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The Battle for Tan Son Nhut - Tet '68

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Lubbock, TX

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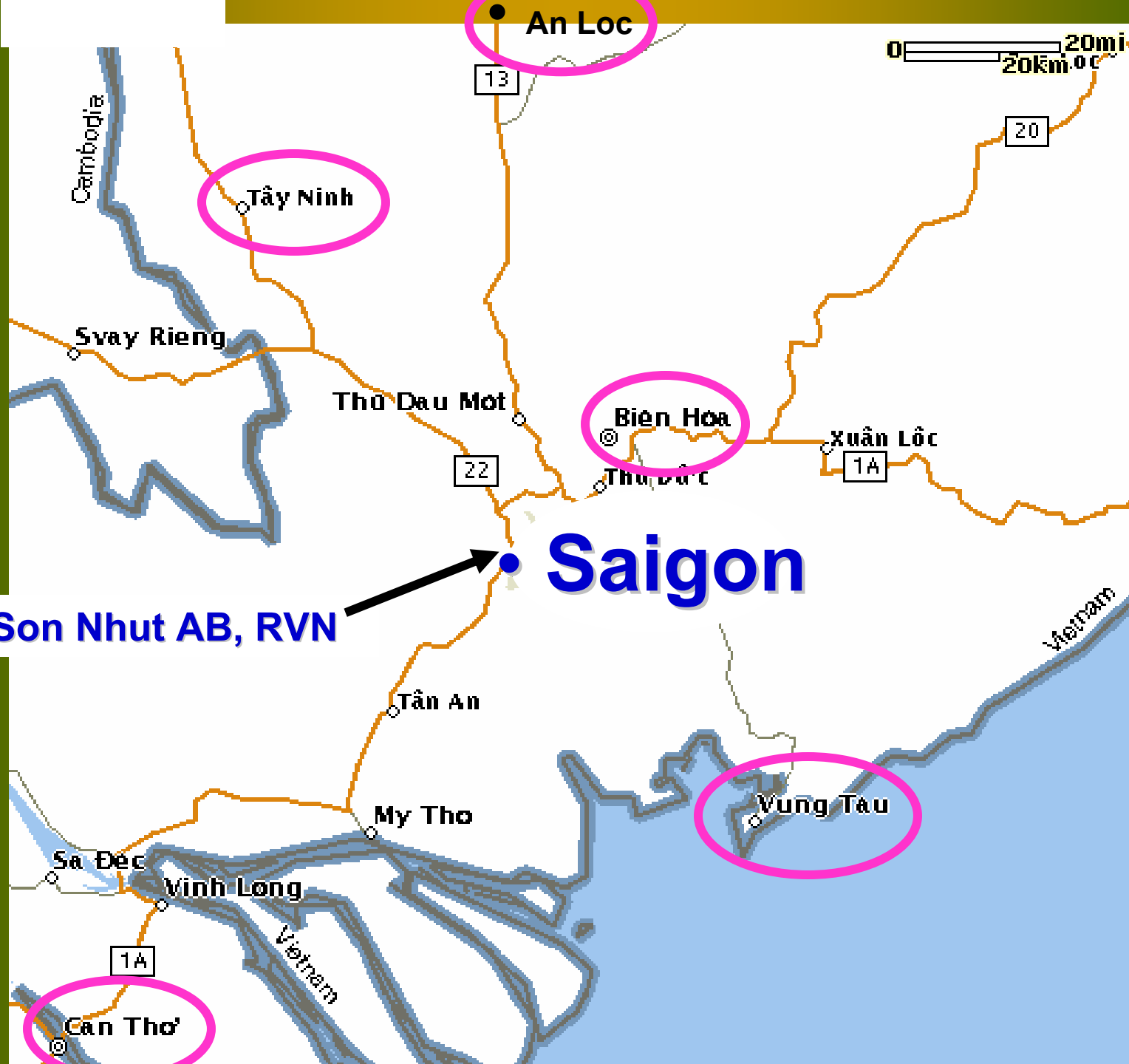
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Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN

An Loc

Tây Ninh

Svay Rieng

Thủ Dầu Một

Biên Hòa

Xuân Lộc

Thủ Đức

Saigon

Tân An

My Tho

Sa Đéc

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Cần Thơ



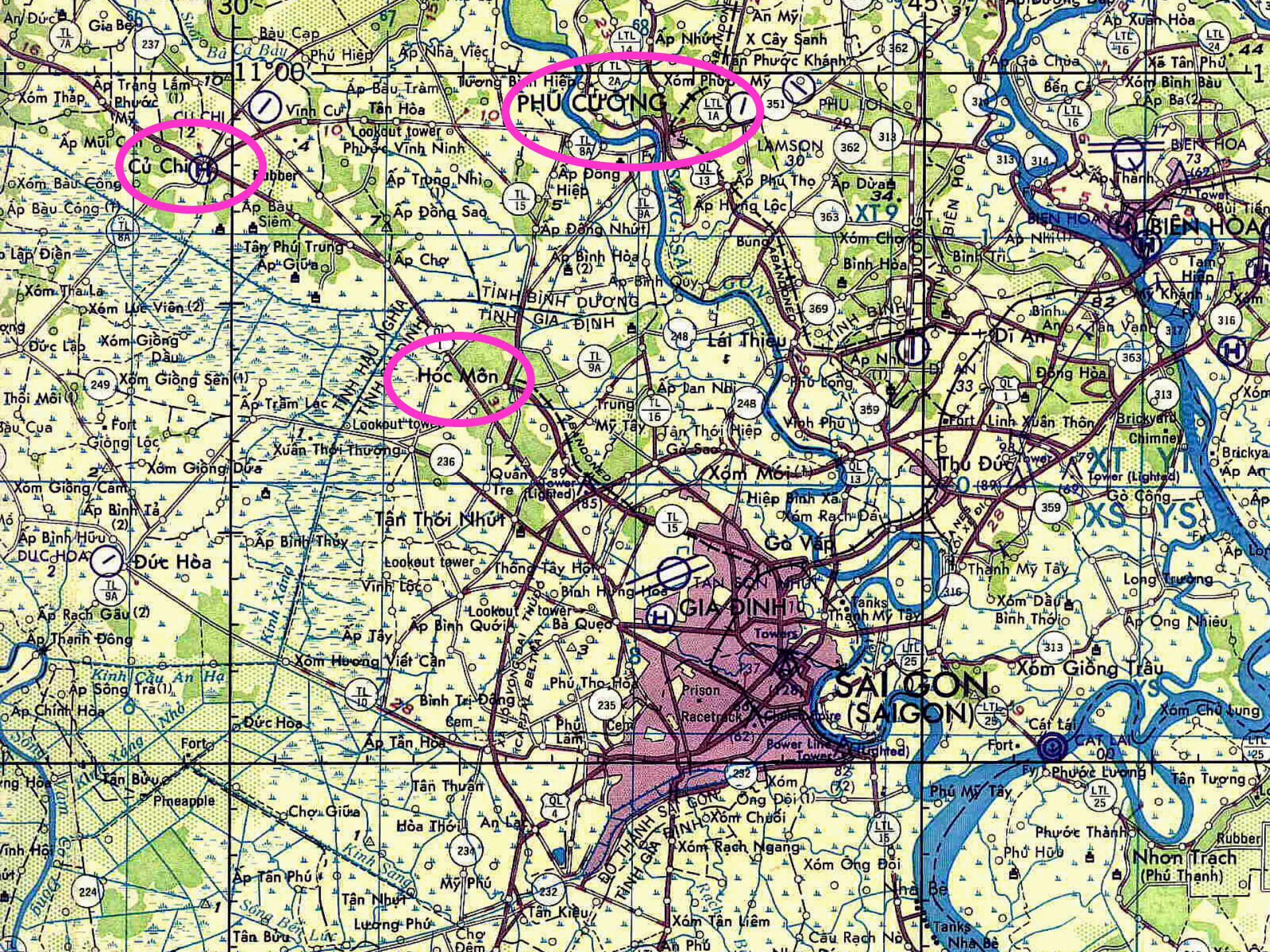
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PHÚ CƯỜNG

Học Môn

SÀI GÒN (SAIGON)

GIA ĐỊNH

Nhon Trach (Phủ Thành)

ĐỨC HOÀ

BIÊN HOÀ

Kinh Cầu An Hạ

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Sông Bé

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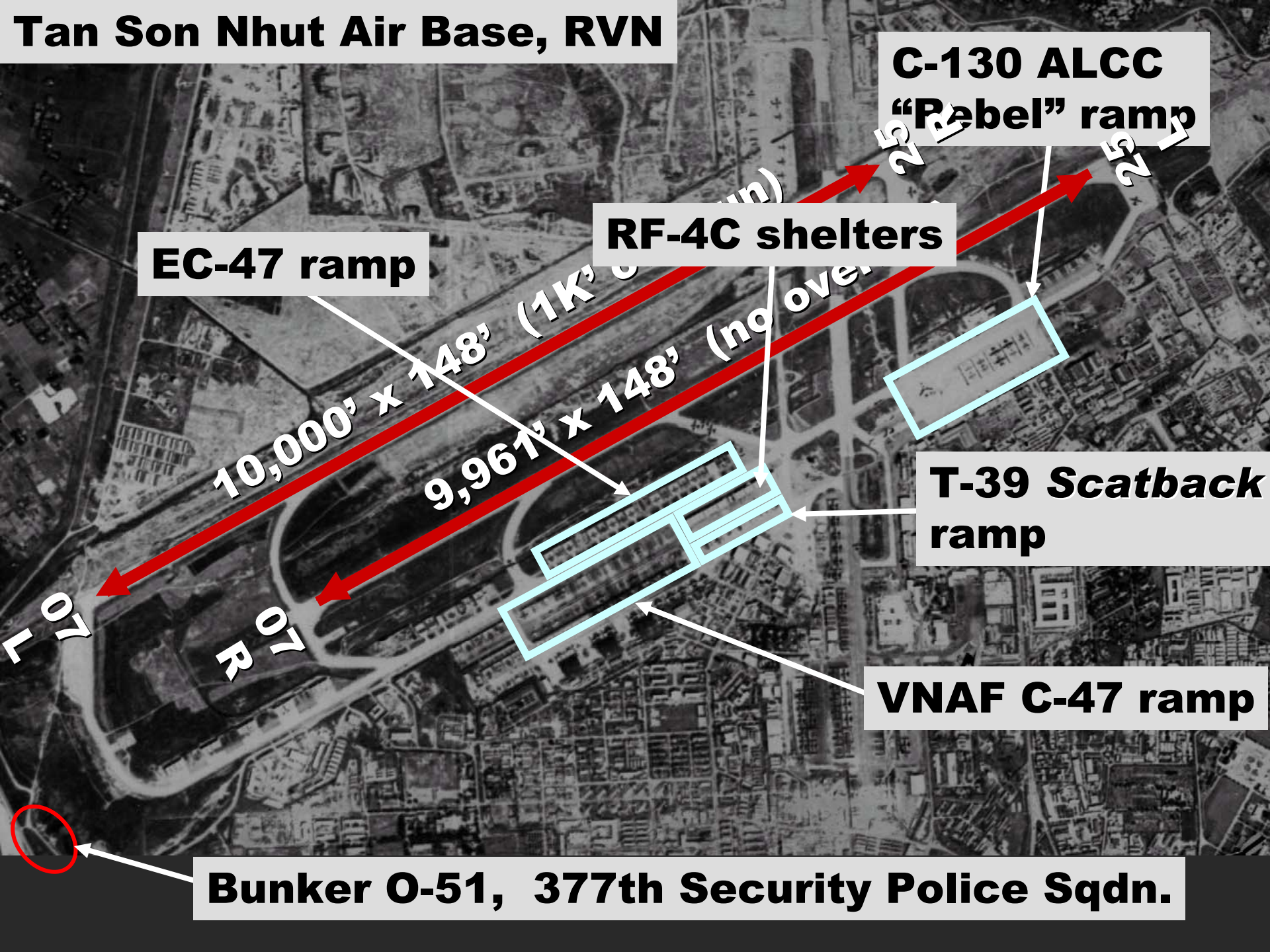
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Tour of Tan Son Nhut



Tan Son Nhut Air Base, RVN



EC-47 ramp

RF-4C shelters

**C-130 ALCC
"Pebel" ramp**

**T-39 Scatback
ramp**

VNAF C-47 ramp

Bunker O-51, 377th Security Police Sqdn.

10,000' x 148' (1K' over)
9,961' x 148' (no over)

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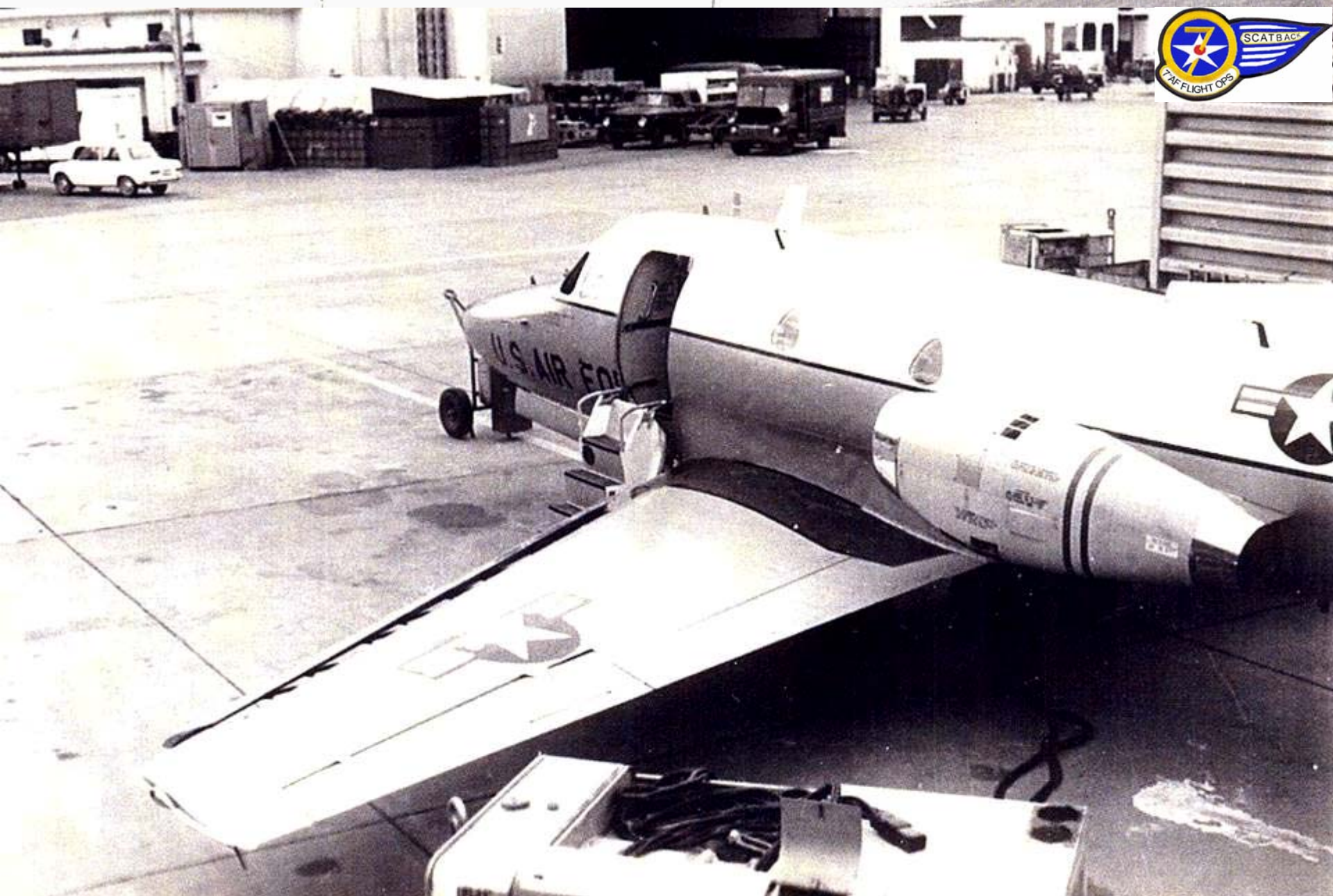
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179 | Over 600 NVA/VC bodies were counted and buried, off the runway, near the west end of the runways.



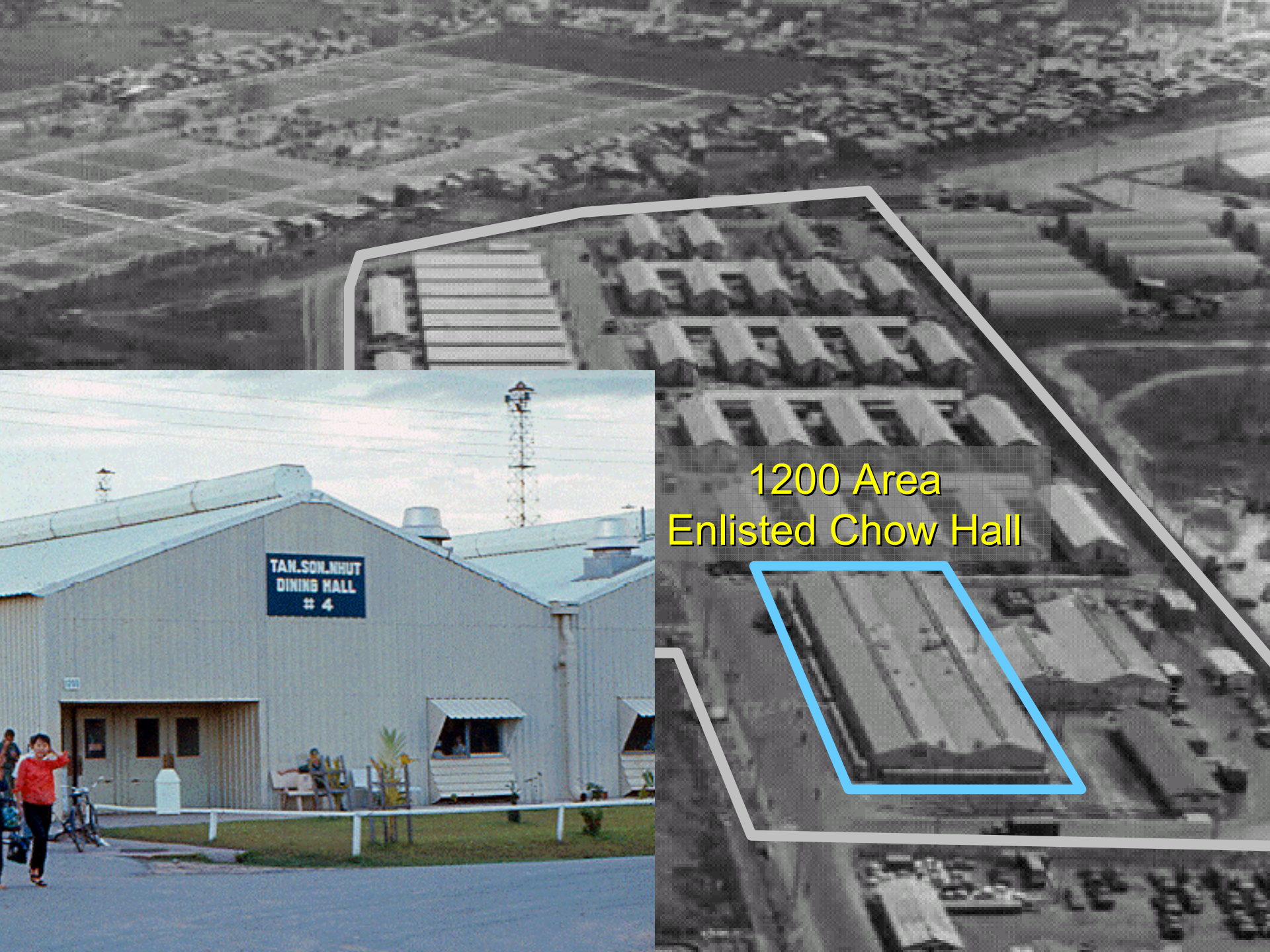
Translation

"This is the resting place of those soldiers lost on the night of the first day of TET 1968. Their spirits beg all countrymen to wholeheartedly work so that peace will come quickly to our beloved Vietnam."





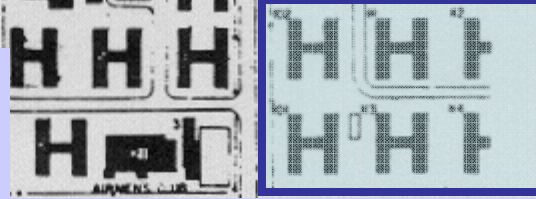




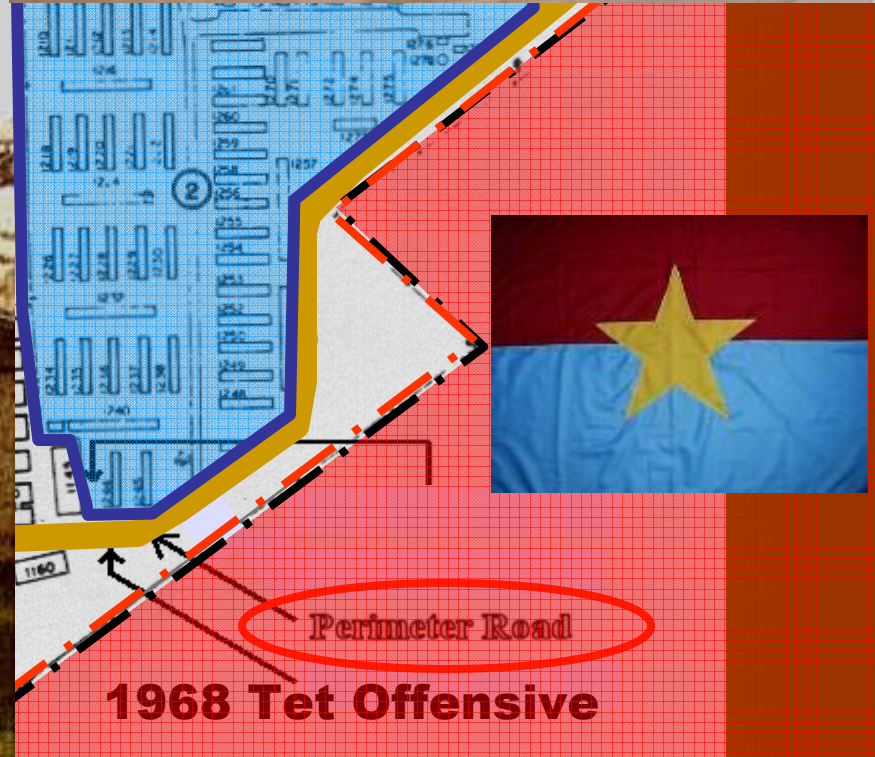
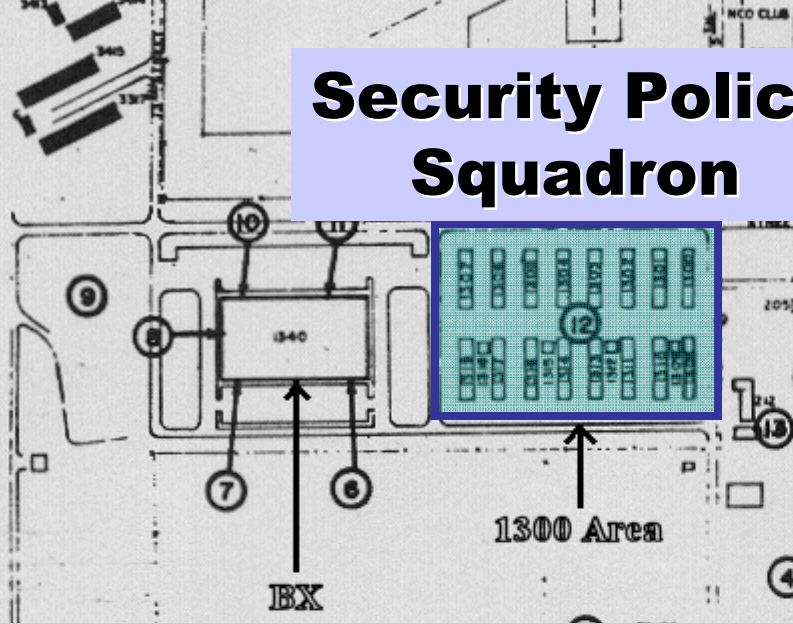
1200 Area
Enlisted Chow Hall



Security Police Squadron



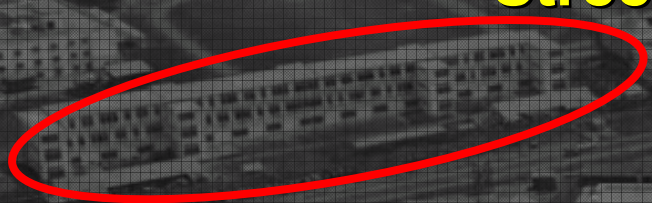
Officer / SNCO Quarters







Outdoor "Free" Street Movies



1200
listed
area





MK-24 PARACHUTE FLARES
2,000,000 Candle Power
3 Minute Burn Time













Malaria Prophylaxis:

Chloroquin / Primaquin tablets



Dehydration Prophylaxis:

Salt tablets

Military Pay Certificate



(MPC)

Vietnamese Currency

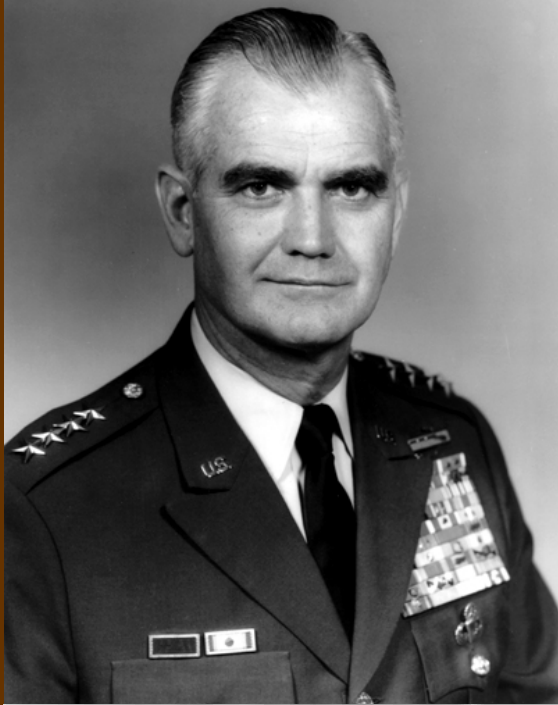


Piastres

118 piastres per U.S. dollar

HQ - 7th Air Force

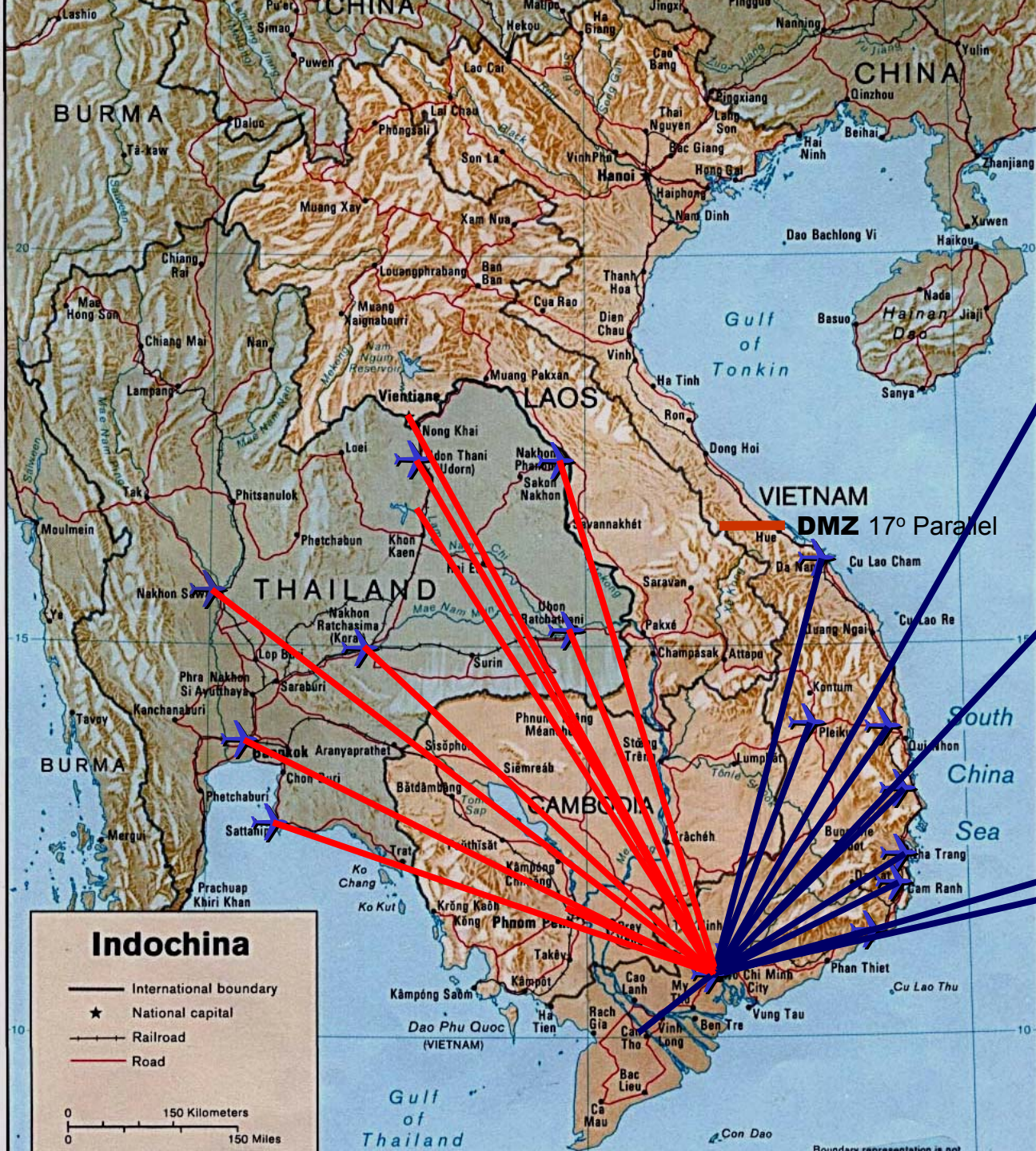




Thailand



Republic
Of Vietnam

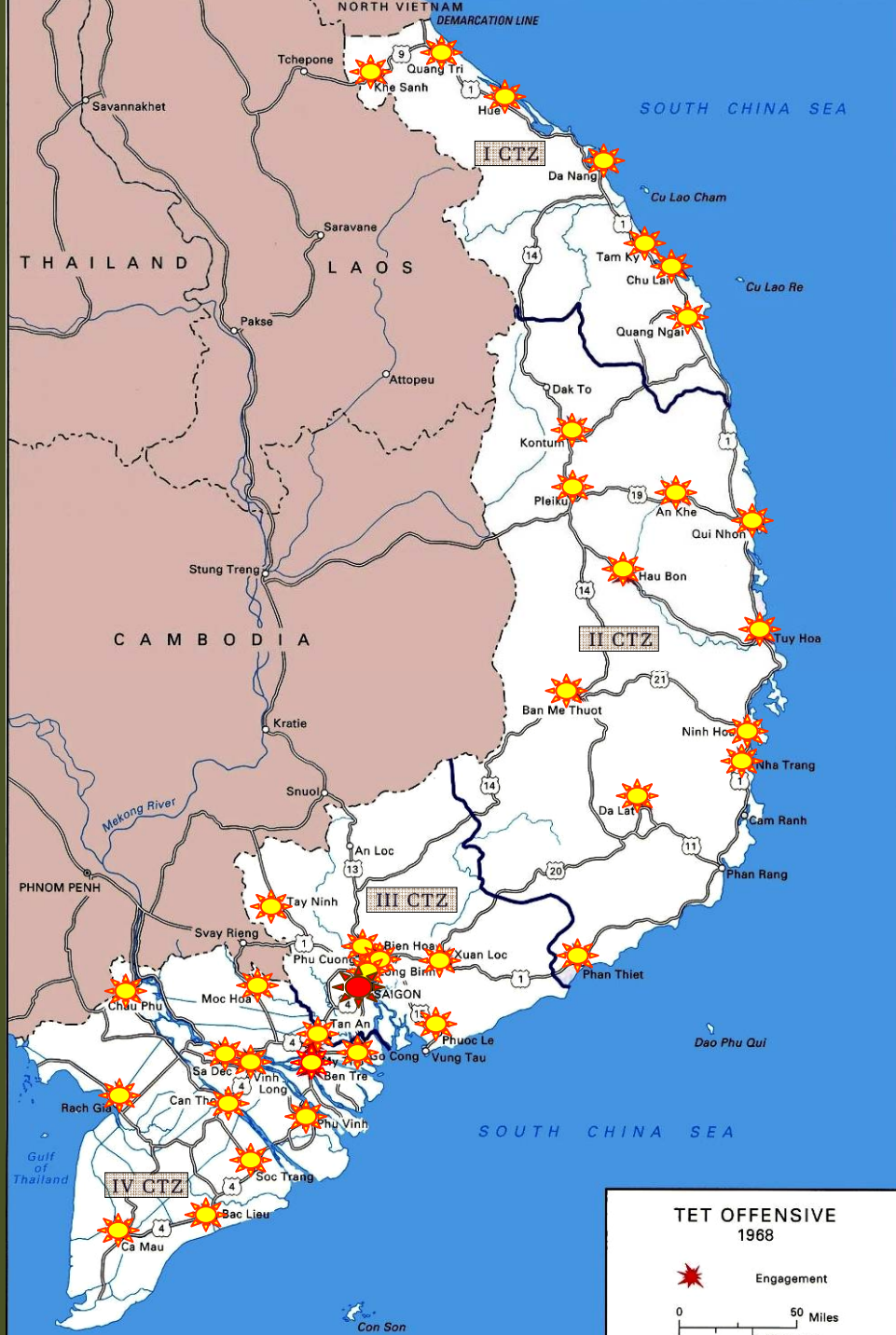


Indochina

- International boundary
- ★ National capital
- +— Railroad
- Road

0 150 Kilometers
0 150 Miles

VIETNAM
DMZ 17° Parallel



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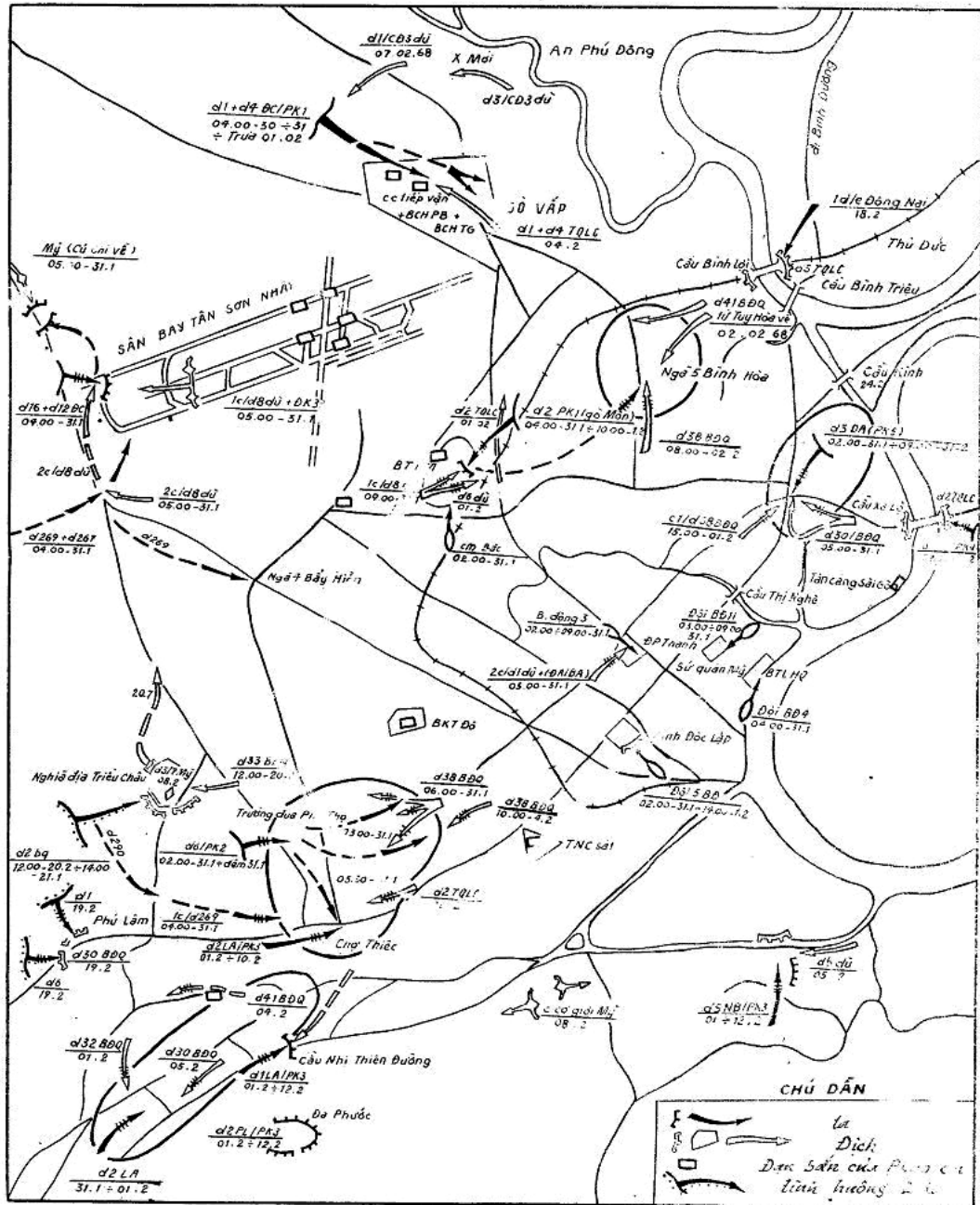
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Từ 31.01 ÷ 28.02.1968



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- Hướng
- Vị trí của đơn vị
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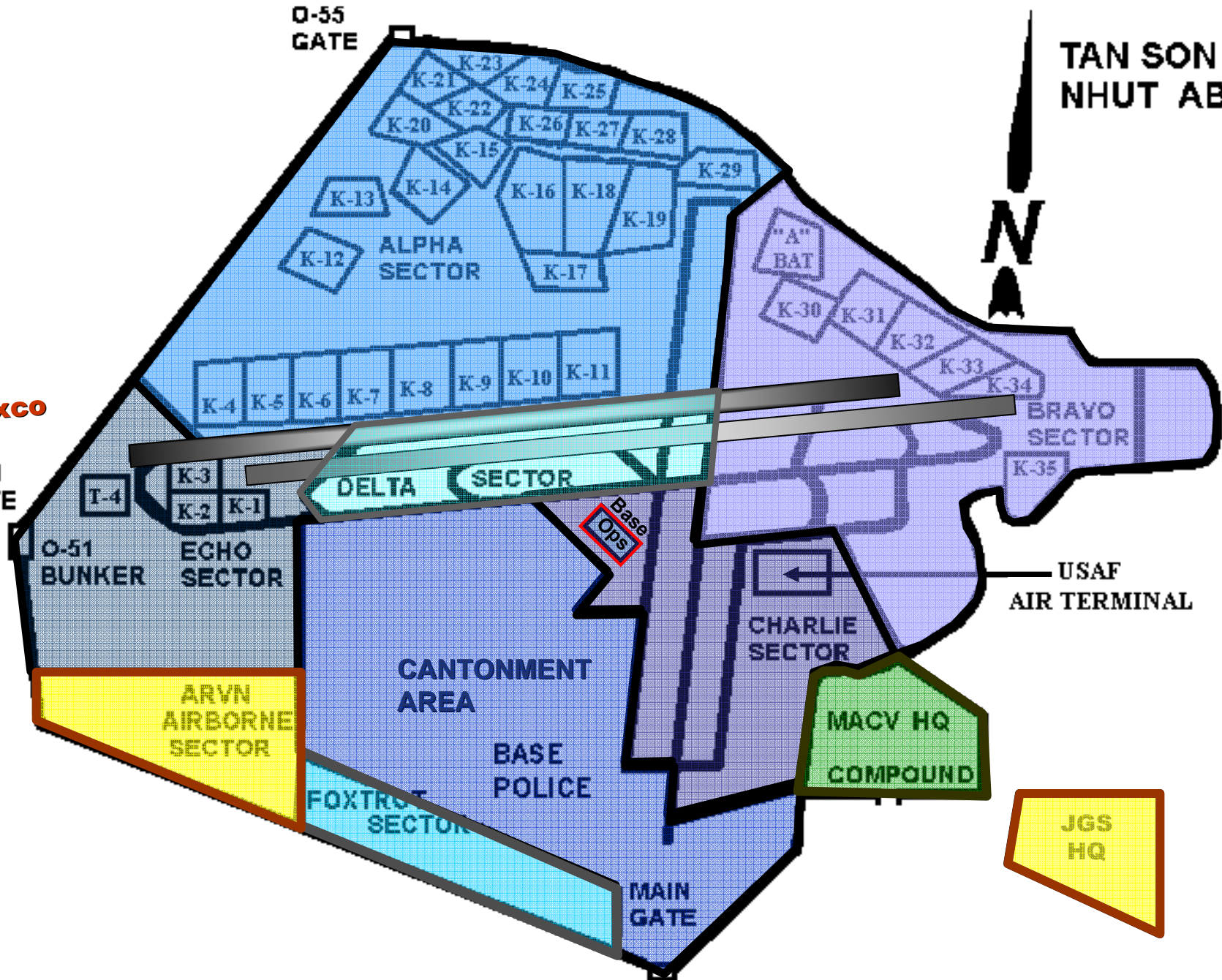
TAN SON NHUT AB



O-55 GATE



O-51 GATE



O-51 BUNKER

T-4

ECHO SECTOR

ARVN AIRBORNE SECTOR

CANTONMENT AREA

BASE POLICE

FOXTROT SECTOR

MAIN GATE

DELTA SECTOR

Base Ops

CHARLIE SECTOR

MACV HQ COMPOUND

JGS HQ

USAF AIR TERMINAL

BRAVO SECTOR

ALPHA SECTOR

"A" BAT

K-1 K-2 K-3 K-4 K-5 K-6 K-7 K-8 K-9 K-10 K-11
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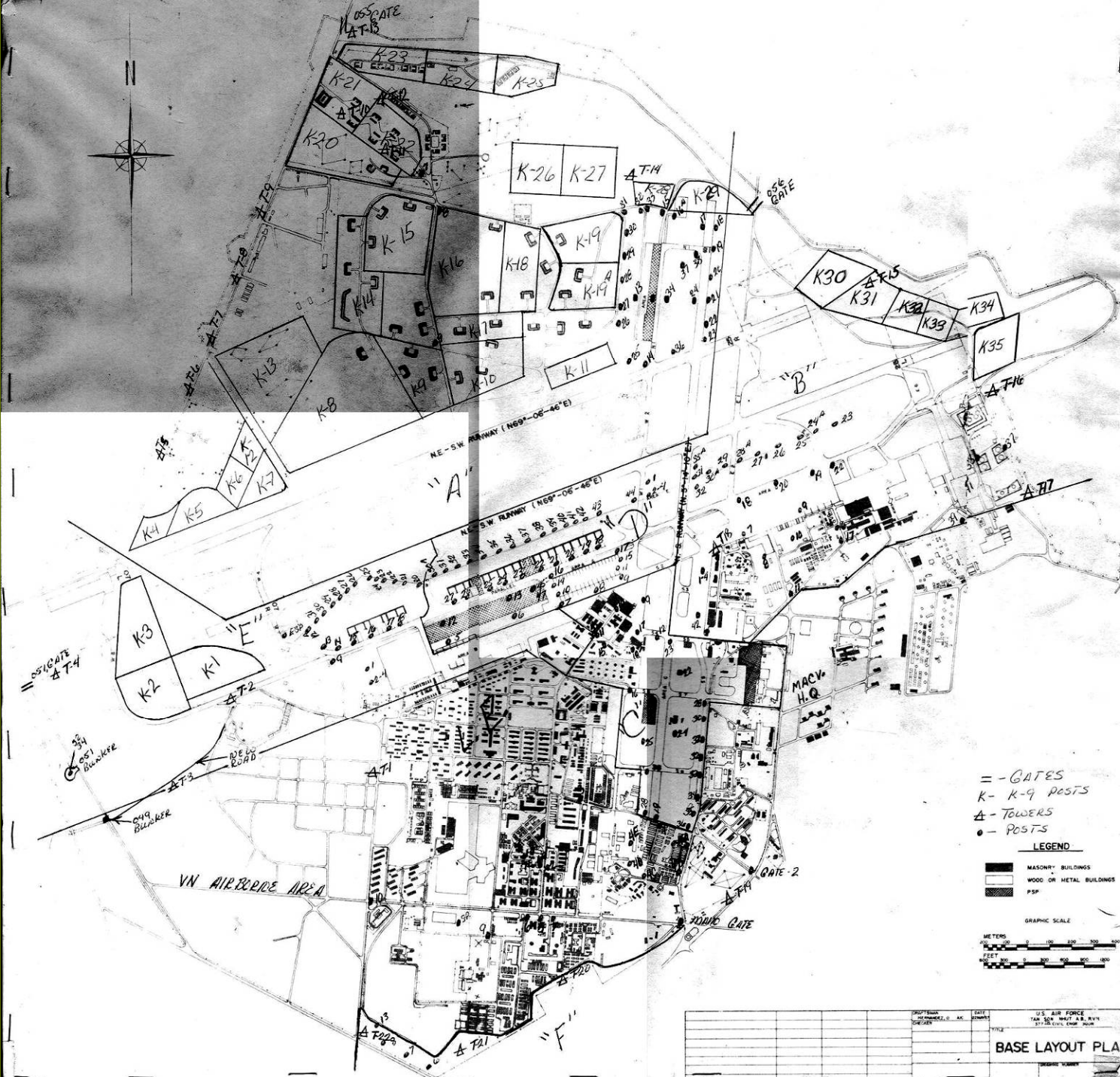
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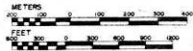


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LEGEND

- MASONRY BUILDINGS
- WOOD OR METAL BUILDINGS
- ▨ PSP

GRAPHIC SCALE

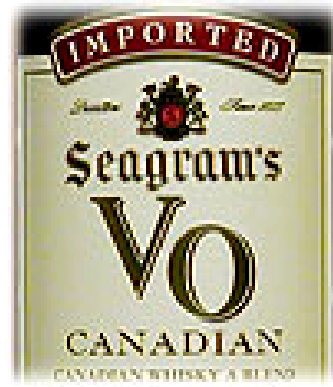
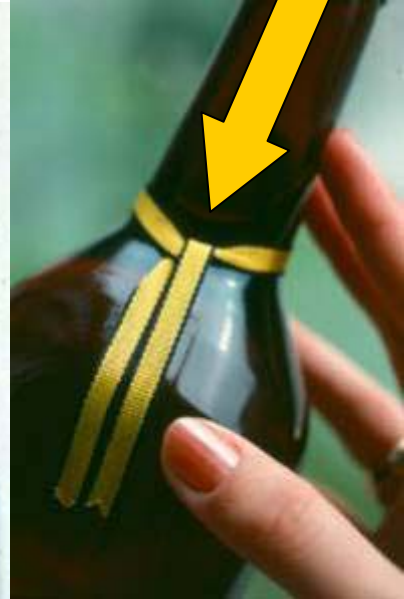
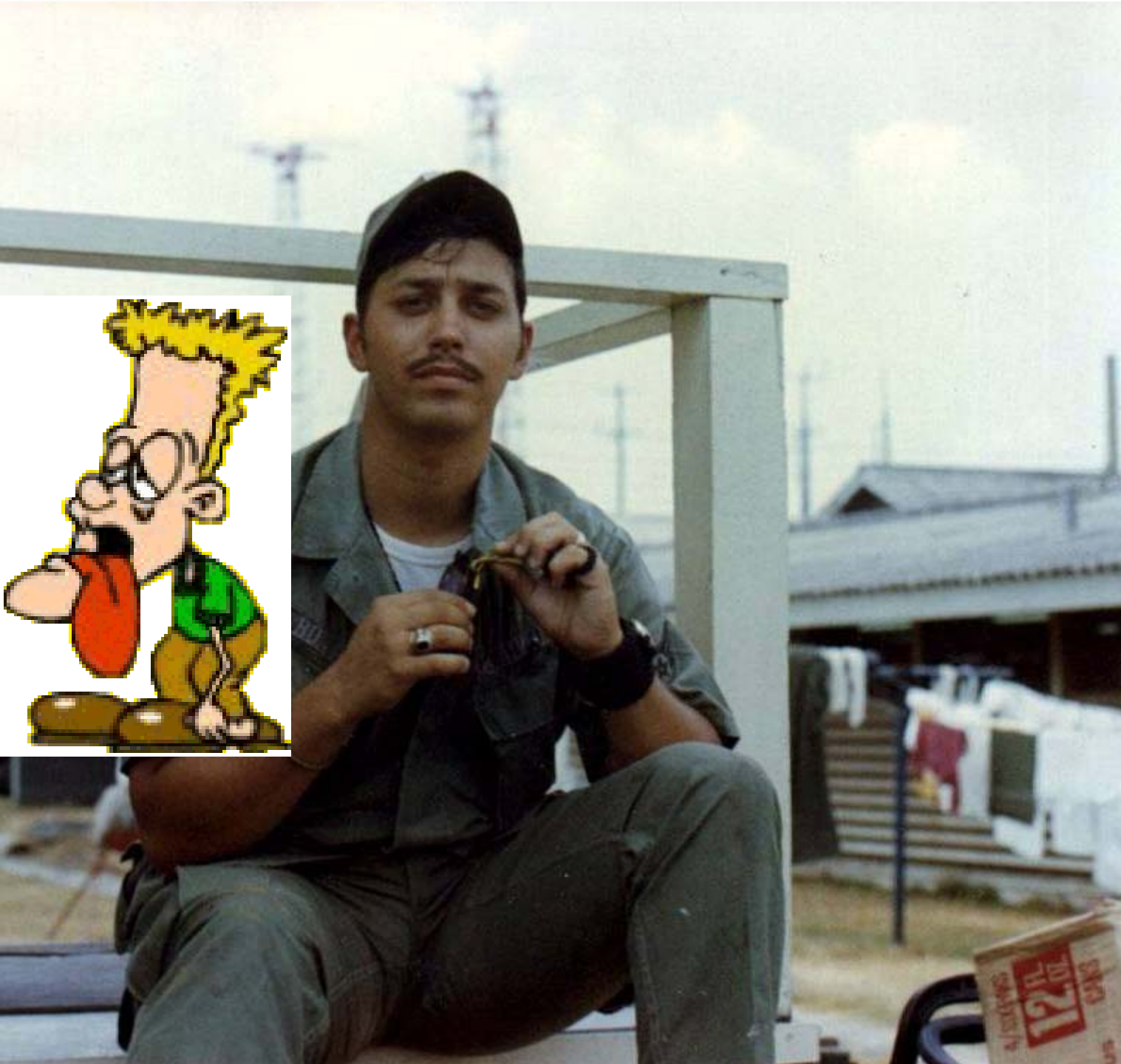


PRODUCTION
DRAWING NO. 100-100-100-100
DATE

U.S. AIR FORCE
TAG. SER. UNIT & R. V. 1
STATION, CIVIL ENGINE ROOM

BASE LAYOUT PLAN

DESIGN NUMBER





BACKUP SLIDES



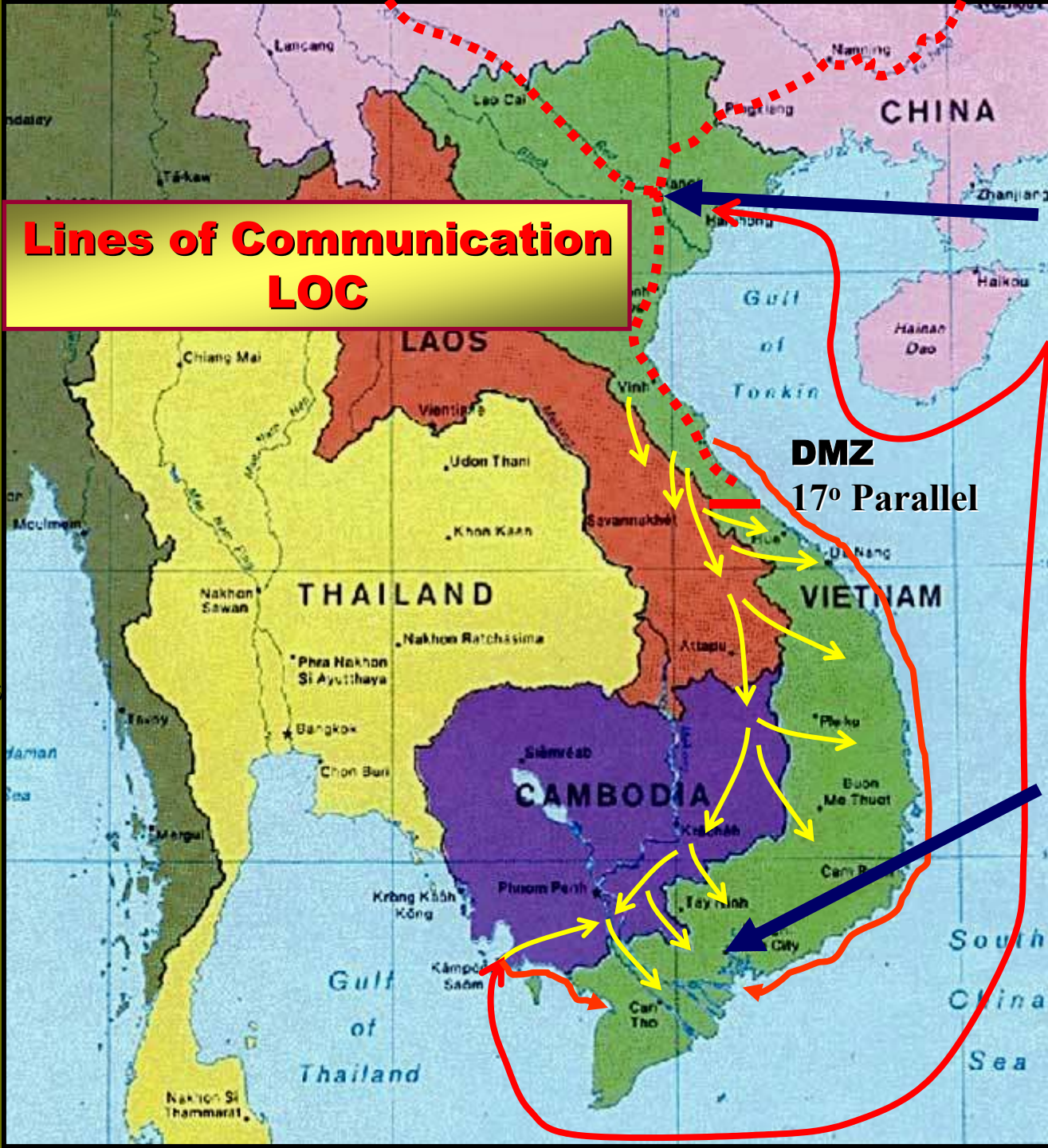
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**Lines of Communication
LOC**

**Southeast
Asia (SEA)**

**Theater
Of
Operations**



Hanoi



**DMZ
17° Parallel**



Saigon











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DINING HALL
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