 945010		
1000	D 2-8	Attack	To west through An Nghiep	No contact Plan included C 1-50, but the Mech Co. could not cross the Bong Son River (Song Lai Giang)	
2400				Official end of the Second Battle of Tam Quan	

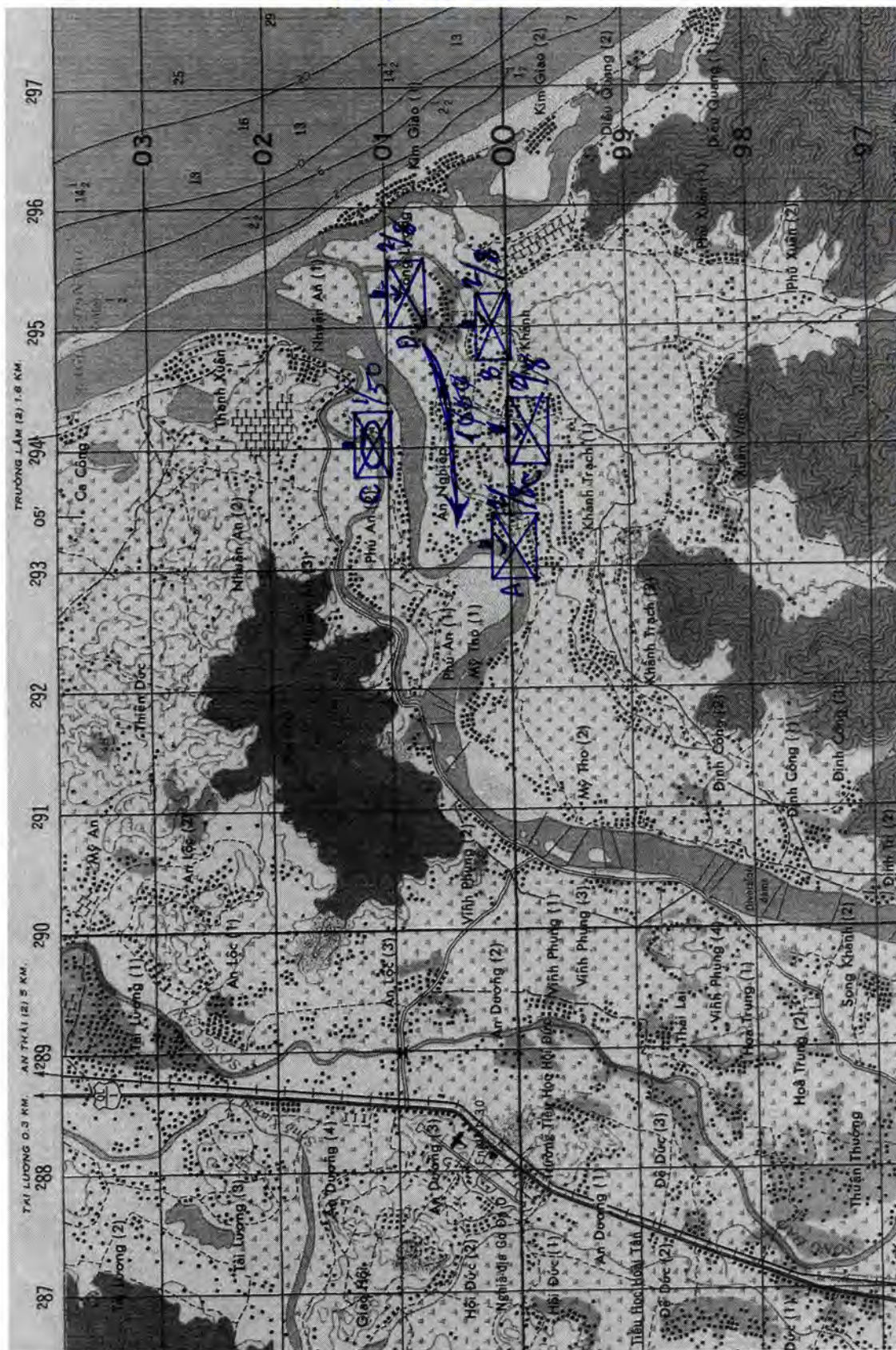
21-23 December 1967 – Clean Up

All Day	D 2-8	Attack	An Nghiep	Battalion stays in vicinity, policing battlefield	
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D-2/8
Straight
Anhydride
100%



Second ~~BATTLE~~ of Iam Quad
OFFICIALLY ENDED 2400 ZD DEC 1967

Section 2

Summary of Maneuver by Unit

Tam Quan Timeline

1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry

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2200		Small arms fire ceases	Same		
7 December 1967					
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	B 1-8	Attack	From vic BS 897071		
8 December 1967					
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	A 1-8	Attack E & N	From BS 895072		
	C 1-8	same	same		
	A 1-8	Return from recon in force	toVic BS 895072		
	C 1-8	same	same		
9 December 1967					
0845	A 1-8	Sweep	Through Dai Dong		
	C 1-8	Same	Same		
1102	B 1-8	Air assault	To 1500 m north of BS 926079		
1530	A 1-8	Search to/reach	South edge of Dai Dong		
	C 1-8	Same			
1630	A 1-8	Ground movement, return	To NW edge of Dai Dong		
10 December 1967					
All day	1-8 Cav	Search & Destroy	West of Hwy 1	Seeking 9 th Bn., 22 nd Regt. PAVN	
12 December 1967					
All day	1-8 Cav	Search & Destroy		No contact	
15 December 1967					
1515	B 1-8	Air Assault	To BS 910063	Blocking to North	
16 December 1967					
All day	1-8 Cav	Search and Destroy	West of QL 1		
18 December 1967					
	All elements	Search	AO	For 22 nd Regiment PAVN	

Tam Quan Timeline 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>Source</u>
9 December 1967					
1050	D 1-12	Arrive	LZ English	From Dak To	
1240	C 1-12	Arrive	LZ English	From Dak To	
1541	C 1-12	Air Assault	BS 927122	Opcon to Task Force Dolphin	
1630	D 1/12	Air Assault	BS 926079	Opcon to Task Force Dolphin	
10 December 1967					
0852	B 1-12	Air Assault	To BS 926079		
0900		Civilians seen running	From Truong Lam (2) vic. BS 925055		
0925	B 1-12	Search & Destroy	To west of loc.		
	D 1-12	Search & Destroy	Vic 923079	Seeking 7-22 nd Regt. PAVN	
1055	B 1-12 th ? (w/ B 1-50 th)	Contact approaching	Truong Lam (1)	Heavy contact	
1220	C 1-12	Air assault	To BS 932055	To close left flank	
	B 1-12	Break contact			
	C 1-12	Same			
	1 st Bde units	Into NDP			
11 December 1967					
0715	TF 1-12	Attack	From North into Truong Lam (2)		
12 December 1967					
	TF 1-12	Attack	To north on right	Adjoining Marine Task Force Alpha	
1055	D 1-12	Contact	At boundary of Marine Task Force Alpha and Task Force 1-12 vic. BS 917073		
	D 1-12	Flanking movement and pursuit	To 08 E-W gridline		
13 December 1967					
0630	D 1-12	Ambushing	At BS 9170_8	Contact	
All day	TF 1-12	Pursuit	To North		
14 December 1967					
All day	1 st Bde units	Search & Destroy	In assigned AO's	No contact	
15 December 1967					
	B 1-12	BS 93_050		Starting locations for maneuver	
	C 1-12	BS 936047			
	D 1-12	LZ English			
	1 st Bde	Moves 1-12			

0719	D 1-12	Air Assault	To BS 922052	Plan is to block	
0818	C 1-2	Contact	BS 918053	Heavily engaged	
	B 1-12	Ground movement	West to vic. BS 921055	Moderate contact	
	D 1-12	Ground movement Southwest, then North, executing flanking movement		Light to heavy contact through day	
	D 1-12	Penetrates enemy position	At vic. BS 913054	Heavy contact	
1455	A(-) 1-50	Opcon to 1-12			
	D 1-12	Attack to North		Repulsed	
	D 1-12	Attack		multiple through day, pulls back	

16 December 1967

1030	C 1-12	Attack	Same South to North vic. BS 918053 & BS 9130054	With C 1-50, A(-) 1-50, C 1-12 in trail	
1200	C 1-12	Attack complete		With C & A(-) 1-50, light resistance	
Afternoon	TF 1-12	Police battlefield	BS 918053, BS 9130054		

17 December 1967

All day	TF 1-12	Police battlefield, destroy fortifications			
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18 December 1967

	All elements	Search	AO	For 22 nd Regiment PAVN	
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20 December 1967

2400				Official end of the Second Battle of Tam Quan	
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Tam Quan Timeline 1st Battalion (Mechanized) 50th Infantry

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>Source</u>
6 December 1967					
1800	ACav Platoon A 1-50 th Mech	Ground Movement	To BS 897071		
7 December 1967					
0852	ACav Platoon A 1-50 th Mech	From LZ Loboy	Vic. 895073		
1230	D 1-50 th Mech	Opcon to 1-8 from 2 nd Bde. (?)			
	D 1-50 th Mech	Attack	From vic BS 895073	Including flame tracks	
8 December 1967					
0845	D 1-50 th	Recon in force	NE to BS 904073		
1130	HQ 1-50, B 1-50	Opcon to 1 st Bde.	To LZ English North	(relocate?)	
1245	A 1-50	Release to defense	Of Loboy and English		
	2 ACav Platoons	Same	same		
1530	D 1-50	Return from Recon In Force	To Vic. 895072		
9 December 1967					
0700	B 1-50	Ground Movement	From LZ English North to Beach vic. 926079		
	D 1-50	Same	Through Dai Dong		
	D 1-50	Search to/reach	South edge Dai Dong		
10 December 1967					
1055	B 1-50 th	Contact approaching	Truong Lam (1)	Heavy contact	
1545	D 1-50	Arrive	ARVN Loc. at BS 911048		
	D 1-50	Attack	BS 911048	Join ARVN in 5 th attack of the day	
	B-1-50 th	Break contact			
11 December 1967					
All day	Task Force Dolphin	Police battlefield	Vic. 911058	No contact	
12 December 1967					
	D 1-50	Contact	Same		
	D 1-50	Flanking movement and pursuit	To 08 E-W gridline		
14 December 1967					
0800	B 1-50	Return to 1 st Bde Opcon			
	D 1-50	Same			

15 December 1967

Overnight	A 1-50	Lz Uplift		Starting location	
	1-50 th Mech	Request from 1 st Bde for additional company		Granted by 2 nd Bde?	
1455	A(-) 1-50	Opcon to 1-12			
	A (-) 1-50	Ground movement	BS 918053	To join C 1-12 and D 1-12	
Early to mid afternoon	1 st Bde	Moves 1-8, 2-5, 40 th ARVN into blocking positions	N, W & S of point of contact		
1745	All Bde units	In NDP's	In place		

16 December 1967

0945	C 1-50	Opcon to Task Force 1-12			
1030	C 1-50	Attack	South to North vic. BS 918053 and BS 9130054	Unit on left of advance	
	A(-) 1-50	Same	Same	On right of advance C 1-12 in trail	
1200	C & A(-) 1-50	Attack complete		Light resistance	
1400	C 1-50	pursuit	To North vic. 932062	Opcon to 2-8	

18 & 19 December 1967

	All elements	Search	AO	For 22 nd Regiment PAVN	
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20 December 1967

1000	D 2-8	Attack	To west through An Nghiep	No contact. Planning included C 1-50; but Mech Co. could not cross Bong Son River (Song Lai Giang)	
2400				Official end Second Battle of Tam Quan	

Tam Quan Timeline 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry

Date/Time Unit Action Location Note Source
6 December 1967

Late Afternoon	HQ, 22 nd Regt. NVA		1500 meters south of LZ Tom	Intelligence report	
Late Afternoon	A 1-9 Cav Scouts	Aerial Scouting	Same	See Antenna, takes fire	
1630	A 1-9 Cav Blues	Air Assault	BS 897071	Pinned down by fire	
1655	D 1-9 Cav Blues	Air Assault	Same	Reinforce A; also pinned down	
1725	1 st Bde., 1 st ACD	Takes control of battle			
1800	B 1-8 Cav	Air Assault	BS 897071	Reinforce Blues	
2100	Blues A&D 1-9	Extracted	BS 897071		
2200		Small arms fire ceases	Same		

19 December 1967

1110	1 st Bde.	Intel report	Vic. BS 945010	Location of 22 nd Regiment PAVN	
	A 1-9 White Team	Recon	Same	Antenna, large bunker complex	

Tam Quan Timeline 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>Source</u>
7 December 1967					
0915	B 2-8	AA complete	LZ BS 935085		
	C 2-8	AA complete	LZ BS 930075		
1645	CP C 2-8	vic BS 922072	Pinned down by fire		
1900	CP C 2-8	BS 922072	Extracted		
8 December 1967					
1520	B 2-8	Air assault	To BS 876114		
	C 2-8	Air assault	same		
9 December 1967					
Throughout day	2-8 Cav	Search & Destroy	West of QL 1	For 9-22 nd Regt. PAVN	
10 December 1967					
1106	D 2-8	Air assault	BR 925996	Block escape routes to Cay Giap mountains	
1136	A 2-8	Air assault	BR 968985	Same	
11 December 1967					
2215	D 2-8	Ambushing	At vic. BS 926048	Enemy moving to North	
2245	D 2-8	Same	Same	same	
12 December 1967					
All day	2-8 Cav	Search & Destroy		No contact	
14 December 1967					
All day	1 st Bde units	Search & Destroy	In assigned AO's	No contact	
15 December 1967					
1330	D 2-8	Ground movement	To BS 920044	Block to Southwest	
	A 2-8	Blocking	From 91 N-S gridline to South China Sea along 04 E-W gridline	Seven (7) platoon-size blocking positions	
	B 2-8		Same	same	
16 December 1967					
1300	A 2-8	Pursuit	To North vic. 932062		
	D 2-8	Same	Same		
17 December 1967					
	TF 2-8	Pursue	North to BS 922076 West of QL 1	No contact	
18 December 1967					
	All elements	Search	AO	For 22 nd Regiment PAVN	
19 December 1967					
Morning	All elements	Continue search			
1408	D 2-8	Air Assault	To BS 955010		
	D 2-8	Contact	BS 953010	Broke contact	

				immediately	
Afternoon	3 (?) Cos. 2-8	Air Assault	To west and south	Establish cordon A and C to West and South?	
	B 2-8		Southeast		
	D 2-8		East		
By 1800	2-8	Blocking in place		4 Co's mentioned establishing platoon-sized blocking positions, find loc. of A & C 2-8	Phone call ID's A 2-8 policing battle area

20 December 1967

1000	D 2-8	Attack	To west through An Nghiep	No contact. Plan included C 1-50, but the Mech Co. could not cross the Bong Son (Song Lai Giang)	
2400				Official end Second Battle of Tam Quan	

12-23 December 1967

	2-8 Cavalry	Police battlefield			
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Tam Quan Timeline

Army of the Republic of Vietnam

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>Source</u>
Before the Battle					
Nov/Dec 1967	22 nd Regt. NVA	Infiltrating	Bong Son Plain	Agent Reports	
@ 2 Dec	22 nd Regt. NVA	Headquarters	BS 893086	Agent Reports	
1-4 Dec	22 nd Regt. NVA	Probing attacks	Bridges, etc.	RVN Installations	
4 Dec – night	22 nd Regt. NVA	Attack	BS 899087	ARVN at LZ Tom	
1725	1 st Bde., 1 st ACD	Takes control of battle			
7 December 1967					
	1-40 th Regt. ARVN	Screening	Above 08 E-W gridline from Hwy 1 to SCS		
	RFPF Company	Screening	Same		
	4(-)-40 th Regt. ARVN	Screening	Below 06 E-W gridline From Hwy 1 to SCS		
	3-40 th ARVN		Same		
	1-40 th ARVN	Heavy Contact	08 E-W gridline		
Last light	All	In NDP's			
8 December 1967					
1500	3-40 th ARVN	Engage 8 th Bn., 22 Regt. PAVN	Vic. BS 905052		
1520	40 th ARVN Regt.	Screening	N&S of Dai Dong		
1620	2 Companies, 4-40 th ARVN	Air Assault	To BSA 905052	Contact w/ 8-22 nd Regt. PAVN	
	ARVN PC Troop	Ground Movement	Same	Same	
	All 1 st Bde units	NDP			
9 December 1967					
0520	3 (-)-40 th ARVN	Attack	Vic. BS 905050	Target: 8-22 nd Regt. PAVN	
	4(-)-40 th Regt. ARVN	Same	Same	same	
10 December 1967					
0500	3 (-)-40 th ARVN	Contact	BS 911048	Attacked by 8-22 nd Regt. PAVN	
	4(-)-40 th Regt. ARVN	same	Same		
	APC Troop	Same			
	Above Units	Counter Attack		5 during day last at 1600	
12 December 1967					
0715	Marine Task Force Alpha	Attack	To north on left vic. BS 917073	Task Force 1-12 on right	

13 December 1967

0800	Marine Task Force Alpha	Ground movement	Return south to normal AO		
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14 December 1967

All day	1 st Bde units	Search & Destroy	In assigned AO's	No contact	
All day	40 th Reg. ARVN	Same	Same	Same	
Evening	NVA force	Vic BS 928050	Intel report		

15 December 1967

Early to mid afternoon	1 st Bde	Moves 1-8, 2-5, 40 th ARVN in to blocking positions	N, W & S of point of contact	Point of contact is forward of C (BS 918053 & D 1-12 (BS 9130054)	
1515	3(-) 40 th ARVN + APC Troop	Ground movement	To vic. BS 900050	Blocking to West	
	4-40 th ARVN	Ground movement	To vic. BS 903043	Blocking to west	
1745	All Brigade units	In NDP's	In place		

16 December 1967

Morning	2-40 th	Replaces 4-40th Blocking	To west	With 3 rd (-) 40 th	
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17 December 1967

	2 nd 40 th	Pursuit	NE from blocking positions	No contact	
	3 rd (-) 40 th	Same	Same	Same	

18 December 1967

	All elements	Search	AO	For 22 nd Regiment PAVN	
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20 December 1967

2400				Official end Second Battle of Tam Quan	
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