


## Using the Vietnam Archive Maps Database

Please note that we have a separate search form for searching our Maps collection. It may be helpful to read the Print Guide or watch the Video Guide on Using the Maps Database.

Go to the Virtual Vietnam Archive : <https://vva.vietnam.ttu.edu>

Click on the link to Show **Map Search form**. [To return to the **Search Home page**, click the Home icon:  ].

Map Search for the Virtual Vietnam Archive (TTU)

Search Clear

Keyword(s):

Country:

Scale:

Map Number:

Latitude: Degrees:  Minutes:

Longitude: Degrees:  Minutes:

Grid Zone: Designation:

West/East #:  South/North #:

Collection Name:

Show Advanced Search

Search Clear

Maps Database Indexes

- List of Map Titles
- List of Map Countries
- List of Map Scales

Find Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

- Cambodia (#74, 1963)
- Laos (#73, 1973)
- N. Vietnam (#79, 1964)
- S. Vietnam (#58, 1961)
- S. Vietnam (#71, 1971)
- Thailand (#97, 1966)

Find U.S. Military Grid Zone Coordinates

- U.S./Allied camps, FBs, LZs, Hills, etc.

1:50000 Scale Maps by Province

- Interactive Maps (Click on province to view)
- North Vietnam
- South Vietnam

Resources

- Guide to Reading Maps
- Maps Database Search Help
- Maps Database User Guide
- Print Version
- Video Version

Browse list for search terms to add to form

Detailed Gazetteers – Look up Lat/Long coordinates for Official Location Names of towns, hamlets, rivers, etc.

U.S. Army Maps

Interactive maps. Click on province to link to U.S. Army maps

To browse/search through all of the Laos maps, in the right-hand menu, click on **Map Countries Index**; scroll down and click on **Laos** (157).

From the main **Map Collection Search Page**, you also have the option to go Find Coordinates in the right-hand menu and click on Laos. This will take you to links for: Title: Laos: Official Standard Names, Gazetteer (360), 01 May 1973.

To search by **Grid Zone** on the U.S. Army 1:50000 maps enter the coordinates into the three fields.

For example, FSB Bastogne is YD620095, so enter as:

Grid Zone: Designation:

West/East #:  South/North #:

Use Capital Letters: e.g., YD

Look up Grid Zone Coordinates and Lat/Long Coordinates for Allied sites:

[List of Fire Support Bases \(FSB\) and Landing Zones \(LZ\) used in South Vietnam during the Vietnam War \[Updated May 2021\]](#) – Item Number: 25720110001

## View the Detailed Map

The Search Results will display the item record information for the map(s) with map information and links to various file types. You may click on the thumbnail image to see a slightly larger picture of the map, however zoom-in options do not work with the thumbnail. Instead, click on one of the map file links listed inside the item record.

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**NOTE:** The **full size PDF file** gives the greatest Zoom-In capability to easily see map details (see next page for screenshot).

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## View Detailed Map and Adjacent Maps

Click on the Map Title in the item record. Then click on the FULL SIZE PDF file for detailed zoom view.

To move to adjacent maps, click on the red map sheet number links.

The screenshot displays a web interface for a map item titled "Pleiku". At the top, there is an "Edit" button. Below it is a "Summary" section with the following details:

Item Number	6636-4
Language	English
Number of Pages	2
Type	Map
Author(s)	Army Map Service
Physical Location	Section 11, Drawer 12, Folder 2

To the left of the summary is a navigation menu with options: Summary, Files (8), Dates (2), Names (1), and Components.

The main area shows a map grid with a central map thumbnail. The grid is labeled with red map sheet numbers: 6537-2, 6637-3, 6637-2, 6536-1, 6636-1, 6536-2, 6636-3, and 6636-2. The central map is labeled with coordinates: 14° 0' x 108° 0' W, 14° 0' x 108° 15' E, 13° 45' x 108° 0' W, and 13° 45' x 108° 15' E. Below the map is a "Zoom Out: ND49-9" label.

At the bottom, the "Files" section lists four download options: "Full Size PDF", "PDF 8.5x11", "Large Size", and "Medium Size", each with a thumbnail. A fifth option, "PDF Vietnamese Version", is also present.

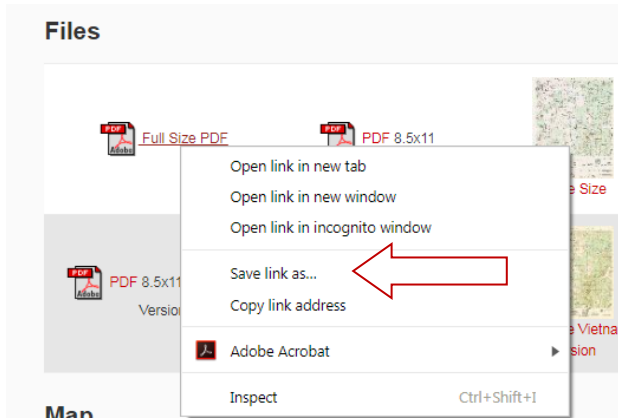
Click on any red map # to move to adjacent maps.

For best map detail use the Large PDF file

## Download the Map File

In the main record with the list of file links: **right-click** on the file size/type you want (if you are going to print it use the large JPEG or full size PDF version for the best resolution), then from the menu choose **“Save Target As”** or **“Save Link As”** and save it to a location on your computer – it will automatically save with the unique Map Number. (NOTE: each browser uses a slightly different menu terminology).

NOTE: The larger the file, the longer it will take to load, so only download 1-2 files at a time.



## Resources for Map Coordinates

You can enter either Latitude/Longitude Coordinates OR Grid Zone Coordinates for a specific search.

We have a list of both coordinate types which is compiled by a Vietnam veteran from AARs, etc.

Click on this link:

**Title:**

List of Fire Support Bases (FSB) and Landing Zones (LZ) used in South Vietnam during the Vietnam War [Updated November 2021] (Item Number: 25720203001) [William Kindred Collection]

**Permalink:**

<https://www.vietnam.ttu.edu/virtualarchive/items.php?item=25720203001>