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REVEALS UTILIZATION OF THE SE PONE RIVER BY PT-76 AMPHIBIOUS TANKS TO REACH THE LANG VEI ALLIED MILITARY COMPOUND: 25X1

1. THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM ROUTE 92 AT 16 29 52N-106 29 31E (UTM XD591244) IS NOW SERVICEABLE PAST THE PREVIOUS TERMINUS AT UTM XD721244 TO THE LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER ON THE WEST BANK OF THE SE PONE RIVER AT 16 29 22N-106 39 48E (XD775236). NO EVIDENCE OF A RIVER CROSSING AT THIS POINT WAS NOTED. TRACKAGE INDICATED THAT VEHICLES NAVIGATED THE RIVER NORTH TO XD778253 WHERE THEY LEFT THE RIVER AND FOLLOWED THE ALIGNMENT OF A PREVIOUSLY EXISTING TRAIL TO RE-ENTER THE RIVER AT XD778308; PAST XD779324, WHERE A PT-76 IS OBSERVED IN THE WATER: THEN ON-TO THE NORTH BANK OF THE RIVER AT 16 34 58N-106 40 12E (XD781340). THIS POINT ON THE RIVER IS CONNECTED TO THE LANG VEI COMPOUND BY A ONE NM PREVIOUSLY EXISTING, HEAVILY USED, SERVICE ROAD. OBSERVED ON THIS SERVICE ROAD AT XD785353 IS A DAMAGED/DESTROYED PT-76 TANK AND A UNIDENTIFIED PROBABLY DISABLED TANK (THE CHASSIS APPEARS TO HAVE A DIFFERENT CONFIGURATION THAN A PT-76, HOWEVER, QUALITY OF PHOTOGRAPHY PRECLUDES A DEFINITE IDENTIFICATION). ONE DAMAGED/DESTROYED PT-76 IS ALSO OBSERVED WITHIN THE COMPOUND. GFW: 3 PT-76 AMPHIBIOUS TANKS (2 DAMAGED/DESTROYED) AND ONE U/I PROBABLY DISABLED TANK.

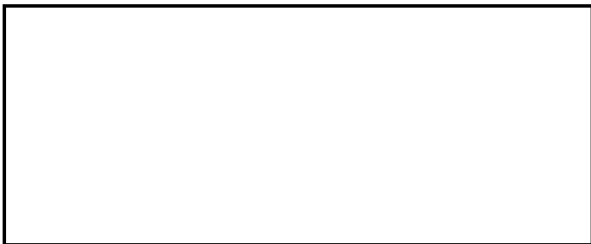


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