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

It has been organized as follows:

- A summary of August events:
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- A review of ground operations

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REVIEW OF EVENTS
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GENERAL

During the first half of August, the enemy increased preparations for offensive activity. Beginning on the 18th, he initiated a series of attacks by fire and a number of ground attacks in III Corps which spread throughout much of Vietnam during the remainder of the month. There was considerable documentation and POW evidence that these attacks were the enemy's so-called "third offensive."

I CORPS

On 23 August widespread attacks-by-fire and ground assaults throughout the CTZ ended the lull in I CTZ. Significant contacts with enemy forces continued for the remainder of the month. In northern Quang Tri Province the 320th NVA Division and the 138th NVA Regiments moved into offensive positions south of the DMZ and Route 9. The 138th suffered heavy losses in an engagement on 16 August near Gio Linh. Although friendly forces made several significant contacts with enemy forces in the DMZ area, the enemy failed to launch a major attack against Allied installations in northern Quang Tri Province. Captured documents and FW interrogations reveal that enemy units in northern I Corps are suffering severe food shortages. This may in part account for the light enemy activity in Thua Thien and Eastern Quang Tri Provinces. On 26 August, US elements possibly penetrated the main base area of an NVA Regiment, 25 kilometers south of Hue. After a series of hard fought engagements, a large amount of weapons, ammunition, and communications equipment and two field hospitals were captured.

On 23 August, enemy forces in the coastal region launched rocket, mortar, sapper, and ground attacks on Allied installations throughout the Da Nang - Hoi An area. These and numerous other contacts in the same area during the last week of August resulted in over 1,200 enemy killed.

In Quang Tin Province, on 24 and 25 August, friendly elements inflicted heavy losses on elements of the 2nd NVA Division during engagements west of Tam Ky. These heavy losses may have inhibited enemy offensive activity against Tam Ky and Chu Lai. In Quang Ngai Province enemy units, including elements of the 3rd NVA Division, massed in the mountains west of Quang Ngai City. During the final week of August, the Ha Thanh Special Forces Camp received heavy rocket, mortar, and small arms attacks. These attacks were probably designed to cover movement of enemy troops and equipment into the Quang Ngai lowlands in anticipation of offensive activity.

II CORPS

II CTZ activity was highlighted by the build-up of enemy forces in Darlac Province, initially in the vicinity of Ban Me Thuot. On 23 August an estimated enemy regiment attacked Duc Lap.
Special Forces Camp and subsector headquarters in Quang Duc Province, possibly attempting to draw friendly forces away from Ban Me Thuot's defenses. Prisoners and documents captured at Duc Lap identified elements of the 1st NVA Division. During the attack on Duc Lap and in subsequent engagements, the enemy sustained 776 killed in action. The attack, along with at least 20 other attacks—by-fire and ground probes on 22 and 23 August, possibly signaled the start of intensified activity in II CTZ. In Kontum Province the enemy harassed US positions around Dak To and Dak Seang. On 14 August the enemy attacked two US fire support bases near Ben Het Special Forces Camp and a US company in the same area. On 18 August, Dak Seang Special Forces Camp was attacked by a battalion-sized force.

In Pleiku Province the enemy substantially increased his interdiction of Routes 14 and 19. Prisoners and documents identified the 24th NVA Regiment as the unit involved in a four-day contact beginning on 18 August north of Pleiku City. The 24th NVA Regiment was probably responsible for the ambushes along Highway 14.

In Binh Dinh Province the enemy conducted numerous harassing attacks in the Dong Son and Phu Cat areas.

In Lam Dong Province elements of two Main Force battalions were identified in the 21 August attack on Di Linh.

### III CORPS

The enemy intensified his activities in III CTZ on 18 August with widespread attacks in the outer provinces. Elements of the 9th VC Division attacked in the Tay Ninh City area, and elements of the 7th NVA Division attacked Loc Minh in northern Binh Long Province. Sporadic contacts continued with enemy forces in Tay Ninh and Binh Long Provinces through the month. In late August other engagements occurred with elements of the 101st NVA Regiment in western Binh Duong and northern Hau Nghia respectively.

Unreplaced personnel losses in units south of Saigon since Phase One of the General Offensive have forced the enemy to combine understrength battalions to form fewer but larger units. East of Saigon a Local Force Battalion attacked an ARVN training base near Xuan Loc in mid-August. The 274th VC Regiment has been ambushing and harassing ARVN and Allied forces in southern Long Khan and central Bien Hoa Provinces.

### IV CORPS

The period 4 to 20 August was characterized by limited enemy-initiated incidents; none resulting in major contact. There were widespread reports
of preparations for an offensive throughout the CTZ area.

On 21, 22, and 23 August, widespread attacks-by-fire and harassments of province capitals, district towns, airfields, and military posts occurred throughout IV CTZ. On 21 August, 74 enemy-initiated incidents occurred. Several ground assaults followed the attacks-by-fire but all were repulsed. Allied casualties were light and only moderate damage was done to installations and equipment; no major Allied position was seriously threatened. By 24 August enemy efforts had tapered off. The enemy also directed a major effort toward the interdiction of main lines of communication, particularly Highway 4. In all but two incidents, where bridges were destroyed, the damage was quickly repaired. A number of reports indicate that friendly sweeps caused substantial VC losses of men and supplies, and they have reduced the enemy's ability to concentrate his forces and adequately prepare planned attacks. It is likely that the enemy effort in IV CTZ will continue to be generally limited to attacks-by-fire, harassments, and interdiction of lines of communications.
LULL ENDS
10,621
ENEMY KILLED

MAJOR BATTLES

18-31 AUGUST
SIGNIFICANT GROUND OPERATIONS

ACTION NEAR TAM KY

Elements of the AMERICAL Division, supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, U.S. Marines and Air Force tactical aircraft, killed 511 enemy in an area 4-5 miles west of Tam Ky, 24-26 August.

At 1100 hours, 24 August, an element of the Armored Cavalry Squadron of the Division, supported by Army helicopters, engaged enemy positions throughout the day until contact was lost at 1925. A sweep of the area revealed 223 enemy bodies. In addition, 3 suspects were detained and 15 individual and 6 crew-served weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were 11 wounded (10 evacuated).

A total of 213 more enemy soldiers were killed 25 August by Armored Cav troopers of the division, U.S. Army helicopter gunships, artillery, U.S. Marines and Air Force tactical aircraft. Seven U.S. soldiers were killed and 30 wounded in the fight. In addition, 19 individual and 10 crew-served weapons were captured.

At 1325 hours, 26 August, elements of the AMERICAL Division's Armored Cavalry Squadron and infantrymen from the division's 196th Light Infantry Brigade again engaged an unknown size enemy force while continuing an offensive sweep in the same area. Helicopter gunships, artillery and tactical aircraft supported the troopers during the action which terminated at 1930 when contact was lost as the enemy withdrew. Seventy-five North Vietnamese Army soldiers were killed while U.S. casualties were 6 wounded (3 evacuated).

Results of the contact raised the total of enemy killed in that area by AMERICAL Division forces since 24 August to 511. Total U.S. casualties were 7 killed and 47 wounded. In addition, 34 individual and 16 crew-served weapons were captured.

+++ ACTION NEAR THE DMZ

At 1315 hours, 31 August, a company from the U.S. Army's 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech), engaged an unknown size enemy force occupying bunkers ½ mile north of Con Thien.

The infantrymen, supported by artillery and F-100 Supersabres from the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing (TFW), assaulted the positions at 1400. Action continued throughout the afternoon until 1800 when the enemy withdrew.

Sixty-five North Vietnamese Army soldiers were killed in the battle while U.S. losses were 2 killed and 24 wounded. In addition, 19 individual weapons were captured.

This was the brigade's first major battle since arriving in Vietnam last month.

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24-26 August

511 NVA Soldiers Killed by Americal Division

31 August

5th Mech Brigade Troopers Kill 65 NVA in the Unit's First Major Battle
Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces dealt the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army forces fighting in the Republic a heavy blow during August in the Battle of Duc Lap in II Corps Tactical Zone.

The attack on the Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) camp and sub-sector headquarters at Duc Lap on the morning of 23 August confirmed the return to the battlefield of major North Vietnamese Army forces in II Corps for the first time since early June. In this action, the enemy's willingness to engage in decisive combat was accommodated and he was soundly defeated by Vietnamese forces with staggering losses in personnel and equipment. The tenacity of the Camp Strike Forces (CSF), ARVN and Regional Force (RF) defenders, in the fact of determined assaults by a numerically superior enemy was truly commendable as was the conduct under fire of the ARVN and Mobile Strike Force (MSF) reinforcements deployed to the area.

Early on the morning of 23 August at 0155, the Duc Lap CIDG Camp and the sub-sector headquarters in northwest Quang Duc Province were attacked by at least an NVA regiment. The enemy employed 12mm rockets, 82mm mortar, small arms and automatic weapons fire. The RVNAF defenders were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships, artillery and U.S. Air Force AC-47 gunships and tactical aircraft throughout the night and into the morning.

At approximately 1240, a MSF company reinforced the camp and later at 1450 a second company was air assaulted into the area to reinforce the CIDG camp. Heavy contact continued throughout the afternoon with the friendly forces receiving enemy artillery fire. An estimated two NVA battalions were dug in around the CIDG camp. Initial results were 13 killed (1 U.S. and 12 CIDG) and 39 wounded (4 U.S. and 35 CIDG). Twenty-two enemy were killed within the compound. In addition, 3 individual and 3 crew-served weapons were captured.

At 0655 on 24 August, the enemy penetrated the CIDG camp at the northern edge and by 0730 the enemy had occupied approximately half of the defensive bunkers. At 0950, the enemy was driven from the camp proper but still occupied bunkers inside the middle defensive wire. At 1500, 3 MSF companies were air assaulted into the area 2 miles northwest of Duc Lap. One of the 3 companies was sent to the camp while the other 2 companies remained at the landing zone.
During the same period 2 other MSF companies were air assaulted into blocking positions to the west of the camp. At 1700, the 2nd Battalion, 45th Regiment, 23rd ARVN Infantry Division, was air assaulted into positions north and northeast of the camp. U.S. Army and Air Force gunships and tactical aircraft supported the camp and the reinforcing companies throughout the day and night of 24 August.

At 0545 on 25 August, the enemy launched fierce ground attacks against the CIDG camp from the north-northwest and north-northeast. At 1100, an outpost 300 meters northeast of the camp was overrun. At 1520, the 2 MSF companies in reserve at the landing zone to the northwest, attacked the enemy flanks and recaptured the outpost. On the afternoon of the 25th, 6 infantry platoons from the U.S. 173rd Airborne Brigade and the U.S. 4th Infantry Division, as well as an artillery battery from the 173rd Airborne Brigade, were inserted into the general area to provide artillery support for the camp and surrounding area. U.S. elements did not participate in any ground actions. Also during the late afternoon, one of the MSF companies that was inserted on 23 August sustained heavy casualties and was extracted. At 2100, the sub-sector headquarters received 6 rounds of 122mm rocket fire and again early on the morning of the 26th received heavy small arms fire but no ground attack. U.S. Air Force AC-47 gunships supported the action as the CIDG camp received sporadic sniper fire throughout the night.

At 0640 on 26 August, an unknown number of NVA were seen moving towards a village northeast of the compound. The enemy soldiers were engaged by gunships with unknown results. The camp and sub-sector headquarters reported sporadic contact throughout the day. At 1545, ARVN forces made contact with an estimated NVA battalion 3 miles northeast of Duc Lap and killed 15 enemy. It was on the 26th that the RVNAF units relieved the pressure from the camp and started combat sweeps around the camp. Later in the evening at approximately 2140, the camp received an unknown number of rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle and 82mm mortar fire. U.S. Air Force gunships fired on suspected enemy firing positions with unknown results.

Early on the morning of 27 August, the sub-sector headquarters received a ground attack from an estimated enemy squad. The direction of attack was from the northwest. Contact was lost at 0300 when the enemy withdrew. At 0600, the headquarters again received approximately 50 rounds of 82mm mortar fire in a 1-hour period. ARVN casualties were light.
On the 27th, ARVN forces continued to sweep the battlefield in the vicinity of the camp. The sub-sector headquarters again received a mortar attack with light casualties. At 1630, two companies from the ARVN 2nd Battalion, 45th Infantry Regiment, conducting a combat sweep 4 miles northeast of Duc Lap made contact with an estimated enemy battalion. The enemy employed B-40 rocket-grenades, small arms and automatic weapons fire. U.S. Army artillery and Air Force tactical aircraft supported the ARVN forces until contact was lost at 1830 when the enemy withdrew. A sweep of the area disclosed a large bunker complex with overhead cover and an extensive wire communication network. Forty-two enemy (NVA) were killed and 4 individual weapons captured while ARVN casualties were light. Also on the 27th, the 1st Battalion, 45th ARVN Infantry Regiment, and the 45th Regimental Headquarters were inserted into the area to conduct sweeping and clean-up operations.

On the morning of the 28th at 0800, elements of the 1st Battalion conducting a combat sweep 5 miles northeast of Duc Lap made contact with an estimated NVA heavy weapons platoon. Contact continued sporadically until 1230 when contact was lost. Twenty-four enemy were killed in this battle while ARVN casualties were again light. In addition, 5 POWs were taken and 12 individual and 4 crew-served weapons were captured. In the afternoon at 1650, the 281st RF company conducting a combat sweep 1 mile northeast of Duc Lap made contact with an estimated enemy battalion. The enemy employed mortar, small arms and B-40 rocket-grenade fire while the RF unit was supported by U.S. artillery and tactical airstrikes. Contact was lost at an unknown time with unknown enemy results. RF casualties were light.

Elements of the ARVN 45th Infantry Regiment moved out further on combat sweeps on 29 August and found an enemy ammunition cache 3 miles northeast of the camp in the morning and an enemy base camp in the same general area in the afternoon.

On 30 August at 0730, Provincial Reconnaissance unit troops hit an enemy force resting on a trail 7 miles east of Duc Lap. At 1300, elements of the 1st Battalion, 45th Infantry Regiment, found an unoccupied NVA battalion-size assembly area 1 mile northeast of the sub-sector headquarters. The area contained 55 enemy bodies above the ground and a mass grave containing another 100 NVA bodies. In addition, 13 individual weapons and a sizable quantity of small arms ammunition and mortar and rocket rounds were captured. More sporadic contact continued around Duc Lap in the evening as the RVNAF units were again supported by U.S. Air Force AC-47 gunships.

There were no significant actions on 31 August and 1 September, but on 2 September at 1015 an element from the 1st Battalion, 45th Infantry Regiment, conducting a sweep after a B-52 strike 5 miles northeast of Duc Lap, engaged an estimated NVA platoon in dug-in positions. The enemy employed heavy automatic weapons fire and the ARVN elements pulled back to allow tactical air
strikes to hit the enemy positions. Contact was reestablished in the afternoon and continued into the evening when the enemy withdrew. During this battle 50 NVA regulars were killed (34 killed by airstrikes) while ARVN casualties were light.

About noon on 3 September, elements of the 1st Battalion again made contact with an unknown size NVA force 4 miles northeast of Duc Lap. The ARVN were supported by artillery and tactical airstrikes as action continued throughout the early afternoon. Contact was lost at 1500 when the enemy withdrew. In this action, 11 NVA were killed.

The cumulative results for the action at Duc Lap as of 3 September have been divided into three parts:

In the CIDG camp, 43 friendly soldiers were killed (6 USSF, 1 VSF, and 36 CIDG) and 96 were wounded (13 USSF, 6 VSF, and 77 CIDG). Enemy losses were 279 killed and 95 individual and 45 crew-served weapons captured.

At the sub-sector headquarters, friendly losses were 41 killed (1 U.S. and 40 ARVN) and 141 wounded (9 U.S. and 132 ARVN). Enemy losses were 304 killed, 1 PW captured and 56 individual and 11 crew-served weapons captured.

The ARVN 45th Infantry Regiment, 23rd Infantry Division, sustained 32 killed and 63 wounded while killing 193 enemy soldiers. The ARVN infantrymen also captured 6 FWs, 25 individual and 5 crew-served weapons plus a Soviet radio.

The total casualties for this period were 776 NVA soldiers killed. Seven FWs, 176 individual weapons and 63 crew-served weapons were captured. Over 200 of the 776 enemy killed were killed by B-52 and tactical airstrikes. Friendly losses totaled 116 killed and 300 wounded.

U.S. Air Force F-100, F-4, A-1, AC-47, A-37 and F-5 aircraft flew more than 400 sorties during the period in support of the RVNAF units. The F-100s flew over 225 sorties alone. B-52 Stratofortresses flew 9 missions on 24-25 August. Three U.S. Army helicopters and 1 Air Force F-100 were downed by enemy ground fire.

FWs and captured documents provided information identifying elements of the 1st North Vietnamese Army Division as having participated in the fighting at Duc Lap.

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CIDG and ARVN TROOPS
WIN MAJOR VICTORY
OVER 1st NVA DIVISION

776 ENEMY KILLED
DEVELOPMENT OF THE BATTLE

AUGUST 23rd

AUGUST 24th

AUGUST 25-26
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 1,173 missions over North Vietnam, Air Force pilots flew 1,841, while Marine Corps aviators logged another 364 for a total of 3,378 missions.

More than 758 trucks, 128 bridges, 164 AAA sites and 60 SAM sites, 16 railroad cars and 771 supply boats were reported destroyed or damaged. More than 329 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 12,819 tactical air sorties in support of Allied ground forces and Marine Corps pilots flew another 6,172 sorties for a total of 18,991 tactical air sorties during the month. Of the total sorties flown, 7,683 were immediate and/or were flown in direct support of ground troops in contact with the enemy.

A total of 39,148 airlift sorties were flown, transporting more than 85,000 tons of cargo.

The aircrews reported killing 316 enemy while destroying or damaging numerous enemy emplacements and crew-served and automatic weapons positions. Their air-delivered ordnance also resulted in more than 718 secondary explosions.

B-52 MISSIONS

Three hundred twenty-four missions were flown during the month by Air Force B-52s. Of these missions, 161 were directed against enemy targets in the III Corps Tactical Zone, 71 in I CTZ, 55 in II CTZ, 13 in IV CTZ, 8 in northern half of the DMZ, 8 in the southern half of the DMZ, and 8 in North Vietnam.
NAVAL OPERATIONS

NAVAL GUNFIRE NORTH VIETNAM

Enemy shore batteries opened up on U.S. ships off the coast of North Vietnam on three days in August, pumping rounds to within 10 feet of one destroyer. None of the ships were hit.

Sea Dragon operations continued to concentrate on slowing the southward flow of supplies in the panhandle. Navy ships shelled highway segments, supply boat activity, and bridges along the coast, cratering 17 roads, destroying or damaging 88 boats, and downing six bridges.

In addition, seven support structures were destroyed and four damaged; nine bridge approaches were cratered; an antiaircraft and two coastal defense sites were silenced; and four trucks were destroyed. At least 20 explosions rocked volatile targets as the ships pounded enemy storage and supply areas.
CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS
AUGUST 1968

1 August (Thursday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 105 mms (USAF 55, USN 40, USMC 10). BDA incl 26 fires, 3 AAA sites, 12 water craft, 4 ry cars, 24 trks, 4 brgs, & 37 rd segments.

- MAMELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): At 0405 hrs, 1st Mar Div recon tm was atkd & overrun 9 mi NW of An Hoa. Mar react force arr in area at 0600 hrs, but en force had withdrawn. A sweep of area revealed 7 en bodies & 1 IW. US cas 5 KIA, 14 WIA.

- MAMELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): Btw 0650-0920 hrs, elms fr 1st Air Cav Div killed 70 en in 6 firefights 4 mi N of An Hoa. Friendly cas 1 WIA.

- NEVADA EAGLE (Thu Thien Prov): Elms fr 2nd Bde, 101st Air Cav Div, found an cache cntn more than 2½ tons of arms & ammo 10 mi SW of Huế. Cache cntn 1 CSW, 58 RPG-2 ammo, 52 rds 82mm, & 16 cases 7.62 SA.


- USA hel gunships reptd 65 KK.

- A MIG-21 was downed by 2 Navy F-8 acft 25 mi NW of Vinh.

- B-52s flew 8 mms, hitting tgts 4 mi WNW of Gio Linh, 3 strikes 16-17 mi WSW of Trang Bang in Hau Nghia Prov, 2 strikes 22 & 25 mi NE of Tay Ninh, 16 mi NW of A Shau & 25 mi NE of Tay Ninh.

2 August (Friday)


- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At 1600 hrs, hel gunships fr 12th Cbt Avn Cp killed 12 en in sampans 13 mi NW of Tan An.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): A ptl fr 3rd Bde, 1st Inf Div, killed 15 en in an ambs 10 mi ESE of Lai Khe. No friendly cas.


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- MANELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): Btwn 0700 & 1740 hrs, trps fr 1st Air Cav Div on recon mns killed 26 en 2 mi NW of An Hoa. Same elm reptd 70 KK yesterday.

- III MAF (Quang Tin Prov): Elm fr 11th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, found 16 en bodies 25 mi W of Tam Ky. Time of death not reptd.


- NEVADA EAGLE (Thu Thien Prov): At 1700 hrs, another elm of 2nd Bde, 101st Air Cav Div, found en wpns cache 10 mi SW of Hue. Cache cntn 1 7.62 hv MG, 58 rds RPG-2 ammo, 52 rds of 82mm mort ammo & 16 cases of SA. All totaled more than 2 tons of arms & ammo.


- USA hel gunships reptd 44 EX, 20 en pens & 32 sampans dest.

- An OH-6 hel was doomed by en gnd fire 25 mi SW of Hue. Crew res, soft dest. F-100 soft was doomed by en gnd fire 32 mi W of Hue. Pilot res.

- B-52s flew 12 mns: 3 mns 15-22 mi WSW of Trang Bang, 19 mi W of Cu Chi in Han Nghia Prov, 2 mns 11 & 13 mi ENE of Tay Ninh City, 2 mns 9 mi ENE of Tay Ninh City, 2 mns 10 and 16 mi NNE of Dak To, 2 mns 3 mi NW & 2 mi SE of A Shau.

3 August (Saturday)


- TOAN THANG (Han Nghia Prov): At 0900 hrs, elms of 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div, apprehended 5 suspects 3 mi NE of Dan Hoa. At 1005 hrs, one of the suspects led the unit to cache cntn 7 107mm rks, 25 rds of 75mm BR amm, 24 Chicom Claymores & 3 cases of TNT. Another 25th Inf Div elm found & dest 6 122mm rkt warheads & mtre 9 mi NW of Saigon.

- TRUONG CONG DINH (Chuaeng Thienn Prov): Hel gunships fr 164th Cbt Avn Op sptd 9th Inf Div MPH units, killed 26 en in 2 acts 8 mi SW of Vi Thanh. 5 suspects dta, 2 IW optrd. US 2 WIA.

- MANELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): 1st Mar Div recon on dir arty
onto pans held by 29 en. Arty fire killed 19 en. No Mar cas.

- SCOTLAND II (Quang Tri Prov): A co fr 4th Regt, 3rd Mar Div, on recon men 6 mi NNW of Khe Sanh, found 31 en bunkers, 2 mess halls, 2 water pts, & 1 mort pit cntn 47 rds of 82mm mort amm, 65 rds of 60mm mort amm, 500 rds of 3A amm, 5 anti-pers mines, assorted primers, fuse heads & fuses for 60mm & 82mm mort rds.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): A dtm suspect led comb search tm of VN & Mar Mil Police to en arms & ammo cache 3 mi ESW of Da Nang. Cache cntn 2 82mm mort, 1 60mm mort, 3 8K3 obs, 3 AK-47s, 2 M-1 obs, 1 RPG launcher, 7 rds of RPG-7 amm, 180 rds of 82mm mort amm, 10 mines, 1 box of blasting caps, 15 lbs of C-4 explo, 6 small blocks of TNT, & 6 handgrens.

- TRUONG CONG DINH (Dinh Tuong Prov): Elms of 3rd Bde, 9th Inf Div, & bde of a Navy UDT discovered 14 en bodies 26 mi WSW of My Tho.

- SVN TAG AIR: US pilots flew 658 tac air sorties (USAF 34%, USMC 26%). EDA incl 33 fires, 9 sec explosions, 346 en pans dest or dam.

- USA hel gunships reptd 49 KIA, & 36 en pans & 34 sampans dest or dam.

- A VN-1 Army hel was downed by en gnd fire 12 mi SW of Quang Tri. 1 soldier was killed, 4 WIA.

- B-52s flew 10 missions: 4 missions 7-10 mi NW of A Shau, 17 mi WSW of Dak To, 2 missions 7 mi NW of A Shau, 9 mi N of Dak To; 2 missions 2 mi SE of A Shau & 14 mi NW of A Shau.

4 August (Sunday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 100 missions (USAF 54, USN 35, USMC 11). EDA incl 25 fires, 24 sec explosions, 49 water craft, 8 trks, 8 trgs, 39 rd cts, 16 fins, 11 structs dest or dam.

- SCOTLAND II (Quang Tri Prov): Elms fr 4th Regt, 3rd Mar Div, found en wpns cache 6 mi NE of Khe Sanh. Cache was hidden in bunker complex & cntn: 6 60mm mort tubes, 10 Chicom SKE, 150 cases (1,250 rds) of 82mm mort amm, 850 rds of 60mm mort amm, 150 rds of BR amm, 16 rds of mun cal amm, 105 rds of RPG-2 amm, 360 rds of RPG-7 amm, 120 6-inch Claymore mines, 20 mun cal AT rds, & 20 12-inch Claymore mines.

- II FFV (Phu Yen Prov): Phu Riep Army Afld 1st lee 7 mi SE of Tay Hoa, rec more than 40 rds of 82mm mort fire. Pers cas 1st & dam to installation 1st.


- POCAHONTAS FOREST. Term. Commenced 6 Jul 68. Cum res: US 4 KIA, 58 WIA; En 96 KIA, 53 dtn, 93 IW, 1 GSW.

- IV CORPS (Kien Giang Prov): Delta Blackhawk elm discovered 3 wpns caches 9 mi W of Rach Gia. Caches cntn 10 IW, 36 RPG-2 rds, 15
18 kilogram mines, 25 bangalore torpedoes, 115 grenades, 1,000 lbs of TNT, 1 5kw generator, 7 sampans & several doce, med sup, misc equip, mort & SA ammo.

- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): Elms of 1st & 3rd Bdes, 25th Inf Div, killed 52 en 4 mi SW of Can Duoc. US cas 2 KIA, 10 WIA.


- USA hel gunships reptsd 49 EK, 38 en pens & 75 sampans dest or dam.

- 3 helo downed by en gnd fire: A UH-1 19 mi SW of Tam Ky, 4 crewmen WIA, res; an OV-1 7 mi NW of Dak Pek, crew res; & a UH-1 6 mi WW of Can Duoc. Crew res.

- B-52s flew 12 enms: 5 enms 22-24 mi NE of Tay Minh, 3 enms 18 mi S of Rach Gia, 3 enms 12-14 mi NW of A Shau & 56 mi NW of Phan Thiet.

5 August (Monday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 103 enms (USAF 65, USN 26, USMC 12). BDA incl 16 fires, 12 sec explosions, dest or dam 5 AAA sites, 41 rd segments, 2 brgs, 24 trks, & 46 water craft.


- POCARONTAS FOREST: Announced. A multi bn op with elms of AMERICAN Div participating as part of Task Force Cooksey.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 622 sorties (USAF 390, USMC 232). BDA incl 39 fires, 21 sec explosions, & 244 en pens dest or dam.

- USA hel gunships reptsd 48 EK, & 31 en pens & 19 sampans dest or dam.


6 August (Tuesday)


IV CTZ (Kein Giang Prov): Comb US/Delta Blackhawk force discovered a significant en ammo mfg complex 36 mi NW of Rach Gia. Fol items were cptrd or dest in place: 22 IW, 2 flare pistols, 75 mines, 1,750 lbs of TNT, 500 handgrens, 100 booby traps, 100 rfl grens, 30 60mm mort rds, 5 VC uniforms, 1 82mm mort sight, 1 1.5KW generator, 1 24-inch drill press, 1 16-inch metal lathe, 1 60-inch lathe, 3 grinding wheels, 1 arc welder, 1 500 lb scale, 2 cauldrons, 1 cauldron for iron ingots, 1 cauldron track, 2 50 lb forges, 100 sandcasts for gern, 500 empty gern casings, 28 alum gerns, 460 lbs of tools, 1,000 welding rods, 7 75mm RR warhead molds.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): A USA hel gunship tm & a flt of Mar P-4 acft eng unk size en force 5 mi W of Hoi An in spt of ARVN inf units. An ARVN sweep discovered 50 VC bodies in the strike area, Villagers nearby reptd being forced to carry away 21 wounded VC.

- US pilots flew 598 sorties (USAF 389, USMC 209). BDA incl 59 en pens dest or dam. 11 fires & 14 sec explosions reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 46 EK, & 47 en pens & 46 sampans dest or dam. A UH-1 hel was downed by en gnd fire 9 mi SSE of Phuoc Vinh. Acft dest, no inj.

- B-52s flew 11 msns: 2 msns 12 mi NE & 20 mi NW of Tay Ninh, 2 msns 9 mi S of Phuoc Vinh, 2 msns 14 mi S & 15 mi SSE of Tam Ky, 12 mi NW of Phan Thiet, 11 & 14 mi NE of Tay Ninh in 2 msns, 19 mi W of Da Nang, & 9 mi SE of Phuoc Vinh.

7 August (Wednesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 110 msns (USAF 64, USN 34, USMC 12). BDA incl dest or dam 65 rd segments, 12 AAA sites, 2 brgs, 12 trks & 1 watercraft. 13 fires & 27 sec explosions reptd.

- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): Elms fr 1st & 3rd Bdes, 9th Inf Div, sptd by gunships, killed 39 en, cptrd 14 IW & 2 CSW, & dtm 10 suspects. US cas 8 KIA, 24 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (Gia Dinh Prov): Co fr 3rd Bde, 1st Inf Div, discovered en wpns cache 3 mi N of Cat Lai (7 mi ENE of Saigon). Cache contained 24 rds of 82mm mort ammo, 27 rds of 60mm mort ammo, 49 RPG-2 rds, 12 RPG-7 rds, & 1 CHICOM 7.62mm rfl.

- IV CTZ (Chuong Thien Prov): In a comb USA/ARVN op 25 mi SSE of Rach Gia which began 30 Jul, cumulative res were 252 EK, 30 suspects dtm, 68 IW, & 7 CSW cptrd. US/ARVN losses 7 WIA (4 ARVN & 3 US). US unit involved was 2nd Bde, 9th Inf Div. Act sptd by arty & gunships fr 12th Avn Gp.

- IV CTZ (Chuong Thien Prov): Elm fr 2nd Bde, 9th Inf Div, found en wpns cache 9 mi SSW of Vl Thanh. Cache contained 17 rfls, 1 75mm RR, 1 CHICOM MG, 53 mines, 500 lbs of explo, assorted ammo, 3 2.75
inch rks, 26 gns, 1 box of blasting caps, 50 ft of detonating cord, 1 75mm HR warhead & 9 tons of rice.

- JEB STUART (Thua Thien Prov): Elms fr 2nd Bde, 1st Air Cav Div, found a bunker complex & a significant wpns cache 19 mi WSW of Hue. Cache cntd 4 SKS rfs, 1 US M-1 cbn, 5 82mm mort tubes with tripods, 4 82mm mort base plates, 7 82mm mort sights, 1 60mm mort, 1 57mm ER, 2 12.7 AA MG's, 3 30 cal 1t MG's, 30 lbs of explo & 30 blasting caps.

- JEB STUART III (Thua Thien Prov): Comb force of RF & US 1st Air Cav units eng unk size en force 12 mi E of Quang Tri. Res: 11 EK, 1 suspect dtm, 4 IN cptrd & no friendly cas.

- SOMERSET PLAIN/LANSON 246 (Thua Thien Prov): Elms fr 1st Bde, 101st Air Cav Div, found a large cave cntd 4 2½ ton en trks.

- SVN TAG AIR: US pilots flew 597 sorties (USAF 393, USMC 204). BDA incl 311 en wpns dest or dam, & 45 EK reptd. 13 fires & 21 sec explosions.

- USA hel gunships reptd 33 EK, & 43 en wpns & 49 sampans dest or dam.

- B-52s flew 8 mms: 4 mms 20-23 mi SSW of An Loc, 12 mi NNE of Dak To, 21 mi NW of Tay Minh, 22 mi WNW of Phuoc Vinh & 21 mi WNW of Tay Minh.

8 August (Thursday)

- SVN: US pilots flew 118 mms (USAF 68, USN 37, USMC 13). BDA incl dest or dam 35 water craft, 29 trks, 7 brgs, 5 AAA sites & 13 structs. 59 fires & 22 sec explosions reptd.

- CNAC (Gia Dinh Prov): At 0105 hrs, a hand gern was thrown into the rear of a US mil jeep on plt ½ mi N of the cen of Saigon. One MP was killed & 1 seriously wounded. A suspect was dtm, but later rel.

- TOAN THANG (Hau Nghia Prov): A unit fr 101st Air Cav Div killed 11 en 4 mi ENE of Trang Bang in a reptd act against an undetm size en force. US cas 2 KIA, 10 WIA.

- IV CTZ (Phong Dinh Prov): MRF convoy was amb at 2020 hrs on Can Tho River 3 mi SW of Can Tho by est VC co. En fire rtm on wpns along river bank, some of which crossed over en trks & entered Cai Bang village, killing 1 RVNAF soldier & 6 VN civ. 82 VN civ & 15 RVNAF soldiers wounded. Stray auto wpns fire fr another amb act also entered Cai Bang. Res: 9 VN civ killed, 23 wounded. En cas unk, one boat dam. US astt effort in progress.


- SVN TAG AIR: US pilots flew 446 sorties (USAF 261, USMC 185). BDA
incl dest or dam 4 sampans & 189 en pens. 13 fires & 19 sec explosions reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 61 EK, & 37 en pens & 22 sampans dest or dam.

- USA hel gunship was downed by en gnd fire 11 mi NW of A Shau, & 4 crewmen killed & acft dest. F-4 Phantom downed 9 mi SSW Da Nang. Crew res.

- B-52s flew 12 msns: 2 strikes 26 & 27 mi WSW of Da Nang, 2 strikes 19 & 20 mi W of Phuoc Vinh, 21 mi NNE of Tay Minh, 2 strikes 20 & 22 mi NNE of Tay Minh, 3 strikes 22 mi SSW of An Loc, & 2 strikes 22 & 23 mi WSW of An Loc.

9 August (Friday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 130 msns (USAF 65, USN 51, USMC 14). BDA incl dest or dam 3 watercraft, 8 trks, 7 brgs, 68 rd segments, 10 AAA sites & 26 structs. 70 fires & 58 sec explosions reptd.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Minh Prov): Elms of 25th Inf Div swept an area of a previous air strike 10 mi WNW of Katum & found 11 en bodies. The elm also reptd finding 20 bunkers, 250 meters of trenches & 9 structs dest in the strike area.

- TOAN THANG (Gia Dinh Prov): USA hel gunships op with 1st Inf Div observed & eng 30-40 en soldiers 2 mi W of Thu Duc. Res: 10 EK, no friendly cas.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): Elms of 3rd Bde, 1st Inf Div & 11th Armd Cav Regt, cordoned off Trum Thap village 5 mi W of Ben Cat. An elm of the ARVN 8th Regt, 5th Inf Div, eng an est en co in the area rept killing 16 en, dtn 37 suspects, cptrd 7 IW & 1 GSW. Also cptrd were 2 tons of rice, 1 ton of salt, 200 l-gal cans of cooking oil, 100 pt cans of powdered milk, 50 5 gal cans of salted fish, 100 lbs of flour, 50 lbs of sugar, 8 20 lb boxes of med sup, 5 lbs of TNT & 21 RPG-2 rkt gren rds.

- NEVADA EAGLE (Thua Thien Prov): Elms of 2nd Bde, 101st Air Cav Div & VN Nat'l Police aslt a coastal area 5 mi NE of Hue. Navy PHR's & PACV halted en attempts to escape by sea. Res: 42 EK, 98 suspects dtn (2 of which were NVA suspects), 5 IW cptrd. No friendly cas.


- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 647 sorties (USAF 427, USMC 220). BDA
dest or dam 247 en pens. 41 fires & 16 sec explosions reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 46 BK & 41 sampans dest.

- An OH-6 hel was downed by en gnd fire 19 mi NW of Hue. Acft dest, 1 crewman inj. F-105 downed by en gnd fire N of DMZ. Pilot missing.

- B-52s flew 9 mns: 16 mi NNE of Tay Ninh, 53 mi WSW of Phan Thiet, 36 mi W of Kontum, 12 mi NNE of Pleiku. 2 mns 14 & 16 mi SSW of Tay Ninh, & 3 mns 20-21 mi E of Rach Gia.

10 August (Saturday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 119 mns (USAF 68, USN 36, USMC 15). BDA incl dest or dam 8 structs, 5 AAA sites, 34 rd segments, 29 trks & 53 water craft. 52 fires & 45 sec explosions reptd.

- II CTZ (Khanh Hoa Prov): Kms of ROK 30th Regt, 9th Inf Div, killed 13 en 15 mi W of Cam Ranh Bay. No ROK cas.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): In a 4½ hr period, kms of 3rd Regt, 3rd Mar Div, found 74 en bunkers. Fal ammo & equip also discovered: 82 82mm mort rds, 67 60mm mort rds, 99 cans of 60mm mort fuses, 3 Claymore mines, 2 AT mines, 17 75mm RR rds, 5 RPG-7 rds, 17 CHICOM grenades, 1 unserviceable 82mm mort & misc clothing & equip.

- HURLOCK TRAIL (Quang Ngai Prov): Aero scouts & hel gunships fr AMERICAN Div sptd 198th Lt Inf Bde & killed 13 en 12 mi NW of Quang Ngai. In addition, 16 suspects dtm, 3 IV & 1 pr of binoculars optdr. US cas 1 WIA.


- TAN THANG (Bung Sat Sp Zone): US merchant ship Southport II rec RPG fire fr unk size en force while en to Saigon on Long Tan shipping channel 8 mi SE of Nha Be. USA hel gunships, tac air & ARVN inf formed reaction tm. Res: 20 BK, no friendly cas. Ship not dam.


- USA hel gunships reptd 73 BK & 25 sampans dest.

- B-52s flew 12 mns: 3 mns 17-20 mi N of Tay Ninh, 11 mi S of Trang.
Bang, 8 mi S of Duc Hoa, 16 mi NNE of Tay Minh, 36 mi W of Kontum, 21 mi N of Tay Minh, 53 mi ENE of Phan Thiet, 2 mins 30 & 31 mi, NNE of Vung Tau & 7 mi NNW of Ben Cat.

11 August (Sunday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 110 mins (USAF 66, USN 30, USMC 14). BDA incl dest or dam 17 water craft, 2 brgs, 32 trks, 2 radar sites, 10 ftns, & 40 rd segments. 96 fires & 42 sec explosions reptd.


- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 586 sorties (USAF 373, USMC 213). BDA incl dest or dam 75 en psns. 7 fires & 16 sec explosions reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 23 EK & 32 en psns dest. An OH-13 hel downed by en gnd fire 5 mi NE of Quang Tri. 2 pers inj, acft dest.

- NCF: Rkt-firing ship USS Clarion River reptd 16 fires & 21 sec explosions while sptd NEVADA EAGLE elm near Hue.

- B-52s flew 9 mins: 34 mi SE of Dong Hoi (NVN), 38 mi SE of Dong Hoi (NVN), 8 mi WNW of Con Thien (northern DMZ), 26 mi NW of Tay Minh, 40 mi SE of Dong Hoi (NVN), 6 mi W of Con Thien (northern DMZ), 2 mins 4 mi S & 2 mi W of Ben Tre in Hau Nghia Prov, & 24 mi N of Tay Minh.

12 August (Monday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 90 mins (USAF 61, USN 19, USMC 10). BDA incl dest or dam 5 ftns, 61 rd segments, 3 brgs, 9 trks & 13 water craft. 42 fires & 23 sec explosions reptd.

- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): 2 co fr 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div, eng est rein en plat 5 mi S of Can Giuoc, killing 33 en, dtn 8 suspects & cptr 11 IW. US cas 2 WIA. In another act 2 mi W of Can Giuoc, another 9th Inf Div unit eng unk size en force, killing 104 en, dtn 24 suspects & cptr 31 IW & 5 CSW. US cas 17 KIA & 27 WIA. Both acts spdt by arty & acft air.


- DODGE VALLEY. Commenced. Elms fr 7th Regt, 1st Mar Div (Quang Nam Prov).
- **SWN TAG AIR**: US pilots flew 582 sorties (USAF 362, USMC 220). BDA incl 298 en pens dest or dam, 43 fires & 18 sec explosions reptd.

- **USA hel gunships reptd 32 BK, & 18 en pens & 14 sampans dest or dam.**

- **B-52s flew 13 mens**: 3 mens 24-27 mi NW of Tay Ninh, 2 mens 33 mi NW of Kontum, 2 mens 9-10 mi NW of Phuoc Vinh, 2 mens 26 mi NW of Tay Ninh, 13 mi W of Da Nang, 2 mens 5 & 6 mi S of Ben Tre in Hau Nghia Prov & 12 mi W of Da Nang.

13 August (Tuesday)

- **SWN**: US pilots flew 31 mens (USAF 24, USMC 7). Compl BDA unavai due to poor vis res fr bad wea. AF & Mar pilots flew only limited mens & mens were flown by the Navy.

- **TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov)**: At 0930 hrs comb US/VN force consisting of elms of 11th Arm Cav Regt & an ARVN Prov Recon unit eng unk size en force 6 mi W of Phu Loi, killing 10 en, dtn 17 suspects & opt 3 IW. No friendly cas.

- **NEVADA EAGLE (Thu Thien Prov)**: At 1145 hrs elm 2nd Bde, 101st Air Cav Div, discovered 59 en bodies in graves 8 mi WSW of Hue. Approx time & cause of death unreptd.

- **USA hel gunships reptd 38 BK & 19 sampans dest.**

- **SWN TAG AIR**: US pilots flew 634 sorties (USAF 390, USMC 244). BDA incl dest or dam 192 en pens. 28 fires & 32 sec explosions reptd.

- **B-52s flew 10 mens**: 5 mens 6-8 mi S & 7 mi SE of Phuoc Vinh, 2 mens 10 mi N of Sa Dec, 2 mens 7 & 9 mi W of Phuoc Vinh & 1 strike 9 mi NW of Phuoc Vinh.

14 August (Wednesday)

- **SWN**: US pilots flew 105 mens (USAF 59, USN 34, USMC 12). BDA incl dest or dam 13 streets, 16 rd segments, 3 buggs, 21 trks, 9 ry cars, 45 water craft. 26 fires & 9 sec explosions reptd.

- **TOAN THANG (Bien Hoa Prov)**: A co fr 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div, found 275 100 lb bags of rice 12 mi SE of Long Thanh.

- **TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov)**: Comb force of elms of 3rd Bde, 1st Inf Div, 11th Arm Cav Regt & ARVN 5th Inf Div, cordoned off Can Dat village 7 mi SE of Ben Cat. Units found 100 rds of 75mm RR amm, 50 cases (72,000 rds) of AK-47 amm, 25 82mm mort rds, 14 60mm mort rds, & optd 5 doc. 2 BK & 2 suspects dtn.
- IV CORPS (Kien Phong Prov): Elm of 164th Cbt Avn Gp with ARVN Camp Strike Force dest 10 en bunkers 11 mi E of Can Lanh. The comb force also cptrd the foll: 1 metal melting shop, 1 chemical shop, 1 sheet metal shop, 1 blacksmith shop & 1 booby trap plant. Other items cptrd or dest in place incl 4,800 gns, 50 sheets of 4 x 8 sheet metal, 30 steel 1 inch x 24 ft rods, 1 barrel of potassium chloride, 1 barrel of black powder, 2 barrels of acid, 1,000 pressure fuses, 1,000 gns springs, 15 cans of cosmol, 6 chemical scales, 1 melting stove, 60 gals of crystallized powder, 400 hand gns, 1 blacksmith forge, 2 anvils, 15 CHICOM AT mines, 300 lbs of charcoal, 80 blasting caps & 40 lbs of propellant mixture & 1,000 lbs of rice.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 617 sorties (USAF 434, USMC 183). BDA incl dest or dam 190 en pens. 21 fires, 27 KK, 24 sec explosions reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 32 KK, & 67 en pens & 41 sampans dest or dam.

- B-52s flew 9 msns: 2 msns 8 & 11 mi WSW of Quang Ngai, 4 mi S of Duc Hoa, 11 mi NE of Tay Ninh, 2 msns 10 & 15 mi WSW of Quang Ngai, 14 mi SW of Quang Ngai in 1 mn, & 2 strikes 11 & 14 mi NE of Tay Ninh.

15 August (Thursday)

- NVA: US pilots flew 114 msns (USAF 69, USN 37, USMC 14). BDA incl dest or dam 9 ftms, 23 AAA sites, 31 rd segments, 3 brgs, 24 trks, 66 watercraft. 45 fires & 18 sec explosions reptd.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): 2 co fr 3rd Regt, 3rd Mar Div, made contact with an est NVA co at 1300 hrs just 3 mi N of Camp Carroll. Res: 41 NVA killed, 3 IW & 1 CSW cptrd. US 9 WIA.


- KENTUCKY (Quang Tri Prov): Reaction co fr 1st Regt, 1st Mar Div, rein by 3 tanks, killed 17 en 2 mi E of Con Thien.

- III MAF (Quang Tri Prov): Inf fr 2nd ARVN Regt, 1st Inf Div, sptd by ARVN tanks, APC's & arty eng NVA bn in bunkers & fortified pens 2 mi NE of Glo Linh. 2 pt of tanks fr 3rd Mar Div, arty, & tac air sptd ARVN. Res: 165 NVA reptd killed in day long battle. 13 IW, 7 CSW cptrd. ARVN cas 1t, no US cas.

- MAMELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): Arty dir onto en pens 6 mi N of

- TOAN THANG (Long Khanh Prov): 11th Armd Cav Regt base camp 4 mi S of Xuan Loc rec less than 20 rds of 122mm rkt fire. Counter mort fire with unk res. Pers cas & dam to base lt.

- WHEELER/WALLOWA (Quang Nam Prov): Elm of the AMERICAL Div eng & reptd killing 22 en 4 mi S of Hoi An. No US cas.


- USA hel gunships reptd 49 EK & 30 en pens dest or dam.

- A UH-1 hel was hit by en B-40 rkt fire while on Medevac msn 9 mi S of Quang Tri. Crew was res. No inj.

- B-52s flew 10 msn: 11 mi W of Con Thien, 2 msn 40 mi SE of Dong Hoi (NVN), 2 msn 7 mi WNW of An Loc, 39 mi SSE & 34 mi SE of Dong Hoi, 4 mi SSE of Duc Hoa, 11 mi ENE of Tay Ninh & 10 mi WSW of Quang Ngai. Mns 39 mi SSE & 34 mi SE of Dong Hoi in NVN, & Con Thien in N-DMZ.

16 August (Friday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 96 msn (USAF 52, USN 33, USMC 11). BDA incl dest or dam 8 structs, 2 SAM sites, 1 rd segment, & 18 water craft. 8 fires & 8 sec explosions reptd.

- IFFV (Pleiku Prov): At 1030 hrs, a US resup convoy fr 4th Inf Div was amb 12 mi N of Pleiku. React force of elm fr ARVN 3rd Cav Sqdn & Cav Sqdn of the 4th Inf Div sptd. Res: 41 NVA killed, 10 IW, 5 CSW cptrd. US 2 WIA, no ARVN cas.

- DODGE VALLEY (Quang Nam Prov): This op term today. Commenced 12 Aug. Act was lt & scattered thruout op. Total res: 3 EK, 1 US WIA. Announced 16 Aug 66.

- JEB STUART III (Quang Tri): 3rd Bde, 1st Air Cav Div, base camp loc 10 mi SSE of Quang Tri rec more than 100 rds of 82mm mort fire, fol by gnd atk fr unk size en force. Res: 17 EK, 2 suspects dtn, 18 US KIA, 56 WIA. Mat dam lt.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): Elm fr 3rd Mar Regt, 3rd Mar Div, rec hv 60mm mort fire after air aslt into an area 4 mi NW of Cam Lo. Counter mort & arty fire dir onto suspected en pens. Area sweep
revealed 10 KIA, 16 WIA, 82 MIA (72 evac).

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 605 sorties (USAF 421, USMC 184). BDA incl dest or dam 307 en pens, 32 fires, 14 sec explosions reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 20 KIA, 32 en pens dest.

- An Army OH-6 hel was downed by en gnd fire 16 mi S of Hue. 1 crewman KIA.

- B-52s flew 8 mms: 2 mms 16 mi WSW, 2 mms 6 mi NW & 5 mi WSW of An Loc, 2 mms 16-17 mi W of Dak To & 2 mms 17 mi W of Chu Chi.

17 August (Saturday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 92 mms (USAF 58, USN 26, USMC 8). BDA incl dest or dam 7 AAA sites, 4 SAM sites, 24 rd segments, 3 brgs, 45 trks & 22 watercraft. 12 fires, 7 sec explosions reptd.


- JEB STUART III (Thua Thien Prov): Kms of 2nd Bde, 1st Air Cav Div, comb forces with ARVN FF & killed 19 en 12 mi NW of Hue. 7 suspects dtn, 5 IN optd. No friendly cas.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 469 sorties (USAF 358, USMC 111). BDA incl dest or dam 249 en pens. 22 fires, 6 sec explosions reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 41 KIA & 25 en pens dest or dam.

- B-52s flew 10 mms: 2 mms 14 mi W of Dak To, 2 mms 29 mi NE of Tay Ninh, 9 mi NE of Cam Thien in 3-DN2, 10 mi KE of Can Tho, 2 mms 17 mi W of Cu Chi, & 7 mi W of An Loc, 36 mi SE of Dong Hoa in NVN.

18 August (Sunday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 102 mms (USAF 51, USN 37, USMC 14). BDA incl dest or dam 4 brgs, 11 rd cuts, 8 trks, 56 water craft. 15 fires, 5 sec explosions reptd.

- II CTZ (Kontum Prov): Dak Seang CIDG camp loco 13 mi NW of Dak To reco less than 12 rds of 62mm mort fire fell by gnd atk by est NVA bn. Atk repelled. Res: 35 KIA, 11 suspects dtn, 50 IN, 13 CSW optrd. US 1 WIA. CIDG cas 1.

- TOAN THANG (Hau Nghia Prov): Kms of 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div, found
a cache of 16 107mm rks 12 mi NW of Saigon


III CTZ (Tay Minh Prov): PF outpost 1 mi SE of Tay Minh rec gud atk fr unk size en force. Outpost rptd being overrun at approx 0350 hrs. Res: 2 KK, 1 IW optrd. Friendly cas 6 PF KIA, 9 WIA.


TOAN THANH (Long An Prov): A co fr 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div, inserted into a hst LZ 5 mi S of Can Gioce. A UH-1 hel was hit by en gud fire & dest. Other elm of the bde reinf the co as did other hel gunships, arty & tac air. Res: 66 KK, 25 suspects dta, 29 IW & 8 CSW optrd. US 3 KIA, 22 WIA.

TOAN THANH (Tay Minh Prov): At 1900 hrs, Phu Khuong Dist in Tay Minh City rec approx 100 rds of unk type en mort fire. Res unk.

IV CTZ (Dinh Tsang Prov): Elm fr 2nd Bde, 9th Inf Div, NRP eng unk size en force along the Nakong River bank 13 mi SW of Cai Lay. Res: 9 KK, 4 suspects dta, 1 IW, 4 CSW optrd. US 3 Navy KIA, 1 Army KIA, 29 Navy WIA, 53 Army WIA.

CMD (Gia Dinh Prov): At 1630 hrs, 5 rds of unk type mot impacted near a Seabee motor pool 4 mi SE of Saigon. No cas or dam.

NAMELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): 2 comps fr 7th Regt, 1st Mar Div, killed 36 en & optrd 3 IW in an act 7 mi NE of An Hoa. US cas 13 KIA, 39 WIA.

III NAF (Quang Ngai Prov): 11th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, recon elm found 12 en bodies 12 mi SW of Quang Ngai. KK by arty at unk time.

LPFW (Kantum Prov): Dak Seang CIDG camp 13 mi NW of Dak To rec
150 rds of mixed 75mm & 82mm mort fire fr unk size en force. Counter mort fire dir at en with unk res. US 2 WIA, no CIDG cas.


- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 607 sorties (USAF 433, USMC 174). BDA incl dest or dam 371 en pens. 9 fires, 26 sec explosions, 20 EX reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 39 EX & 29 en pens dest.

- A UH-1 Army hel was hit by en RPG rd 5 mi S of Can Giuoc. 4 WIA.

- B-52s flew 11 mins: 2 mins 9 & 6 mi W of Gio Linh in DMZ, 19 mi N of Tay Minh, 2 mins 29 mi SW & 21 mi W of Saigon, 6 mi W of Gio Linh, 43 mi WSW of Kontum, 8 mi WW of Gio Linh in N-DMZ, 22 mi W of Saigon & 7 mi WW of Gio Linh, 7 mi WW of Gio Linh in N-DMZ.

19 August (Monday)

- NNW: US pilots flew 126 mins (USAF 67, USN 40, USMC 19). BDA incl dest or dam 40 rd segments, 1 SAM site, 14 brgs, 26 trks & 45 water craft. 38 fires, 17 sec explosions reptd.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Long Prov): Loc Minh SF camp rec unk no of 82mm mort & a hv gnd atk. USA gunships sptd act. Atk repulsed. 2 US WIA.


- TOAN THANG (Tay Minh Prov): Btw 2125 & 2240 hrs, the CIDG camp at Katum rec 325 rds of undeta cal en mort fire. Gnd atk fol at 2245 hrs. Friendly forces beat off atk with spt of USAF tac air units. No init rept of cas or dam.

- WHEELEER/WALLOWA (Quang Nam Prov): En fr 11th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAN Div, killed 62 en in scattered acts 1 mi SSE of Hoi An. No US cas.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): Elm fr 9th Regt, 3rd Mar Div, eng unk size en force 6 mi NE of Cam Lo. Mar arty & tac air sptd act. Res: 40 EX, 2 suspects dtm, 6 IN, 2 CSW cptrd. US 3 KIA, 14 WIA.

- SOMERSET PLAIN/LAMSON 246. Terminated. Res: US 13 KIA, 95 WIA; ARVN: 24 KIA, 62 WIA; En (by US) 80 KIA, 1 dtm, 24 IN, 11 CSW; En (by ARVN) 53 KIA, 3 dtm, 24 IN, 1 CSW.

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- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): KLm of 1st Regt, 1st Mar Div, found 12 NVA bodies in fresh graves 6 mi WNW of Cam Lo.

- III MAF (Quang Ngai Prov): KLm of 11th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, killed 12 en & cprtd 2 IV 12 mi W of Duc Pho.

- KENTUCKY (Quang Tri Prov): Comb Army & Mar act res in 1 1/2 K, 1 US KIA, 20 WIA. Units involved fr 1st Mar Div & 5th Inf Div (Mech).

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): KLm fr 3rd Regt, 1st Mar Div, discovered a significant en wpns cache 5 mi WNW of Cam Lo. Cache totaled more than 8 tons & cntd the fol: 1,586 82mm mort rds, 250 60mm mort rds, 129 RPG-2 rds, 15,000 rds of SA, 400 lbs of TNT & 5 IV.

- III MAF (Thua Thien Prov): At 1900 hrs, Thua Thien sub-sector TOC compound in Hue City rec 4 rds of 122mm rkt fire. Cas & dam not reptd.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): KLm of Mar 1st MP Bn, actg on info fr a det, discovered 2 en sqds in tunnels 4 mi SW of Da Nang. Mars killed 8 en, cprtd 12 & cprtd a small wpns cache cntd 4 IV, 29 graves, 24 RPG-2 rds, 220 lbs of explo & 1 Chico rdo receiver. 2 MP's rec minor wounds.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 638 sorties (USAF 464, USMC 174). BDA incl dest or dam 336 en pens. 7 fires & 11 sec explosions reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 64 K & 20 en pens dest or dam.

- An OH-6 Army hel was downed by en gnd fire 11 mi SW of Can Tho. The pilot & co-pilot were killed. Acft dest. A USAF F-4 sof had hit by en gnd fire & downed 5 mi WSW of Gio Linh. Both crewmen WIA, but rec.


20 August (Tuesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 107 mins (USAF 52, USN 41, USMC 14). BDA incl dest or dam 6 struts, 5 AAA sites, 56 rd segments, 4 brgs, 11 trks & 17 water craft. 47 fires & 65 sec explosions reptd.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At 0110 hrs, an amb pkt fr 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div, killed 102 en 6 mi NW of Tay Ninh. Act cprtd by hel gunships & arty. US cas 1t.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At 0130 hrs, a CAP pen 2 mi ENE of Hai An was overrun, res in deaths of all 34 defenders (10 Mar, 24 FF's). En cas unk.
- JEB STUART III (Quang Tri Prov): At 1400 hrs, elms of the Air Cav
  Sqdn fr 1st Air Cav Div rec hv auto wpns fire fr unk sise en force
  4 mi NE of Quang Tri. Res: 66 NVA killed, 9 suspects dtm. US
  3 KIA, 15 WIA.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): 2 comps fr 9th Regt, 3rd Mar Div,
  killed 20 en 2 mi NE of Con Thien. Mar optd 3 CSW, 3 M. Mar
  cas were 1 KIA, 7 WIA. Trk, mort & tac air optd.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At 0130 hrs, a Comb Act Plat in a
  compound was atk by co sise en force 2 mi NE of Hoi An. En empl B-40 rkt,
  sat chrg & gren fire. React force consisting of another CAP & a co
  fr 2nd ROK Mar Bde arr at compound later, but no contact could be
  established due to en withdrawal earlier. Res: 2 Mar WIA, 14
  friendly killed (9 US, 1 Navy Corpsman & 4 FF's). 1 HK reptd.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Long Prov): Loc Minh Base Camp rec approx 5 rds of
  82mm mort fire at 1600 hrs. Cas & dam to camp lt.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): Dan Tieng Base Camp loc 40 mi NW of
  Saigon rec less than 50 rds of 82mm mort fire. Counter mort fire
  was fired with unk res. Cas & dam to camp lt.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 593 sorties (USAF 412, USMC 181). EDA
  incl dest or dam 332 en pns. 13 fires & 12 HK reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 11 HK, & 27 en pns & 23 sampans dest or dam.

- A CH-47 Army hel was downed by en gnd fire 13 mi NNE of Tan An in
  Long An Prov. Aft was dest, 1 crewman WIA. Six other hel were
  downed 4 mi NE of Quang Tri City as elms of 2nd Bde were asslt into
  area to establish cordon around en force. 3 of hel were later flown
  out of area after minor rep. 3 additional hel were downed by en gnd
  fire bringing total to 9 in this op. Remaining 6 hel were extracted.
  US cas were 1.

- B-52s flew 10 mens: 2 mens 10-11 mi E of Tay Minh, 16 mi SE of Tay
  Minh, 14 mi WW of Tay Minh, 22 mi W of Saigon, 15 mi S of Saigon,
  11 mi NE of Tay Minh, 25 mi W of Saigon, 12 mi NE of Tay Minh & 16
  mi S of Saigon.

21 August (Wednesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 104 mens (USAF 46, USN 47, USMC 11). EDA incl
  dest or dam 90 structs, 20 rd segments, 4 brgs, 13 trks & 23 water
  craft. 64 fires reptd.

- IV CORPS: Btm 0130 & 0315 hrs, 16 locs in IV CTZ red RF & gnd atks.
  Lt pers cas & 1t mat dam to installations.
MACARTHUR (Darlac Prov): At 1330 hrs elem fr Air Cav Sqdn of the 4th Inf Div at 26 mi ENE of Ban Me Thout. USA hel gunships sptd act. Res: 22 KIA, 3 WIA.

MCCLAIN (Lam Dong Prov): ARVN force repulsed en bn sized atk at Di Linh dist town, killing 43 en, & captrd 12 IW & 3 CSW. ARVN cas 1t. Elm fr 173rd Abn Div sptd act. US 3 KIA, 14 WIA.


IV CORPS: 6 cities & installations in IV CTZ rec en atks by fire. Res: 5 VN civ killed, 1 PF killed, 37 VN civ inj & 7 ARVN wounded. US 5 WIA.

IPFV (Ninh Thuan Prov): Shortly after midnight, Phan Rang AB rec less than 20 rds of en mort fire. Dam rept, no cas.

CNAC (Gia Dinh Prov): A US Army sgt was shot to death by 2 VC assassins in a Honda while riding in a cyclo on Cong Ly St in Saigon. ARVN soldier intervened, but was also shot & wounded. Both assassins escaped.

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 660 sorties (USAF 475, USMC 205). BDA incl 99 en pans dest or dam. 31 fires & 49 sec explosions reptd.

B-52s flew 10 msns: 2 msns 28 & 30 mi WSW of Chu Lai, 2 msns 12 mi W of Pleiku, 3 msns 12-16 mi WNW of Tay Ninh & 3 msns 26 mi WSW of Chu Lai.

22 August (Thursday)

NVN: US pilots flew 117 msns (USAF 63, USN 41, USMC 13). BDA incl dest or dam 5 AAA sites, 33 rd segments, 4 brgs, 36 trks, 3 ry cars & 15 water craft. 134 fires & 93 sec explosions reptd.

CNAC (Gia Dinh Prov): Btw 0440 & 0525 hrs, Saigon rec 20 rds of 122mm rkt fire. Counter arty fire dir onto suspected en pans with unk res. 16 VN civ killed, 15 inj. No US cas or dam to installations.

III CORPS (Gia Dinh Prov-Rang Sat Sz): Btw 0445 & 0835 hrs, 3 merchant ships atkd by en fire in Long Tau shipping channel: SS Lakewood Victory 10 mi SE of Saigon (fire missed ship), British oil tanker Caltex Newcastle hit 16 mi SE of Saigon (dam 1t), & USNS Craig docked at Cat Lai, 5 mi SE of Saigon hit by 1 rd of unk cal rkt fire causing minor dam & wounding 2 VN cives.

MACARTHUR (Kon Tum Prov): At 1715 hrs, Fire Support Base I at Dak To rec approx 20 rds of 122 rkt fire. At about same time, Fire Support
6, 4 mi SW of Dak To rec 7 rds 75mm RR fire. No cas or significant dam in either incident.

- **TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov):** At 0935 hrs, elm fr 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div. killed 5 en 20 ml E of Tay Ninh. US cas 5 KIA, 16 WIA. Hel gunships, arty & tac air sptd.


- **TOAN THANG (Gia Dinh Prov):** US merchant ship SS Santa Monica was hit by 1 rd of unk type en mort or rkt fire while docked at Cat Lai 6 mi E of Saigon. USN hel gunships eng suspected en firing pans with unk res. 4 VN stevedores wounded. Dam to ship negligible.

- **TOAN THANG (Phuoc Long Prov):** At 1420 hrs, 2 rds of en 82mm mort fire impacted on civ hosp at Song Be. 1 US advisor WIA, 30 VN civ patients wounded.

- **SVN TAC AIR:** US pilots flew 663 sorties (USAF 459, USMC 204). BDA incl dest or dam 91 sampans & 302 en pans. 34 fires, 17 sec explosions sptd.

- **USA hel gunships sptd 78 EX, 68 en pans dest or dam.

- **B-52s flew 12 mins:** 2 mins 8 mi SE of Tay Ninh, 39 mi W of Kontum, 7 mi SW of Ben Cat, 19 mi W of Saigon, 2 mins 17 mi ESE & 14 mi SE of Tay Ninh, 7 mi SE of Tay Ninh, & 4 mins 11 mi N of Pleiku.

23 August (Friday)

- **NVN:** US pilots flew 113 mins (USAF 54, USN 49, USMC 10). BDA incl dest or dam 2 SAM sites, 76 rd segments, 8 brgs, 74 trks & 8 water craft. 129 fires, 58 sec explosions sptd.

- **I CTZ/III MAF:** Btw 0030 & 0330 hrs, several cities & installations in Quang Tri, Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Quang Tin & Thua Thien Provs were hit by a series of harassing atks by fire. 9 friendly fld pans were also mort. Pera cas lt. No immed sptd on mat dam.

- **IPFY (Quang Duc Prov):** At 0155 hrs, CIDG camp at Duc Lap 29 mi NE of Gia Nghia rec unrepd no of 122 mil rkt rds fol by a gnd atk fr a bn size en force. Atk repulsed. Res: 22 EX, 12 IW, 9 CSW cptrd. Friendly cas 1t. AC-47 flareships & USA hel gunships sptd act.

- **TOAN THANG (Binh Long Prov):** Elm fr 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div, eng unk size en force § mi S of Loc Minh, killing 41 en. US cas 1 KIA, 19 WIA. Arty, gunships & tac air sptd act.

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- JEB STUART III (Quang Tri Prov): Aero Scouts fr 3rd Bde, 1st Air Cav Div, observed co size en force 6 mi S of Quang Tri & eng en force with USA gunships. USA arty & USAF tac air dir onto en pens. Res: 35 en bodies counter. No friendly cas.

- IV CORPS (Phong Dinh Prov) Phong Dinh dist town 9 mi SW of Can Tho rec 15 rds of 82mm mort fire. Friendly cas It.


- USA hel gunships rptd 54 EK, 16 en pens & 19 sampans dest or dam.

- A USA OH-6 lt obsn hel was hit by en 50 cal gnd fire and crashed 1 mi NW of An Loc. 4 crewmen killed & acft dest. Another OH-6 was downed by en fire 5 mi NW of Cai Be in Dinh Tuong Prov. 2 crewmen wounded, acft dest. A USAF RF-4 acft downed by unk causes in southern Panhandle. Crew MIA.

- JEB STUART III (Quang Tri): Elm lst Bde, lst Air Cav Div, found 19 en bodies in bunkers 4 mi NE of Quang Tri. It was the same area where elm of lst Air Cav Div & Air Cav Sqdn found 66 en bodies earlier in the day.

- B-52 crews flew 11 msns: 2 msns 8 mi N of Khe Sanh, 14 mi NE of Tay Ninh, 10 mi NE of Trang Bang, 47 mi SW of Kontum, 13 mi E of Tay Ninh, 11 mi NE of Trang Bang, 30 mi N of Phan Thiet, 18 mi W of Saigon & 30 mi NW of Saigon, & 11 mi NE of Tay Ninh City.

24 August (Saturday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 113 msns (USAF 54, USN 50, USMC 9). BDA incl dest or dam 4 SAM sites, 28 rd segments, 6 AAA sites, 3 brgs, 8 trks & 10 water craft. 40 fires & 11 sec explosions rptd.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At 0130 hrs, Chu Lai AB rec less than 20 rkt rds. No cas or dam to facilities.

- II CTZ (Quang Duc Prov): At 0100 hrs, dist hqs & MACV compound at Gia Nghia rec unk no of mort. Defenders sptd by arty. Atk repulsed. En cas not yet rptd. US 2 WIA & ARVN cas lt.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At 0200 hrs, elm fr 2nd Bde, 25th Inf

- I PPV (Darlac Prov): Elm 2nd Bde, 4th Inf Div, cptrd significant en ammo cache 16 mi W of Ban Me Thout. Cache contained 30 cases of RPG ammo (175 rds) & 34 cases of 12.7mm ammo (17,000 rds).


- Quyet Chien (Dinh Tuong Prov): Elms of the ARVN 7th Inf Div reptd 83 KIA in an act sptd by gunships, arty & tac air 12 mi NW of Cai Lai. ARVN force also aslt by elm fr US 2nd Bde, 9th Inf Div. US cas 8 KIA, 28 WIA. ARVN cas reptd 1t.

- ALLEN BROOK (Quang Nam Prov): This op began 4 May & term today. Elms were 7th Regt, 1st Mar Div; 5th & 27th Mar Regt. Cumulative res: 1,017 KIA, 102 suspects dtn, 127 IW, 27 CSW cptrd. Mar cas 172 KIA, 1124 WIA. The no of tac air sorties in spt of op: 2,248.


- USA hel gunships reptd 37 KIA.

- 2 UH-1 USA hels downed by en gnd fire 9 mi NW of Cai Lai. No pers cas. Both acft dest. USAF F-4 acft downed by unk causes NW of Dong Hoi. Crew MIA. Mar CH-46 acft downed by en gnd fire 3 mi N of Cam Lo. No inj.

- B-52s flew 12 msns: 3 msns in spt of Duc Lap CIDG defenders 6 mi NNW, 4 mi N & 6 mi E of the camp; 2 msns 12 & 14 mi SW of Chu Lai, 2 msns 4 mi NNE of Duc Lap; 3 msns 8 mi N of Khe Sanh, 37 mi W of Kontum & 29 mi W of Me Tho.

25 August (Sunday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 112 msns (USAF 56, USN 46, USMC 10). BDA incl
dest or dam 5 AAA sites, 23 rd segments, 3 SAM sites, 5 brgs, 57 trks & 24 water craft. 65 fires & 46 sec explosions reptd.

- NEVADA EAGLE (Thua Thien Prov): Kims of the 3rd Bde, 82nd Abn Div, discovered 2 wpn caches 16 mi S of Hue. They cntn 176 NV, 1 60mm mort tube, 1 82mm mort tube & 200 rds of 82mm mort ammo.

- NEVADA EAGLE (Thua Thien Prov): Kims of the 3rd Bde, 82nd Abn Div eng est en plat at 0930 hrs, 16 mi S of Hue, killing 12 en. US cas 2 KIA, 2 WIA.


- HARRINGTON TRAIL (Quang Tin Prov): Kims fr 1st Sqdn, 1st Arm Cav, AMERICAN Div & a co fr the 11th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAN Div, killed 511 en in a 2-day battle 5 mi W of Tan Ky. US cas 7 KIA, 47 WIA.

- COCHIN GREEN (Dinh Dinh Prov): Kims of 173rd Abn Bde killed 10 en 7 mi E of Dong Sean. Troopers also cntn 68 suspects. Act sptd by hel gunships & HMF. No US cas. Earlier, en fr bde found 35 NVA bodies in the same arca, apparently killed by arty.

- KENTUCKY (Quang Tri Prov): Kims of 1st Bg, 1st Mar Div, eng 2 gup os en 4 mi N of Can Thien, killing 52 & cprng 8 NV. Mar cas lt.


- TOAN THANG (Bien Hoa Prov): At 2230 hrs, Bien Hoa AB recless than 15 rds of mixed 107mm & 122mm rkt fire. US cas lt with no fatalities & no cprnd due to installation. No NV cprnd.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 726 sorties (USAF 509, USMC 219). BDA incl dest or dam 228 en pens. 24 fires, 30 sec explosions & 51 EX cprnd.

- USA hel gunships cprnd 29 EX, & 32 en pens dest. A UH-1 hel downed by suspected RRG rd 6 mi NW of Dong Ha. 1 inj. Navy A-7 Corsair was downed by en gnd fire on coast E of Vinh. Pilot was res.

- D-52a flew 13 mms: 28 mi NW of Saigon, 2 mms 1 mi E of Duc Lap CIDG camp, 2 mms 3mi SE of Tay Ninh, 6 mi SE of Duc Lap CIDG camp, 4 mms 40 mi W & 48 mi SW of Kontum, 3 mms 12-13 mi SW of Chu Lai.

26 August (Monday)

- SVN: US pilots flew 123 mms (USAF 59, USN 53, USMC 11). BDA incl

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dest or dam 7 AAA sites, 59 rd segments, 14 brgs, 46 trks & 55 water craft. 146 fires & 34 sec explosions reptd.

- NEVADA EAGLE (Thua Thien Prov): Elm of 3rd Bde, 82nd Abn Div, reptd 92 EK 16 mi S of Hue in an act sptd by arty & tac air. US cas 3 WIA.

- NEVADA EAGLE (Thua Thien Prov): Elm fr 3rd Bde, 82nd Abn Div, found an en wpns cache containing 96 IW (SKS cnbs) 15 mi S of Hue.

- MAMELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): A 1st Mar Recon Tm observed 50 NVA 19 mi SW of Da Nang. Arty fire dir onto en pens. Res: 24 EK.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At 2145 hrs, co fr 2nd ROK Mar Bde amb est en sqd 4 mi W of Hoi An, killing 10. No ROK cas.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): Dong Ha Cbt Base rec approx 55 rds of 130mm arty fire at 1715 hrs. No rept dam to the base & pers cas 1t.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 668 sorties (USAF 464, USMC 204). EDA incl dest or dam 451 en pens. 21 fires & 46 sec explosions reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 9 EK. UH-1 hel downed by en gnd fire 13 mi NNE of Tan An. 2 KIA, 5 WIA. OH-6 hel downed 9 mi W of Hue. No inj.

- NGF: Cruiser USS Boston and destroyer USS Henry W. Tucker fired on an est 20 NVA sup boats <5 mi N of the DMZ, sinking or dam 17 of the 75-100 ft craft.

- B-52s flew 10 msns: 2 msns 24 mi NW & 31 mi NNE of Saigon, 2 msns 9 & 12 mi N of Khe Sanh, 25 mi NW of Saigon, 29 mi NNE of Saigon, 3 msns 10 mi SW of Tay Ninh & 20 mi W of Saigon.

27 August (Tuesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 107 msns (USAF 67, USN 29, USMC 11). EDA incl dest or dam 9 radar sites, 9 brgs, 2 AAA sites, 20 trks, 37 SAM sites, 143 structs & 14 water craft. 61 fires & 11 sec explosions reptd.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): Da Nang AB rec approx 15 rds of 122mm rkt fire. No pers cas & dam 1t.

- IV CORPS (Vinh Long Prov): At 0240 hrs, Vinh Long afd rec approx 50 rds of mixed 82mm mort & RPG-2 fire fol by gnd atk fr unk size en force. US cas 1t & en losses unk. No rept of ARVN or VN civ cas.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At 0030 hrs, 25th Inf Div Fire Spt Base Rawlins loc 3 mi E of Tay Ninh was hit with approx 150 rds of 82mm mort & less than 55 rds of 107mm rkt fire in addition to a gnd probe by unk size en force. USA hel gunships, arty & USAF AC-47 flareships
sptd defenders. Res: 25 EK, 2 suspects dtn, 3 IW & 1 CSW cptrd. US cas 1t with no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG (Hau Nghia Prov): Btwn 0155 & 0320 hrs, Prov Hqs at Khien Cuong rec approx 100 rds of 82mm mort fire. 3 VN civil wounded, PF cas 1t with no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): Elm fr 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div, found 40 en bodies 5 mi SW of Dau Tieng. Bodies appeared to be approx 3 days old.


- TOAN THANG (Gia Dinh Prov): At 2355 hrs, 3 rds of suspected 107mm rkt fire impacted in an area S of the "Y" Brg. Suspected en firing psns 9 mi SW of Saigon. Counter atk made with arty & mort. Res: 1 VN civ killed, 3 wounded by rkt fire. En cas unk.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): Elm fr 2nd ROK Mar Bde ambs est en plat 7 mi SW of Hoi An, killing 19, cptrg 5 IW & 12 grens. No ROK cas.

- BURLINGTON TRAIL (Quang Tin Prov): A co fr 1st Sqdn, 1st Arm Cav, AMERICAL Div, killed 19 en, cptrg 6 IW & 2 CSW in an act against an unk size en force 9 mi W of Tam Ky. US cas 1 KIA, 8 WIA.


- NEVADA EAGLE (Thu Thien Prov): At 0945 hrs, elm fr 3rd Bde, 82nd Abn Div, discovered a significant en wpns cache 19 mi S of Hue cntn 39 SKS cbns, 1 RPD 1t MG. Earlier, in the same area, other paratroopers found a cache cntn 2 hv MG's & 1 82mm mort.

- TOAN THANG (Hau Nghia Prov): At 1030 hrs, a co fr 3rd Bde, 101st Air Cav Div, reptd 103 EK, 22 suspects dtn, 4 IW & 2 CSW cptrd in an act 4 mi N of Trang Bang. Act sptd against the unk size en force by gunships,arty & tac air. US cas 16 KIA, 25 WIA. 20 IW & 9 CSW cptrd.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 726 sorties (USAF 507, USMC 219). BDA incl 228 en psns dest or dam. 51 EK, 24 fires & 30 sec explosions reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 49 EK & 32 en psns dest.

- B-52s flew 11 msns: 2 msns 29 mi NW & 1 man 31 mi WNE of Saigon, 25 mi N of Phan Thiet, 4 msns 7 mi SW of Quang Ngai, 3 msns 12 mi N of Pleiku.

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28 August (Wednesday)

- **NVN**: US pilots flew 121 msns (USAF 64, USN 47, USMC 10). BDA incl dest or dam 32 trks, 1 radar site, 132 structs, 7 SAM sites, 34 rd segments, & 1 brg. 116 fires & 7 sec explosions reptd.

- **ELNINH TAY/MACARTHUR (Darlac Prov)**: At 1400 hrs, an acft recovery plat sptd by USA hel gunships killed 10 NVA 12 mi SW of Ban Me Thout while eng an unk size en force. US cas 1 KIA, 9 WIA.


- **III MAF (Quang Nam Prov)**: Approx 2000 hrs, Mar FLC compound 3 mi NW of Da Nang rec less than 10 rds of 122 rkt fire. Mar cas It, mat dam negligible.

- **NEVADA EAGLE (Thua Thien Prov)**: Elms fr 3rd Bde, 82nd Abn Div, found a series of en caches 16 mi S of Hue. Caches contained 200,000 rds of SA ammo, 100 rds of 82mm mort, 500 rds of 60mm mort, 150 rds of 57 ER ammo, 91 RPG-2 rds, 400 rds of 7.62 ammo, 12 1-lb blocks of TNT, 22 AK-47 rfs, 30 SKS cbns, 41 cbns, 1 hv MG, 3 complete 60mm morts, 1 Mauser rfl, 1 .30 cal pistol, 1 portable typewriter, 3 comm radios, 1 portable tape recorder & 2 complete fld hosp.

- **SVN TAC AIR**: US pilots flew 646 sorties (USAF 463, USMC 183). BDA incl dest or dam 328 en psns. 19 fires, 18 sec explosions & 23 EK reptd.

- **USA hel gunships reptd 42 EK, 31 en psns & 25 sampans dest or dam. Mar CH-34 downed 12 mi NW of Da Nang. No inj.

- **B-52s** flew 10 msns: 3 msns 30 mi N of Tay Ninh, 29 mi S of Ca Mau, 5 mi SW of Quang Ngai, 2 msns 12 mi N of Pleiku & 3 strikes 7 mi SW of Quang Ngai.

29 August (Thursday)

- **NVN**: US pilots flew 130 msns (USAF 65, USN 53, USMC 12). BDA incl dest or dam 7 fttns, 44 trks, 40 rd segments, & 114 water craft. 50 sec explosions & 107 fires reptd.

- **JEB STUART III (Thua Thien Prov)**: Elms fr 3rd Bde, 1st Air Cav Div, discovered 12 en bodies in garves 12 mi W of Hue. Time & cause of death not yet reptd.

- **NEVADA EAGLE (Thua Thien Prov)**: Approx 0200 hrs, Fire Sup Base Panther of the 3rd Bde, 82nd Abn Div, rec 180 rds of 82mm mort fire fol by gnd atk fr an unk size en force. Defenders sptd by hel gunships & arty. Res: 10 EK, US cas It.

- **SWIFT PURSUIT**: Terminated. Announced 31 Aug 68, commenced 28 Aug 68. TF 76 ship-to-shore movement of BLT 2/26 USMC into Op LANCASTER II in Quang Tri Prov. No friendly or en cas.

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- SUSSEX BAY. Commenced. Elms are 5th Regt, 1st Mar Div, & 2 comps fr 7th Regt (Quang Nam Prov) in coord with ARVN Op HUNG QUANG 1-65 involving 51st Inf Regt & 1st Rgr Gp.


- IV CORPS (Phong Dinh Prov): Binh Thuy Aflrd rec approx 40 rds of 82mm mort fire. Cas to pers & dam to aflrd was lt.


- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 695 sorties (USAF 467, USMC 228). BDA incl 28 EK, 18 fires, 26 sec explosions & 298 en psns dest or dam.

- USA hel gunships reptd 56 EK & 25 en psns dest or dam. A Navy A-6 Intruder acft downed by en gnd fire 24 mi NW of Vinh. Both crew mbrs MIA.

- B-52s flew 9 msns: 54 mi ENE of Phan Thiet, 12 mi WNW of Ben Cat, 26 mi N of Tay Ninh, 5 mi SW of Chu Lai, 2 msns 35 mi NW of Saigon & 3 strikes 7 mi SW of Quang Ngai.

30 August (Friday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 120 msns (USAF 61, USN 51, USMC 8). BDA incl dest or dam 6 AAA sites, 31 trks & 27 water craft. 53 fires & 31 sec explosions reptd.

- III MAF (Quang Ngai Prov): An outpost near Ha Thanh SF Camp 14 mi W of Quang Ngai rec unk no of mort rds. US cas 4 KIA, 5 WIA. 12 EK. RVNAF cas were lt.

- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): A co fr 3rd Bde, 9th Inf Div, eng est en plat 7 mi E of Tan An, killing 12 en in an act sptd by hel gunships. Troopers also dtn 2 suspects & cptrd 3 IW. No US cas.

- NEVADA EAGLE (Thua Thien Prov): A co fr 3rd Bde, 82nd Abn Div, found 23 en bodies in graves 17 mi SSE of Hue. En appeared to have been killed by tac air or arty, & had been dead 2-4 wks.

- II FFV (Bien Hoa Prov): At approx 2300 hrs, Bien Hoa aflrd rec 20 rds of 122mm rkt fire. Counter arty dir onto suspected en psns with unk res. Pers cas & dam to aflrd were lt.

- QUYET CHIEN (Dinh Tuong Prov): Elms fr 2nd Bde, 9th Inf Div, MRF eng unk size en force 12 mi W of Cai Be. USA arty sptd friendly forces. Res: 13 EK, 1 suspect dtn, 2 IW, 1 OSW cptrd. US 3 KIA, 8 WIA (6 USA & 2 USN).
- **TOAN THANG (Long An Prov):** Elms of 3rd Bde, 9th Inf Div, sptd by hel gunships, eng unk size en force 4 mi SW of Can Giuoc. Res: 10 KIA, 1 suspect dtn, 3 IW, 1 CSW cptrd. US cas 1 WIA.

- **NEVADA EAGLE (Tho Thien Prov):** Elms of 3rd Bde, 82nd Abn Div, discovered 2 en caches 15 mi S of Hue. Caches contn 13 RPG launchers, 21 IW, 1 81mm mort, 400 lbs of TNT, 36 RPG-2 rds, 144 RPG-7 rds & 300 gas masks.

- **III MAF (Quang Nam Prov):** Plat fr 5th Regt, 1st Mar Div, killed 29 of 30 en crossing a river 8 mi W of Hoi An. No US cas.

- **SVN TAC AIR:** US pilots flew 671 sorties (USAF 459, USMC 212). EDA incl dest or dam 428 en psns. 20 sec explosions reptd.

- **USA hel gunships reptd 40 KIA; 14 en psns, 18 sampans dest or dam.

- **A Navy A-4 Skyhawk downed by en gnd fire 29 mi WNW of Vinh. Pilot res.

- **NGF:** Destroyers USS Joseph Strauss & USS Rupertus fired on en shore installations near Dong Hoi, setting off several sec explosions & silencing several sites.

- **B-52s flew 11 mms:** 2 mms 32 mi NW of Saigon, 28 mi NNE of Saigon, 21 mi N of Ban Me Thuot, 2 mms 27 & 29 mi E of Saigon, 28 mi S of Ca Nau, 2 mms 7 & 14 mi SW of Chu Lai, 2 mms 19 mi NW of Dak To.

31 August (Saturday)

- **NVN:** US pilots flew 130 mms (USAF 75, USN 41, USMC 14). EDA incl dest or dam 14 strts, 14 AAA sites, 5 brgs, 27 rd segments, 26 trks, & 6 water craft. 48 firs, 47 sec explosions reptd.

- **III MAF (Quang Nam Prov):** Approx at 0200 hrs, Marble Mat Air Facility rec less than 35 rds of 82mm mort fire. No cas & dam to installation was lt.

- **III MAF (Quang Nam Prov):** At approx 0250 hrs, Da Nang Afld rec less than 10 rds of 122mm rkt fire. Cas to pers & dam to afld were lt.

- **IFFV (Pleiku Prov):** Btw 0220 & 0245 hrs, Pleiku City rec more than 15 rds of 122mm rkt fire in the downtown sect. 2 VN civ were killed & 18 wounded. 8 houses were dest.

- **IFFV (Darlac Prov):** At approx 0330 hrs, Ban Me Thuot Afld rec about 20 rds of unk cal mort fire. Pers cas & dam to afld were lt.

- **KENTUCKY (Quang Tri Prov):** A co fr 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div, eng unk size en force in bunkers ½ mile N of Con Thien in an act sptd by tac air & arty. Res: 65 NVA killed, 19 IW cptrd. US 2 KIA, 24 WIA.

- **NEVADA EAGLE (Tho Thien Prov):** At approx 1300 hrs, 2 comps fr
3rd Bde, 82nd Abn Div, found caches of wpns & ammo 14 mi S of Hue. Caches contained 47 IW, 1 82mm mort, 215grens, 30 mines (unk type), 7,800 rds of SA & 27 rds of mixed 60 & 82mm mort ammo.

- I FFV (Pleiku Prov): At approx 0945 hrs, a POL pump sta 15 mi WNW of An Khe rec unk no of mort & 57mm RTR fire. Shortly thereafter, a trk convoy traveling W on Hwy 19, 2 mi SE of the POL sta, rec sniper fire fol by a gnd atk fr est en co. Elm of 173rd Abn Bde, hel gunships & arty sptd friendly acts. Res: 6EK, 4 IW & 1 CSW cptrd. US 1 KIA, 15 WIA. Dam to sta & convoy was lt.


- MAMELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): 1st Mar Div recon tm obs est en co with packs & rfls 6 mi N of An Hoa. Mar called in arty, killing 15 NVA.

- SCOTLAND II (Quang Tri Prov): Co fr 9th Regt, 3rd Mar Div, rec fire fr unk size en force in bunkers 5 mi W of the Rockpile. Mar, sptd by arty & tac air, asltd bunkers, killing 21 NVA. Mar cas 1 KIA, 17 WIA.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): Elm fr 5th Regt, 1st Mar Div, obs & amb est en plat fr night defensive pens 7 mi W of Hoi An. No US cas.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 675 sorties (USAF 466, USMC 209). BDA incl dest or dam 842 en pens. 23 fires & 42 sec explosions reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 43 EK.

- B-52s flew 11 msns: 3 msns 17-22 mi WNW of Da Nang, 2 msns 20 mi WSW of Quang Ngai, 2 msns 16 & 18 mi W of Quang Ngai, 19 mi N of Ban Me Thuot & 3 msns 24 mi W of Quang Ngai.
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