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This release has been prepared to present a review of significant events occurring in this command during July 1968.

It has been organized as follows:

- A summary of July events:
  
  General
  
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- A detailed chronology of July events.

- A review of ground operations

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REVIEW OF EVENTS
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GENERAL

During the month enemy-initiated activity was very light.

I CORPS

Throughout I CTZ enemy forces generally avoided contact and concentrated on receiving supplies and replacements in preparation for future offensive activity.

In western Quang Tri Province, Allied forces completed inactivation of the Khe Sanh Combat Base.

The 320th NVA Division remained north of the DMZ refitting; however, by the end of the month there were indications that battalion-sized elements had returned to the central and eastern DMZ areas. Prisoners and documents captured in contacts from 5 to 7 July revealed that the 138th NVA Regiment was in the Gio Linh area.

In the Thua Thien area to the south, major elements remained in their traditional base areas and came under heavy pressure from friendly Operations Jeb Stuart and Nevada Eagle. These operations led to the discovery of numerous weapons and ammunition caches as well as the main hospital in the military region.

A 25 June Party Committee resolution complained of "grave logistics problems because supply lines are being threatened." A village Party Secretary rallyer stated that July was set aside for training and refitting. August was reserved for the "decisive battle for revolutionary history" emphasizing the goal of enemy units throughout the CTZ.

In central I CTZ all reports indicated that Da Nang remained the main objective. At the end of the month, rocket attacks against Allied installations near and within the city increased. A reconnaissance squad was captured within Da Nang. A large cache of explosives and arms was found in the city. In southern-most Quang Ngai Province, ground activity remained light although there were numerous attacks by fire on ARVN and Popular Force installations.
31 July (Wednesday)

- III MFP: Approx 4,000 trps of the US 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) comp their move to the RVN. The pers of the bde were al to Da Nang in 71 US Air Force C-141 Starlifters with hv equip of the bde arr by sea. The 1st Bde will init be op under Provisional Corps, VN, in tac areas of op conducive to mech ops. The remainder of the 5th Inf Div (Mech), the "Red Diamond" Div, is sta at Fort Carson, Colo. The movement of this bde to VN is part of the programmed commitment of trps previously announced by the DOD earlier this year.
II CORPS

Activity remained light in II CTZ during July, as the enemy realigned his forces in the western highlands and prepared for future offensive operations. During the month it became apparent that the B-3 Front had shifted its major emphasis from Kontum Province south to Ban Me Thuot City. Elements of the 1st NVA Division relocated to Darlac Province.

An enemy agent, captured in Pleiku Province on 17 July, reported that Ban Me Thuot was the objective of the enemy buildup in Darlac Province and claimed that an attack on the city was planned for August. The increased threat to the Darlac provincial capital was also indicated by a flurry of small contacts around the city beginning on 23 July.

In Binh Dinh Province friendly operations resulted in heavy casualties to the 18th NVA Regiment. A ROK operation against the regiment began in June and ended on 19 July with 355 enemy KIA. Elements of the 3rd NVA Division moved north to I CTZ in late June and early July, and local force units apparently shifted to cover the gaps.

Further south in coastal II CTZ, a document captured in Khanh Hoa Province on 11 July indicated that the 5th NVA Division would withdraw major elements from their normal areas of operation for a three month period of refitting and training. Although no moves had been confirmed by the end of July, it appeared likely that major elements of both regiments were either en route or preparing to move to sanctuaries. The final destination of the units after refitting was not clearly stated by the document; however, return to coastal II CTZ was implied.

In Quang Duc Province two contacts near the Duc Lap Special Forces Camp, one on 2 July and the other on 8 July, attest to continued enemy presence in the area. The 2 July contact, eight kilometers east of the camp, was with an estimated enemy battalion.

Except in Binh Thuan Province, enemy activity in southern II Corps consisted of scattered attacks by fire and interdiction of lines of communication. In Binh Thuan Province there were two battalion-sized contacts northeast of Phan Thiet, one on 17 July and one on 21 July. The 482nd Local Force Battalion was probably involved in both actions.

III CORPS

In III CTZ enemy-initiated activity during July was very light as large enemy units effected major relocations away from the Saigon area. It became clear that the Third Phase of the Second General
Offensive was cancelled, and commanders were ordered to begin plans and preparations for future offensive operations.

The 7th NVA Division relocated northward to northern Binh Long Province. This force posed a threat to Loc Minh in Binh Long Province.

The 9th VC Division relocated from western Hau Nghia to western Tay Ninh Province where there were indications that the division, along with Local Force units, would attack Tay Ninh City.

Reconnaissance and preparations were in the final stages, and captured documents stated that all preparations were to be completed before 5 August. Analysis of all available information indicated the most probable date of initiation of widespread offensive action would be in mid-August.

IV CORPS

In IV CTZ enemy-initiated activity was very light during July, with the only significant contacts being the result of friendly actions. The B-52 attacks from 20 to 22 July in Dinh Tuong and Kien Phong Provinces struck elements of five VC battalions. Significant losses were reportedly suffered by these battalions.

A very large cache consisting of approximately 27 tons of arms, ammunition, explosives, mines, and machinery was uncovered in Kien Tuong Province near the Cambodian border. This is one of the largest caches uncovered in South Vietnam.

The enemy continued to have financial and recruiting problems in the Delta. A letter dated 2 May and captured in Dinh Tuong Province indicates that the VC are unable to find sufficient civilian laborers to accomplish their mission. In two cases, in Vinh Long and Kien Phong Provinces, civilians were kidnapped for failure to work for the VC or to intimidate others into supporting the VC cause.

In Sa Dec Province two Hoi Chanhs indicated that a general mobilization program put into effect on 26 June, was greeted with bitterness by the people in VC-controlled areas. Under this program males from 14 to 40 years of age are to be used as soldiers and battlefield laborers while males between 40 and 50 are to serve in rear echelon support activities.

Another Hoi Chanh, the Executive Officer of the Tay Do 2 Battalion, provided information on a conference held in Phong Dinh Province between 18 and 28 May. The results of the Second Phase of the VC
Winter-Spring Offensive were reviewed and plans were made for future offensive actions in the province. Widespread attacks were scheduled for 20 July, but were to be postponed if better results could be obtained later. The primary targets of the attacks were to be GVN provincial, administrative, and police offices, and airports, heliports, and US compounds.Captured areas were to be held as long as possible.
S I G N I F I C A N T  G R O U N D  O P E R A T I O N S

A C T I O N  N E A R  K H E  S A N H

One hundred fifty-seven North Vietnamese soldiers died in a two-day battle that began on the morning of 1 July, 3 miles southeast of the Khe Sanh Combat Base. The encounter took place when a company from the U.S. 4th Regiment, 3rd Marine Division engaged an unknown size enemy force at approximately 0530.

Aviators from the 1st Marine Air Wing, helicopter gunships and supporting artillery were called into the action and were credited with killing 60 of the 157 enemy dead.

Throughout the day, the Marines made repeated sweeps of the area and made several additional light contacts with the enemy until contact was lost at 0800 the next day. The Marines captured 47 individual and 24 crew-served weapons left on the battlefield.

U.S. casualties in the action were 2 killed and 11 wounded.

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On 5 July, a company from the U.S. 3rd Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, engaged an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force 2 miles southeast of Gio Linh. The enemy employed small arms and mortar fire and 50 rounds of artillery fire against the Marines.

Friendly forces were supported by tanks, artillery and tactical air strikes in the action which continued until contact was lost at an unknown time on the night of 5 July when the enemy withdrew.

A preliminary sweep of the area was conducted and resulted in an initial report of 78 NVA killed in the action. The Marines continued their sweeps and found an additional 56 bodies bringing the total of NVA soldiers killed to 134.

Other cumulative results of the action were 6 suspects detained and 13 individual and 2 crew-served weapons captured.

Five Marines were killed and 64 wounded (52 evacuated).

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157 NVA KILLED

1-2 JULY

5 JULY
134 NVA KILLED
SIGNIFICANT GROUND OPERATIONS

ACTION NEAR SAIGON

On the morning of 15 July, elements of the U.S. 1st Brigade, 9th Infantry Division engaged an unknown size enemy force 16 miles southwest of Saigon in Long An Province.

Contact continued throughout the day and into the night with U.S. Army helicopter gunships, artillery and tactical aircraft from the 3rd and 35th Tactical Fighter Wings providing support to the infantrymen.

Contact with the enemy was lost at 0445 the next morning when the remaining enemy withdrew.

Final results of the engagement were 76 enemy killed, 6 individual and 6 crew-served weapons captured. Seven U.S. soldiers were killed and 21 wounded during the action.

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15-16 July

76 Enemy Killed
AIR OPERATIONS

AIR NORTH

U.S. Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy crews struck major lines of communication, SAM and AAA sites, radar sites, railroads, bridges, storage areas, supply boats and other military targets throughout the southern Panhandle.

During the month U.S. Navy pilots flew 1,205 missions over North Vietnam, Air Force pilots flew 1,844, while Marine Corps aviators logged another 516 for a total of 2,565 missions.

More than 871 trucks, 109 bridges, 224 AAA sites and 8 SAM sites, 6 railroad cars and 824 supply boats were reported destroyed or damaged. More than 900 secondary explosions were observed.

The weather was generally good throughout the month over the areas of operation.

AIR SOUTH

U.S. Air Force pilots flew 12,573 tactical air sorties in support of Allied ground forces and Marine Corps pilots flew another 6,519 sorties for a total of 19,157 tactical air sorties during the month. Of the total sorties flown, 4,303 were immediates, 1,384 of which were flown in direct support of ground troops in contact with the enemy.

A total of 38,612 airlift sorties were flown, transporting more than 85,000 tons of cargo.

The aircrews reported killing 463 enemy while destroying or damaging numerous enemy emplacements and crew-served and automatic weapons positions. Their air-delivered ordnance also resulted in more than 909 secondary explosions.

B-52 MISSIONS

Two hundred ninety-two missions were flown during the month by Air Force B-52s. Of these missions, 152 were directed against enemy targets in the III Corps Tactical Zone, 34 were in II Corps, 28 in I Corps, 26 in IV Corps, 7 in the DMZ, and 45 in NVN.

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NAVAL OPERATIONS

NAVAL GUNFIRE NORTH VIETNAM

Seventh Fleet ships patrolling the panhandle waters between Vinh and Dong Hoi concentrated their gunfire on the logistics movement by the means of supply boats on the coastal waterways, and trucks on the coastal highways. During the month of July, 44 supply boats were sunk or damaged by the ships' gunfire. Eight bridges on supply routes inshore were damaged or destroyed also. Other targets for the ships were highway segments, truck parks, ferry crossings, docking facilities, and storage areas which were fired on as part of the continuing effort to deny the enemy the freedom to move war materials south.

NAVAL GUNFIRE DEMILITARIZED ZONE

Fifty secondary explosions thundered in the buffer zone as ships of the Seventh Fleet blasted enemy positions throughout the month. Shelling enemy base camps and artillery positions in the DMZ that threatened the Allied troops stationed below the frontier, 49 bunkers and other fortifications were destroyed or damaged by the ships' gunfire. Numerous artillery positions were silenced or destroyed and more than nine supply craft filtering war materials into the DMZ were sunk.

NAVAL GUNFIRE SOUTH VIETNAM

Shelling NVA and Viet Cong positions from I Corps to the southern peninsula, Seventh Fleet ships destroyed or damaged more than 790 fortifications and support and storage structures. Better than 100 secondary explosions were touched off and more than 150 fires raged at enemy base camps, staging areas, troop concentrations and storage areas from I to IV Corps. Also during the month, Navy ships blasted numerous enemy supply boats on rivers and along the coast from the DMZ to the Delta.
1 July (Monday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 131 msns (USAF 55, USN 47, USMC 29). BDA incl dest or dam 8 wpn psns, 9 water craft, 2 brrs, 11 trks & 1 SAM site. 38 rd cuts, 20 sec explosions & 108 fires reptd.


- IV CTZ (Kien Giang Prov): Elm of US 1st Air Cav Sqdn with CIDG mb1 Strike Force Troopers eng 3 en sampans 9 mi W of Hoa Duc. One suspect dtm, small wpn cache cptrd. No friendly cas. In the afternoon, another cache loc in same area cntn 2 57mm RR's & tripods, 130 rds of 57mm RR ammo, 2 122 rkts, 55 rds of 82mm mort ammo, 84 rds of B-40 rkts, 67 rds of 60mm mort ammo, 6 B-41 rkts, 40 anti-pers mines, 2 boxes of unk mines, 1,660 rds 81 ammo, 14 boxes med sup, 2 fld tels, 1 rfl gren, 30 lbs of docu, & 600 lbs of rice. No friendly cas.


- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 504 sorties (USAF 399, USMC 105). BDA incl 64 EK, 52 ftns dest or dam, & 6 sec explosions reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 23 EK & 18 ftns dest or dam.

- A USAF F-105 acft was downed in the southern Panhandle. Pilot was res. Acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 13 msns: 1 mn in Tay Ninh Prov 47 mi NNW of Saigon, 2 msns 26-29 mi NNW of Saigon in Binh Duong Prov, & 10 msns in and just above the northern half of the DMZ.

2 July (Tuesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 149 sorties (USAF 68, USN 51, USMC 30). BDA incl 23 rd cuts, & 5 trks, 1 SAM site, 7 AAA psns, 4 water craft, & 4 rail cars dest or dam. There were 78 fires & 7 sec explosions reptd.


- CMD (Gia Dinh Prov): Terrorist booby trap of plastic TNT detonated at 2100 hrs in front of American BEQ in cen of Saigon. One VN civ was killed. Minor dam to nearby water pipe.
KENTUCKY (Quang Tri Prov): A coy fr US 3rd Regt, 3rd Mar Div, rec 22 rds 60mm mort fire at 0500 hrs fr unk size en force 4 mi NW of Dong Ha. 2 US KIA, 23 WIA.

III MAF (Quang Ngai Prov): At 1400 hrs, AMERICAL Div hel gunships eng unk size en force 7 mi SSW of Quang Ngai City. 19 EK, 3 US WIA.

WHEELER/WALLOWA (Quang Tin Prov): At 1415 hrs, a coy fr US 196th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, caught undetm size en force in open 20 mi from Tam Ky. Arty & tac air sptd. 30 EK, no friendly cas.

I FFV (Pleiku Prov): Btw 2345 & 2400 hrs, the US 937th Eng Gp Compound 3 mi N of Pleiku City rec less than 35 rds of en 82mm mort fire. US cas were 1t. No mat dam or fatalities reptd.

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 551 sorties (USAF 404; USMC 147). BDA incl 74 EK, 330 ftns & 25 sampans dest or dam, & 43 sec explosions & 46 fires reptd.

USA hel gunships reptd 51 EK, & 52 ftns & 25 sampans dest or dam.

An A-1 Skyraider acft assisting in res ops was downed in the northern half of the DMZ. Pilot MIA.

An O-1 recon acft was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 12 mi NE of Vinh Long. Minor inj to pilot.

B-52s struck tgts in II Corps, in the northern DMZ & NVN. The 10 mens were: 5 mi N of Gio Linh, 4 mens 7, 9, 12 & 14 mi NW of Con Thien, & 5 mens 10, 11 & 7 mi NW, & 7 & 9 mi NNW of Con Thien.

3 July (Wednesday)

NVN: US pilots flew 135 mens (USAF 63, USN 48, USMC 24). BDA incl dest or dam 4 SAM sites, 6 AAA pns, 2 radar sites, 7 supply craft, & 3 ftns. There were 114 fires and 27 sec explosions reptd.

TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At 1130 hrs, a coy fr the US 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div, eng an est en plat 6 mi NE of Tan An. USA hel gunships sptd. Res: 2 US WIA. In addition, at 1645 hrs, 3 soldiers were inj & 7 were listed as missing in the downing of a UH-1 hel by en gnd fire 3 mi S of the Ben Luc bridge.

BINH DUONG Prov: At 0220 hrs, a bn fr the US 3rd Bde, 25th Inf Div at a base camp near Dau Tieng 40 mi NW of Saigon, rec an est 450 rds 60mm mort fire & 50 rds of 107 rkt fire. Shelling was fol by aslt
fr an unk size en force. USA gunships, arty & AC-47 gunships sptd. En cas unk at this time. US 5 KIA, 56 WIA.

- BIEN HOA PROV: En wpns cache was found at 0900 hrs by co fr US 3rd Bde, 1st Inf Div, 14 mi SE of Saigon. Cache incl 4 122mm rkts, 1 107mm rkt & 33 fuses for 122mm rkt.


- USA hel gunships reptd 63 EK & 32 en ftns dest or dam. A UH-1 was hit by en gnd fire and downed 18 mi SW of Saigon. 3 res, 7 MIA. A CH-46 hel was hit by en gnd fire and downed 7 mi S of Phu Loc. 4 KIA. Both hels were dest.

- NCF-RVN: Destroyer USS Henry B. Wilson dest or dam 50 structs & touched off 20 ftns 12 mi E of Hue.

- B-52s flew 10 msns: 1 strike 23 mi N of Phan Thiet, 2 mans 23 mi N of Phan Thiet & 58 mi SW of Saigon, 5 msns 4 mi NW, 10 & 14 mi NNW & 11 & 14 mi NE of Con Thien; 2 mans 22 mi SSW of Quang Ngai City & 32 mi N of Phan Thiet.

4 July (Thursday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 141 msns (USAF 61, USN 54, USMC 26). BDA incl dest or dam 8 structs, 2 brgs, 6 supply craft, 20 trks, 10 AAA sites & 34 rd cuts. There were 69 fires & 15 sec explosions reptd.

- SCOTLAND II (Quang Tri Prov): A co fr the 4th Regt, 3rd Mar Div, was atkd in ni def psns at 0420 hrs by an est en co 3 mi SE of Khe Sanh Cbt Base. Res: 17 EK, US 4 KIA, 13 WIA.

- BINH DUONG PROV: Elms of the 1st Bde, US 1st Inf Div, discovered wpns cache in bunker & tunnel complex 33 mi fr Saigon. Cache contained 110 B-41 rkt grens, 7 RPG-7 rkt gren launchers, 1 82mm mort, 8 rds 82mm mort ammo, 16 rds 60mm mort ammo & 500 lbs of rice.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 654 sorties (USAF 448, USMC 206). BDA incl dest or dam 385 ftns, 12 sampans & 8 bunkers. There were 35 sec explosions & 12 ftns reptd.

- A USAF F-4 was downed by en gnd fire 9 mi SW of Nha Trang. Acft dest. No inj to crew of 2.

- USA hel gunships reptd 30 EK, & dest or dam 47 en sampans & 30 ftns.

- An Army UH-1 hel was downed by en gnd fire 9 mi NW of Hue at 2325 hrs. 3 soldiers KIA, 1 WIA. Hel was dest.
- B-52s flew 5 msns, hitting base camps & storage areas 11 & 12 mi NNW of Con Thien, & similar tgts 24 mi SW of Tuy Hoa. One msn was in RVN & 4 were in NVN.

5 July (Friday)

- US pilots flew 136 msns (USAF 59, USN 44, USMC 33). BDA incl dest or dam 8 trks, 2 flak sites, 6 structs, 2 brgs, 16 supply craft, 1 SAM site, & cut 23 rds. There were 53 fires & 18 sec explosions reptd.


- KENTUCKY (Quang Tri Prov): Elms of US 3rd Regt, 3rd Mar Div, eng an est en plat in well-fortified pens 7 mi N of Cam Lo at 0830 hrs, Mar sptd by arty. 15 EK. US 2 KIA, 8 WIA.

- JEB STUART III (Quang Tri Prov): At 1830 hrs, a co fr the 3rd Bde, 1st Air Cav, eng an est en plat in a village 5 mi E of Quang Tri City. En cas were 11 killed. US cas, 1 KIA, 14 WIA.


- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At 1650 hrs, a co fr US 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div, discovered small cache containing 4 122mm rkt warheads, 7 122mm rkt motors & 7 122mm rkt motor cases 12 mi NNW of Saigon. All were destroyed in place.


- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 656 sorties (USAF 434, USMC 222). BDA incl 24 EK, 41 fires, 85 ftns dest or dam, & 30 sec explosions.

- An 0-1aef was downed 4 mi N of Qui Nhon. Pilot KIA & pax res.

- 2 USAF F-4 Phantom acft were downed in NVN. All crew members MIA.

- USA hel gunships killed 64 en, dest or dam 60 ftns & 40 sampans.

- B-52s flew 11 msns: 5 msns in Binh Duong Prov 28-30 mi NNW of Saigon; 4 msns 35 & 36 mi NNW of Saigon; and 2 msns 25 mi SW of Quang Ngai City & 64 mi SW of Saigon in Vinh Binh Prov.

6 July (Saturday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 138 msns (USAF 68, USN 36, USMC 34). BDA incl
dest or dam 11 trks, 9 supply craft, 5 AAA sites, 2 ry cars, & 18 sec explosions & 59 fires were reptd.

KENTUCKY (Quang Tri Prov): Cum total of 2-day battle involving units fr US 3rd Regt, 3rd Mar Div, 3 mi SE of Gio Linh: 13+4 EK, 6 suspects dtn. US 5 KIA, 64 WIA (52 evac).

POCAHONTAS FOREST. Commenced by elms of AMERICAL Div (Task Force Cooksey) in Quang Nam/Quang Tin Provs.

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 633 sorties (USAF 413, USMC 220). BDA incl 39 EK, dest or dam 25 bunkers, 326 ftms, & setting off 30 sec explosions & 40 fires.

USA hel gunships reptd 76 EK, & dest or dam 62 ftms & 87 sampans.

B-52s flew 9 msns: 4 msns in the RVN & 5 in NVN. One msn was 19 mi W of Saigon, 2 msns 50 & 58 mi NW of Saigon, 3 msns 10-12 mi N of Con Thien in northern DMZ & NVN, & 2 msns 13 & 14 mi NNW of Con Thien in NVN.

7 July (Sunday)

NVN: US pilots flew 133 msns (USAF 67, USN 39, USMC 27). BDA incl dest or dam 10 structs, 7 trks, 18 supply craft, 2 brgs, cut 47 rnds, & started 50 fires & 33 sec explosions.


USA hel gunships reptd 12 EK & dest or dam 48 ftms & 14 sampans.

A UH-1 hel. was downed by en gnd fire 6 mi SE of Can Tho. 3 US WIA & major dam to acft.


B-52s flew 10 msns with 2 strikes 13 mi SW of Saigon & 27 mi WNW of Nga Trang; 2 strikes 74 & 75 mi N of Saigon in Binh Long Prov; 2 strikes 45 & 48 mi N of Saigon in Binh Duong Prov, & 2 strikes 10 & 11 mi NNS of Con Thien in NVN.
8 July (Monday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 140 msns (USAF 79, USN 44, USMC 17). BDA incl dest or dam 11 structs, 9 trks, 5 brgs, 30 supply craft, 28 AAA sites, & cut 60 rds. There were 16 sec explosions & 125 fires.

- SCOTLAND II (Quang Tri Prov): At 1400 hrs, a co fr 1st Regt, 1st Mar Div, came under hv en SA & auto wpns fire 3 mi NW of Khe Sanh village. US forces rtnd fire, killing 40 en. US cas 7 KIA, 30 WIA. At 2205 hrs, another co fr same unit was takd by est 2 en co's. Atk repulsed. Res: 39 EK, US 6 KIA, 38 WIA.


- GIA DINH PROV: Nhe Be tank farm 7 mi SE of Saigon was hit with less than 5 rds of unk cal mort fire at 0200 hrs. No cas.

- SVN TAG AIR: US pilots flew 694 sorties (USAF 433, USMC 261). BDA incl 26 EK, dest or dam 305 ftms, & started 34 fires & 20 sec explosions.

- USAF F-4 Phantom acft downed by en gnd fire NW Dong Hoi. Crew res.

- USA hel gunships reptd 32 EK & dest or dam 21 ftms.

- B-52s flew 9 msns in locs 48 & 49 mi NNW of Saigon, 51 & 52 mi NNW of Saigon, 75 mi N of Saigon, & 31 mi WSW of Hue.

9 July (Tuesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 136 msns (USAF 74, USN 47, USMC 15). BDA incl dest or dam 10 structs, 87 trks, 18 water craft, 4 AAA sites, 3 rys, & cut 57 rds. There were 188 fires & 58 sec explosions.

- TOAN THANG (Gia Dinh Prov): Co fr US 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div, found 12 en bodies approx 2 days old 8 mi N of Saigon. EK by arty fire.

- KENTUCKY (Quang Tri Prov): Elms of US 9th Regt, 3rd Mar Div, credited with 15 EK 2 mi N of Con Thien. No friendly cas. Another elm fr 9th Regt dest 242 bunkers during a S&D msn N of Con Thien. A sizable wpns cache was found containing 26,000 rds of 7.62 ammo, 12 CS wpns (incl a 60mm mort), 300 rds of 82mm mort ammo, 700 rds of 60mm mort ammo, 120grens, 91 RPG rds, 55 anti-pers & tank mines, 40 gas masks, 175 cbt packs & 6,200 lbs of rice.

- TOAN THANG (Gia Dinh Prov): At C100 hrs Navy PBR obs 3 en sampans on Dong Nai River 11 mi E of Saigon. En force was eng. 3 EK & 3 sampans dest. No friendly cas.

- A MIG-17 was downed by Navy F-8 Crusader 11 mi SW of Vinh.

- A F-100 acft was downed due to unk causes 10 mi SW of Dong Ha. Pilot was res by fr gnd forces. Acft dest.
- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 648 sorties (USAF 410, USMC 238). BDA incl dest or dam 165 ftns, and setting off 10 fires & 26 sec explosions.

- USA hel gunships reptd killing 78 en & dest or dam 72 sampans & 37 ftns.

- B-52s flew 5 msns hitting twice 65 mi NNW of Saigon in Binh Long Prov, & once 62 mi NNW of Saigon, 25 mi ESE of Saigon in Bien Hoa Prov, & 26 mi WSW of Saigon.

10 July (Wednesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 127 msns (USAF 78, USN 32, USMC 17). BDA incl dest or dam 23 trks, 115 supply craft, 1 ry, 2 brgs, 2 structs, & cutting 22 rds. There were 80 fires & 25 sec explosions reptd.

- KENTUCKY (Quang Tri Prov): At 1100 hrs a co fr US 9th Regt, 3rd Mar Div, discovered 13 en bodies on sweep 2 mi N of Con Thien.


- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 609 sorties (USAF 397, USMC 212). BDA incl 10 EK, 199 ftns dest or dam, 106 sec explosions & 27 fires.

- USA hel gunships reptd 77 EK & 25 ftns dest or dam.

- A MIG-21 was downed by Navy F-4 fr CVA USS America 16 mi W of Vinh.

- B-52s flew 8 msns hitting tgts 26 mi WSW of Saigon, in Bien Hoa Prov 25 mi ESE of Saigon, 37 mi WSW of Kontum City, 31 mi WSW of Hue, 31 mi W of Hue & 27 mi WSW of Saigon, & 2 times in Thu Thien Prov 31 mi SW of Hue.

11 July (Thursday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 120 msns (USAF 58, Navy 49, USMC 13). BDA incl dest or dam 109 trks, 7 ftns, 8 AAA sites, 8 brgs, 7 supply craft, & cutting 36 rds. There were 75 sec explosions & 158 fires.


- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 637 sorties (USAF 410, USMC 227). BDA incl 8 EK & dest or dam 298 ftns. There were 28 fires & 39 sec explosions reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 22 EK, dest 26 ftns & sinking 36 sampans.

- B-52s flew 11 msns hitting tgts 25 mi WSW of Saigon, twice 43 mi NW of Saigon in Tay Ninh Prov, 45 mi NW of Saigon, 89 & 91 mi NE of Saigon in Phuoc Long Prov, 89 & 90 mi NNE of Saigon, & 3 strikes 30-32 mi NW of Rach Gia in Chau Doc Prov.

12 July (Friday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 134 msns (USAF 75, USN 41, USMC 18). BDA incl 8 EK & dest or dam 18 trks, 2 ftns, 2 AAA sites, 7 brgs, 10 supply craft, & cutting 49 rnds. There were 97 fires & 31 sec explosions reptd.

- Ground act was scattered & lt throughout the Republic. No act reptd.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 620 sorties (USAF 415, USMC 205). BDA incl 8 EK, dest or dam 293 ftns, & set off 16 fires & 66 sec explosions.

- USA hel gunships reptd 21 EK. An OH-6 hel downed by en gnd fire 6 mi S of Quang Tri. No cas. Acft dest.

- B-52s flew 10 msns hitting tgts 32 mi NNW of Rach Gia in Chau Doc Prov, 4 msns 25-27 mi NNW of Rach Gia, 3 strikes 41 mi SW of Da Nang, 32 mi NNE of Saigon in Binh Duong Prov & 28 mi WSW of Saigon in Long An Prov.

13 July (Saturday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 134 msns (USAF 67, USN 55, USMC 12). BDA incl dest or dam 23 supply craft, 24 ftns, 15 trks, 6 structs, 6 brgs, 1 ry, 32 AAA sites, 51 rd cuts, & 53 fires & 15 sec explosions reptd.

- TOAN THANG (Gia Dinh Prov): Elms of the US 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div, discovered 5 107mm rkt warheads at 0755 hrs on a S&D 9 mi W of Saigon.


- JEB STUART III (Quang Tri Prov): At 1100 hrs, USA hel gunships fr 1st Air Cav Sqdn & the Aerial Rkt Arty Bn, 1st Air Cav Div, eng unk size en force 9 mi SSW of Quang Tri City. Res: 14 EK, no friendly cas.
- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 675 sorties (USAF 425, USMC 250). BDA incl dest or dam 236 ftms, 35 sec explosions & 20 fires.
- USA hel gunships reptd 51 EK, dest 51 ftms & 21 en sampans.
- B-52s flew 10 msns hitting tgts 31 & 32 mi NNW of Saigon, 12 mi SW of Can Tho, 13 mi NE of Dak To, & 6 strikes in Tay Ninh area 58-71 mi NW of Saigon.

14 July (Sunday)
- NVN: US pilots flew 121 msns (USAF 58, USN 52, USMC 11). BDA incl dest or dam 12 supply craft, 44 trks, 3 structs, 6 brgs, 16 AAA sites, & cut 27 rds. There were 48 fires & 25 explosions.
- Gnd act involving US & other Free World Forces cont lt & scattered. No significant act reptd.
- Sec of Def Clark M. Clifford arr at Tan Son Nhut AB at 1900 hrs for tour of RVN.
- USA hel gunships reptd 14 EK & 19 ftms dest.
- An Air Force F-100 acft was downed by en gnd fire 34 mi WSW of Hue. Pilot was killed & acft dest. F-105 downed by en gnd fire WNW Dong Hoi. Pilot res.
- B-52s flew 11 msns, striking 7 times in RVN & 4 times in NVN. 3 strikes were made 55-71 mi NW of Saigon, 40 mi W of Kontum, 2 msns in NVN panhandle 31 mi NW of Con Thien, 56 mi NW of Saigon in Tay Ninh area, 32 & 33 mi NVN of Khe Sanh & 2 strikes 39 mi SW of Da Nang.

15 July (Monday)
- NVN: US pilots flew 120 msns (USAF 71, USN 33, USMC 16). BDA incl dest or dam 29 trks, 3 ftms, 22 supply craft, 2 brgs, 9 AAA sites, 2 structs, & 41 rd cuts. There were 24 sec explosions & 63 fires reptd.

- **BINH DUONG PROV**: US 1st Inf Div base camp at Lai Khe 29 mi NNW of Saigon rec less than 15 rds 122mm rkt fire. Counter arty called, res unk. No US cas.

- **VINH BINH PROV**: Army hel sptd US 9th Inf Div killing 10 en.

- **LONG AN PROV**: Co fr 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div, killed 76 en. Arty, hel gunships & tac air sptd. US cas: 7 KIA, 21 WIA.

- **SVN TAC AIR**: US pilots flew 635 sorties (USAF 406, USMC 229). BDA incl 27 EK, dest or dam 281 ftns, & set off 18 sec explosions & 31 fires.

- USA hel gunships reptd 60 EK in scattered act.

- An F-105 acft was downed by en gnd fire NW of Dong Hoi. 2-man crew MIA.

- **NGF-RVN**: Rkt-firing ship USS White River shelled en psns 10 mi SE of Qui Nhon, causing 49 sec explosions & 13 fires.

- B-52s flew 6 msns, hitting tgts 38 & 40 mi SW of Da Nang, Vinh area 62 mi SSW of Saigon, 40 mi NW of Kontum, Tay Ninh area 37 & 39 mi NW of Saigon.

16 July (Tuesday)

- **NVN**: US pilots flew 122 msns through lt-to-mod AAA fire of NVN (USAF 56, USN 53, USMC 13). BDA incl dest or dam 6 brgs, 3 ftns, 8 supply craft, & cut 42 rds. There were 25 sec explosions & 94 fires reptd.

- **MAMELUKE THRUST** (Quang Nam Prov): Recon tm fr 1st Mar Div dir arty on unk size en force 1 mi NW of An Hoa, killing 19 en. No US cas. No other significant act reptd in gnd ops.

- **NEVADA EAGLE** (Thua Thien Prov): At 1705 hrs, elms of 2nd Bde, 101st Air Cav found 20 en bodies in a river 4 mi NW of Hue. Bodies reptdly more than a month old, wrapped in plastic bags.

- **TOAN THANG** (Gia Dinh Prov): Ammo cache found by a co fr 3rd Bde, 1st Inf Div, 3 mi S of Thu Duc during recon-in-force msn. Cache contained 340 Chicomgrens, 57 rds RR amm, 21 rds 60mm mort ammo & varying amts of SA.

- **SVN TAC AIR**: US pilots flew 629 sorties (USAF 391, USMC 238). BDA incl
14 EK, dest or dam 231 ftms, & setting off 44 sec explosions & 59 fires.

- USA hel gunships reptd 32 EK and 21 ftms dest.

17 July (Wednesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 117 msns (USAF 47, USN 57, USMC 13). BDA incl dest or dam 41 trks, 6 water craft, 4 structs, 5 AAA sites, 3 brgs, & cut 42 rds. There were 99 fires & 29 sec explosions.


- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): USA hel gunships sptd ARVN 25th Div in act that killed 13 en 6 mi NW of Ben Luc. In a related act gunships dest or dam 20 sampans. No friendly cas in either act.

- JEB STUART III (Quang Tri Prov): Co fr 1st Air Cav Div found graves containing bodies of 13 en soldiers killed by arty 2-3 wks earlier.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 672 sorties (USAF 440, USMC 232). BDA incl 8 EK, & dest or dam 269 ftms & set off 29 explosions & 17 fires.

- USA hel gunships reptd 53 EK.

- NGF: DD USS Benner gunners were credited by FAC's with 25 EK 10 mi S of Da Nang.

- B-52s flew 11 msns striking the Tay Nhie area 48 mi NW of Saigon, Vinh Long area 70 mi SW of Saigon, 40 mi WSW of Kontum, 4 strikes 23-26 mi SSW of Dong Hoi, & 4 strikes 52-58 mi NW of Saigon.

18 July (Thursday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 112 msns (USAF 60, USN 37, USMC 15). BDA incl 11 sampans, 1 radar site, 7 brgs, 6 AAA sites, 2 structs, 39 trks & cut 42 rds. A total of 117 fires & 31 sec explosions were reptd.

- MAF (Quang Ngai Prov): A VN farmer led a recon plat fr 11th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, to an en cache 21 md WSW of Quang Ngai City. Cache contained 4 120mm morts, 20,000 SA & 75 bicycles.

- NAMELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): 3rd Mar Div recon elm dir tac air & arty on en force of 40 men 3 mi NE of An Hoa. Res: 10 EK.

III CORPS (Gia Dinh Prov): Nha Be tank farm was shelled with less than 15 rds of mixed 122mm rkt, mort & RR fire. No US cas. Dam to installation was lt.

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 684 sorties (USAF 428, USMC 256). BDA incl 23 EK, setting off 37 sec explosions, & dest or dam 260 ftns.

USA hel gunships reptd 13 EK in lt & scattered act.

B-52s flew 11 msns: 2 strikes 52-58 mi NW of Saigon, 29 & 32 mi S of Dong Hoi (12 & 15 mi N of DMZ), 31 & 38 mi SE of Dong Hoi (4 & 11 mi N of DMZ), 4 strikes 56-61 mi NW of Saigon in Tay Ninh area, & 17 mi NNW of Dak To.

19 July (Friday)

NVN: US pilots flew 128 msns (USAF 56, USN 60, USMC 12). BDA incl dest or dam 39 trks, 3 brgs, 11 water craft, 3 AAA sites, 2 structs, 1 radar site, & cut 57 rds. There were 178 fires & 31 sec explosions reptd.

LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): Elms of 9th Regt, 3rd Mar Div, found 40 en bodies just NW of Cam Lo. No other significant gnd act reptd.


USA hel gunships reptd 21 EK & dest 49 en ftns.

B-52s flew 5 msns: 2 in the Tay Ninh area 63 mi NNW of Saigon, 60 mi NW of Saigon, 52 mi N of Phan Thiet & 22 mi WSW of Can Tho.

20 July (Saturday)

NVN: US pilots flew 121 msns (USAF 64, USN 45, USMC 12). BDA incl dest or dam 3 watercraft, 9 trks, 12 brgs, 7 AAA sites, 14 structs, 2 ftns, & cut 20 rds. There were 36 fires & 48 sec explosions.

TOAN THANG (Gia Dinh Prov): About midnight, the Nha Be tank farm 7 mi SE of Saigon rec 5 rds 107mm rkt fire. Counter arty fire fired on en psns with unk res. Dam lt, no US cas.

LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): Elm of 9th Regt, 3rd Mar Div, eng an
est 100 en 4 mi SW of Con Thien. Hel gunships sptd act. Res: 37 EK, US 3 KIA, 7 WIA.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): The US 3rd Regt, 3rd Mar Div, discovered 26 rds of ammo & 2 75mm pack howitzers during sweep op 4 mi NW of Camp Carroll.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 655 sorties (USAF 425, USMC 230). BDA incl 12 EK, 53 en psns & 26 sampans dest or dam. There were 14 fires & 21 sec explosions.

- USA hel gunships reptd 20 EK.

- B-52s flew 10 msns: 2 strikes 63 NNW of Saigon in Tay Ninh Prov, 3 strikes 64-66 mi NNW of Saigon & 6 strikes 46 & 67 mi NW of Saigon.

21 July (Sunday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 119 msns (USAF 67, USN 36, USMC 16). BDA incl dest or dam 8 wpns psns, 4 brgs, 1 ferry, 2 ftns, 31 structs, 1 ry, & cut 52 rds. There were 38 fires & 17 sec explosions reptd.

- SCOTLAND II (Quang Tri Prov): Est en bn atk def psns of 3rd Mar Div unit 5 mi NW of Khe Sanh. 12 EK, US 10 WIA.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): 9th Regt, 3rd Mar Div, unit found en wpns cache containing 52 122mm rkts 6 mi N of Camp Carroll. In another area other 3rd Mar Div elm called arty & tac air on an est 30 en trps 4 mi W of Con Thien. Res: 22 EK, no US cas.

- HOUSTON (Thua Thien Prov): Co fr 5th Regt, 1st Mar Div, found en wpns cache 7 mi WSW of Phu Loc containing 41 IW, 4 CSW, 250 rds 6mm mort ammo, 10 rds RR ammo & 140 rds of B-40 rkt grems. Another 5th Regt co discovered 5 graves containing a total of 15 en bodies.


- USA hel gunships reptd 53 EK, dest 24 ftns, & sunk 41 en sampans.

- An Army UH-1 was downed by en gnd fire 11 mi SW of Camp Evans. Acft dest, 4 pers killed.

- B-52s flew 6 msns: 2 strikes 59 & 63 mi NW of Saigon in Tay Ninh Prov, 3 strikes 50-51 mi WSW of Saigon in Dinh Tuong Prov, 63 mi NW of Saigon.

22 July (Monday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 92 msns (USAF 51, USN 30, USMC 11). BDA incl
dest or dam 6 cargo craft, 6 structs, 17 trks, 8 brgs, 48 rd cuts. 56 sec explosions & 60 fires reptd.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): A co fr 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div, found 2 graves cntn 13 en bodies 4 mi SW of Ben Cat.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): Elms fr 2nd Bde, 1st Inf Div, on sweep ops 29 mi N of Saigon found en cache cntn 4 IW, 105 rds of 60mm mort ammo, 4 rds of 61mm mort ammo, 1200 hand grens, 15 Bangalore Torpedoes, 30 mines, 1 Claymore mine, 7500 lbs of rice & 130 lbs of salt.


- USA hel gunships reptd 74 RK, dest or dam 34 ftms & 30 sampans.

- B-52s flew 11 msns: 2 strikes 14 mi NW of A Shau, 18 mi N of Dak To in Kontum Prov, 3 strikes 72-73 mi NW of Saigon in Tay Ninh area, 2 msns 73 mi NW of Saigon, & 3 msns 4-9 mi S of Ban Me Thuot in Darlac Prov.

23 July (Tuesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 112 msns (USAF 63, USN 38, USMC 11). BDA incl dest or dam 3 trks, 10 structs, 14 water craft, 7 ftms, & cut 63 rds. 19 sec explosions & 28 fires reptd.

- CMD: Elm of 9th Inf Div eng est en co 18 mi SW of Saigon. Res: 23 EK, US 4 KIA, 7 WIA.

- TAM KY: Inf & hel gunships fr AMERICAL Div killed 68 en 9 mi NW of Tam Ky. 10 IW & 2 CSW cptrd. 5 US WIA.

- MCLEAN (Binh Thuan Prov): Elms of 1st Bde, 101st Air Cav Div, found 15 en bodies in graves 7 mi WSW of Phan Thiet.

- SWIFT PLAY. Commenced in Quang Nam Prov by elms fr 2nd Bn, 7th Regt, 1st Mar Div/Task Gp of Navy Amphib TF 76.


- USA hel gunships reptd 52 EK, & 41 sampans & 25 ftms dest or dam.

- Major Gen Robert F. Morley, vice comdr 7th AF, was killed when an acft (RF-4C) crashed near Hue. Second pilot ejected & was res.
- B-52s flew 10 msns: 4 msns in Tay Ninh area 67-71 mi NW of Saigon, 2 strikes 47 mi SW of Saigon, 19 mi WNW of Rach Gia in Kien Giang Prov, 2 strikes 63 mi NW of Saigon, 47 mi SW of Saigon in Kien Hoa Prov.

24 July (Wednesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 104 msns over the North (USAF 46, USN 47, USMC 11). BDA incl dest or dam 26 supply craft, 17 trks, 4 brgs, 5 AAA sites, 12 structs, 1 ftn, & cut 25 rds. 7 sec explosions & 31 fires reptd.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): Elms fr ROK Mar Corps Bde eng 2 en plats 2 mi W of Hoi An, killing 27 en. 10 IW & 2 CSW cptrd. No ROK cas.


- JEB STUART (Thua Thien Prov): At 1315 hrs, elm of 2nd Bde, 1st Air Cav Div on cbt sweep 22 mi WSW of Hue, found significant en wpns cache cntn 75 rds of B-40 RPG, 535 rds of 82mm mort ammo, 37 At mines, 290 rds of 60mm mort ammo, 10 rds 57mm RR ammo, 89,760 rds of 7.62 SA ammo, 50 lbs of C-4 explo, 25 lbs of TNT explo & 11 IW.

- JEB STUART (Thua Thien Prov): At 1800 hrs, another elm fr 1st Air Cav Div eng unk size en force 24 mi SW of Hue, killing 11 en. US 7 KIA, 9 WIA.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At 1900 hrs, a logistics installation 5 mi NW of Da Nang rec less than 7 rds of 122mm rkt fire. No dam reptd. US cas 1t.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): A co fr 3rd Regt, 3rd Mar Div, found 19 en bodies in graves approx 24 hrs old. En appar killed by arty, tac air.

- SWIFT PLAY. Term. Cum res: no US cas. En 9 KIA.


- USA hel gunships reptd 44 EK, dest or dam 60 ftns & 76 sampans.

- A Navy A-7 Corsair fr CAW Six was downed by en gnd fire near Dong Hoi. SAR unsuccessful. Pilot listed as MIA. A Navy F-4 was downed by en gnd fire 10 mi NE of Vinh. Crew res.
- F-4 Phantom was downed by enemy ground fire & crashed in Da Nang Harbor. Pilot ejected & was rescued. Aircraft destroyed.

- B-52s flew 10 missions: 3 missions in Kien Giang Prov 19-21 mi WNW of Rach Gia, 6 strikes 11-19 mi N of Ban Me Thuot, & 19 mi NW of Ban Me Thuot.

25 July (Thursday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 107 missions (USAF 52, USN 44, USMC 11). BDA included destruction or damage to 80 watercraft, 32 trucks, 1 bridge, 4 structures, 25 road cuts, 44 fires & 16 second explosions.

- JEB STUART III (Quang Tri Prov): At 0900 hrs, enemy forces of 1st Air Cav Div killed 11 enemy soldiers in the vicinity of Quang Tri. No US casualties.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): Enemy forces of 9th Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, found enemy weapons cache 6 mi N of Camp Carroll containing 34 107mm rockets, 2 140mm rockets & 1 122mm rocket.

- JEB STUART (Thua Thien Prov): Enemy forces of 1st Air Cav Div. found enemy weapons cache 21 mi W of Hue. Cache contained 35 rounds of B-40 RPG ammo, 50 boxes of C-4 explosive, 6 CHICOM explosive detonators, 1 anti-tank mine, 20,000 rounds of SA ammo, & 4 IWS & 1 CSW control. Another 1st Air Cav elm discovered 34 enemy huts fully equipped with medical supplies & equipment, & small quantity of food & uniforms. Loc of discovery was 24 mi W of Hue.

- JEB STUART (Thua Thien Prov): Enemy forces of 1st Air Cav Div found enemy weapons cache 1 mi from the location of the first cache. It contained 246 rounds of 60mm mortar ammo, 21 rounds of 57 RPK ammo, 24 anti-tank mines, 9 lbs of C-4 explosive, & 1 mortar tube (destroyed).


- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 489 sorties (USAF 348, USMC 141). BDA included 24 fires, 7 second explosions, & 188 ftms destroyed or damaged.

- USA hel gunships reported 42 EK, 19 sampans destroyed or damaged.

- U-1 hel was downed by enemy ground fire 6 mi SE of Hue. One crewman injured. Aircraft destroyed. A Navy F-4 was downed by enemy ground fire 4 mi NE of Vinh. Crew member MIA. A Mar A-6 aircraft was downed N of DMZ. One crewman rescued, 1 MIA.

- B-52s struck 10 times: in Binh Long Prov 76 mi N of Saigon, 3 missions 70, 71 & 75 mi N of Saigon, 4 missions 68, 69, 70 & 75 mi N of Saigon,
7 mi NW of A Shau & 28 mi NW of Hue.

26 July (Friday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 119 msns (USAF 67, USN 36, USMC 16). BDA incl dest or dam 12 trks, 13 water craft, 1 brg, 1 ry segment, 19 AAA sites, 2 structs, & cut 45 rds. 9 sec explosions & 93 fires reptd.

- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At 1715 hrs elms of 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div, killed 18 en 9 mi NE of Tan (18 mi SW of Saigon). Inf troopers cptrd 5 IW. One trooper WIA.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Long Prov): Units fr 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div, found a 70-ton rice cache 11 mi ENE of Loc Ninh.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): Elms fr 5th Regt, 1st Mar Div, killed 14 en 4 mi NE of An Hoa.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): Elms of 9th Regt, 3rd Mar Div, discovered en bunker complex 6 mi WNW of Cam Lo. Complex cntn 7 107mm rkts, 2 122mm rkts & 16 140mm rkts.


- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 614 sorties (USAF 393, USMC 221). BDA incl dest or dam 122 en psns & 55 sampans.

- USA hel gunships reptd 13 EK, dest or dam 27 ftns & 19 sampans.

- B-52s flew 5 msns: 2 msns in Binh Long Prov 17-18 mi N of An Loc, 68 mi NNW of Saigon, & 2 msns 34 mi WSW of Quang Ngai.

27 July (Saturday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 130 msns (USAF 65, USN 54, USMC 11). BDA incl dest or dam 132 water craft, 46 trks, 3 brgs, 9 AAA sites, 8 structs, 94 rd cuts, 49 fires, & 23 sec explosions.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At 0300 hrs, Da Nang Afld rec less than 10 rds of 122mm rkt fire. No pers cas & mat dam lt.


- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At 2200 hrs, elm fr 2nd ROK Bde amb est en co 6 mi SW of Hoi An, killing 17 en. No ROK cas.

- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): Co fr 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div, discovered 2 sampans with ammo aboard. Cache cntn 212 rds of 60mm mort, 35 rds of B-40 RPG's & 74 1½-ton blocks of TNT.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 667 sorties (USAF 397, USMC 270). BDA
incl dest or dam 248 en psns, 15 wpns sites, 16 fires, & 11 sec explosions.

- USA hel gunships reptd 18 EK, dest 24 en ftns & 32 sampans.

- One UH-1 hel was downed by en gnd fire 4 mi NW of Tan An. 2 crewmen killed & 2 inj. Acft dest.


- B-52s flew 11 mans: 6 mans 7-9 mi NE of Loc Ninh, 2 mans 17-18 mi N of An Loc, 68 mi NW of Saigon, 2 mans 34 mi WSW of Quang Ngai.

28 July (Sunday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 118 mans (USAF 56, USN 53, USMC 9). EDA incl dest or dam 152 water craft, 30 trks, 2 brgs, 1 SAM site, 11 AAA sites, 1 bunker, 44 rd cuts, 86 fires, & 41 sec explosions.

- TOAN THANG (Phuoc Long Prov): At 1115 hrs a large food cache was found 11 mi ENE of Loc Ninh by elm of 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div. It contained 70 tons of rice in 200-lb bags, 100 5-gal cans of cooking oil, 200 2-lb cans of assorted food, 25 1-gal cans of seasoning, 200 3-gal cans of powdered food (plus 70 bicycles).


- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 603 sorties (USAF 408, USMC 205). EDA incl 20 EK, dest or dam 312 ftns, 16 fires, & 12 sec explosions.

- USA hel gunships reptd 31 EK.

- Army OH-6 hel was downed by en gnd fire 6 mi NE of Ben Luc in Long An Prov. One crewman inj, acft dest.

- B-52s flew 10 mans: 3 strikes 9-10 mi N of Trang Bang, 6 mi N of Tay Ninh, 10 mi NE of Loc Ninh, 2 mans 9 & 10 mi NE of Loc Ninh, 3 mans 7-9 mi NE of Loc Ninh.

29 July (Monday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 114 mans (USAF 65, USN 40, USMC 9). EDA incl dest or dam 25 water craft, 32 trks, 1 brg, 4 AAA sites, 65 rd cuts, 53 fires & 67 sec explosions.

- IFFV (Phu Yen Prov): At approx 0130 hrs Tuy Hoa Afld rec less than

- MACARTHUR (Darlac Prov): Elm of 2nd Bde, 4th Inf Div & elm of the unit's Air Cav Sqdn eng est NVA co 9 mi SSW of Ban Me Thout. Res: 17 EK, 2 IW, 2 B-40 rkt launchers, 2 57mm RR & misc ammo & equip cptrd. US cas 4 KIA.

- NEVADA EAGLE (Thua Thien Prov): At 1300 hrs, elm of US 2nd Bde, 101st Air Cav Div rein by an ARVN PFelm, eng est 60 en in fortified pens 7 mi NNW of Hue. Res: 19 EK, 5 IW & 2 CSW cptrd, 4 suspects dtn, no friendly cas.

- JEB STUART III (Quang Tri Prov): Elms of 3rd Bde, 1st Air Cav Div, eng en force of unk size. US cas 4 KIA, 25 WIA.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 695 sorties (USAF 467, USMC 228). BDA incl dest or dam 239 wpns pens, 29 fires & 28 sec explosions.

- USA hel gunships reptd 33 EK, dest or dam 64 en pens & 63 sampans.

- A MIG-17 was downed by an air-to-air missile fired by a Navy F-8 Crusader 26 mi NW of Vinh.


- B-52s struck 12 times: 6 mens 12-16 mi WNW of Tay Ninh, 17 mi NNW of Dak To, 2 strikes 14 & 15 mi NNW of Tay Ninh, & 3 mens 34-35 mi N of Trang Bang.

30 July (Tuesday)


- III MAF (Quang Tri Prov): Cua Viet Port & Logistics Facility Area rec more than 30 rds of mixed unk cal rkt & 152mm arty fire in 3 atks. No friendly cas & dam to facility termed lt.


- USA hel gunships reptd 40 EK, & dest 40 en pens & 48 sampans.

- B-52s flew 10 mens: 3 mens 16 mi NE of Tay Ninh, 2 mens 8 & 9 mi NW of A Shau, 3 mens 12 & 19 mi NNW of Tay Ninh, 2 mens 11 & 14 mi NNW of Tay Ninh.

- NGF: HMAS DD Hobart reptd 20 EK in I Corps act. Gnd spotter reptd Hobart's shelling also dest en base camp.

- An OH-6A hel was downed by en gnd fire 4 mi NW of Gao Gau Hau. 3 US WIA. Acft dest.

31 July (Wednesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 109 msns (USAF 63, USN 34, USMC 12). BDA incl dest or dam 20 water craft, 38 trks, 11 AAA sites, 6 ftns, 4 structs & 60 rd cuts. 5 sec explosions & 40 fires reptd.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Long Prov): Elms of the 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div, found 25 tons of polished rice in 250-200 lb bags.

- SCOTLAND II (Quang Tri Prov): Co fr 4th Regt, 3rd Mar Div, found a bunker complex & graves cntr 23 en bodies 7 mi NE of Khe Sanh.

- NEVADA EAGLE (Thua Thien Prov): Troopers fr 1st Bde, 101st Air Cav Div found the graves of 14 NVA soldiers 22 mi SSW of Camp Evans.


- USA hel gunships reptd 68 EK.

- B-52s flew 11 msns: 2 msns 27 mi NE of Tay Ninh, 2 msns 14 mi NNE of Dak To, 16 mi NW of A Shau, 22 mi WNW of Dak To, 2 msns 22 & 26 mi NE of Tay Ninh, 2 msns 9 mi SW of Trang Bang & 19 mi NNE of Tay Ninh.
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