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

It has been organized as follows:

- A summary of September events:
  General
  Significant Ground Operations
  Air Operations
  Naval Operations

- A detailed chronology of September events.

- A review of ground operations.

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REVIEW OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 1968

GENERAL

During the month of September, action was light to moderate with the majority of significant contacts with enemy forces resulting from friendly initiated sweep operations. The enemy generally avoided combat to concentrate on refitting following heavy casualties during his abortive offensive in the latter half of August. Significant enemy materiel losses were inflicted on the enemy as Allied forces were highly successful in discovering large weapons, munitions and food caches.

I CORPS

In the central DMZ there were numerous light contacts with the 320th NVA Division, and many large ammunition and weapons caches were discovered. However, by the end of the month prisoners' statements and decreasing opposition to friendly sweep operations indicated that elements of the 320th NVA Division had relinquished their offensive posture and were evading. Friendly forces made several significant contacts with the 138th NVA Regiment which prevented the unit from launching any major attacks on Allied positions in northern Quang Tri Province.

Other major enemy units in the two northern provinces remained in their base areas, and activity continued to be extremely light. Documents and prisoners indicated that these enemy units were suffering from severe food shortages.

Operations east of Hue on Vinh Loc Island and in Phu Vang District were highly successful in disrupting the enemy's rest areas and reducing the effectiveness of his local forces.

In central I CTZ enemy pressure on Da Nang decreased. West of Hoi An heavy contacts with an NVA regiment greatly reduced its strength. One prisoner stated that the companies in his battalion had only 35 men each. In Quang Nam Province, prisoners and documents indicated that elements of the 2nd NVA Division, had deployed into the province from the Kham Duc area in Quang Tin Province. At the end of the month these elements were threatening the Thuong Duc CIDG Camp. In Quang Tin Province other elements of the 2nd NVA Division, suffered heavy losses in contacts west of Tam Ky just as it had experienced in August. On 22 September, another regiment of the 2nd NVA Division, unsuccessfully attacked Hau Duc District Headquarters and suffered over 200 killed.

To the south, in Quang Ngai Province, elements of the 3rd NVA Division continued to pose threats to Quang Ngai City and Ha Thanh CIDG Camp, but no significant activity occurred.

II CORPS

In the western highlands, enemy activity was characterized by reorganization.
isatlon, extensive movement of major elements, and continued threats to Dak Seang and Duc Lap. In Kontum Province, one NVA regiment was directed to continue offensive action against Dak Seang. The regiment, according to a railler, was short of food and had low morale. The railler also said malaria afflicted 25 per cent of his battalion.

In Pleiku Province a prisoner identified his unit as the 24th NVA Regiment, and revealed that it was involved in a 24 August contact near the Plei Mrong CIDG Camp.

In Quang Duc Province, enemy activity centered around Duc Lap. Prisoners reported that the 95C NVA Regiment, 1st NVA Division, conducted the initial attack on the CIDG Camp and that elements of the 66th NVA Regiment assisted in the attack.

In the coastal provinces the 18th NVA Regiment was engaged by ARVN and US Forces on 22 September resulting in at least 120 enemy killed.

Sporadic attacks-by-fire on Tuy Hoa, Nha Trang, Phan Rang, and Phan Thiet have been credited to local force units. There was an increase in terrorist activity during the month in the coastal and southern provinces while other reports indicated enemy units were involved in rice collections.

III CORPS

The enemy continued primarily widespread attacks in the outer provinces, with emphasis in the Binh Long and Tay Ninh Province areas. Enemy activity indicated continued efforts to cause the attrition of Allied forces and to reduce Allied interdiction of his infiltration routes toward the capital. Reports, prisoners, ralliers, and documents indicated that attacks in the outer provinces were diversionary and that Saigon remained the enemy's primary objective.

The 7th NVA Division remained in northern Binh Long Province while the 9th VC Division continued to operate in western Tay Ninh Province.

Local Force Battalions were located in the Long An - Gia Dinh Province border area while other units reportedly experienced serious morale and food supply problems.

IV CORPS

In IV CTZ enemy-initiated activity during September consisted primarily of attacks-by-fire, harassments, and acts of terrorism. Most of the enemy's effort was directed at government district towns, lines of communication, and Allied installations and airfields. Attacks-by-fire against airfields were particularly numerous indicating the enemy's concern over the use of friendly airpower. Ground attacks during the period were at a minimum as the enemy continued to avoid large unit contacts.
Subsequent to an ARVN sweep in Vinh Long Province on 1 September, a prisoner stated that the ARVN operation disrupted the battalion's plan to attack Vinh Long City on 1 September. Additionally, there were numerous reports of large-scale attacks to be conducted by the enemy before the end of September. The fact that these attacks did not materialize is probably due to the success of Allied intelligence in discovering enemy intentions as well as Allied operations mounted against his forces.

An ARVN operation on 2 and 3 September in Kien Phong Province resulted in 143 VC killed.

The most significant enemy-initiated activity during the month occurred on the 15th of September when a number of attacks-by-fire and harassments were conducted throughout IV CTZ. Several of the attacks were followed by ground assaults, all of which were repulsed.

A VC officer, captured in August, stated that as a result of Allied operations in July and August which inflicted heavy casualties on the VC, enemy forces have been pushed further and further away from the population centers. The enemy's extensive resupply efforts during this high water period in IV CTZ probably account, in part, for his desire to avoid major contacts. In one two-week period approximately 400 sampans were destroyed. During the period a number of enemy caches were uncovered, resulting in the capture of considerable quantities of munitions and military equipment.
SIGNIFICANT GROUND OPERATIONS

TRANG BANG, 5 SEPTEMBER

At approximately 1215, an element of the U.S. 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) air-assaulted into a hot landing zone 3 miles east of Trang Bang and engaged an unknown size enemy force. Elements of the Armored Cavalry Squadron of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division and other paratroopers from the Brigade maneuvered into blocking positions. Contact continued with U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships and U.S. Air Force tactical aircraft supporting the friendly forces. By 1600, additional elements of the Brigade reinforced and took up blocking positions in an attempt to cordon the enemy force then estimated at battalion size.

Contact continued into the evening of the 5th and the morning of the 6th when the ARVN 2nd Battalion, 49th Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, was inserted into the area. Sporadic action continued and contact was finally lost at 1330 on the 6th when the enemy successfully evaded the cordon.

The total number of enemy killed in the 2-day battle was 103. US casualties for the action were 31 killed and 41 wounded. ARVN casualties were light.

+++ DAU TIENG, 11 SEPTEMBER

At approximately 0430, a mechanized infantry element of the U.S. 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, occupying night defensive positions in an area 3 miles west-southwest of Dau Tieng, received heavy mortar and small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force followed by a ground attack. Other elements of the Brigade reinforced and contact was lost at 0710 when the enemy withdrew.

Ninety-nine enemy were killed and 1 suspect was detained. In addition the following weapons and equipment were captured: 18 AK-47 rifles, 5 RPD light machineguns, 2 RPG rocket grenade launchers, 2-9mm pistols, 1 radio with head set, 5 gas masks and 3,850 rounds of small arms ammunition. US casualties were 3 killed and 20 wounded during the engagement.

+++ LOC NHINH, 12 SEPTEMBER

Elements of the U.S. 1st and 3rd Brigades, 1st Infantry Division, engaged an estimated enemy regiment in sporadic to heavy contact in an area 1 to 4 miles east-northeast of Loc Minh. The action began at approximately 0730 and continued until 2100 when contact was lost as the enemy withdrew. U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships and Air Force tactical aircraft and AC-47 gunships supported the infantrymen during the engagement.

Enemy losses were 121 killed, and 3 individual and 9 crew-served weapons captured. US casualties were 14 killed and 60 wounded.

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SIGNIFICANT GROUND OPERATIONS

SOUTHEASTERN PORTION OF DMZ, 13 SEPTEMBER

At an unreported time, elements of the U.S. 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), and the U.S. Marine 3rd Tank Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, conducted a combined sweep operation with elements of the ARVN 2nd Regiment, 1st Infantry Division against North Vietnamese Army troops occupying fortified positions in the southeastern portion of the Demilitarized Zone, 2 miles northeast of Gio Linh.

All three elements engaged an unknown size NVA force in a well dug-in bunker complex inside the DMZ. Fighting continued throughout the day until contact was lost prior to nightfall when the enemy withdrew. Throughout the action, the combined friendly troops were supported by U.S. naval gunfire, tactical airstrikes, and artillery in addition to the organic tank weapons.

The combined force killed 158 North Vietnamese Army soldiers and captured 13 individual and 5 crew-served weapons in addition to miscellaneous ammunition. U.S. casualties were 22 wounded (11 evacuated). ARVN casualties were light.

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GO DAU HA, 16 SEPTEMBER

On 16 September at 2300, a U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division Fire Support Base located 9 miles northeast of Go Dau Ha received an unknown number of 82mm mortar rounds followed by a ground attack.

The infantrymen returned the fire with their organic weapons and artillery. Action continued throughout the early morning of the 17th and terminated at 0630 when the enemy withdrew.

An element of the 101st Airborne Division (AM) conducting a sweep of the area found 131 enemy bodies. U.S. losses were 4 killed and 48 wounded. In addition, 4 suspects were detained and 7 individual and 5 crew-served weapons were captured.

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TAM KY, 24 SEPTEMBER

At 1430, a troop from the AMERICAL Division's armored cavalry squadron engaged an unknown size enemy force 4 miles southwest of Tam Ky. One armored personnel carrier was hit by an RPG rocket-grenade round during the initial contact and was moderately damaged. Contact was lost after a brief firefight. The cav troop continued sweeping the area and reestablished contact with the enemy force a short time later 1 mile west of the first engagement. Three more companies from the division were moved into the area to reinforce the unit in contact. Contact continued throughout the remainder of the day and was finally lost at 1930 when the enemy force evaded and withdrew from the area. During the 5-hour period, the AMERICAL Division troopers and supporting fires killed 92 enemy soldiers. One U.S. soldier was killed and 33 were wounded.
During the period 1 through 30 September, U.S. and Vietnamese ground forces captured a number of enemy munitions, weapons and food caches throughout the Republic and in the southern Demilitarized Zone. The majority of the caches were located in the I and III Corps Tactical Zones where the highest level of enemy activity was also reported during the same period.

Cumulative reports reflected a total weight of more than 300 tons contained in these caches including the following significant items: Approximately 1,800,000 rounds of small arms ammunition; more than 18,000 rounds of 60mm, 81mm and 82mm mortar ammunition; 5,854 RPG-2 and RPG-7 rocket-grenade rounds; approximately 11,400 pounds of TNT; more than 11,000 hand grenades and rifle grenades; 3,700 anti-personnel and anti-tank mines; 1,125 individual weapons (primarily SKS and AK-47 rifles); 6 complete 60mm mortars; 3 complete 82mm mortars and 8 extra 82mm mortar tubes; 9 flame throwers; 2 23mm AAA guns weighing in excess of one ton each; 2 12.7mm AAA machineguns; over 50 other crew-served weapons; more than 500 rockets; approximately 135 tons of rice, and more than three tons of salt.

In terms of combat logistics requirements for NVA units, the above losses can be evaluated and equated as follows: The rice would feed two 600-man NVA battalions for 5 months, the individual weapons and mortars would arm an NVA battalion with individual weapons left over.

The loss of this material and food undoubtedly had a significant impact on the enemy's ability to initiate and/or sustain combat in certain areas of the country.
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 1,157 missions over North Vietnam, Air Force pilots flew 1,770, while Marine Corps aviators logged another 324 for a total of 3,251 missions.

More than 365 trucks, 90 bridges, 85 AAA sites and 875 supply boats were reported destroyed or damaged. More than 545 secondary explosions were observed.

AIR SOUTH

U.S. Air Force pilots flew 11,851 tactical air sorties in support of Allied ground forces and Marine Corps pilots flew another 5,852 sorties for a total of 17,703 tactical air sorties during the month. Of the total sorties flown, 6,926 were immediate and/or were flown in direct support of ground troops in contact with the enemy.

A total of 37,273 airlift sorties were flown, transporting more than 82,000 tons of cargo.

The aircrews reported killing 361 enemy while destroying or damaging numerous enemy emplacements and crew-served and automatic weapons positions. Their air-delivered ordnance also resulted in more than 490 secondary explosions.

B-52 MISSIONS

Three hundred and twelve missions were flown during the month by Air Force B-52s. Of these missions, 166 were directed against enemy targets in the III Corps Tactical Zone, 55 in II CTZ, 52 in I CTZ, 20 in IV CTZ, 1 in the northern half of the DMZ, 10 in the southern half of the DMZ, and 8 in North Vietnam.
AIRLIFT

Military Airlift Command (Inbound/Outbound-South Vietnam)

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NAVAL GUNFIRE NORTH VIETNAM

Destroyers and cruisers operating off the panhandle coast took a heavy toll of enemy supply boats, destroying or damaging at least 154 of the craft during their Sea Dragon operations.

In the largest single haul, the destroyer USS Turner Joy sank 30 fifty-foot boats and four larger cargo barges on Sept. 3, as they were heading south between Vinh and Dong Hoí.

The ships also destroyed three bridges and damaged five; made 57 road cuts; and set off 16 secondary explosions in their firing missions against enemy positions and installations ashore.

In addition, one destroyer was credited by an aerial spotter with killing 20-25 enemy in firing against Cape Lay and Tiger Island on Sept. 27.

On the first day of the month, another destroyer was taken under fire by enemy shore batteries, which fired about 200 rounds and came as close as 25 yards to the ship.

NAVAL GUNFIRE DEMILITARIZED ZONE

The battleship New Jersey arrived off the DMZ on the last day of September and fired at North Vietnamese ammunition storage areas and artillery sites within and just north of the zone, sending her 16-inch rounds 10 miles inland from a position nine miles at sea.

On her first day she destroyed four automatic weapons positions and an artillery site; collapsed 30 meters of trenchline; cut a road in two places; and scattered enemy supplies over the target area, seven miles north-northwest of Con Thien.

NAVAL GUNFIRE SOUTH VIETNAM

Naval gunfire support ships fired at a total of 1,237 structures during the month, scoring heavy damage. In one three-day period in mid-September, the rocket-firing ship USS Clarion River destroyed or damaged some 376 structures in Quang Ngai Province, 75 miles south of Da Nang.

More than 40 enemy soldiers were killed by the gunfire during the month and 113 secondary fires were set off.
1 September (Sunday)

- MVN: US pilots flew 110 mms (USAF 57, USN 45, USMC 8). BDA incl 26 fires, 26 sec explosions, 10 AAA sites, 2 brgs, 16 trks, 29 water craft, 6 fts & 32 strucs.

- NAMBEIKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): Approx 1330 hrs, a 1st MAR Div Reccon tm obs 40 en moving along a trail 5 mi NW of An Hoa. Arty fire was dir onto piano. Res: 10 EX.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Minh Prov): Btw 0100-0300 hrs, the CIDG camp at Thien Ngon, 19 mi NW of Tay Minh, rec approx 10 rds of 107mm rkt fire, 55 rds of 82mm mort & 15 rds of 120mm rkt fire. Cme were lt. AC-47 gunships atk sus en firing pcs with unk res.

- NEVADA EAGLE (Thu Thien Prov): Klm of 3rd Bde, 82nd Abn Div, discovered en storage struc 15 mi S of Hue. Trps found 6 compl 60mm mort, 31 I/Wpns, 30,000 rds of SA ammo, 750 rds of 82mm mort ammo & 30 anti-pwr/AT mines.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 593 sorties (USAF 392, USMC 201). BDA incl 14 fires, 41 sec explosions & 664 en pans. US & Royal Austr al crews were abn 1,245 times, carrying 11,869 pax & 3,002 tons of cgo.

- USA hel gunships reptd 21 EX. Army air crews flew 890 sorties in the Mekong Delta spt ARVN inf ops.

- An Air Force F-4 Phantom acft was downed fr unk causes W of Dong Hoi. One crew mbr res, 1 MIA.

- WGF: Destroyer USS Cupertino ignited several sec explosions & scored numerous dir hits on coastal def sites N of the DMZ. Shore guns fired more than 200 rds at the Cupertino, but none hit ship.

- B-52s flew 10 mms: 4 mms 12 mi E, 16 & 17 mi SE & 22 mi ESE of Tay Minh; 21 mi W of Saigon; 2 mms 14 & 16 mi ESE of Tay Minh; 19 mi WW of Da Nang, & 2 mms 16 mi SE & 15 mi ESE of Tay Minh.

2 September (Monday)


- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At 1015 hrs, a plat fr 3rd Regt, 3rd MAR Div, eng unk size en force in a hot LZ 3 mi N of the Rockpile.
Res: 18 EK, US 8 WIA.

- NAMELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): At 0845 hrs, a 1st MAR Div Recon
  tm obs approx 40 en moving in the open 4 mi NNW of An Hoa & dir arty
  fire on them. Res: 16 EK, no US cas.

- I FFV (Kontum Prov): At 0320 hrs, a 122mm rkt landed & explo on Hwy
  14 next to the MACV compound at Kontum City. No cas or dam to compound.
  A swp of the area revealed 10 more 122mm rktls on firing psns aimed
  at the compound.

- SCOTLAND II (Quang Tri Prov): A recon tm fr the 3rd MAR Div eng est
  NVA co 2 mi S of Khe Sanh. Act sptd by USMC tac air & Air Force

- SCOTLAND II (Quang Tri Prov): At 1100 hrs, an elm of the US 9th Regt,
  3rd MAR Div, discovered en wpts cache 5 mi WSW of the Rockpile. Cache
  cntn 3 AK-47 rfs, 140 60mm mort rds, 125 82mm mort rds, 150 anti-
  pers & AT mines, 8 cases of 7.62mm ammo, 7 cases of 12.7mm ammo, 9
  cases of 9mm ammo & 2 cases of TNT.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 628 sorties (USAF 426, USMC 202). BDA
  incl 58 EK, 24 fires, 24 sec explosions & 329 en wpts. US & Royal
  AUSTR al crews were abn 1,396 times, carrying 14,422 pax & 3,229 tons
  of cgo.

- USA hel gunships reptd 35 EK. In the Mekong Delta, Army air crews flew
  614 sorties in spt of ARVN inf ops.

- A MAR CH-46 hel was lost to en gnd fire 3 mi N of the Rockpile. 5 MAR
  WIA.

- B-52s flew 11 mns: 3 mns 19-22 mi ESE of Tay Minh, 25 mi NW of
  Saigon, 19 mi WSW of Dak To, 6 mi NE of Duc Lap CIDG Camp, 9 mi NE
  of Sa Dec, 14 mi ESE & E of Tay Minh, 30 mi WNW of Saigon, & 4 mi NE
  of Duc Lap CIDG Camp.

3 September (Tuesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 121 mns (USAF 73, USN 37, USMC 11). BDA incl
  24 fires, 11 sec explosions, 13 ftns, 45 rd segments, 18 trks & 13
  water craft.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At 0900 hrs, an elm of US 7th Regt, 1st MAR
  Div, discovered 12 en bodies 7 mi S of Da Nang. Time & cause of death
  not reptd.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At 2100 hrs, an elm of ROK 2nd MAR Bde ambs
  cas.
TOAN THANG (Tay Minh Prov): 19 en were kd in an abortive attempt at ambd dir at mech elms of 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div, 12 mi E of Tay Minh. Mech convoy atk with auto wpns, RPG rkt grens & 60mm mort fire. Atk repulsed. US cas 1 KIA & 34 WIA.


SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 597 sorties (USAF 391, USMC 206). BDA incl 32 EK, 11 fires, 29 sec explosions, 543 en pns. US & Royal AUSTR al crews were abn 1,338 times, carrying 8,667 pax & 2,600 tons of cgo.

USA hel gunships reptd 30 EK, & 94 en pns dest or dam. In the Mekong Delta, Army air crews flew 764 sorties in spt of ARVN inf ops.

An Air Force F-4 Phantom acft was lost to en gnd fire 22 mi NNW of Tay Minh. Crew was res.

An Army OH-6 hel on a cbt aslt msn was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 12 mi NE of An Khe. One crew mbr inj & the hel was dest.

2 UH-1 hel also downed as res of en gnd fire. One was hit by en gnd fire 12 mi NE of Tan An while on a cbt aslt msn. 3 crew mbrs were kd & 1 was WIA. Hel was dest. The other hel was downed 22 mi NNW of Tay Minh while in process of res 2 crew mbrs of the Air Force F-4 that was downed earlier. 3 of the 4 crew mbrs were res by an Air Force HH-43 Husky hel. The other crew mbr was res by an Army OH-6 hel.

MGF: The destroyer USS Turner Joy sank 30 50-ft supply craft & 4 larger cgo barges 26 mi SE of Vinh. The NVA cgo fleet had been sighted earlier by an abn spotter.

B-52s flew 13 mms: 2 mms in an area 25 mi NW of Saigon in Hau Nghia Prov, 21 mi ESE of Tay Minh City, 11 mi SW of Dak To, 3 mms in area 17 mi ESE of Tay Minh, 16 mi SE of Tay Minh, 3 mms 32 mi NNW of Hue, & 2 mms 10 mi NNW of Pleiku City.

4 September (Wednesday)

NVN: US pilots flew 70 mms (USAF 61, USN 3, USMC 6). BDA incl 2 AAA pns, 1 trk, 6 rd cuts, 12 fires & 8 sec explosions.

I FFV (Khanh Hoa Prov): At approx 0040 hrs, the Nha Trang Airld & portion of city of Nha Trang rec more than 30 rds of 82mm mort fire. Later, at approx 0600 hrs, the city again rec another atk of unk cal & no of rds. Ne rept of dam to city, 1 civ was kd & 21 civs wounded. 1 US & 16 FWNAF were wounded. Counter mort fire dir onto suspected en pns with unk res.

CHAMPAIGN GROVE. Commenced. Trps fr 11th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, op under con of TF Galloway, are participating in the op.
- III MAF (Thua Thien Prov): At approx 1030 hrs, VN PF elm sptd by hel gunships fr the 101st Abn Div (AM) eng an unk size en force 12 mi SE of Phu Bai. Contact lost at unreptd time when en withdrew. Res: 17 EK, no US or VN cas.

- KENTUCKY (Quang Tri Prov): At 1630 hrs, elms of US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div & mech elms of US 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech), eng unk size NVA force 5 mi NE of the Rockpile. En dir unk cal arty fire onto friendly forces. MAR & inf sptd by arty & tac air. Contact was lost at 2000 hrs when en withdrew. Res: 9 EK, US 4 KIA, 27 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At 1430 hrs, a co fr US 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div, cdt a CBT SWP 5 mi W of Can Giuoc, made contact with est en plat. Inf was sptd by hel gunships, arty, & later reinf by a co fr 1st Bde. Res: 15 EK, US 2 WIA. 1 suspect dtn, 1 CSW & 9 I/Wpns cptrd.

- I FFV (Phu Yen Prov): At approx 2330 hrs, the en fired less than 15 rds of 82mm mort fire which impacted in vic of VN NF Compound in Tuy Hoa City. Res: 7 VN policemen & 3 VN civs were wounded.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 345 sorties (USAF 304, USMC 41). BDA incl 596 tons, 13 fires & 14 sec explosions. US & Royal AUSTAL crews were abn 1,283 times, carrying 13,899 pax & 2,596 tons of cgo.

- USA hel gunships reptd 45 EK. Army air crews flew 901 sorties in spt of ARVN inf ops in the Mekong Delta.

- B-52s flew 11 mans: 2 mans in Dinh Tuong Prov 12 mi N & 14 mi NNE of Vinh Long City, 16 mi N of Vinh Long City, 29 mi NNE of Saigon in Binh Duong Prov, 8 mi SSW of Phuoc Vinh, 18 mi NE of Tay Minh City, 23 mi NW of Saigon in Hau Nghia Prov, 19 mi NW of Dak To, & 3 mans in an area 29 mi NNE of Saigon in Binh Duong Prov.

5 September (Thursday)

- NVN: Tropical Storm Bess limited mans flown over panhandle of NVN. No BDA aval due to bad wea. US pilots flew only 33 mans (USAF 29, USMC 4).

- TOAN THANG (Hau Nghia Prov): At approx 1215 hrs, an elm of US 3rd Bde, 101st Abn Div (AM), asalt in a hot LZ 3 mi E of Trang Bang & eng an unk size en force. Elms of Armd Cav Sqdn of the US 25th Inf Div & other paratroopers fr the bde mvr into blocking pens. Arty, hel gunships & tac air sptd. By 1600, additional elms of bde reinf & took up blocking pens in attempt to cordon the en force then est at bn size. Res: 103 EK, 123 suspects dtn, 2 CSW & 11 I/Wpns cptrd. US 31 KIA, 41 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At approx 1630 hrs, elms of US 3rd Bde, 9th Inf Div, eng unk no of en 4 mi W of Can Giuoc. At 1740 hrs, other elms

- IV CORPS (Kien Hoa Prov): At approx 0800 hrs, en elm of US 2nd Bde, 9th Inf Div (NRF), discovered 21 en bodies while on swp in area 9 mi NW of Ben Tre. En soldiers recently kd by arty. 1 wounded suspect dtm.


- USA hel gunships reptd 49 KI. Army air crews flew 945 sorties in spt of ARVN inf ops in the Mekong Delta.

- B-52s flew 10 mens: 19 mi NW of Dak To, 3 mens 6 mi & 15-16 mi WNW of Tay Ninh City, 31 mi WSW of Ben Me Thout; 4 mens 6 mi N, 4 mi NE, 3 mi NW & 2 mi W of the Duc Lap CIDG Camp in Quang Duc Prov; and 1 mens 2 mi E of Dau Tieng in Binh Duong Prov.

6 September (Friday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 81 mens (USAF 47, USN 24, USMC 10). BDA incl 9 supply craft, 7 trks, 7 rd cuts, 3 sec explosions & 8 fires.

- CMAC (Gia Dinh Prov): At 1830 hrs, a VC terrorist explosion occurred at the VN Info Cen SW of the cen of Saigon. 9 VN civ kd & 30 wounded. It was est that 75 lbs of TNT was used to cause cts & dam.

- CMAC (Gia Dinh Prov): At approx 2330 hrs, the VII Precinct locd 4 mi SW of Saigon rec 1 rd of 122mm rkt fire. 1 VN woman was kd & 11 wounded, incl 8 children. 1 civ house was dest & 1 dam.


- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 443 sorties (USAF 338, USMC 105). BDA incl 180 ftns & 17 sec explosions. Air Force & Royal AUST all crew were abn 1,947 times, carrying 11,513 pax & 2,258 tons of cgo.

- USA hel gunships reptd 28 KI. Army air crews flew 711 sorties in spt of ARVN inf ops in the Mekong Delta.

- A US Navy A-6 Intruder was downed by en gnd fire 4 mi E of Vinh. One crew mbr was res, but pilot MIA.

- B-52s flew 11 mens: 2 mens 13 mi NW & 14 mi NNE of An Loc in Binh Long Prov, 37 mi WNW of Saigon in Hau Nghia Prov, 4 mi E of Dau Tieng in Binh Duong Prov, 6 mi W of Phu Vinh in Vinh Binh Prov, 33 mi W of Ben Me Thout in Quang Duc Prov, 15 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 2 mens 23 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City, 37 mi NW of Saigon in Binh Duong Prov, & 25 mi SSE of Ca Mau in An Xuyen Prov.

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7 September (Saturday)

- **NVN**: US pilots flew 85 mms (USAF 32, USN 42, USMC 11). BDA incl 25 trks, 17 supply craft, 2 AAA sites, 8 rd cuts, & 2 brgs. 5 sec explosions, 4 fires rept.

- **IFFV (Quang Duc Prov)**: At approx 0430 hrs, a US Arty Fire Spt Base rec hv mort atk fol by a gnd atk by an unk size NVA force. Some en soldiers pnt a portion of the def peri expl sat chr, but were eject-ed by the trps & arty-men. An AC-47 flareship sptd. At 0815 hrs, an elm of the 173rd Abn Bde was aaslt into area to cdt CBT SWP. Res: 15 EK. US cas & dam to pm was lt. No arty pieces dam.

- **III MAF (Quang Ngai Prov)**: At 1045 hrs, 3 comps fr US 11th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, eng an unk size en force 6 mi W of Quang Ngai City. Inf was sptd by aero-scouts, arty & hel gunships. Res: 31 EK, US 2 KIA, 12 WIA. 2 I/Wpns were cptrd.

- **III MAF (Quang Ngai Prov)**: In an act that began 6 Sep at 1410 hrs, a recon plat fr the US 11th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, eng an unk size en force 6 mi NW of Quang Ngai City. Contact was lost later at an unk time & while recon plat was waiting for extraction, acft enr to their site rec hv gnd fire & aborted mn. 2 other comps fr the bde effected an over-land link-up at 2345 hrs as hel gunships, arty & AC-47 gunships sptd. Contact lost at 0200 hrs this morning. Res: 28 EK, US 11 KIA, 6 WIA.


- **TOAN THANG (Hau Nghia Prov)**: A co fr 3rd Bde, 101st Abn Div (AM) was aaslt into hot LZ 6 mi NE of Trang Bang & rec hv SA & auto wpns fire fr an unk size en force. Army hel gunships, arty & tac air sptd. At approx 1630 hrs, another co reinf the 1st co as act cont. Contact term at 1030 hrs, 8 Sep, when en withdraw. Res: 35 EK, 2 suspects dtn. US 12 KIA, 20 WIA. In addition, 6 AK-47 rfls, 6 SKS cbns, 1 MG, 1 RPD 1t MG, 2 comp 60mm morts, 2 comp 82mm morts, 21 RPG rds, 18 60mm mort rds, 3 82mm mort rds, 12 rfl grens, 12 mines, 8 gas masks & 15 lbs of med sup were cptrd.

- **SVN TAC AIR**: US pilots flew 563 sorties (USAF 433, USMC 130). BDA incl 345 ftns, an auto wpns pm & a mort site. Air Force & Royal AUSTR al crews were abn 1,259 times, carrying 14,851 pax & 2,338 tons of cgo.

- USA hel gunships reptd 76 EK. Army air crews flew 698 sorties spt ARVN inf ops in the Mekong Delta.

- An Army UH-1 hel on a recon msn was downed by en gnd fire 7 mi NW of Quang Ngai City. 4 crew mbrs WIA & the acft was dest.
- **B-52s flew 11 mins:** 23 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City, 2 mins 13 mi NW of An Loc in Bình Long Prov, 3 mi W of Loc Minh in Bình Long Prov, 6 mi SW of Con Thien, 2 mins 25 mi ESS of Ban Me Thuot in Darlac Prov, 2 mins 4 mi & 9 mi MSW of Con Thien in the southern half of the DMZ, 12 mi MWSW of Chu Lai, & 14 mi SW of Chu Lai.

### 6 September (Sunday)

- **NVA:** US pilots flew 123 mins (USAF 53, USN 61, USMC 9). BDA incl 16 AAA sites, 19 water craft, 8 trks, 4 radar sites, 15 sec explosions & 3 fires. An en SAM was sighted & successfully evaded by Navy A-7 acft.

- **II FFV (Bien Hoa Prov):** Btwm 0300-0630 hrs, the Bien Hoa Afd rec approx 5 rds of 107mm rkt fire. 1 rd was a dud. Again at approx 0900, 1 additional rd impacted onto the afd. No cas & dam to base was lt.

- **Binh Tay/MacARTHUR (Darlac Prov):** At approx 0915 hrs, VRF elms eng an unk size en force while oot rd clearing op 8 mi NW of Ban Me Thuot. An elm of the Armed Cav Sqdn, 4th Inf Div, rein the VN trps at an unreptd time. Hel gunships sptd. 47 EK while BF cas were lt. No US cas.

- **III MAF (Quang Ngai Prov):** At 1700 hrs, an elm of the US 198th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAN DIV, eng an unk size en force while swp an area 9 mi NNW of Di Binh Pho. Hel gunships sptd. Res: 11 EK, US 1 KIA, 4 WIA.


- **SVN TAC AIR:** US pilots flew 596 sorties (USAF 384, 212). BDA incl 683 en ftms, 15 supply craft. Air Force & Royal AUST AL crews were abn 1,262 times, carrying 13,675 pax & 2,660 tons of cgo.

- **USA hel gunships reptd 40 EK. Army air crews flew 721 sorties in spt of ARVN inf ops in the Mekong Delta.**

- **An Army UH-1 hel was downed by suspected en gnd fire 8 mi NE of Duc Lap. 4 US Army & 2 VN pers were kd. 2 other crew mbrs were inj. Acft was dest.**

- **A MAR F-4 Phantom jet experienced op difficulty & crashed 1 mi W of Da Nang. 2 crew mbrs ejected & were res while acft was dest.**

- **NGF:** US destroyers Berkeley & Harwood sank or dam at least 45 en sup boats 90 mi N of the DMZ in SEA DRAGON ops.

- **B-52s flew 6 mins:** 14 mi SW of Chu Lai (2 mins), 15 mi NW of Dak To in Kontum Prov, 22 mi NE of Tay Ninh City (2 mins), & 10 mi W of Quang Ngai City.
9 September (Monday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 116 missions (USAF 68, USN 39, USMC 9). BDA incl 22 trks, 60 supply craft, 5 AAA sites, 1 brg, 6 auto wpns pens, 6 land slides, 27 cuts in rds, 53 fires, & 10 sec explosions.

- WHEELER/WALLOWA (Quang Tin Prov): At 1300 hrs, an elm of the US 196th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, discovered an en wpns cache while swp an area 28 mi WSW of Tam Ky. Cache cntn: 30 SKS cnns, 5 AK-47 rfs, 2 M-1 cnns, 10 RPG-2 rkt gren launchers, 7 RPD lt MG's, & 9 flame throwers (type unk).

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At 1500 hrs, an elm of the US 3rd Regt, 3rd MAR Div, eng an unk size NVA force while swp an area 3 mi NW of the Rockpile. Enempl SA & auto wpns fire while the MAR rtn fire with organic wpns. Res: 11 EK, US 2 KIA & 4 WIA.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At 1945 hrs, an elm of the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, eng an unk size NVA force in dug-in pens while swp an area 5 mi NW of the Rockpile. The MAR dir arty fire onto the fortified pens. Res: 23 EK, US 3 KIA, 19 WIA.

- IV CORPS (Dinh Tuong Prov): At approx 1800 hrs, the en fired 15 rds of 82mm mort into the Prov Cptl of My Tho. Counter-arty was empl. 3 of mort rds impacted in the Prov Hosp area. 4 VN civ were k'd & 18 wounded in the atk. ARVN cas were lit.

- SCOTLAND II (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 1500 hrs, an elm of the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, discovered an en wpns cache while searching an area 6 mi WSW of the Rockpile. Cache cntn 30 107mm rks, 204 60mm mort rds, 159 82mm mort rds, 105 RPG-2 rkt grens, 38 RPG-7 rkt grens, 118 mines (anti-pers & AT), 300 lbs of TNT, 4,400 12.7mm rds, 1,500 AK-47 rfl rds, & 2,200 lbs of rice. In addition, misc med sup & cloth of Soviet, Czechoslovakian & French origin were cptrd.


- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 587 sorties (USAF 383, USMC 204). BDA incl 597 en ftns, 15 supply craft, 23 sec explosions & 27 EK. Air Force & Royal AUSTAL crews were abn 1,283 times, carrying 13,278 pax & 2,345 tons of cgo.

- USA hel gunships reptd 29 EK. Army air crews flew 672 sorties in spt of ARVN inf ops in the Mekong Delta.

- B-52s flew 11 msns: 6 msns in an area 10 mi W of Quang Ngai City, 24 mi SE of Ca Mau in An Kuyen Prov, 2 msns 16 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City in Binh Duong Prov, 21 mi N of Phan Thiet, 12 mi NNE of Tri Tam
in Binh Duong Prov.

10 September (Tuesday)


- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At approx 1100 hrs, an elm of the US 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div, was asslt into an area in which hel gunships had obs & eng an est 10 cn earlier in the morning. The inf eng an unk size en force near the LZ 3 mi NNW of Can Duc & were reinf by other elms of the 1st Bde b/w 1150-1430 hrs. As contact cont, another elm of the 1st Bde asslt to join the contact while an elm of the 3rd Bde reinf at approx 1930 hrs. Act cont into the ni with en force est to be of bn size. Tac air, arty & hel gunships sptd. Res: 48 KIA, 3 sus-pcts dtn, 18 I/Wps optd. US 2 KIA, 1 WIA.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): The US 27th MAR Regt Ldg Tm, which was sent to VN by Presidential Order last Feb during bitter TET fighting, dprt for the US. All involved approx 700 pers. Approx 2,000 MAR have been asgd to other units in VN to compl their 13-mo tour. Some 1,500 other MAR have already rotated for various reasons, such as cas, before being asgd to Camp Pendleton, & were not replaced as they dprt.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At 1700 hrs, an elm of the US 3rd Regt, 3rd MAR Div, eng an unk size NVA force 4 mi NW of the Rockpile. The NVA asslt & overran the pens empl organic wpns. Res: 13 KIA, 6 I/Wps were optd. US 4 KIA, 6 WIA.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 634 sorties (USAF 419, USMC 215). BDA incl 547 ftms, 33 supply craft, 25 sec explosions & 12 fires. Air Force & Royal AUS air crews were abd 1,311 times, carrying 13,066 pax & 2,656 tons of gse.

- USA hel gunships reptd 36 KIA. Army air crews flew 981 sorties in spt of ARVN inf ops in the Mekong Delta.

- An Air Force F-100 acft was downed by en gnd fire 17 mi SSW of Ban Me Thuot. Crew mbrs ejected & were res. 1 pilot was inj & acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 10 mins: 12 mi NNE of Tri Tam in Binh Duong Prov, 2 mins 19 & 21 mi NW of Cao Lanh in Kien Phong Prov, 16 mi W of Tay Ninh in Binh Duong Prov, 20 mi SE of Tay Ninh City, 12 mi ENE of Ca Mau in Kien Phong Prov, 3 mins 14 to 17 mi SSE of Tay Ninh City, 7 mi NE of Dan Tieng.

11 September (Wednesday)

- CHAMPAIGN GROVE. Announced. Commenced 4 Sep 68.

- COMANCHE FALLS. Commenced. Elms are 1st Cav Div (AM), 1st Regt, 1st ARVN Div, RF units (Quang Tri Prov).

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- NVN: US pilots flew 117 missions (USAF 62, USN 48, USMC 7). BDA incl 47 supply craft, 3 brgs, 1 struc, 1 trk, cratered 30 rds, 8 landslides, 10 sec explosions & 16 fires.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At approx 0430 hrs, a mech elm of the US 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div, occupying ni def pens 3 mi WSW of Dau Tieng City, rec hv mort & SA fire fr an unk size en force fol by a gnd atk. The inf empl organic wpns, incl their Armi Pers Carrier wpns, while hel gunships & arty sptd. At an unreptd time, other mech inf elms of the bde reinf & contact cont until 0710 hrs when the en withdrew. Res: 99 EK, 1 suspect dtn. US 6 KIA, 22 WIA. Fol wpns were cptrd: 18 AK-47 rfs, 5 RPG 1t mg, 2 RPG rkt launchers, 2 9mm pistols, 1 rdo, 5 gas masks & 3,850 SA rds.

- KENTUCKY (Quang Tri Prov): At 1245 hrs, an elm of the US 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech), eng an unk size NVA force occupying fortified pens 1 mi NE of Con Thien. Tac air, tks & arty sptd. Res: 43 EK, 7 suspects dtn. US 1 WIA (evac).


- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 0430 hrs, elms of the US 3rd Regt, 3rd MAR Div, in ni def pens 4 mi NNW of the Rockpile rec a gnd probe by a small NVA force empl auto wpns & handgrens. MAR rtn fire with their organic wpns. While cd a swp of the area at first lt, the MAR eng an est en plat. Other elms of the 3rd Regt reinf the act while MAR arty & tac air sptd. Res: 19 EK, 14 I/Wpns & 3 CSW wpns cptrd. US 4 KIA, 19 WIA.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 638 sorties (USAF 420, USMC 218). BDA incl 605 en ftns, & 16 supply craft. 24 EK reptd. Air Force & Royal AUSTRIALIAN crews were abn 1,280 times, carrying 13,423 pax & 2,619 tons of cgo.

- USA hel gunships reptd 51 EK. Army air crews flew 757 sorties in spt of ARVN inf ops in the Mekong Delta.

- An Air Force F-4 Phantom was downed by en gnd fire approx 6 mi NNW of Dong Hoi. One crew mbr was res off-shore & the other is MIA.

- B-52s flew 11 missions: 2 mens 14 mi E & 22 mi SSE of Tay Ninh City, 14 mi SE of An Loc in Binh Long Prov, 14 mi ENE of Tay Ninh City, 2 mens 14 mi NW of Dak To, & 5 mens 13-15 mi ENE of Tay Ninh City.
12 September (Thursday)

- NVN: US pilots 107 msns (USAF 72, USN 25, USMC 10). BDA incl 36 supply craft, 4 trks, 4 landslides, 2 ferry crossings, approaches to 6 brgs, 20 fires, & 7 sec explosions.

- II CTZ (Pleiku Prov): Btw 0100-0300 hrs, the city of Pleiku & several installations in the Pleiku vic rec en mort atks. 4 rds of 82mm mortar impacted in Pleiku & asphalt plant at S edge of city rec 3 rds of 82mm mortar. An eng bn compound 4 mi NE of city rec approx 60 rds of 82mm mortar. Counter mort arty fire msns were fired at suspected en mort pens with unk res. Later, Camp Enari, loc 8 mi SSE of Pleiku rec approx 10 rds of same type mortar. 5 VN civs were wounded during atks. US cas & mat dam were lt.


- TOAN THANG (Tay Minh Prov): Btw 2300 hrs & 0200 hrs, the US 25th Inf Div Fire Spt Base 2 mi N of Tay Minh, rec hv mort & RPG rkt gren fire fol by a gnd atk by an unk size en force. The en was reptd to have pent the NW peri but were repulsed by mech inf elms of the Div's 1st Bde inside the base. Hel gunships, arty, tac air & AC-47 flareships sptd the defenders. Res: 76 EK, 22 I/Wpns, & 16 CSW cptrd. US cas were lt.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Minh Prov): At approx 1030 hrs, a US 25th Inf Div convoy enr to Tay Minh City on Hwy 22 rec SA & mort fire fr an unk size en force 7 mi SE of the city. The mech inf elms in the convoy rtu the fire & contact was lost at an unreptd time when the en withdrew. Res: 14 EK, US 1 KIA, 5 WIA. 3 veh were reptd dam.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Minh Prov): At approx 1545 hrs, a US 25th Inf Div convoy rec SA & RPG rkt-gren fire fr an unk size en force 7 mi ESE of Tay Minh City. The mech inf elms in the convoy rtu fire with organic wpns & contact was lost at an unreptd time when the en withdrew. Hel gunships sptd. Res: 3 EK, US 2 KIA, 10 WIA. 1 veh was reptd dam.

- CHAMPAIGN GROVE (Quang Ngai Prov): At 0930 hrs, an elm of the 11th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, discovered a disassembled US 105mm how in a cache 8 mi W of Quang Ngai. The how was deta to be 1 of 2 cptrd by the en in 1965 during an atk against the Ba Gia outpost 11 mi WNW of Quang Ngai City.

- SVN-TAC AIR: US pilots flew 663 sorties (USAF 424, USMC 239). BDA incl 307 en fires, 31 supply craft, 4 fires, & 5 sec explosions. Air Force & Royal AUSTRALIAN crews were abt 1,280 times, carrying 13,220 pax & 2,607 tons of ego.
USA hel gunships rep'd 46 EK, 16 sampans sunk & 50 en flms dest. Army air crews flew 701 sorties in spt of ARVN inf ops in the Mekong Delta.

An OH-6 Army lt obs hel was downed by en gnd fire 5 mi W of Can Tho. 2 US pers were wounded & the acft was dest.

An Air Force F-100 acft was downed by en gnd fire & crashed in the ocean 27 mi WSW of Ca Mau. The pilot ejected & was res. The acft was dest.

An Air Force F-105 acft was downed NNW of Dong Ho in the southern Panhandle of VN by unk causes. Pilot reptd KIA.

B-52s flew 9 smns: 14 mi ENE of Tay Ninh City, 20 mi NNE of Ben Me Tho in Darlac Prov, 23 mi NNW of Ben Me Tho, 2 smns 4-6 mi N of Gio Linh in the southern half of the DMZ, 28 mi SW of Kontum in Kontum Prov, 2 smns 6-8 mi NW of Ben Cat in Binh Duong Prov, & 27 mi SW of Kontum in Pleiku Prov.

13 September (Friday)

VN/VN: US pilots flew 114 smns (USAF 75, USN 30, USMC 9). BDA incl 23 supply craft, 8 btmkers, 2 strucs, 17 rd cuts, 4 landslides, & cratered the approaches to 6 brgs & a causeway. 17 fires & 7 sec explo'sions were rept'd.

CHAMPAIGN GROVE (Quang Ngai Prov): At approx 1730 hrs, an elm of the Armd Cav Sqdn & elms of the 11th Lt Inf Bde of the AMERICAL Div eng an unk size en force while swp an area 4 mi W of Quang Ngai City. The inf, tks & armd pers carriers atkd & pursued the en soldiers until contact was lost at 1850 hrs. Res: 61 EK, 12 I/Wpns & 4 CSW optrd. US 2 KIA, 22 WIA (18 evac).

MACARTHUR/BINH TAY (Quang Duc Prov): At approx 1000 hrs, elms of the US 173rd Abn Bde eng an unk size en force while swp an area 3 mi NW of Duc Lap. Res: 14 EK, US 3 KIA, 9 WIA.

NEVADA EAGLE (Thua Thien Prov): At 0920 hrs, an elm of the US 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div (AM) cdt an offensive swp 19 mi SW of Hue, discovered 2 1½ ton trks (1 French & 1 Soviet) & 2 23mm AAA guns.

TOAN THANG (Binh Long Prov): Major Gen Keith L. Ware, comdg gen of the 1st Inf Div, was kd when his WH-1 com'd & con hel crashed & burned 3 mi SE of Loc Ninh. Cause of crash is unk. 7 bodies, incl that of Gen Ware, were recov. 1 is missing.

NEVADA EAGLE (Thua Thien Prov): At approx 1130 hrs, an elm of the US 2nd Bde, 101st Abn Div, (AM), obs & optrd 6 en soldiers during a CBT S.wp 10 mi E of Hue. While cont the swp, the inf surprised & optrd another 5 armed en. At 1500 hrs, the trps eng an unk size en force in the same area. Hels sptd the friendly force with MG fire. Res of the contact
were 26 El, 18 dtn & 19 I/Wpns cptrd. No US cas. Cum res for the day's act were 36 El, 29 en dtn & 24 I/Wpns cptrd.

- SCOTLAND II (Quang Tri Prov): At an unreptd time, en els of the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, discovered an en ammu & food cache 6 mi WSW of the Rockpile. The cache of approx 15 tons cntd: 385 82mm mort rds, 200 81mm mort rds, 50 60mm mort rds, 1,800 lbs of rice, 2,100 lbs of rock salt, 120,000 7.62 SA rds, & 20,000 .50 cal MG rds.

- III MAF (Quang Tri Prov): At unreptd time, elms of the US 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech), & the US MAR 3rd Tk Br, 3rd MAR Div, cdt a comb swp op with elms of the ARVN 2nd Regt, 1st Inf Div, against NVA trps occupying fortified pens in the SE portion of the DMZ, 2 mi NE of Gio Linh. All 3 elms eng an unk size en NVA force in a well dug-in bunker complex inside the DMZ. US naval gunfire, tac air & arty spdt in addition to the organic tk wpns. Res: 158 El, 13 I/Wpns & 5 CSW cptrd. US 22 WIA. ARVN cas were lt.

- IFFV (Ninh Thuan Prov): The US 116th Cbt Engr Brn arr in Phan Rang. This is the 1st bn-size Army MG unit to serve in RVN. The bn of approx 750 men was called to active duty on 13 Apr 68 fr Idaho Falls, Idaho.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 626 sorties (USAF 425, USMC 211). BDA incl 149 en ftms, 21 sampans, 1 brg & set off 1 fire. 8 EK were reptd. Air Force & Royal Austr al crews dvr 14,247 pax & 2,506 tons of cgo on a total of 1,348 fits.

- USA hel gunships reptd 43 EK, sank 23 sampans & dest 41 en strucs. Army air crews flew 1,057 sorties in spt of ARVN inf ops in IV CTZ.

- An Army OH-6 lt obs hel was downed by en gnd fire 2 mi N of Duc Lap. 2 US Army pers were kd & the acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 9 mms: 8 mi NW of Ben Cat in Binh Duong Prov, 3 mi NE of Gio Linh, 7 mi NE of Sa Dec in Dinh Tuong Prov, 20 mi NW of An Hoa in Quang Nam Prov, 2 mms 17 mi SW of Da Nang in Quang Nam Prov, 26 mi NW of Tay Ninh City, & 2 mms 9 mi NE of Tay Ninh City.

14 September (Saturday)

- SVN: US pilots flew 114 mms (USAF 72, USN 32, USMC 10). BDA incl 16 trks, 28 supply craft, 5 brgs, 3 AAA sites, 26 fires, 15 sec explosions, & 14 rds, 10 ferry & brg approaches cratered.


- TOAN THANG (Binh Long Prov): At approx 0700 hrs, an elm of the US 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div, eng an unk size NVA force. Contact was lost at 0850 hrs when the en withdrew. Inf pursued & reestablished contact with an est NVA co at 1245 hrs. Hel gunships & tac air spdt. Act occurred 5 mi NNE
of Loc Ninh. Res: 19 EK, 2 suspects dtn, 2 I/Wpns & qty of med sup ctrd. US 1 KIA.

- CHAMPAIGN GROVE (Quang Ngai Prov): At 0945 hrs, an elm of the Armd Cav Sqdn, AMERICAL Div, eng an unk size NVA force 6 mi W of Quang Ngai City. The cav trps empl organic wpns until contact was lost at an unreptd time, but shortly after established. 21 NVA soldiers were kd, no US cas. 2 mi to the NW, at approx 1445 hrs, another elm of the sqdn eng an unk size en force 6 mi WNW of Quang Ngai City. The exchange of fire cont for almost 3 hrs. 15 en were kd while US cas were 13 WIA. Cum res for the day's acts were 35 en kd & 13 US WIA.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At 1230 hrs, a ptl fr the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, found an en cache 6 mi W of the Rockpile. The cache of approx 10 tons cntn: 438 82mm mort rds, 171 60mm mort rds, 85 RPG-2 rkt-gren rds, 64 RPD-7 rkt-gren rds, 5 122mm rktls, 27 AT mines, 650 lbs of TNT, 1,000 blasting caps, 1,000 ft of detonating cord, 5 57mm RR rds, & 1.5 tons of rice.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 663 sorties (USAF 429, USMC 234). BDA incl 367 en ftns, 19 supply craft, 4 brgs, 19 sec explosions, 9 fires, & cratered 4 rds. 12 EK were reptd. Air Force & Royal AUST al crews were abn 1,349 times carrying 13,368 pax & 2,821 tons of cgo.

- USA hel gunships reptd 35 EK. Army air crews flew 688 sorties in spt of ARVN inf ops in the Mekong Delta.

- An Army OH-6 hel was downed by en gnd fire 5 mi WNW of Quang Ngai. The hel was dest & 2 pers were wounded.

- An Army OH-6 hel was downed by en gnd fire 24 mi WNW of Hue. The hel was dest & 1 pers was wounded.

- B-52s flew 12 msns: 3 msns 16-18 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 25 mi SE of Ban Me Thuot in Darlac Prov, 13 mi N of Can Tho, 26 mi NW of Tay Ninh City, 2 msns 23-25 mi NW of Tay Ninh, 19 mi SE of Di Linh in Binh Thuan Prov, 13 mi NE of Tay Ninh, 12 mi NW of Ben Cat, & 14 mi N of Bien Hoa.

15 September (Sunday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 131 msns (USAF 73, USN 51, USMC 7). BDA incl 53 supply craft, 20 trks, 7 brgs, 12 AAA sites, 15 sec explosions & 38 fires. 28 rds were cratered.

- TOAN THANG (Gia Dinh Prov): At 1145 hrs, an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 25th Inf Div, discovered a cache 1 mi NE of Hoc Mon cntn the fol: 30 rds of B-40 rkt gns, 18 compl 122mm rktls, 20 rds 75mm RR ammo, 112 half lb blocks of TNT, 8,800 rds 82mm mort ammo, 105 rds 60mm mort ammo, & 42 60mm mort fuses.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At 0945 hrs, a co fr the 9th Regt, US 3rd
MAR Div, loc & eng an est en plat 6 mi NW of the Rockpile. En force empl auto wpns, 60mm mort fire & claymores against the atkg MAR. Res: 18 EK, US 3 KIA, 8 WIA.


- QUIET CHIEN (Kien Hoa Prov): At 0930 hrs, an elm of the Air Cav Sqdn fr the US 9th Inf Div, spotted an est 2 en comps 9 mi SE of Ben Tre. The cav elm rec by gnd fire & called for reinf's. 3 comps fr the div's 2nd Bde with the MRF were inserted into the area by bt & came under fire fr the en using SA, auto wpns, & RPG rkt-gren fire. The inf rtn the fire with their organic wpns & arty & hel gunship spt. Res: 25 EK & 2 I/Wpns cptrd. US 4 KIA, 15 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At 1110 hrs, a co fr the 1st Bde, US 9th Inf Div, eng an unk site en force 4 mi NE of Cam Duc. 3 more comps fr the bde were inserted into the area by 1530 hrs. Arty, hel gunships, & tac air sptd. Res: 20 EK, 1 suspect dtn, 9 I/Wpns & 1 CSW cptrd. US 4 KIA, 12 WIA.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 670 sorties (USAF 436, USMC 234). BDA incl 463 en fts, 27 supply craft, 25 sec explosions & 6 fires. 6 EK were reptd. Air Force & Royal AUSTAF crews were abn 1,226 times, carrying 12,350 pax & 2,750 tons of ego.

- USA hel gunships reptd 80 EK. Army air crews flew 767 sorties in spt of ARVN inf ops in the Mekong Delta.

16 September (Monday)


- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At 2300 hrs, a US Army 25th Inf Div Fire Spt Base loc 9 mi NE of Go Dau Ha rec an unk no of 82mm mort rds fol by gnd atk. The inf rtn the fire with their organic wpns & arty. Act cont throughout the early morning of the 17th & term at 0630 hrs when the en withdrew. An elm of the 101st Abn Div (AM) edt a swp in the area found 131 en bodies. US losses were 4 KIA, 48 WIA. In addition, 4 suspects were dtn, 7 I/Wpns & 5 CSW were cptrd.

- SCOTLAND II (Quang Tri Prov): A co fr the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, edt a GBF SWP 5 mi W of the Rockpile found what appeared to be an indoctrination tng cen cons of huts & bunkers with a kitchen complex. A cache of more than 11 tons was also found in the complex & it ctn: 1 case of
8 82mm mort tubes, 2,300 lbs of salt, 5 tons of rice, 2,500 ft of comm wire, 87 AT mines, 42 plastic mines, 22 claymore mines, 205 B-40 rds, 191 B-41 rkt rds, 36 75mm RR rds, 35 82mm RR rds, 250 60mm mort rds, & 744 82mm mort rds.

- TOAN THANG (Hau Nghia Prov): At 1040 hrs, an elm of the US 3rd Bde, 101st Abn Div (AM) eng an unk size en force 4 mi NE of Trang Bang. The enempl SA & auto wpns fire while hel gunships & arty spptd the inf. Contact was lost at 1115 hrs when the en withdrew; however, the trps pursued & reestablished contact at 1410 hrs. Res: 17 EK were kd in init act & 11 were in pursuit raising the total of 28 en kd. US cas were 1 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At approx 1245 hrs, the rear elm of a US 25th Inf Div convoy, enr fr Dau Tieng to Tay Ninh on Hwy 26, rec hv auto wpns & RPG (rkt gren) fire fr an unk size en force 9 mi ESE of Tay Ninh. Armored pers carriers & inf rtn fire with organic wpns while hel gunships & arty spptd the act. Res: 26 EK, US 7 KIA, 10 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At approx 0130 hrs, a mech co fr the US 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div, rec hv SA, auto wpns & RPG rkt-gren fire fr an unk size en force 11 mi SE of Tay Ninh City. Hel gunships & arty spptd. Res: 42 EK, US 2 KIA, 5 WIA. In addition, 1 suspect was dtn, 11 I/Wpns & 8 CSW were cptrd.


- IMAF (Quang Nam Prov): At 1610 hrs, a co fr the 2nd ROK MAR Bde kd 21 en soldiers 6 mi SW of Hoi An. The MAR, spptd by arty, eng an est en plat as act cont throughout the afternoon until 1830 when the en withdrew. In addition, 7 I/Wpns were cptrd. No ROK cas.

- MAMELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): A 1st MAR Div recon tm obs an est 18 NVA soldiers at approx 1740 hrs 5 mi NW of An Hoa. The MAR dirarty onto the suspected en pens. Res: 11 EK, no US cas.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): Fr 1530-1830 hrs, an elm of the 26th MAR Regtl Ldg Tm rec more than 150 rds of unk cal mort fire 5 mi NW of the Rockpile. Later in the evening the elm rec an unk no of 60mm mort rds & SA fire which cont until 0130 hrs the fol morning. Hel gunships, arty & mort spptd. Res: 27 EK, US 25 KIA, 126 WIA (115 evac).

- MAMELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): Elms of the US 5th Regt, 1st MAR Div, cdt a CBT SWP 5 mi NE of An Hoa found an ammo cache ctn 10 rds of 82mm mort, 57,000 rds of 7.62mm ammo, 20 rds of 75mm RR ammo, & 222 B-40 rkt grens.

- II FFV (Kien Hoa Prov): At approx 0600 hrs, elms fr the Army-Navy MRF, cdt a CBT SWP 8 mi SE of Ben Tre, eng an unk size en force. The en empl
auto wpns fire while the MRF was sptd by hel gunships. 19 EK, 3 WIA. 17 suspects were dtn, 3 I/Wpns cptrd.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 662 sorties (USAF 435, USMC 227). BDA incl 556 en ftms, 15 oil drums, 3 AAA sites, 20 sampans, 29 sec explosions, 20 fires, & cratered 3 rds. 11 EK were reptd. Air Force & Royal AUSTR al crews were abn 1,279 times, carrying 12,233 pax & 2,618 tons of cgo.


- B-52s flew 10 mins: 2 mins 11-13 mi NE of Tay Ninh, 17 mi NE of Loc Minh in Binh Long Prov, 2 mins 2 mi SW of Duc Lap in Quang Duc Prov, 3 mins 15-16 mi NNE of Khe Sanh in Quang Tri Prov, & 2 mins 10 mi ENE of Tay Ninh City. An evening strike in Quang Tri Prov res in 26 mm sec explosions. In a morning strike, crews reptd 11 small sec explosions in Tay Ninh Prov.

17 September (Tuesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 125 mins (USAF 70, USN 45, USMC 10). BDA incl 28 sec explosions, 49 fires, 79 supply craft, 16 trks, 5 brgs, 9 strucks, 2 bunkers, 1 AAA site, 2 ferry bts, & cratered 50 rds.

- BURLINGTON TRAIL (Quang Tin Prov): At approx 1950 hrs, a comb const party cons of pers fr the Engr En of the AMERICAN Div & VN PF pers rec SA fire fr an unk size en force 10 mi WSW of Tam Ky. A 16-man react force err to the site was ambs by an unk no of en. The engrs return fire & contact cont until an unreptd time before another react force fr the 196th Lt Inf Bde began spt the area at 0045 hrs. 43 en bodies were found in the vic of the 2 contacts. US cas were 8 KIA, 1 WIA. No PF cas.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At approx 0200 hrs, a mech co fr the US Army's 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div, in ni def pans rec hv SA, RPG & mort fire fr an unk size en force 2 mi SW of Dau Tieng. Hel gunships & arty sptd. 49 en were kd while US losses were 14 wounded. 11 I/Wpns & 9 CSW were cptrd. An arms cache was also cptrd which cntn 35 B-40 rkt-gren rds, 36 B-41 rkt-gren rds, 50 ChiCom grens, 1 ChiCom rdo & 9 bangalore torpedoes.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At approx 0945 hrs, a co fr the US 3rd Bde, 25th Inf Div, edt a CBT SWP 4 mi SW of Phu Quang, found an ammo cache cntn 56 lbs of TNT, 13,000 rds of AK-47 ammo, 1 122mm rkt wnhead, 1 60mm mort rd, 2 75mm ER rds, 99 B-40 rds, 110 B-41 rds, 112 B-40 boosters, 121 B-41 boosters, 36 82mm mort rds, 5 cans 82mm mort fuzes, 5 cans 82mm mort charges, & 4,800 rds of .30 cal ammo.

- KENTUCKY (Quang Tri Prov): At 1750 hrs, a co fr the US 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) obs 30 en soldiers in the open 1 mi N of Con Thien. An arty
fire men was called onto the en psns res in 10 en kd. No friendly cas.

- MAMELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): Btwn 1045-1515 hrs, a 1st MAR Div
  Recon tm obs 31 en soldiers in 4 sightings 7 mi NW of An Hoa. Arty fire
  was dir onto the en psns res in 13 en kd. No MAR cas.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At approx 1715 hrs, a co fr the 2nd ROK MAR
  Bde eng an en sqd in a tunnel complex 3 mi SW of Hoi An & kd 11 en
  soldiers. In addition 3 I/Wpns were also optrd. No ROK cas.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At approx 1200 hrs, a co fr the US 1st Bde,
  25th Inf Div, eng an unk size en force 7 mi SE of Tay Ninh City. Auto
  wpns fire was exchanged & contact term immed. As the en withdrew they
  were eng by 2 comps of the 3rd Bde, 25th Inf Div, op in the same general

- III MAF (Da Nang): MAR Brig Gen William C. Chip, comdr of Task Force
  Hotel, Third MAR Div, was inj when hds UH-1 hel in which he was a pax
  crashed 21 mi W of Dong Ha. Cause of crash is unk. One crew mbr is
  missing & all of the 4 other MAR aboard the hel suffered minor inj.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 642 sorties (USAF 418, USMC 224). BDA incl
  233 en ftns, 3 auto wpns pans, 10 rkt sites, 1 tracked pers carrier,
  13 sampans, 25 sec explosions, & 26 fires. Air Force & Royal AUS tr
  crews were abn 1,320 times, carrying 14,456 pax & 2,664 tons of cgo.

- USA hel gunships reptd 22 EK, dest 30 sampans & 32 en ftns. Army hel
  crs flew 10,381 sorties, carrying 17,161 trp & 2,019 tons of cgo
  through the Republic.

- B-52s flew 11 mins: 13 mi SW of Tay Ninh City, 17 mi NNE of Khe Sanh in
  Quang Tri Prov, 17 mi NNE of Khe Sanh in the southern DMZ, 2 mins in
  the southern Panhandle of SVN 8 mi NW of Con Thien, 2 mins 5-8 mi NNE
  of Con Thien in the northern DMZ & SVN, 2 mins 11-12 mi NNE of Tay Ninh
  City, 14 mi SSE of Tay Ninh City, & 27 mi SE of Phu Vinh in Vinh Binh Prov.

18 September (Wednesday)

- SVN: US pilots flew 131 mins (USAF 66, USN 47, USMC 18). BDA incl
  53 en ftns, 42 supply craft, 18 trks, 9 brgs, 44 sec explosions, &
  31 fires. Bds were cut in more than 45 places. Navy F-8 Crusaders eng
  2 MIG 21's in an area 40 mi WNW of Vinh with neg res to either side.

- KENTUCKY (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 1100 hrs, a co fr the US 1st Bde,
  5th Inf Div (Mech), on an Off Swp, 1 mi NNE of Con Thien rec SA, auto
  wpns & 25 rds of 60mm mort fire fr an unk size en force. The inf, optd
  by tks & arty, rtn the fire with their organic wpns. Res: 29 EK, US
  3 WIA.

- CHAMPAIGN GROVE (Quang Ngai Prov): While cdt CBT Swp 19 mi W of Quang Ngai
  City, a co fr the 198th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, rec hv SA fire about 1730
  hrs fr an unk size en force. Inf rtn fire with organic spns & eng the en
in close cbt while hel gunships sptd. En retreated fr area as the inf
atk the en pens & contact lost at 2145. Res: 49 BK, US 13 KIA, 27 WIA.

IV CORPS (Kien Hoa Prov): At 1100 hrs, elms of the US 2nd Bde, 9th
Inf Div, obs & eng an unk size en force in bunkers 9 mi SE of Ben Tre.
A co was inserted into a cold LZ at 1115 hrs & made contact with the en
force. Later 2 additional coops were also inserted into the same general
area & immed res SA & 50 cal fire. Sporadic contact cont throughout

LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): Elms of the 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div,
while odt swp ops 6 mi W of the Rockpile found 3 caches that cntn 2,267
rds of 82mm mort ammo, 345 rds of 60mm mort ammo, 10 107mm mort rks, 1
122mm rkt, 222 rds of RPG rds, 6,000 ChiCom grens, 442 anti-pers mines,
30 AT mines, 253 rds of 50 cal ammo, 2,400 lbs of TNT, 600 blasting caps,
& 8,400 lbs of rice.

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 662 sorties (USAF 426, USMC 236). BDA incl
68 supply craft, 3 auto wps sites, 516 en ftms, 1 obs tower, 22 sec
explosions & 16 fires. 26 BK were reptd. Air Force & Royal AUSTR al
crews were abn 1,343 times, carrying 13,323 pax & 2,840 tons of ego.

USA hel gunships reptd 77 BK & dest 42 en ftms. Army hel crews flew
10,746 sorties, carrying 18,325 trps & 2,550 tons of ego throughout the
Republic.

A Navy A-7 Corsair was downed by en gnd fire 9 mi S of Vinh. The pilot
is listed as MIA.

An Air Force O1 FAC acft was downed by en gnd fire 6 mi W of Hue in
Thu Thien Prov. No injs & the acft was dest.

B-52s flew 6 msns: 16 mi N of An Loc in Binh Long Prov, 21 mi N of Dak
To in Kontum Prov, 14 mi SSE of Tay Ninh City, 15 mi NNE of An Loc in
Tay Ninh Prov, 8 mi NE of Loc Ninh in Binh Long Prov, & 15 mi NNE of
Tay Ninh City.

19 September (Thursday)

NAVY: US pilots flew 131 msns (USAF 65, USN 52, USMC 14). BDA incl
7 en ftms, 30 sec explosions, 49 fires, 30 supply craft, 25 trks, 15
brgs, 46 crts, 4 strcs, 8 AAA sites, 8 landalides & 1 auto wps
pgm. A US Navy F-8 Crusader from CAV 10 downed a MIG-21 NW of Vinh
using air-to-air missiles. This was the 110th MIG downed since 17 June
1965, the date of the first MIG kill. A sec MIG-21 involved in the
encounter escaped to the N. The last MIG, also a MIG-21, was downed
over the N on 1 Aug 68.

LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At 1600 hrs, an elm of the U.S. 9th
Regt, 3rd MAR Div, discovered an en ammo cache 6 mi WW of the Rockpile.
The cache cntn 23,520-7.62 SA rds, 900-82mm mort rds, 552 60mm mort
rds, 780 ChiCom grens, 500 lbs of TNT, 336 RPG rkt gren rds, 20 140mm
rks, 16 107mm rks, 24 75mm RR rds, 17 anti-pers mines, 64 AT mines,
67 blasting caps & 1,280 detonators.

TOAN THANG (Hau Nghia Prov): At approx 1320 hrs, a co fr the 3rd Bde,
US 101st Abn Div (AM) eng an unk size en force 3 mi NE of Trang Bang.
SA fire was exchanged as Army hel gunships & arty sptd the inf. At
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1535, another co was inserted into the area to reinf the unit in contact. Fighting cont until 1750 when contact was lost as the en withdrew. The inf units kd 17 en soldiers while their losses were 2 US KIA & 7 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Minh Prov): At 1525 hrs, a co fr the 3rd Bde, US 25th Inf Div, op in an area 17 mi SE of Tay Minh City came under fire fr an unk size en force using SA & auto wms. The inf rtn the fire with their organic wms as hel gunships spdt. The eng term at 2010 as the en force left the area. Res: 15 EK, US 3 KIA, 16 WIA.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): During an Off Swp op, 2 comps fr the 7th Regt, US 1st MAR Div, eng an unk size en force 8 mi W of Hoi An. Init contact was made by the MAR at 0845 & fighting cont until 2000 when the en force withdrew. MAR arty & tac air spdt. Res: 4 EK, 1 I/Wpn optrd. US 11 KIA, 54 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (Phuoc Tuy Prov): Acft cannon fire acdt wounded 14 AUSTR soldiers in thick jungle during an air strike against an en complex. US F-100 acft had successfully bombed en bunkers & were strafing adjacent en installations with their cannons when several 20mm shells fell among "C" Co of 4th Rgt, Royal AUSTR Rgt more than 1000 meters fr tgt. The bn was taking part in a recon-in-force op about 31 mi ESE of Saigon. To date 24 en have been kd in the op.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 633 sorties (USAF 389, USMC 244). BDA incl 484 en ftms, 21 sampans, 20 sec explosions, 21 fires, & were credited with 28 EK. Air Force & Royal AUSTR acft crews were abn 1,286 times, carrying 12,740 pax & 2,708 tons of cgo.

- USA hel gunshps retpd 63 EK, & dest 50 en ftms & 31 sampans. Army acft flew 10,969 sorties carrying 19,746 trps & 2,756 tons of cgo throughout the Republic. In spt of ARVN ops in the IV Corps area, US Army acft flew 666 sorties.

- A US Air Force F-105 acft was downed by en gnd fire SSE of Dong Hoi. An unsuccessful SAR was made & the pilot is listed as MIA. A MAR F-4 was downed by suspected en gnd fire 15 mi SSE of Dong Hoi. 2-man crew MIA.

B-52s flew 11 mms: 14 mi NNE of Tay Minh City, 2 mms 7 mi NNE of Duc Lap, 10 mi NE of Duc Lap, 12 mi SW of Da Nang, 19 mi NW of Pleiku, 3 mms 11-14 mi NE of Tay Minh City, & 2 mms 26 mi SW of Da Nang in Quang Nam Prov.

20 September (Friday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 106 mms (USAF 70, USN 23, USMC 13). BDA incl 5 trks, 29 supply craft, 5 brgs, a pier, 4 AAA sites, 9 strucs, 7 landslides, cut rds in 26 places, 30 sec explosions & 50 fires.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At approx 0100 hrs, a co fr the US Army's
2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div, occupying ni def pens & mi W of Dau Tieng, rec hv auto wpns, RPG mort & rkt fire fr an unk size en force. The inf was sptd by arty, AC-47 gunships & tac air. Contact was lost at 0300 hrs when the en exited the area. Res: 37 EK, 1 suspect was dtn & 14 I/Wpns, 3 CSW, 30 B-40/B-41 rds, 16 bangalore torp, 6,500 rds of 5A ammo & 38 Chicom handgrens were cptrd. US losses were 3 wounded.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At 1420 hrs, an elm of the US 3rd Regt, 3rd MAR Div, eng an unk size NVA force while swp an area NNW of the Rockpile. The en empl SA while the MAR rtn fire with their organic wpns. Tac air & arty sptd the friendly forces. During a swp of the en pens, 17 NVA bodies were found, 1 suspect was dtn & 1 CSW & 7 I/Wpns were cptrd. In addition, the MAR cptrd 27 rds of 82mm mort ammo & 250 lbs of rice. No US cas.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At 1500 hrs, an elm of the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, discovered an unrepd no of graves cntn the bodies of 42 NVA soldiers 6 mi NSW of the Rockpile. Apparent time & cause of death unk.

- MAMELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): At approx 1615 hrs, a 1st MAR Div Recon Tm obs 24 en soldiers 9 mi WSW of An Hoa. Arty fire was dir onto the en pens res in 15 ks.

- III MAP (Quang Nam Prov): In an act which began at 1100 hrs and term at 1615, elms of the US 7th Regt, 1st MAR Div, eng an unk size en force 9 mi W of Hoi An & kd 20. In addition, 1 CSW wpn was cptrd. MAR cas were 1 kd & 24 wounded & evac. In a further swp of the area, 27 more en bodies were found raising the total to 47 en kd during the 5-hr act. No additional MAR cas.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At approx 1045 hrs, a co fr the US 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div, empl an est en plat 7 mi SE of Tay Ninh City. The en empl auto wpns & RPG fire while the inf was sptd by hel gunships, arty & tac air. Other elms of the div reinf the act as contact cont until 1435 hrs when the en exited the area. Res: 19 EK, US 2 WIA. In addition 2 suspects were dtn.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At 1600 hrs, a co fr the 4th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, act a CBT 5MP 7 mi NW of the Rockpile, found an en cache that cntn 450 3ES rfs, 1 lt MG, 2 sub MGs, 300,000 rds of AK-47 ammo, 128 cases (21,750 rds) of 50 cal ammo, 168 rds of 81mm mort ammo, & 76 rds of 82mm mort ammo.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): On 17 Sept, elms of US 4th & 9th Regts, 3rd MAR Div, were hel-lifted into the southern portion of the DMZ to clear & swp an area 22 mi NW of Dong Ha. Since then, the multi-hn act has accounted for 68 NVA KIA & 1 NVA cptrd. Friendly cas have been 2 KIA & 20 WIA. The first significant act was at noon, 17 Sept, when an elm of the 9th MAR spotted & kd 25 NVA with organic wpns & arty spt. No MAR
cas in that encounter. Since then contact has been lost. Act is cont.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 661 sorties (USAF 411, USMC 250). BDA incl 598 en ftns, 24 sampans, 20 sec explosions, & 30 fires. 22 EK were also retd. US Air Force & Royal AUSTR al crews were abn 1,770 times carrying 13,119 pak & 2,604 tons of cgo.

- USA hel gunships retd 73 EK, sinking 3 sampans & dest 49 en ftns. US Army acft flew 11,545 sorties carrying 13,911 trp & 2,697 tons of cgo in spt of allied ops throughout the Republic. In spt of ARVN ops in IV Corps, Army hel flew 814 sorties.

- B-52 mns: In 12 mns, B-52s struck tgts 19 mi N of Dak To in Kontum Prov, 2 mns 31 mi SSW of Chu Le in Quang Ngai Prov, 31 mi SSW of Chu Le, 2 mns 17 mi NW & 14 mi N of Con Thien in North Vietnam, 3 mns in North Vietnam 13 mi N of Con Thien, 20 mi N of Dak To in Kontum, & 2 mns 17 mi SW of Phuoc Binh in Phuoc Long Prov.

21 September (Saturday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 72 mns (USAF 48, USN 9, USMC 15). BDA incl 4 supply craft, 1 strc, 1 trk, 1 hw ford, 26 fires, 1 sec explosion, & cut 17 rds.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At noon, an elm of the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, discovered an en cache 6 mi NW of the Rockpile. The cache ctn 6 122mm rks, 9 122mm rkt warheads, 9 122mm rkt fuses, 10 122mm rkt launchers, 8,800 SA rds, 33 60mm mort rds, 9 82mm mort rds, 21 ChiCom grens, 11 gse mks, 7 RPG rkt grens, & 48 60mm mort fuses.

- III MAF (Thua Thien Prov): At approx 1430 hrs, US Army hel gunships fr the 101st Abn Div (AM) obs & opened fire on an unk size en force & retd killng 10 of the en soldiers while spt an Off Swp by the ARVN 1st Inf Div's Black Panther Co 10 mi SSE of Phu Bai. The ARVN inf arr at the loc a short time later & cph the 10 en retpd kd by the hel crewmen.

- WHEELER/WALLOWA (Quang Nam Prov): At 1600 hrs, a recon ptl fr the US 196th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAN DIV, eng an unk size en force 4 mi SE of Hoi An. The inf expl SA fire & contact was lost at an unreptd time when the remaining en withdrew. Res: 10 EK, no US cas.

- LANCASTER II (Southern DMZ): At approx 1700 hrs, an elm of the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, discovered a lg NVA base camp in an area where another elm of the Regt discovered 2 mass graves 9 mi NW of the Rockpile. The base camp consisted of 350 bunkers with watch towers & was lg enough to hold an est NVA regt. In addition, misc items of indiv equip were found in the bunkers.

- LANCASTER II (Southern DMZ): At approx 1600 hrs, an elm of the US 9th

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Regt, 3rd MAR Div, discovered a mass grave cntn the bodies of 24 NVA soldiers while swp an area 9 mi NW of the Rockpile. At 1700, the same unit discovered another mass grave cntn the bodies of 96 NVA soldiers in the same general vic. The 120 en appeared to have been kd by airstrikes 4 to 5 days earlier.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At noon, an elm of the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, discovered a grave cntn 13 NVA bodies while swp an area 5 mi NW of the Rockpile. At 1330, another elm of the regt discovered another mass grave also cntn 13 NVA bodies 1 mi farther to the NW. Apparent time & cause of death of the 26 en soldiers has not yet been reptd.

- IFPV (Khanh Hoa Prov): Btwn 2330 and 0045 hrs, the Nha Trang AB rec less than 25 rds of mixed 60mm/82mm mort fire. Dam & cas were lt. No fatalities.

- KENTUCKY (Quang Tri Prov): 13 en soldiers were kd by elms of the US 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) 3 mi NW of Cam Lo. The inf was cdt an Off Swp when they rec SA, RPG & mort fire fr an unk size en force. The en fire was rtn as tics, arty & tac air sptd the act. Another co also reinf the 1st co until contact term at 1550. A swp of the area was cdt & 13 en bodies were found. US losses were 5 KIA & 13 WIA.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 637 sorties (USAF 396, USMC 241). BDA incl 489 en ftns, 5 rds, 9 sampans, 16 sec explosions, 5 fires & 5 rds. 22 EK were reptd. US Air Force & Royal AUST AL crews were abn 1,373 times carrying 13,319 pax & 3,993 tons of cgo.

- USA hel gunships reptd 89 EK, sinking 51 sampans & dest 53 en ftns. US Army acft flew 11,763 sorties in spt of allied ops within the Republic, carrying 21,038 trps & 2,593 tons of cgo. Gunship crews of the 164th Cbt Avn Gp sighted an est 30 en wearing tree branches as cam fording a canal 9 mi N of Can Tho. The gunners eng the en with rks & minigun fire, & then inserted ARVN gnd trps into the area. Gnd trps counted 21 en bodies & dtn 3 suspects.

- 2 Army hel's (UH-l) were downed 19 mi NW of Pleiku by en gnd fire while approaching a LZ. 9 crew mbrs were wounded & the hel's were dest.

- A MAR CH-46 hel was downed by en gnd fire 4 mi NW of the Rockpile while on a resup msn. Status of the 6 pers aboard the hel is unk. Hel was dest.

- B-52s flew 13 mns: 17 mi SW of Phuc Binh in Phuoc Long Prov (2 mns), 17 mi NE of Dak To in Kontum Prov, 3 mns 25 mi SE of Da Nang in Quang Nam Prov, 3 mns 25-29 mi SW of Hoi An in Quang Nam Prov, 19 mi NW of Pleiku in 2 mns, & 13 mi N of Tay Ninh City in 2 mns.

22 September (Sunday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 76 mns (USAF 50, USN 18; USMC 8). BDA incl
30 supply craft, 3 storage areas, 6 hwy segments cratered, 2 AAA sites, 10 fires, & 12 sec explosions. The pilot of a Navy F-8 Crusader repty a SAM firing at a loc 24 mi NW of Vinh. Evasive tacs were successful & the acft was undam.

III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At approx 0200 hrs, several US and GVN mil installations in the Da Nang City area rec indir fire atks as fol:
Approx 5 rds of 122mm rkt impacted near the I Corps Hqs res in very lt ARVN cas with no fatalities & no dam reptd, less than 25 rds of 82mm mort fire impacted near a US Trans Co installation with neg cas & dam, less than 5 rds of 82mm mort fire impacted in the vic of the US Naval Spt Act Hosp with lt dam & no cas reptd, & approx 15 rds of 82mm mort & 15 rds of 122mm rkt fire impacted in the vic of Marble Mt Afl. Dam & cas were lt with no US fatalities.

III MAF (Quang Tin-Quang Ngai Prov): Btw 0130 and 0400 hrs, 10 different US & GVN installations & unit pens in the general area of Chu Lai rec indir atks by fire cons of 60mm & 82mm mort & 122mm rktz in varying nos. Dam & cas were reptd very lt to negligible at all locs except at the Binh Son PW compound 6 mi ESE of Chu Lai. The compound reptd rec approx 40 rds of mixed 60mm & 82mm mort fire which wounded 44 en Pifs. No ARVN cas reptd.

TOAN THANG (Hau Nghia Prov): At approx 0340 hrs a trp fr the US 25th Inf Div’s cav sqdn in ni def pens 2 mi NW of Cu Chi rec SA, auto wpns & RPG fire fr an unk size en force. The trps rtn the fire with their organic wpns as hel gunships, arty & Air Force AC-47 gunships sptd. Contact was lost at 0430 hrs & during a swp of the area 19 en bodies were found. US cas were 2 kd & 5 wounded.

CHAMPAIGN GROVE (Quang Ngai Prov): At approx 0900 hrs a co fr the US 198th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, eng an unk size en force in a tunnel complex 16 mi W of Quang Ngai City & kd 10 en soldiers. In add 3 I/Wpns & 3 CSW were cptrd. No US cas.

CHAMPAIGN GROVE (Quang Ngai Prov): A co fr the US 198th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, eng an unk size en force at approx 1330 hrs & kd 15 en soldiers. The inf were swp an area 16 mi W of Quang Ngai City when they eng the en force. No US cas.

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 506 sorties (USAF 356, USMC 150). BDA incl 353 en ttris, 39 sampans, 3 sec explosions & 19 fires. Air Force aircrews were credited with 13 EK.

USA hel gunships reptd 16 EK, sunk 5 sampans & dest 50 en ftns. US Army acft flew 11,002 sorties in spt of allied ops within the Republic, carrying 23,856 trps & 2,576 tons of cgo. In spt of ARVN inf ops in the IV Corps area, Army acft flew a total of 920 sorties.
- B-52s flew 9 mns: 14 mi NW of Bien Hoa, 2 mns 13 mi N of Tay Ninh City, 17 mi E of Ben Cat in Binh Duong Prov, 16 mi NNW of Bien Hoa, 3 mns 13-15 mi E of Ben Cat in Binh Duong Prov, & 13 mi N of Bien Hoa.

23 September (Monday)


- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 1015 hrs, an elm of the US 4th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, cdt a CBT SWP 6 mi NNW of the Rockpile found a cache cntn the fol: 6,300 rds of AK-47 ammo, 25,000 rds of .50 cal ammo, 180 anti-person mines, 126 122mm rkt warheads, & 30 rds of 82mm mort ammo. All items were dest in place.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 560 sorties (USAF 410, USMC 150). BDA incl 368 en ftms, 27 sampans, 13 sec explosions & 41 fires. 6 EK were reptd. US Air Force & Royal AUSTR al crews flew 1,250 sorties carrying 11,888 pax & 2,543 tons of e.

- USA hel gunships reptd 51 EK, & dest 101 sampans & 15 en ftms. In scattered acts throughout the Mekong Delta, aircrew gunners of the 164th Cbt Avn Gp reptd killing 22 en, & in a single contact, sinking 41 sampans 6 mi SE of Ca Mau in An Xuyen Prov. In sp of ARVN inf ope in the IV Corps tac zone, USA acft flew a total of 768 sorties.

- At approx 1330 hrs, an Army UH-1 hel was hit by en gnd fire & crashed while on a cbt spt msn 18 mi SW of Ca Mau in An Xuyen Prov. Cas were 1 KIA (ARVN) & 5 WIA (3 US & 2 ARVN). The acft was dest.

- A Navy A-4 Skyhawk was reptd downed by en gnd fire 12 mi NW of Vinh. Pilots listed as KIA.


24 September (Tuesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 120 mns (USAF 57, USN 49, USMC 14). BDA incl 23 supply craft, 9 trks, 3 strucs, 1 ferry bt, 1 AAA site, 8 landslides, cut 6 rds & 1 hwy ferry, 32 fires, & 37 sec explosions.

- CMAC (Gia Din Prov): At approx 0220 hrs, less than 10 rds of unk type rkt fire impacted in the vic of the Nha Be Tk Farm 7 mi SE of Saigon. Counter-arty fire was fired onto suspected en pans loc to the SSW with unk res. Hel gunships also spt the act. No inj reptd & dam to mat was lt.

- MAMELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): At 1500 hrs, a recon tm fr the US 1st MAR Div, obs 15 en moving in the open 10 mi E of An Hoa. MAR arty fire was dir onto the en soldiers & all 15 were kd. No friendly cas.

- BURLINGTON TRAIL (Quang Tin Prov): At 1430 hrs, a trp fr the AMERICAL Div's armd cav sqdn eng an unk size en force 4 mi SW of Tam Ky. One armd pers carrier was hit by an RPG rkt gren rd during init contact & was moderately dam. Contact was 1st after a brief firefight. Contact was reestablished a short time later 1 mi W of the first eng. 3 more coms from the div were moved into the area to reinf the unit in contact. Contact cont until 1930 hrs when the en force evaded & withdrew. Res: 92 EK, 1 cptrd I/Wpn. US 1 KIA, 33 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At 1115 hrs, an elm of the US 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div, asault into an area 9 mi NE of Tan An & eng an est en co. Other elms of the bde reinf at an unrept time & contact cont into the ni & early morning. Hel gunships, arty, tac air & AC-47's ctypd the inf. Res: 39 EK, 2 suspects dtn, & 9 I/Wpn & 2 CSW were cptrd. US cas were 1 KIA, 11 WIA.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At 1800 hrs, an elm of the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, discovered 2 mass graves while swp an area 6 mi NW of the Rockpile. The graves conti the bodies of 48 NVA soldiers. Apparent time & cause of death has not yet been reptd.


- USA hel gunships reptd 75 EK, & sinking 72 sampans & dest 6 en ftms. In spt of ARVN inf ops in IV Corps tac zone, Army acft flew 938 msns.

- At 1330 hrs, an Army UH-1 hel was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 16 mi N of Nam Can in An Xuyen Prov. Cas were 1 KIA. The acft was dest.

- At 1415 hrs 3 mi SSE of Duc Lap in Quang Duc Prov, an Army UH-1 hel was hit by gnd fire while approaching a LZ. No inj to crew mbrs. Acft crashed & burned.

- B-52s flew 10 msns: 16 mi NW of Tay Ninh City, 28 mi NE of Saigon in Bien Hoa Prov, 2 msns 14-15 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 4 msns 11-24 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, & 2 msns 22 & 23 mi NW of Tay Ninh City.

25 September (Wednesday)

- SVN: US pilots flew 118 msns (USAF 57, USN 47, USMC 14). BDA incl 16 trks, 20 supply craft, 11 brgs, 2 rd segments cratered, 25 POL drums, 6 tents, 2 struc, 100 meters of trench, 1 AAA site, & 46 sec explosions & 68 fire reptd.

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LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): Elms of the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, cdt an Off Swp 8 mi WNW of the Rockpile eng an unk size en force. En empl 2 cmnd detonated mines & SA fire in def while the MAR empl their organic wpns. 12 en soldiers were kd & 1 I/Wpn & 3 CSW were optrd. US losses were 1 MAR kd & 10 wounded.

BINH TAY/MACARTHUR (Quang Duc Prov): At approx 0930 hrs, a co fr the US Army's 2nd Bde, 4th Inf Div, cdt a CBT SWP 3 mi SW of Duc Lap, was atk by an est en co. In the 1-hr battle that fol, 35 en soldiers were kd by the inf while US losses were 3 kd & 8 wounded. 10 I/Wpns & 2 CSW were also optrd.

BURLINGTON TRAIL (Quang Tin Prov): At approx 1115 hrs, an elm of the Arm Cav Sqdn of the AMERICAL Div, eng an unk size en force 4 mi SW of Tam Ky. At an unreptd time later, inf fr the div's 198th Lt Inf Bde, also made contact with elms of the same en force while swp the area. The tks, armd pers carriers & inf sptd by hel gunships & tac air atk the en force & act cont until 1430 when contact was lost as the en evaded. The trps pursued & reestablished contact at an unreptd time & act cont until approx 1800 when contact was again lost as the en successfully evaded & withdrew. Res: 208 EK, & 8 CSW & 7 I/Wpns optrd. US cas were 3 KIA & 18 wounded (13 evac). This raised the 2-day total in the area during 24 & 25 Sept to 300 en kd. Also btw 24 & 26 Aug, Arm Cav elms of the AMERICAL Div kd 511 en of the 2nd NVA Div in the same general area W of Tam Ky.

TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At 1400 hrs, a comb US/RVNAF force, cons of elms of the US 199th Inf Bde & a RF co, were cdtn an Off Swp 8 mi NNE of Tan An & discovered a cache cntn the fol: 21 107mm rkt (compl), 25 107mm rkt warheads, 87 82mm mort rds, & 87 82mm mort fuzes.

LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At 1330 hrs, a co fr the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, discovered an en ammo cache 7 mi NW of the Rockpile. While dest the cache, the MAR rec SA fr an unk size en force in bunkers. The MAR, sptd by arty fire, rtn the fire with their organic wpns. Res: 7 EK, 1 I/Wpn & 1 CSW were optrd. US 1 KIA. The wpns cache cntn the fol: 446 rds of B-40/B-41 ammo, 116 107mm RR rds, 19 122mm rkt rds, 147 AT mines, 1,000 12.7mm rds, & 226,000 rds of 7.62mm ammo.

TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At approx 1145 hrs, an elm of the US 11th Arm Cav Regt along with a recon elm of the 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div, cdt a comb swp wp with elms of the ARVN 8th Regt, 5th Inf Div & discovered 95 en bunkers 13 mi E of Ben Cat. Air strikes had dest 75 of the bunkers; however, in a search of the complex, the fol items were optrd: 2,000 plastic gas masks, 1,500 ft of detonating cord, 2,000 blasting caps, 66 RPG rkt-gren boosters, 21 rkt-grens, 53 hand grens, 3 sniperscopes for rifles, 12 ChiCom mines, & 7 claymore mines.

 SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 520 sorties (USAF 372, USMC 148). BDA incl 372 en ftns, 9 sampans, 9 sec explosions & 20 fires. Air Force F-100 Supersabre pilots fr the 35th Tac Ftr Wg blasted an en base camp 20 mi SE of Bien Hoa. Rtng pilots reptd dest 10 mil strucs & 100 meters of
trench. Air Force & Royal AUSTR aircrews flew 1,311 al sorties carrying 13,546 pax & 2,762 tons of cgo.

- USA hel gunships reptd 74 EK, & dest 40 sampans & 20 en ftms. USA acft flew 877 sorties in spt of ARVN ops in the Mekong Delta. Hel crews fr the 164th Cbt Avn Gp kd 57 en soldiers in ops in the Mekong Delta.

- B-52s flew 11 mins: 3 mins 6-8 mi S of Kontum, 19 mi NW of Tay Ninh City, 2 mins 12 mi W of Lai Khe, 3 mins 29-31 mi NW of Saigon in Binh Doung Prov, & 2 mins 11-14 mi N of Pleiku.

26 September (Thursday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 138 mins (USAF 59, USN 67, USMC 12). BDA incl 2 ferries, 17 trks, 3 strucs, 30 supply craft, 1 AAA site, 3 fords, 60 fires, 24 sec explosions & 19 rds cratered. The pilot of an A-6 Intruder reptd obs a SAM launch in an area approx 31 mi NW of Vinh. The missile was successfully evaded & the acft was undam.

- TOAN THANG (Hau Nghia Prov): An ambs ptl fr the US 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div, eng an unk size en force 1 mi SW of Cu Chi & kd 10. Contact term med as the inf sustained no cas.

- QUYET CHIEN (Dinh Tuong Prov): At approx 0900 hrs, a co fr the US 3rd Bde, 9th Inf Div, eng an unk size en force 7 mi NW of Cai Lay. Other elms of the bde reinf the-inf as arty, hel gunships & tac air reptd. By 1800 hrs, other elms of the bde were inserted into 12's in the general area & a cordon was compl around the en force at 2030 hrs. Res: 15 EK, US cas 1t.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): Elms of the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, while odt a CBT 5MP 8 mi NW of the Rockpile found the bodies of 36 en soldiers in graves in 3 general locs. Bodies appeared to be 4-10 days old. Cause of death not reptd.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 563 sorties (USAF 361, USMC 202). BDA incl 346 en ftms, 10 sampans, 1 brg, 1 wpns psn, 9 fires & 2 sec explosions. 3 EK were reptd. US Air Force & Royal AUSTR al crews flew 1,259 al sorties carrying 12,598 pax & 2,383 tons of cgo.


- At approx 1600 hrs, a US Army OH-6 hel was hit by en gnd fire 10 mi S of Quang Tri. The hel was dest in the res crash. Us cas were 4 KIA. Two Army UK-1 helos were hit & downed by en gnd fire 8 mi SSW of Tam Ky. Both acft were dam & 2 US soldiers were wounded in 1 acft.

- A MAR A-4 acft flying a close air spt msn was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 7 mi WSW of Tam Ky. Crewman was kd & the acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 10 mins: 3 mins 12-13 mi N of Pleiku, 2 mins 12 & 13 mi SSW of Vinh Long in Vinh Long Prov, 27 mi NE of Saigon in Bien Hoa Prov, & 4 mins 14-17 mi NE of Tay Ninh City.
27 September (Friday)

- **NVN**: US pilots flew 119 missions (USAF 44, USN 57, USMC 18). BDA incl 42 supply craft, 12 strucs, 17 trks, 7 AAA sites, 1 SAM site, 1 brg, 16 rd segments crated, 16 sec explosions & 9 fires. A Navy A-6 Intruder acft from the USS Constellation fired an AGM at a SAM site 30 mi NW of Vinh, scoring a dir hit & causing sec explosions.

- **III MAF** (Quang Nam Prov): At 2030 hrs, an elm of the US MAR 26th Regt Ldg Tm eng an unk size en force while cdt a CBT SWP 6 mi NW of the Rockpile. The MAR were sptd by arty until contact was lost at approx 2200 when the en withdrew. Res: 11 EE, 5 I/Wpns cptrd. MAR cas were 5 wounded (evac).

- **LANCASTER II** (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 1130 hrs, an elm of the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, eng an unk size NVA force while cdt a CBT SWP 6 mi NW of the Rockpile. The MAR were sptd by tac air, arty until contact was lost at 1540 when the en withdrew. Res: 18 EE, 1 suspect dtn. MAR cas were 3 KIA, 14 WIA & evac.

- **COMANCHE FALLS** Announced. The op is being cdt by elms of the lst Cav Div (AN) to find & eliminate en forces & installations, & is cen 8 mi SSE of Quang Tri City. Op commenced 11 Sep 68.

- **LANCASTER II** (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 1300 hrs, 2 comps fr the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div on an off SWP 6 mi NW of the Rockpile rec 2 60mm mort rds & SA fire fr an unk size en force. The MAR swept through the suspected en pos & made contact with the force. Contact cont until 1500 when the en withdrew. Res: 12 EE, US 6 WIA.

- **TOAN THANG** (Binh Duong Prov): At 1130 hrs, a co fr the US 11th Arm Cav Sqdn located a well with a tunel leading to an ammo cache 10 mi SE of Ben Cat that contn 351 82mm mort rds, 59 60mm mort rds, 125 blasting caps, 2 US cal .45 pistols, 2 RPG rkt gren launchers, 200 pressure detonators, 16 cans of mort charges, & 16 one-lb cans of plastic explo.

- **BINH TAY/MACARTHUR** (Quang Duc Prov): An elm fr the US 3rd Bde, 4th Inf Div, on a CBT SWP at 0800 hrs made contact with an unk size en force 1 mi SE of Duc Lap. Other elms of the bde reinst the act as arty & tac air sptd the inf. Contact cont until 1110 when the en withdrew. Res: 32 EE, US 7 KIA, 9 WIA.

- **SVN TAC AIR**: US pilots flew 541 sorties (USAF 345, USMC 196). BDA incl 388 en ftts, 20 sampans, 1 rd, 3 sec explosions, & 12 fires. 8 EE were reptd. US Air Force & Royal AUSTR al crews were abn 1,294 times dlvr 12,367 trps & 2,810 tons of cgo.

- USA hel gunships reptd 30 EE, sank 39 sampans & dest 10 en ftts.

- An Army O-1 "Birddog" acft was downed by en gnd fire 23 mi SW of Da Nang.
The pax was res uninj by an Army gunship & the inj pilot was res by a Jolly Green Giant hel. The acft was dest.

- An Air Force F-100 acft was downed by en gnd fire 2 mi S of Phu Cat. The pilot was res uninj. Acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 11 mms: 14-17 mi NE of Tay Ninh City (3 mms), 18 mi NE of Tay Ninh City (2 mms), 25 mi WW of Saigon in Hau Nghia Prov, 10 mi NNW of Ben Cat in Binh Duong Prov, 22 mi N of Xa Phan Thiet in Binh Thuan Prov, & 20 mi NE of Tay Ninh City (3 mms).

28 September (Saturday)

- NVA: US pilots flew 116 mms (USAF 52, USN 48, USMC 16). EDA incl 6 struc, 5 AAA sites, 4 brgs, 6 trks, 80 ft of trench, 1 slide, cut rds in 7 places, 18 fires, & 45 sec explosions. Air Force pilots were credited with 2 EK.

- SCOTLAND II (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 1330 hrs, an elm of the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, eng an unk size en force while swp an area 7 mi NW of the Rockpile. The en empl 2 comd detonated mines while the MAR dir arty tire onto suspected en pens nearby. Res: 18 EK, US 9 WIA.

- CMAC (Gia Dinh Prov): At approx 2400 hrs, 3 rds of 122mm rkt fire impacted into II & IV Precincts (1½ mi ESE, SE & S of the cen of Saigon). Counter-arty was fired onto suspected en firing pens ESE of the city with unk res. Res: 3 W & 3 NP were wounded, & 3 houses dest.

- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At 1600 hrs, an elm of the US 199th Lt Inf Bde discovered an en wpms cache while searching an area 3 mi NW of Ben Luc (19 mi SW of Saigon). The cache was concealed in an unreptd no of 55 gal metal fuel drums & buried in a river bank. The cache cntn 4 107mm rktstr (without fuses), 1 RPG-2 rkt-gren launcher, 2 AK-47 rfs, 2 bolt-act rfs, 60 mag for AK-47 rfl, 40 82mm mort rds, 17 rfl grens, 3 Ch1Com claymore mines, & 100 lbs of rice.

- SVN TAC ATR: US pilots flew 610 sorties (USAF 361, USMC 249). EDA incl 424 en ftms, 16 sampans, 19 sec explosions & 24 fires. 2 EK were reptd. US Air Force & Royal AUSM al crews were abn 1,241 times dlvr 12,937 trps & 3,678 tons of cgo.

- USA hel gunships reptd 77 EK, sinking 44 sampans & dest 25 en ftms.

- A Navy A-4 Skyhawk acft was downed by en AAA fire approx 14 mi NE of Vinh. The pilot was res & injns are unk.

- B-52s flew 10 mms: 23 mi NW of Tay Ninh City, 13 mi SW of Can Tho in Phong Dinh Prov, 2 mms 21 & 22 mi SW of Da Nang in Quang Nam Prov, 47 mi SW of Kontum, 2 mms 13 & 14 mi SW of Quang Ngai, 26 mi SW of Hue in Thua Thien Prov, & 2 mms 19 mi SW of Tam Ky in Quang Tin Prov.
29 September (Sunday)

- **NVA** (US pilots flew 77 mms (USAF 40, USN 29, USMC 8). BDA incl 4 brgs, 4 supply craft, 3 AAA sites, 1 struc, 3 fires & 3 sec explosions.

- **KENTUCKY** (Quang Tri Prov): During swp ops in 3 portion of DMZ & along S trace of DMZ, a co fr the US 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) loc a cave 4 mi WSW of Con Thien which cntn 300 rds of 60mm & 82mm mort ammo. The ammo was dest in place. The cave was loc approx .6 mi inside S edge of the DMZ. At about the same time, another co fr the bde found another ammo cache about .6 mi SSW of the first cache & on the edge of the S trace of the DMZ. Cache cntn 24 rds of 120mm mort, 100 rds of 82mm mort, 48 rds of B-40 rkt-gren, 10,000 rds of 7.62mm & 6 cans of 50 cal ammo. 36 ChiCom claymore mines were also in cache. Ammo was dest.

- **NAMELUKES THRUST** (Quang Nam Prov): At 1015 hrs, a co fr the US 5th Bde, 1st MAR Div, eng an est en sqd 11 mi W of Da Nang. The en sqd withdrew with the MAR in pursuit. A short dis away, the MAR contacted & became eng with an est en plat in well fortified pubs. SA & auto wpns fire were exchanged as arty fire was dir onto the en ftns. Fighting cont throughout the day until contact was lost at 1845 as the en slipped fr the area. Res: 13 EX, US 4 KIA, 7 WIA.

- **IV CTZ** (Phong Dinh Prov): At 2200 hrs, the Binh Thuy afd 3 mi NW of Can Tho rec approx 35 rds of 75mm RR fire. No pers cas & dam to the installation & mat was lt.

- **QUIET CHIEN** (Kien Hoa Prov): At approx 1630 hrs, a co fr the US 2nd Bde, 9th Inf Div, on a CHT SWP 9 mi E of Ben Tre discovered 2 en caches cntn the fol: 183 60mm mort rds, 5 82mm mort rds, 2 81mm mort rds, 72 RPG rds, 4 cases of .50 cal ammo, 2 cases of .30 cal ammo, 3,050 rds of .30 cal/7.62mm ammo, 44 bangalore torps, 2 claymore mines, 42 Chicomgreens, 3 cases of assorted explo, 10 1/Wpns & 1 mort sight.

- **SVN TAC AIR**: US pilots flew 646 sorties (USAF 432, USMC 214). BDA incl 241 en ftns, 30 sampans, an auto wpns pm, a mort pm, 16 sec explo-ions, & 19 fires. 36 EX were reptd. US Air Force & Royal AUST al crewes were abn 1,228 times dlvr 11,099 pax & 2,888 tons of cgo.

- **USA hel gunships reptd 27 EX, sinking 29 sampans & dest 43 en ftns.

- At 0820 hrs, a MAR UH-1 hel was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 11 mi SW of Dinh Hoa. All 5 occupants were kd & the acct dest.

- At 1530 hrs, an Army UH-1 hel was downed by en gnd fire 10 mi NW of An Hoa in Quang Nam Prov. The crew escaped inj but the acct was dest.

- At 1715 hrs, a MAR OH-6 lt obs hel crashed & burned when it was hit by en gnd fire 16 mi ESE of Ap Bac in Kien Tuong Prov. The 2 wounded crewmen were res & the hel was dest.

- B-52s flew 10 mms: 3 mms 17, 18 & 19 mi SW of Tam Ky in Quang Tin Prov, 47 mi SW of Kontum, 30 mi NE of Saigon in Bien Hoa Prov, 11 mi W of Lai Khe in Binh Duong Prov, 9 mi E of Lai Khe in Binh Duong Prov,
29 mi NE of Saigon in Bien Hoa Prov, & 2 mens 23 & 28 mi NW of Tay Ninh City.

30 September (Monday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 108 mens against Panhandle tghts. (USAF 57, USN 36, USMC 15) (BDA incl 52 supply craft, 27 struc, 16 trks, 30 fires & 12 sec explosions. Rds were out in more than 18 places.

- HQ MACV (Saigon): Vice Adm Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr. assumed comd as Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Vietnam. Vice Adm Zumwalt relieved Rear Adm Kenneth L. Veth who served as COMNAVFORV since Apr 67.

- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At approx 1500 hrs, gunship pilots fr the 12th Cbt Avn Gp obs 10 en soldiers crossing a stream 6 mi SW of Can Duoc. The en force was eng with auto wpns fire & 10 were kd. No friendly cas.

- MAELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): At approx 1630 hrs, an elm of the US 5th Regt, 1st MAR Div, eng an unk size en force while otd a CBT SWP 5 mi NE of An Hoa. The en empl auto wpns & 3A fire while the MAR were sptd by arty. Act cont until 1950 when contact was lost as the en withdrew. Res: 30 EK, 3 suspects dtn, 12 I/Wpns & 2 CSW cpdrd. US 1 KIA, 1 WIA.

- II FFV (Bien Hoa Prov): At 2335 hrs, Long Binh Post rec approx 40 rds of 82mm mort fire. Hel gunships & arty sptd.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 603 sorties (USAF 394, USMC 209). BDA incl 422 en ftms, 17 sampans, 1 auto wpns pen, a mort pen & a sup cache. 25 sec explosions, 55 fires & 11 EK were cpdrd. US Air Force & Royal AUSIR tac al crews were abn 1,324 times as they dlvr 13,378 trps & other pax, & 2,967 tons of cgo.

- USA hel gunships cpdrd 17 EK & sank 11 sampans.

- A Navy A-6 Intruder was cpdrd downed by en gnd fire approx 13 mi NW of Vinh. Crew mbrs cpdrd as MIA.

- NGF: The USS New Jersey in 3 mens fired approx 20 rds of 16-in ammo at arty pns, auto wpns pns, rds & storage areas in a general area 7 mi NW of Con Thien (along N DMZ). BDA incl 4 auto wpns pns, 30 meters of trench line were collapsed, 1 rd cut, 1 arty pen, & 3 bunkers dest.

- B-52s flew 11 mens: 3 mens 22, 27 and 28 mi NW of Tay Ninh City, 2 mens 16 mi NE & 26 mi NNW of Tay Ninh City, 43 mi SW of Kontum, 22 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 56 mi NE of Vc Phan Thiet in Binh Thuan Prov, & 3 mens 15-16 mi NE of Tay Ninh City.
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| COCHISE GREEN | Binh Dinh | 1291 | 307 | 119 | 697 | 616 | 1718 | 154 | 16 |
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| BOLLING | Phu Yen | 19 Sep 67 | 1329 | 15 | 61 | 277 | 684 | 2390 | 225 | 1 |
| | 173rd Abn Bde (Bn+) | | | | | | | | |
| MACARTHUR | Pleiku/Kontum/Darlac/Quang Duc | 12 Oct 67 | 10751 | 0 | 847 | 3988 | 5402 | 1139 | 1246 | 185 |
| | 4th Inf Div (Bn+) | | | | | | | | |
| MACLAIN | Binh Thuan/Tuy/Lam Dong/Minh Thuan/Tuyen Duc | | 2338 | 1301 | 51 | 448 | 798 | 163 | 217 | 28 |
| | 173rd Abn Bde (Bn+) | | | | | | | | |
| WALKER | Binh Dinh | 17 Jan 68 | 340 | 0 | 30 | 193 | 197 | 187 | 32 | 12 |
| | 173rd Abn Bde (Bn+) | | | | | | | | |

II FFV:

| TOAN THANG (Phase II) III CORPS/II FFV(US/FW) | 10552 | 0 | 765 | 4529 | 7144 | 3578 | 2233 | 515 |
| | 1st, 9th & 25th Inf Div | 1 June 68 | | | | | | | |
| | 101st Air Cav/199th Lt Inf Bde/11th Armd Cav Regt/3rd Bde | | | | | | | | |
| | 101st ATF/RTAVR | | | | | | | | |