

6 NOVEMBER

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

As in other previous actions, the day began routinely enough. 2/8 Cav remained in its overnight positions until 0730 when C company began moving from FALCON toward Position SUE (ZAO20058). B company began platoon search and clear operations to the west of its position (ZAO45068) and at 1000 hours a platoon made contact with an estimated squad of enemy. (Inclosure 12). Contact was broken by the N-V-A immediately and the platoon pressed on. By 1200 hours all elements of the company had hit what appeared to be an entrenched enemy company and became heavily engaged.

The fire fight increased in intensity and some elements of B company were pinned down and enemy fires were hindering efforts at consolidation and aerial rocket artillery and tactical air strikes were called in to support the B company effort. As the platoons continued to attack, the enemy made a determined effort to split two of the attacking platoons. This was repulsed, but the N-V-A unit, now believed to be at least a battalion, began to surround B company. (Inclosure 13)

C company, which had been enroute to SUE, was ordered to counter-march and attack the rear of the N-V-A element. The company moved by foot through the dense jungle approaching a stream from the west. When it crossed the stream the company came up on the left rear of the enemy unit and then tried to work to the northeast in an attempt to flank it. C company then became heavily engaged as it began to press the attack. Air and artillery strikes were called for in large numbers but neither B or C company were able to build up enough fire power from their own positions to maneuver decisively against the N-V-A positions.

As darkness approached, both friendly and enemy forces began to disengage; C and B companies to prepare positions for the night and the N-V-A to slip away. The enemy left forces in contact, however, and these elements continued to pour automatic weapons fire into the Cavalry positions. (Inclosure 14)

By 1900 hours C company linked up with B company and established a defensive perimeter at ZAO32858 and effected evacuation of dead and wounded. Two platoons of A company were lifted into FALCON as reinforcement. Sporadic sniper fire was received into the night, but there was no further heavy engagement.

Meanwhile, 1/8 Cav (-) moved from STADIUM by helicopter to Position RED (ZA148115) in order to prevent any enemy movement back to the east.

The 1/12 Cav remained in its overnight positions until daybreak at which time companies continued search and destroy operations in area SNAP. Units closed for the night with B company at ZA065100; A company at ZA098108; C company at ZA059109; and CP and D company (-) at ZA074214.

B Troop 1/9 Cav Sqdn continued screening operations and reconnaissance on the east and west flanks of the brigade.

2. TASK ORGANIZATION:

1ST BRIGADE
No Change

DIVISION
No Change

3. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY:

There was little change in the N-V-A situation as the 33d Regiment still awaited closure of its rear guard battalion into the regimental base. On the morning of the 6th the battalion was the only cohesive fighting force the enemy had east of the IA DRANG. By nightfall it had ceased to exist as an effective unit.

4. ACTIVITIES STATISTICS:

FRIENDLY LOSSES

KIA 26

WIA 53

MIA 0

ENEMY LOSSES

KIA - 77(BG)121(Est)

WIA - 271 (Est)

VCC - 1

EQUIP - 45 Indiv packs
and kits

WPNS - 3 heavy machine
guns

3 light machine guns

2 automatic rifles

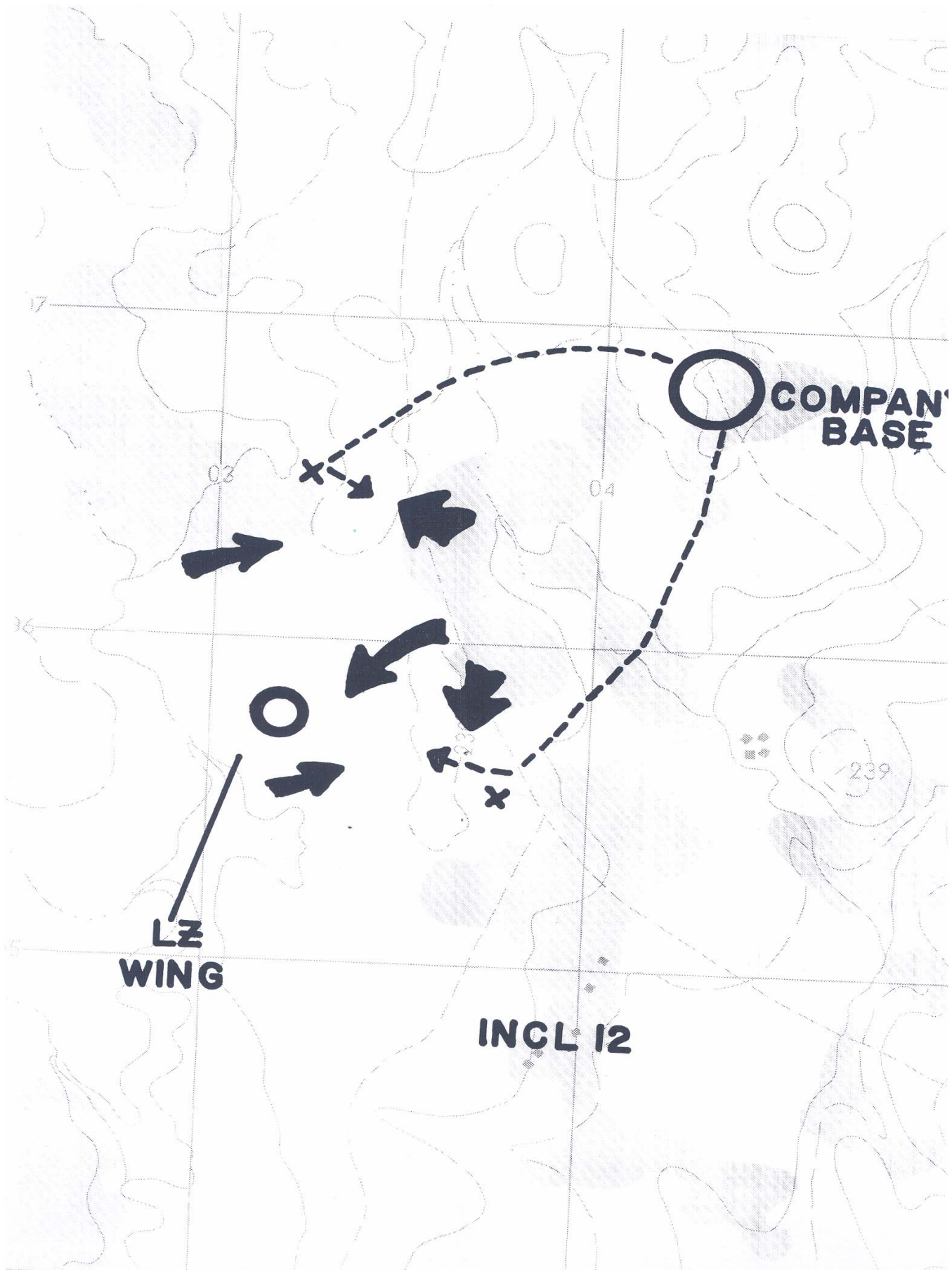
23 carbines or assault
rifles

1 rocket launcher

AMMO - 10,000 rounds 7.62
ammo

2 anti personnel mines

100 hand grenades.

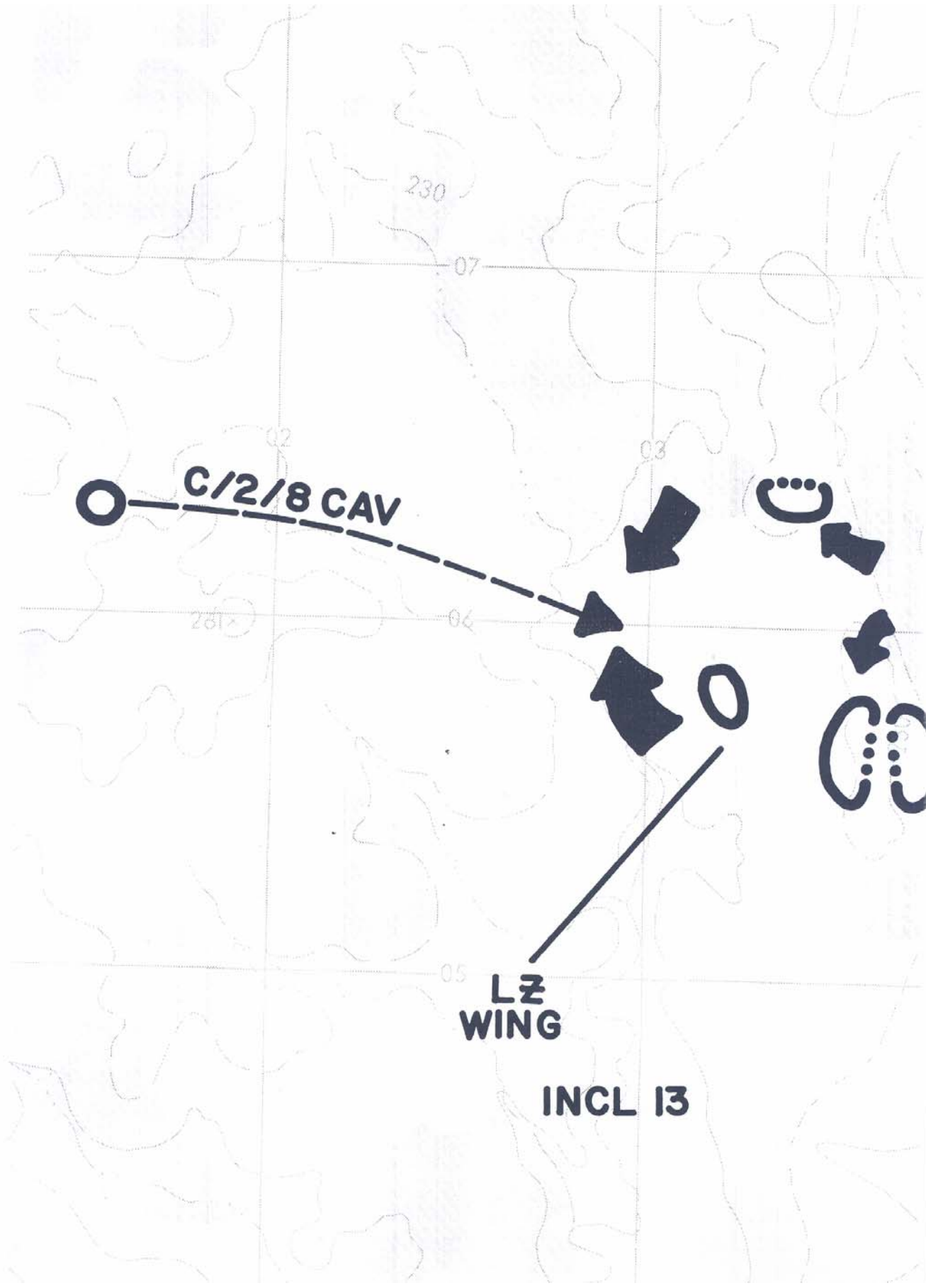


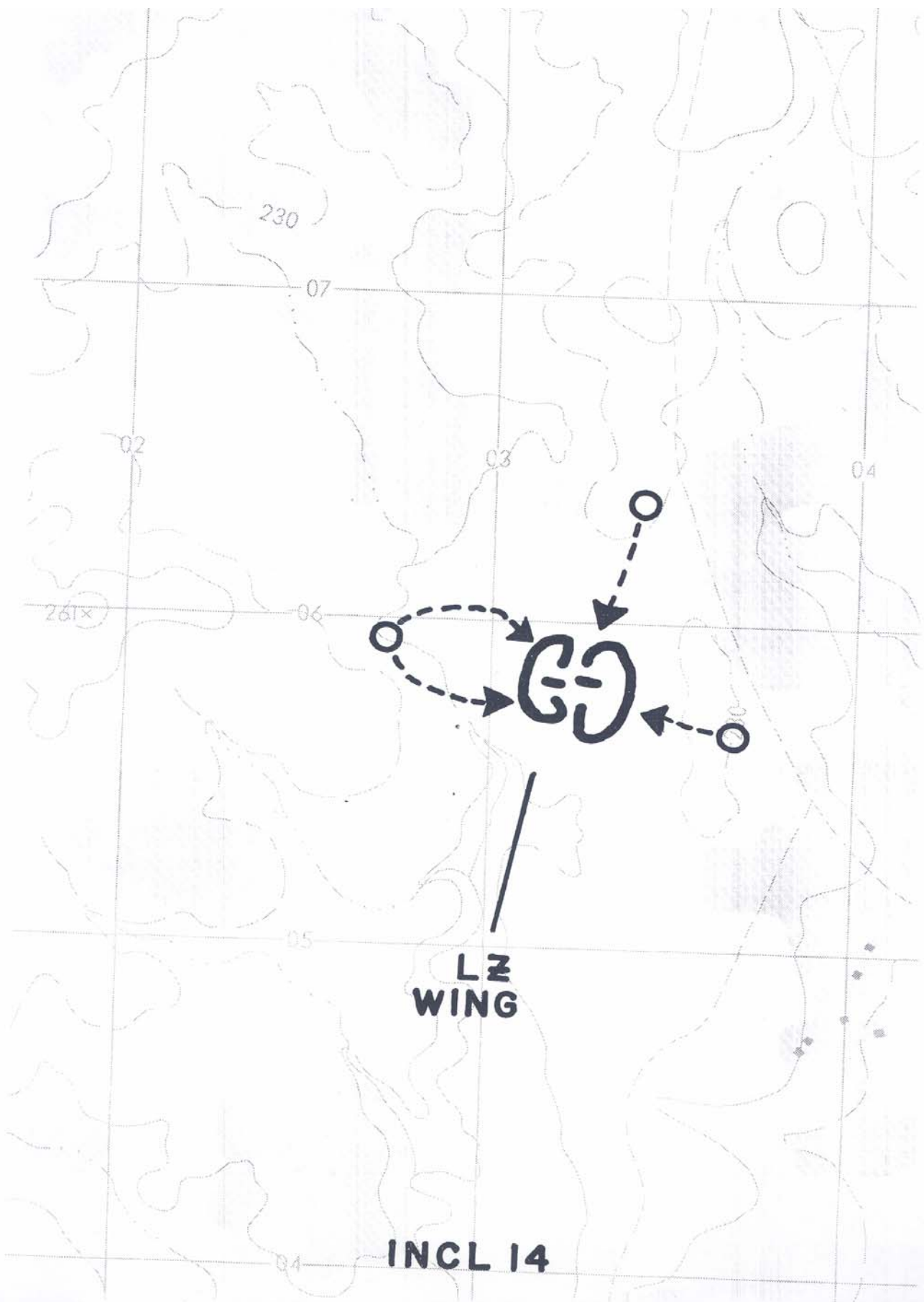
C/2/8 CAV



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