The Hue Massacre 1968.

- Prior to 1968, the communist party realized that they cannot prolong the war against the American fire powers.

- They could only win the war with surprises and quick attacks, and close range battlements.

- The longer war will only result in their failures.
Violation of cease-fire agreement.

- The North Vietnamese communist aggressors deliberately violated “three days” cease fire.
- In the Vietnamese tradition, the New Year celebration considered one of the biggest event of the year. It is time for families to reunion and blesses.
- The North communists sent two battalion of foot soldiers and opened fire on New Year’s eve. Battalion 800 & 802.
- The North Communists launched shock & awe attack, utilizing on shock and surprise element.
- Two months of occupation & terrors reigned to innocent civilians, especially Hue.
Communist Initiate Attacks:

January 29, 1968 (one day before New Year’s eve):

- Attacked Qui Nhon @ 4:10 am (Zone II).
- Kontum @ 2:00 am (Zone II).
- Pleiku @ 4:40 am (Zone II).
- Darlac @ 1:30 am (Zone II).
- Nha Trang @ 0:30 am (Zone II).
Communist Initiate Attacks:

- Hue were first attacked @ 2:00 am on January 31, 1968 (New Year day).
- Quang Tri @ 4:00 am on February 1, 1968 (New Year, 2\textsuperscript{nd} day).
- Quang Tin @ 4:00 am on February 1, 1968 (New Year, 2\textsuperscript{nd} day).
- Quang Ngai @ 4:00 am on February 1, 1968 (New Year, 2\textsuperscript{nd} day).
- Binh Thuan @ 3:25 am on February 1, 1968 (New Year, 2\textsuperscript{nd} day). [Zone II].
- Tuyen Duc @ 2:00 am on February 2, 1968 (New Year, 3\textsuperscript{rd} day).
Communist Initiate Attacks:

- The Viet Cong attacked Saigon, Cho-lon, Gia-dinh @ 2:00 am on February 1, 1968 (New Year, 2nd day).

- Binh Duong @ 4:25 am on February 2, 1968 (New Year, 3rd day).

- Bien Hoa @ 3:03 am on February 1, 1968 (New Year, 2nd day).

- Long Khanh @ 1:00 am on February 4, 1968 (New Year, 5th day).
Viet Cong attacked Zone IV:

- Viet Cong attacked Phong Dinh @ 3:00 am on February 1, 1968 (New Year, 2\textsuperscript{nd} day).
- Vinh Long @ 3:30 am on February 1, 1968 (New Year, 2\textsuperscript{nd} day).
- Kien Hoa @ 3:03 am on February 1, 1968 (New Year, 2\textsuperscript{nd} day).
- Dinh Tuong @ 4:00 am on February 2, 1968 (New Year, 3\textsuperscript{rd} day).
Viet Cong temporary occupied Hue.

- North communist forces occupied Hue for approximately 26 days before the South Army & its Alliances regained control of Hue.

- While occupying, communist forces began its tool of terrors to sweep off population. They aimed to eliminate anyone who they though may not be a communist sympathy.
The Truth color of communists at Hue:

- Using the inside informers who had already infiltrated the city, communist forces began systematically calling and they did it throughout the city.

- They started pulling out people who they though may or may have associated with the South government.

- They made house-to-house visited, arrested, and abducted.
Casualties counted by the South Vietnamese Government.

- February 1968:
  Killed in action: 3,501
  Wounded: 10,678
  Missing: 543

- March 1968:
  Killed in action: 1,453
  Wounded: 4,419
  Missing: 383

- Alliances February 1968:
  Killed in action: 2,832
  Wounded: 15,832
  Missing: 352

- Alliances March 1968:
  Killed in action: 1,292
  Wounded: 3,453
  Missing: 252

* * In addition: There were 14,300 civilians killed, 24,000 wounds, 72,000 lost their homes, 627,000 became refugees.
Massacre at Hue:

- After the battle, the Government of South Viet Nam's total estimated civilian casualties resulting from Battle of Hue 7,600:
  - Wounded (hospitalized or outpatients) with injuries attributable to warfare: 1900
  - Estimated civilian deaths due to accident of battle: 844
  - First finds—bodies discovered immediately post battle, 1968: 1,173
  - Second finds, including Sand Dune finds, March-July, 1969 (est.): 809
  - Third find, Da Mai Creek find (Nam Hoa district) September, 1969: 428
  - Fourth Finds—Phu Thu Salt Flat find, November, 1969 (est.): 300
  - Miscellaneous finds during 1969 (approximate): 200
  - Total yet unaccounted for: 1,946
- Total casualty and wounded in Hue: 7,600
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