

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: <https://vva.vietnam.ttu.edu>

Click on the link to Show Map Search form.

http://www.virtualarchive.vietnam.ttu.edu/starweb/virtual/maps/servlet.starweb?path=virtual/maps/maps_new.web

The screenshot shows the 'Map Search for the Virtual Vietnam Archive (TTU)' interface. On the left is a search form with fields for Keyword(s), Country, Scale, Map Number, Latitude (Degrees and Minutes), Longitude (Degrees and Minutes), Grid Zone (Designation, West/East #, South/North #), and Collection Name. There are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. Below the form is a 'Show Advanced Search' button. On the right is a 'Maps Database Indexes' menu with links to 'List of Map Titles', 'List of Map Countries', and 'List of Map Scales'. Below that is 'Find Latitude/Longitude Coordinates' with links for Cambodia (#74, 1963), Laos (#73, 1973), N. Vietnam (#79, 1964), S. Vietnam (#58, 1961), S. Vietnam (#71, 1971), and Thailand (#97, 1966). Below that is 'Find U.S. Military Grid Zone Coordinates' with a link for 'U.S./Allied camps, FBs, LZs, Hills, etc.'. Below that is '1:50000 Scale Maps by Province' with links for 'Interactive Maps (Click on province to view)', 'North Vietnam', and 'South Vietnam'. Below that is a 'Resources' section with links for 'Guide to Reading Maps', 'Maps Database Search Help', and 'Maps Database User Guide'. At the bottom right are links for 'Print Version' and 'Video Version'. Callout boxes with arrows point to: 'Browse list for search terms to add to form' (pointing to the 'List of Map Countries' link), 'Detailed Gazetteers – Look up Lat/Long coordinates for Official Location Names of towns, hamlets, rivers, etc.' (pointing to the 'Laos (#73, 1973)' link), 'U.S. Army Maps' (pointing to the 'U.S./Allied camps, FBs, LZs, Hills, etc.' link), and 'Interactive maps. Click on province to link to U.S. Army maps' (pointing to the 'Interactive Maps' link).

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, enter the coordinates into the three fields.

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

Grid Zone:	Designation:	<input type="text" value="YD"/>	
West/East #:	<input type="text" value="620"/>	South/North #:	<input type="text" value="095"/>

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.

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

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 shows a web interface for a map item titled "Pleiku". At the top, there is an "Edit" button. Below it is a "Summary" section with a table of metadata:

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 sidebar with expandable sections: Summary, Files (8), Dates (2), Names (1), and Components.

The main content area displays a map grid. The central map is a topographic map of Pleiku. It is surrounded by a grid of red map sheet numbers: 6537-2, 6637-3, 6637-2 at the top; 6536-1, 6636-1 at the bottom; 6536-2, 6636-3, 6636-2 at the bottom. The grid is bounded by coordinates: 14° 0' x 108° 0' W and 14° 0' x 108° 15' E at the top; 13° 45' x 108° 0' W and 13° 45' x 108° 15' E at the bottom. Below the grid is a "Zoom Out ND49-9" link.

Below the map grid is a "Files" section with several file links:

- Full Size PDF
- PDF 8.5x11
- Large Size
- Medium Size
- PDF Vietnamese Version

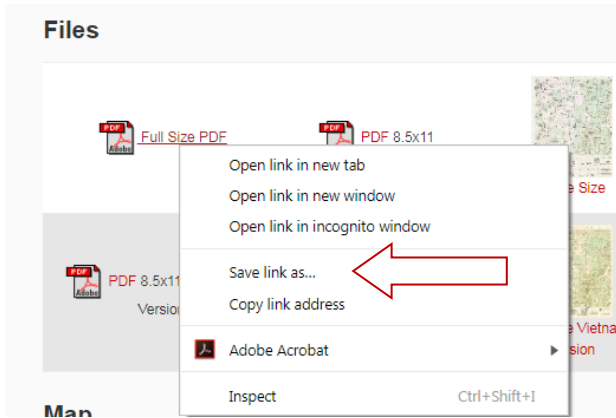
Click on any red map # to move to adjacent maps.

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 Vietnam veterans from AARs, etc.

Click on this link: www.vietnam.ttu.edu/virtualarchive/items.php?item=25720104001

Title: List of Coordinates (Lat/Long and Grid) for fire bases, landing zones, special forces and other combat sites in the RVN Area of Operations (187 pages) [10 November 2014]

This website also has a good list of Grid Zones for camps/FSBs/LZs:

<http://www.174ahc.org/images/Vietnam-FSBs-LZs.pdf> (Don 'SGT Snuffy' Smith's list)