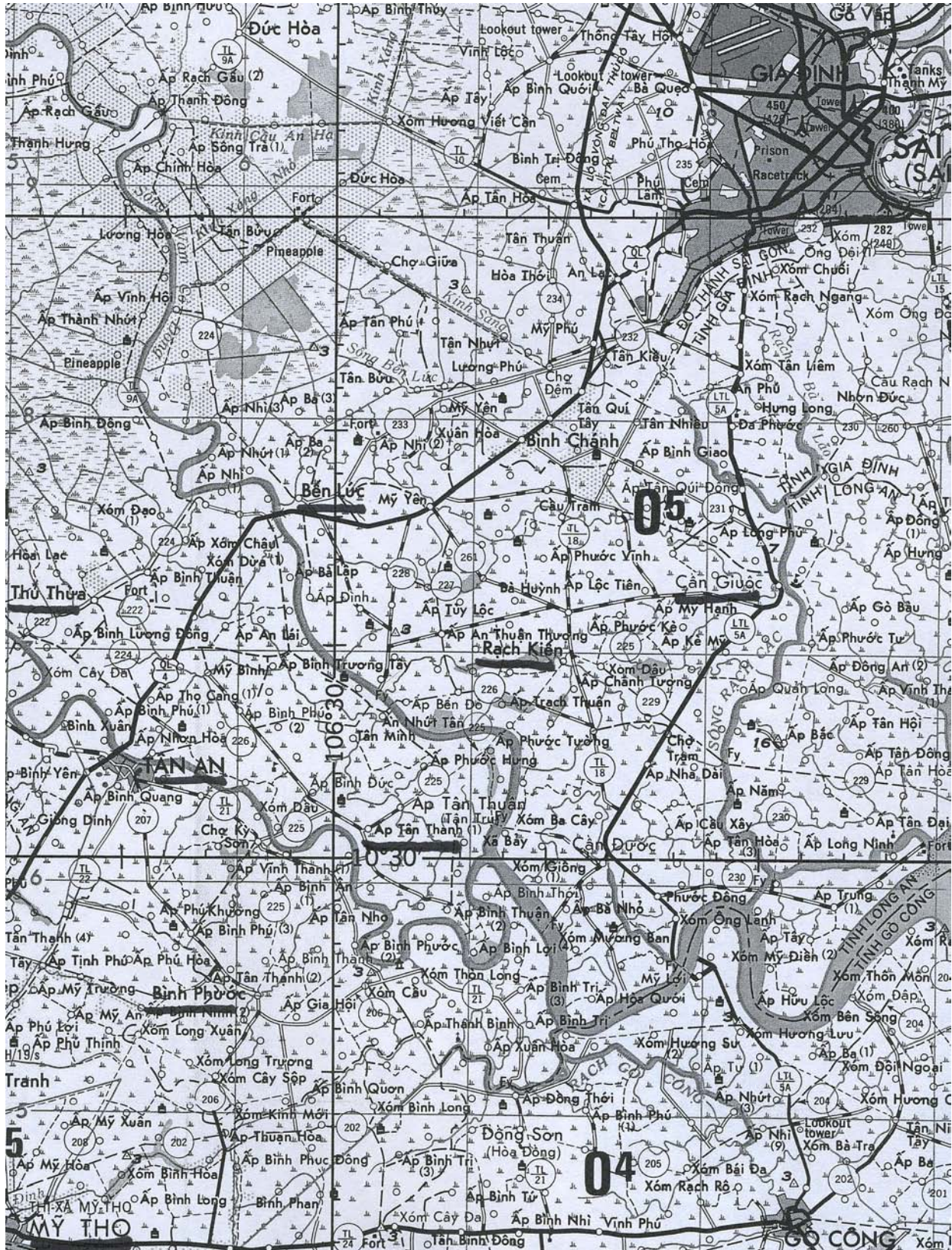
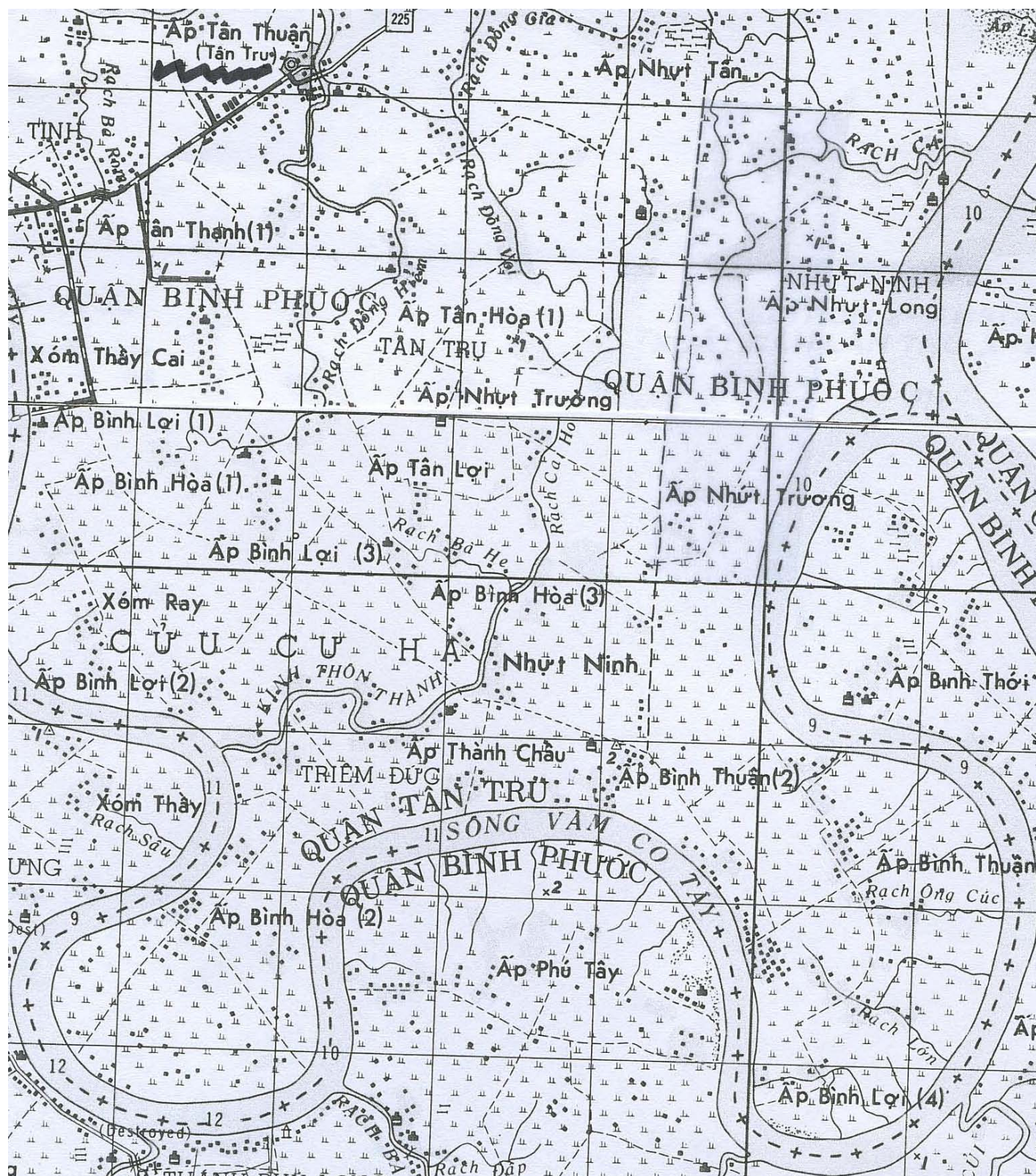


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## ***IN THE LAND OF NINE DRAGONS***

**The 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry in Southeast Asia, 1966-1970**



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**This history is dedicated to all who served with the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry in Vietnam and Cambodia, especially to the memory of those men who lost their lives as a result of their service.**

**The History is based upon:**

more than 200,000 pages of government documents  
copies of orders from more than 200 members of the battalion  
the 1966, the early 1969, & the late 1969 Battalion Yearbooks

**The History is:**

***possibly the most detailed unit history written in English of any battalion in any 20th century war !!!***

**The History now includes:**

489 total pages (English, page size 8.5" X 11", soft cover, perfect bound, weight 3.5 lbs)  
36 maps of areas in Vietnam and Cambodia  
64 pictures and illustrations  
58 sidebars of topical interest  
complete text of battalion's US Presidential Unit Citation  
complete text of B Co's US Valorous Unit Award  
complete text of each of the battalion's 4 Crosses of Gallantry w/Palm  
complete text of each of the battalion's 2 Civic Action Honor Medals  
descriptions of the battalion's 16 Named Multi-Battalion Operations  
2/60 Inf Campaign Credit  
locations & names of the 34 base camps, TOCs, patrol bases & S-4 locations of the 2/60 Inf  
***and much more***

**The History's format is:**

unit events as a summarized unit diary based on the daily S-3 Log  
diary interspersed with important events back in the "world"  
diary interspersed with maps, photos, and sidebars  
appendices with special information (see below)

**The compilation of the History:**

took more than 12 years to complete  
took more than 14,000 hours of volunteer time for research and other work  
cost more than \$ 45,000 in research and other expenses

**The 37 Appendices include these 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Lists:**

Memorial Roll, those who gave their lives - 349 names  
Medically Retired List - 244 names  
Officers, Commissioned & Warrant, Assigned - 313 names  
Officers, Commissioned, Attached - 42 names  
Enlisted Personnel, Assigned - 5,347 names  
Enlisted Personnel, Attached - 38 names  
Vietnamese Personnel, Attached - 43 names  
Distinguished Service Cross Recipients - 9 names  
Silver Star Recipients - 218 names  
Bronze Star with "V" Recipients - 864 names  
Army Commendation with "V" Recipients - 830 names  
Soldiers Medal Recipients - 32 names  
Purple Heart Recipients - 1,685 names

The lists include as many men from C Battery, 2nd Battalion, 4th Field Artillery as we could determine served with Forward Observer Parties attached to the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry.

All of the lists had to be compiled one name at a time "by hand" as no government databases have ever existed for any of the above categories !

## Maps

As an example of the detail in the book this is a list of maps included:

Vung Tau (Cap Saint Jacques)  
Bien Hoa AFB  
Long Binh Post  
Bearcat (Camp Martin Cox)  
Saigon & Tan Son Nhut Airport  
Song Nha Be  
Long An province  
Dong Tam & My Tho  
Ben Luc  
Tan Tru & "The Testicles"  
An Nhut Tan & Tan Tru  
Binh Son  
Tan An & Thu Thua  
Rach Kien & "The Elbow"  
Vinh Long  
Canal Junctions, Western Plain of Reeds  
Sa Dec  
Go Dau Ha  
Can Giouc  
Eastern Edge Plain of Reeds & Kinh Bo Bo  
Ben Tre City  
FSB Elois  
Tay Ninh north to Cambodia  
Memot & FSB Hilltop, Cambodia  
Tay Ninh West Combat Base  
FSB Katum & Airstrip  
FSB Francis  
Prek Klok  
Go Cong & "The Testicles"  
Cai Lay & Cai Be  
Duc Hoa  
Dau Tieng  
FSB Jamie  
Moc Hoa  
Tuyen Nhon  
Can Tho

## **BACK COVER REVIEW -**

**“In The Land of Nine Dragons,” is the most detailed battalion level history I have seen. This book relates not only facts and figures in fascinating detail ... it also communicates first-hand the very personal recollections and remembrances of events in the course of the Battalion’s time in Vietnam. This is the stuff of going to war and the soul of warfare as experienced by the people who actually fight wars, the blood and guts of the art of being a soldier in combat. The fact that this book is about what is arguably our least popular and least understood 20th Century conflict is noteworthy because it makes an important contribution to the history of what has been variously described as a national tragedy and a defeat. There was no defeat for these soldiers, there was regret, concern, and pride in their service. They were warriors, they led the fight!**

**This book makes clear – in case it wasn’t already clear – that the cost of war was borne by the men and women who served in Vietnam, not by uninvolved politicians and distant bystanders or sometime movie-makers. The stories here relate to the memories of any Vietnam Vet. It has been said that we all fought different wars in Vietnam because things were so different from place to place and time to time. That may be so but something of the universal truth of war - good and bad – can be found in these pages. Every veteran, every student, every political authority, every citizen, should read this recounting of events and conditions – they are reading about reality.**

**This book will preserve the memory of what they did in Vietnam... a war that still haunts those who served there and those who did not. May God be with the living and the dead members of the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division.**

**Lieutenant General Patrick M. Hughes  
United States Army, Retired  
platoon leader 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry in Vietnam**

## **FROM HIS FOREWORD -**

**What I saw in Vietnam in 1971-73 convinced me that the soldiers in the 2/60 and all the US units in Vietnam had accomplished far more than any of us realized. We set the stage for the “Clear and Hold” strategy that actually defeated the Viet Cong insurgency. After we withdrew, South Vietnam fell to an invasion by North Vietnam, not to the Viet Cong.**

**General James J. Lindsay  
United States Army, Retired  
former CO, 2nd Bn, 60th Inf, 1968**

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**This book is a meaningful tribute to the extraordinary heroism of the men of the Battalion, particularly those who courageously gave their lives, who successfully overcame the hazardous and difficult Delta terrain and inflicted defeat after defeat upon an elusive enemy.**

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