FOR THE PRESS:

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

It has been organized as follows:

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

- A detailed chronology of October events.

- A review of ground operations

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REVIEW OF EVENTS
OCTOBER 1968

GENERAL

Action continued light to moderate during the month. Two significant U.S. initiated contacts in the Delta and the Demilitarized Zone resulted in heavy enemy casualties and a substantial number of enemy weapons captured on the battlefield.

I CORPS

During the month enemy activity decreased significantly from that of September. In the central DMZ the 320th NVA Division was engaged in squad-sized contacts during the early part of the month. Subsequently, Allied sweep operations were unable to contact any elements of the division. It was subsequently determined that the 320th was withdrawing north of the DMZ. In the eastern DMZ, Allied units made contact with elements of the 138th NVA Regiment. These engagements occurred in the DMZ just south of the Ben Hai River and prevented enemy penetrations into northern Quang Tri Province. There was no significant contact in the western DMZ.

In the major northern provinces, major enemy units remained in remote base areas and activity remained extremely light. Captured prisoners and documents continued to indicate that Allied operations caused a shortage of food and a deteriorating infrastructure.

In central I CTZ, enemy activity was centered around Thuong Duc CIDG Camp. Elements of independent NVA units and/or the 2nd NVA Division were deployed around the camp until about 20 October. Allied operations conducted near the camp inflicted heavy losses on the enemy forces. Friendly reconnaissance elements northwest of An Hoa observed large numbers of enemy troops engaged in transporting ammunition. Artillery and air strikes inflicted heavy casualties on these enemy troops, which were also elements of the same NVA forces.

In Quang Tin and Quang Ngai Provinces, other elements of the 2nd and the 3rd NVA Divisions remained in their base areas and did not engage in any significant activity.

II CORPS

In the western highlands, there were no major engagements, as the enemy continued to avoid contact. Apparently, he was using this period to rest and refit his forces which suffered heavy casualties in late August.
and early September.

Lack of significant contact around Duc Lap in Quang Duc Province indicated that the 1st NVA Division also relocated to refit probably outside Vietnam. Enemy activity in these areas consisted primarily of standoff attacks. The fire support bases in the vicinity of the Ben Het CIDG Camp and the Bon Sar Pa Outpost near Duc Lap were the primary targets.

In Pleiku Province 17 October, a battalion-sized to regiment-sized bunker complex 11 kilometers northwest of the Duc Co CIDG Camp was discovered.

In coastal II CTZ, Binh Dinh Province Local Force units remained moderately active, conducting small-scale ground probes, attacks-by-fire, and increased terrorist incidents. PWs captured near Phu My identify their unit as the 18th NVA Regiment. The PWs arrived in Binh Dinh Province in June and July with approximately 1,250 other replacements from North Vietnam, indicating that the regiment, which suffered heavy losses in June, may be close to full strength.

In Khanh Hoa Province a continuing ROK sweep operation (Baek Ma 9) eight kilometers southwest of Nha Trang cost the enemy 352 killed. A PW captured during the operation identified his unit as the 7th Battalion, 18B NVA Regiment, which was probably rendered temporarily ineffective.

III CORPS

There was a decrease in tactical activity during the month while the enemy's Main Force units appeared to be resting and resupplying in border sanctuaries and base areas.

In northern III CTZ the 7th NVA Division remained positioned near the Binh Long Province - Cambodian border, while the 9th VC Division remained along the western Tay Ninh Province - Cambodian border. The regiments of the 5th VC Division probably remained positioned in the east central III Corps.

In the VC subregions surrounding Saigon, there were reports of increased supply activities. The subregion units remained in their normal areas of operation. Varied sources indicated that the enemy planned to conduct attacks prior to the U.S. elections on the 5th of November.

IV CORPS

Enemy-initiated activity during October consisted mainly of attacks-by-fire, harassments, and acts of terrorism and sabotage. Most of the enemy's effort was directed at district towns, lines of communication, and Allied installations. Attacks-by-fire against airfields decreased significantly during the first three weeks of the month and increased, along with other enemy-initiated activity, during the last week of the month. During this period the enemy continued to avoid large unit contacts. During the week of 6 October, ARVN and U.S. elements exploited 10 B-52 strikes in east-
ern Dinh Tuong Province resulting in over 200 VC killed. The bodies of five senior enemy staff officers (identified by documents) were discovered in the area.

Reports on the reduction of enemy combat capabilities and a drop in morale continued to increase during the month. The most significant of these unconfirmed reports was the VC Can Tho Provincial Commissioner's reported statement that the VC/NVA situation throughout the country is tragic.

+++ PRISONER RELEASE +++

Fourteen North Vietnamese Naval personnel who were captured in international waters off the Gulf of Tonkin following a Naval engagement in July of 1966 were returned 21 October to North Vietnam from a U.S. Naval vessel in the Gulf of Tonkin.

An official U.S. spokesman said the release was intended as an action of good will in the hope that it will lead to further releases of prisoners.

The 14 men were released at approximately noon 12 miles off Vinh on the North Vietnamese coast. They initially headed shoreward in a 30-foot fishing boat that was launched from the USS Dubuque, a landing transport dock attached to the amphibious force of the 7th Fleet. Commanding the operation aboard the Dubuque was Rear Admiral Paul L. Lacy Jr., commander of the Amphibious Task Force of the 7th Fleet.

The North Vietnamese, who are all experienced seamen, were given a full briefing on the operation by Admiral Lacy that included the use of safety equipment that had been placed aboard their boat prior to the launching in a relatively calm sea.

There was a momentary delay when the rudder of the fishing boat broke down. To assure their safety, the North Vietnamese were transferred to a motor whaleboat of the USS Dubuque which was turned over to them for the remainder of their trip ashore. It has been confirmed that they have landed safely in North Vietnam.

Prior to their release, the North Vietnamese seamen were interviewed by delegates of the International Committee of the Red Cross to whom they confirmed their willingness to accept repatriation. Arrangements for this release were agreed to between officials of the United States Government and North Vietnam. Both sides gave assurances that the operation would be safe from military action. Prior to the launching of the fishing boat, Admiral Lacy spoke briefly to Capt. Chan Van Bao, the senior officer of the...
North Vietnamese group. The admiral explained the navigational aid and safety precautions that his staff had taken to assure a safe passage ashore for the North Vietnamese. He also discussed alternative landing procedures, including possible landing in surf.

Two helicopters from the Dubuque were detailed to accompany the North Vietnamese and their craft from the launching site to the three-mile limit of international waters off Vinh. One of the helicopters preceded the small craft, giving directional guidance to the North Vietnamese. The other followed as a further safety precaution. The 14 North Vietnamese were taken aboard the USS Dubuque the night before their release from Da Nang. The small boat was loaded aboard by an American crew at the same time. Subsequently, the North Vietnamese were given instructions in the operation and handling of the boat. Their leader, Captain Bao, told officers aboard the USS Dubuque that he was satisfied with the seaworthiness of the small vessel and the safety and navigational equipment that American authorities had placed aboard it.

During the operation, the Dubuque and its escorting vessels adhered strictly to the arrangements that had been agreed upon between the governments of the United States and North Vietnam. The Dubuque dropped its destroyer escorts when it entered the zone as agreed upon in the preliminary discussions and proceeded alone to the release point, about one and one-half miles above the Demilitarized Zone.
CAI BE, 5 OCTOBER

Between approximately noon and 1515 hours, helicopters from the Cavalry Squadron of the U.S. 9th Infantry Division observed three groups of enemy in an area 15 miles northwest of Cai Be. The enemy were engaged by the gunships and 50 enemy were reported killed by the crewmen. At 1540, an element of the division's 3rd Brigade was air-assaulted into the area and made scattered contact with elements of an estimated enemy battalion. U.S. Air Force tactical air strikes and U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships supported the action which continued light and sporadic until 1830 when contact was lost as the remaining enemy withdrew.

The infantrymen discovered 90 enemy bodies in the battle area, 64 of which were determined to have been killed by the helicopter gunships. During the sweep, 8 enemy Ho Chi Mins rallied to the troopers. In addition, 2 ChiCom field telephones, 3 protective masks, 89 AK-47 assault rifles, 32 RPG-2 launchers, 28 RPG-7 launchers, 14 light machineguns, 2 complete 82mm mortars, 2 12.7mm heavy antiaircraft machineguns, 3 military radios, 82,000 7.62mm AK-47 small arms rounds, 110 82mm mortar rounds, & 160 grenades were captured.

The large number of weapons captured is a further indication of the deterioration in quality of the VC soldier, reflecting poor battlefield discipline not previously characteristic of the enemy.

+++ CON THIEN, 25 OCTOBER

In an action 5 miles north of Con Thien, elements of the U.S. Army's 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech), supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, tactical air strikes and naval gunfire engaged an estimated NVA battalion and killed 232.

During an offensive sweep operation 1 mile north of the southern edge of the DMZ, a company from the brigade located and engaged an estimated NVA battalion. The infantrymen were reinforced by other elements of the brigade, including a tank company, and supported by U.S. Air Force F-4s and F-100s from the 366th and 37th Tactical Fighter Wings (TFW) and Marine helicopter gunships from Marine Air Group 39. In addition, naval gunfire was provided by the USS New Jersey and USS Davis. Heavy contact continued throughout the afternoon until 1800 when the enemy withdrew leaving behind
90 VC KILLED
167 WEAPONS CAPTURED

25 OCT DMZ

232 NVA SOLDIERS KILLED
259 WEAPONS CAPTURED
the 232 NVA dead (63 killed by air, 45 by artillery, 20 by naval gunfire and 104 by organic weapons). In a sweep of the area following the engagement, the troopers captured 242 individual weapons and 17 crew-served weapons which were left scattered on the battlefield. The crew-served weapons included 8 light machineguns, 3 complete 60mm mortars, 2 12.7mm heavy anti-aircraft machineguns, 1 complete 82mm mortar and 3 RPG rocket-grenade launchers.

This action was particularly significant in that the weapons captured represent the largest number ever captured from the enemy by U.S. troops on the battlefield for any single engagement of the war to date.

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THUONG DUC CIDG CAMP, 28 SEPTEMBER

Action at the Thuong Duc CIDG Camp began on the morning of 28 September at approximately 0245 hours when an enemy force of unknown size fired 10 rounds of 122mm rocket fire and 20 rounds of mixed 82mm and 57mm recoilless rifle fire into the CIDG camp located nearby the Thuong Duc subcenter causing light casualties. At the same time, an outpost 300 meters south of the subsector received an enemy ground attack. The camp sent out a reaction force to reinforce the CIDG squad manning the outpost. The force immediately made contact with the enemy and the action lasted until 1400. Thirty-nine enemy were killed and 2 heavy machineguns, 1 light machinegun, 2 B-41 rocket grenade launchers and 8 individual weapons were captured. In addition, 2 enemy soldiers were taken prisoner. CIDG casualties were 5 killed and 4 wounded.

Ten minutes after the first rounds impacted at the camp (at 0255), enemy gunners fired 30 rounds of 82mm mortar fire into the Thuong Duc subsector and simultaneously an unknown size enemy force attacked 2 outposts of the subsector 500 meters west and 1 km northeast of the subsector. The outposts were manned by 1 Popular Force (PF) platoon and 1 Regional Force (RF) company.

The infantrymen were supported by tactical airstrikes and artillery as the enemy was repulsed at an unknown time in the morning. Sixty-two enemy were killed in this action and 1 60mm mortar, 1 12.7mm anti-aircraft machinegun, 2 rocket grenade launchers, 3 CHICOM light machinegns, 17 individual weapons, 1 radio and an unknown amount of ammunition were captured. RF and PF losses during this action were 7 killed and 8 wounded (4 evacuated).

On the evening of the 28th at 1940 the CIDG camp again received 40 rounds of 82mm mortar fire resulting in 2 CIDG soldiers wounded. Also at 1915 the subsector received 3 rounds of 122mm rocket and approximately 200 rounds of 82mm mortar fire causing light casualties.

Ground activity was again reported near the Thuong Duc CIDG camp on 29 September as 2 Mobile Strike Force (MSF) companies air-assaulted into the area and conducted a sweep to the west of the camp. The camp took sporadic mortar fire throughout the day and action tapered off at approximately 2130 that evening. Over 60 tactical air sorties were flown in support of the camp and U.S. Air Force AC-47 gunships expended over 113,000 rounds in supporting the CIDG/RF/PF soldiers.

On 30 September the MSF entered the camp after sweeping the Dai An and Thuong Duc villages (NOTE: A U.S. major on an inspection tour of the enemy defensive positions reported equipment, weapons, sandals and parts of bodies strewn over the area.) Also during the period 28-30
185 ENEMY KILLED NEAR THUONG DUE CIDG CAMP 28 SEPT - 8 OCT
September as a result of the NVA attacks against the villages around the CIDG camp, 42 civilians were killed, 97 were wounded, and an unknown number were abducted. In addition 296 homes were destroyed leaving 1500 people homeless.

On 1 October, the enemy continued to harass the CIDG camp and Thuong Duc District Headquarters with .50 caliber machinegun and recoilless rifle fire. An outpost north of the camp received a light probing attack from an unknown size enemy force.

On 2 October, the camp received approximately 18 rounds of mortar fire resulting in light casualties.

On 3 October, the CIDG camp and subsector received approximately 50 rounds of mixed 82mm mortar and 122mm rocket fire resulting in very light friendly casualties. At noon, a 100-man force from the camp Strike Force, moving to exploit a B-52 strike, made contact with an estimated 2 enemy companies 4 km (2 miles) west of the CIDG camp. Contact continued until 1830. The CSF sustained 19 wounded (1 U.S. and 18 CIDG)(all evacuated) while enemy results were unknown.

On 4 October, at 1030, a company from the U.S. 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division conducting a combat sweep 7 km (4 miles) east of the camp observed 75 enemy soldiers. The Marines employed small arms and 81mm mortar fire against the enemy and were supported by artillery. At approximately 1530 an air observer spotted 19 enemy bodies and at 1800 another Marine element was inserted into the general area. The unit received small arms and rocket-grenade fire from an unknown size force while conducting the sweep and action continued until 1900 when the enemy withdrew. The Marines, supported by tactical airstrikes and helicopter gunships, killed a total of 32 enemy soldiers while U.S. casualties were 1 wounded. Later that evening, at 2320, an element from the camp on a local security listening post observed 35 enemy and directed artillery onto their positions. A sweep of the area revealed 10 enemy bodies.

On 5 October no significant actions were reported around the camp.

On 6 October Operation MAUI PEAK, a multi-battalion search and clear operation centered in an area 11 miles northwest of An Hoa, commenced at 0900. The combined operation involved elements of the ARVN 51st Regiment and the U.S. 1st Marine Division with the mission to locate and capture or eliminate enemy forces, installations and materiel within the operational area around the CIDG camp. At 1200, elements of the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division conducting a combat sweep 4 miles east-northeast of the camp engaged an unknown size enemy force and killed 9 while sustaining 2 Marines killed and 11 wounded (evacuated).

On 7 October at 0405, an element of the 5th Marines in night defensive positions 4 miles east-northeast of the camp was probed by an estimated
2 enemy squads employing small arms and RPG (rocket propelled grenade) fire and supported by mortar fire. The Marines, supported by mortars, artillery and AC-47 gunships repulsed the attack resulting in 3 enemy killed. U.S. losses were 5 killed and 4 wounded (evacuated). Another 5th Marine element at 0915 had to abort an air assault mission 2 miles south of the camp due to heavy ground fire from the landing zone that had been prepared by suppressive artillery at 0800. At 1500, a company from the 5th Marines, while on an offensive sweep 4 miles east-northeast of the camp received small arms, RPG and 60mm mortar fire from an estimated enemy platoon. The Marines supported by tactical airstrikes killed 30 enemy soldiers while suffering 12 wounded (evacuated).

The 8-52 support to friendly forces in the area between 28 September and 8 October consisted of 29 missions against enemy troop concentrations, staging areas and base camps. The targets were at distances ranging from 3-8 miles from the camp.

Total allied casualties reported between the 28th of September and 8 October were 31 killed and 65 wounded. Enemy losses were 185 killed, 2 suspects detained, and 8 crew-served and 29 individual weapons captured.

The enemy activity occurred in the area around Thuong Duc, but no enemy ground attack was actually directed towards the CIDG camp itself. In the largest action, in which Regional and Popular Force elements killed 62 enemy in 2 villages near the camp on Saturday, 28 September, the camp itself was not under direct ground attack.

The two CIDG companies heli-lifted into the general area on 29 September were employed to sweep an area several kilometers to the west of the camp in order to seek out the enemy forces withdrawing from the area, following the contact on 28 September. Throughout the period, the CIDG camp strike force troops within the camp conducted offensive patrolling and sweep operations outside the camp. At no time was the camp under ground attack or under "siege."

Intelligence estimates for the general area placed the total enemy strength within roughly a 16 mile radius of the camp at approximately two NVA/VC regiments. The largest size enemy force involved in actual contacts during the period 28 September through 8 October was placed at one battalion in the attack against the RF/PF outposts on 28 September.
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 1,438 missions over North Vietnam, Air Force pilots flew 1,845, while Marine Corps aviators logged another 457 for a total of 3,740 missions.

More than 260 trucks, 100 bridges, 65 AAA sites and 190 structures, and 600 supply boats were reported destroyed or damaged. A total of 755 secondary explosions were observed.

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AIR SOUTH

U.S. Air Force pilots flew 10,102 tactical air sorties in support of Allied ground forces and Marine Corps pilots flew another 6,076 sorties for a total of 16,178 tactical air sorties during the month. Of the total sorties flown, more than 5,300 were immediate and/or were flown in direct support of ground troops in contact with the enemy.

More than 36,000 airlift sorties were flown, transporting 152,308 tons of cargo.

The aircrews reported killing 456 enemy while destroying or damaging numerous enemy emplacements and crew-served and automatic weapons positions. Their air-delivered ordnance also resulted in 436 secondary explosions.

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B-52 MISSIONS

Two hundred and ninety missions were flown during the month by Air Force B-52s. Of these missions, 127 were directed against enemy targets in the III Corps Tactical Zone, 86 in I CTZ, 32 in II CTZ, 27 in IV CTZ, 2 in the northern half of the DMZ, 1 in the southern half, and 15 in North Vietnam.

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**Airlift**

**Military Airlift Command (In-Bound and Out-Bound, SVN)**

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NAVAL OPERATIONS

NAVAL GUNFIRE NORTH VIETNAM

The battleship New Jersey was fired on twice by enemy shore emplace­ments during the month of October. The first attack came on Oct. 26, almost a month after the world's only active battleship arrived off the DMZ on the last day of September, and the last one came on the 31st. None of the enemy shells of either attack, which were both fired from the heavily fortified Cap Lay region, fell any closer than 200 yards to the ship.

Captain J. Edward Snyder Jr, commanding officer of the New Jersey, said of the first attack, "Based on the size of the splashes and lack of any significant noise, it appeared from the bridge that 6 to 12 golf balls were driven off the Cap Lay bluff in our direction."

On Oct. 26, the destroyer USS Davis came under enemy coastal artillery fire 18 miles northeast of Gio Linh, at Tiger Island. No damage or casualties were reported.

In still another engagement, the heavy cruiser Canberra and the destroyer Leonard F. Mason reported receiving hostile fire from enemy gunners on Hon Matt Island, 23 miles northeast of Vinh. Neither ship was hit.

One U.S. sailor was injured when the destroyer USS Purse took a direct hit from enemy coastal gunners 12 miles southeast of Vinh on Oct. 8. The ship was in the area on patrol against enemy supply boat traffic when she was fired on.

Seventh Fleet ships firing on the North Vietnam coast destroyed or damaged a total of 172 structures while igniting 41 secondary explosions. They blasted 70 enemy bunkers, killing an estimated 15 enemy soldiers and silencing five anti-aircraft artillery sites.

In addition, 34 sampans were damaged or destroyed, and another 41 enemy supply craft of various types fell victim to Seventh Fleet ships.

NAVAL GUNFIRE SOUTH VIETNAM

More than a thousand Viet Cong targets were destroyed or damaged by Seventh Fleet ships firing below the DMZ in support of American and Allied ground forces during October.

For ships covering the area between the DMZ and Vietnam's southern tip, enemy structures were the principal targets.
On the 25th of the month, while firing at a Viet Cong position located 15 miles south of Da Nang (and close to a U.S.-South Vietnamese river patrol base), the cruiser Providence destroyed 19 structures, three with one-shot direct hits.

Just one day earlier, the Providence's gunners had been forced to use fire hoses to cool the barrels of their gun mounts after three days of shelling in which more than 90 structures and bunkers were destroyed. In one week the ship destroyed or damaged 350 enemy support structures, bunkers, sampans and other targets in the area.

Enemy bunkers were the second consideration in gunfire support, with well over 300 destroyed or damaged during the month.

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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS
OCTOBER 1968

1 October (Tuesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 120 msns (USAF 57, USN 50, USMC 13). BDA incl dest or dam 25 supply craft, 8 trks, 5 brgs, 2 rds, 1 AA site, 20 strucs, & 7 ftns. 26 explosions & 29 fires reptd. Navy A-7 Corsairs reptd a SAM launch 19 mi NW of Vinh. The crews successfully evaded the missiles & sustained no dam.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At 1420 hrs, elms of US 3rd Bde, 25th Inf Div, eng unk size en force 8 mi NW of Dau Tieng. En empl SA fire while inf empl their organic wpns sptd by hel gunships & arty. Contact was lost at 1815 hrs when en withdrew. Res: 14 EK, 13 suspects dttn, & 3 I/Wpns cptrd. In addition, a cache was discovered cntng 30 cases 7.62mm SA rds, 4 cases RPG rds, 40 cases of 82mm mort rds, & 300 cases of explos.

- BURLINGTON TRAIL (Quang Tin Prov): At 0845 hrs, an elm of 198th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, eng an unk size en force 16 mi SW of Tam Ky. Hel gunships, arty & tac air sptd. Contact was lost during ni when the en withdrew. US cas were 28 WIA. No en cas reptd. At an unreptd time in afternoon, a US med evac hel dprtg LZ was hit by en gnd fire & crashed in vic. Hel crew of 5 had picked up 9 WIA. 7 of 9 WIA were kd in crash. Remaining 7 aboard wounded.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 568 sorties (USAF 358, USMC 240). BDA incl dest or dam 595 fttns, 53 sampans. 35 EK, 102 fires & 8 sec explosions reptd. US Air Force & Royal AUS TR tac al crews were abn 1,321 times as they dlvr 14,240 pax & 2,771 tons of cgo.

- USA hel gunships reptd 50 EK, & 71 sampans & 62 ftns dest or dam. Hel gunships of the 164th Cbt Avn En sptg op Quyet Chien eng 5 tgts 10 mi NW of Phu Loc in Ba Xuyen Prov. Rtng gunship crews reptd dest 30 strucs, 43 sampans & killing 16 en soldiers.

- A MAR A-4 Skyhawk acft on a gunfire spotter men was hit over the N DMZ by en gnd fire. Crew flew the crippled acft over water & ejected. They were picked up by the destroyer USS Towers 11 mi E of Gio Linh, 3 mi offshore in the waters of SVN.

- B-52s flew 6 msns: 22 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 2 msns 12 mi SW of Da Nang, 16 mi SW of Da Nang & 2 msns WNW of Lai Khe.

2 October (Wednesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 130 msns (USAF 53, USN 56, USMC 21). BDA incl dest or dam 2 water craft, 6 trks, 7 brgs, 3 AAA sites, 5 strucs, & 36 rd cuts. 17 sec explosions, 42 fires reptd.
- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At approx 0340 hrs, a sqd fr the 2nd ROK MAR Bde amb 20 en soldiers 4 mi WNW of Hoi An & kd 13. 3 I/Wpns & 1 PRC-10 rdo were cptrd. No ROK cas.

- TOAN THANG (Hau Nghia Prov): At approx 0345 hrs, a Fire Spt Base of an elm of the US 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div, rec SA & rkt gren fire fr an est en plat in addition to less th ELII 150 rds of mixed 60mm & 82mm mort fire. Inf rtn fire with their organic wpns sptd by hel gunships & arty. Act cont until 0445 hrs when contact was lost as the remaining en withdrew. Res: 13 EK, 8 I/Wpns & 2 CSW cptrd along with 35 rkt gren rds & 7 bangalore torps. US cas 4 WIA. Base is loc 3 mi N of Duc Hoa.

- DUKE'S GLADE (Quang Nam Prov): A multi-co search & clear op cent 11 mi WSW of Hoi An commenced at 0800 hrs. Op is under the con of 196th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, & has msn to cptr & eliminate en forces, installations & mat within its area of responsibility.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 676 sorties (USAF 430, USMC 246). BDA incl dest or dam 736 ftns & 36 sampans. 31 fires, 15 sec explosions & 17 EK were reptd. F-100 Supersabre pilots fr the US Air Force's 31st Tac Ftr Wg (TFW) atk an en base camp in 2 consecutive strikes 7 mi SE of Dau Tieng in Binh Duong Prov. Pilots dest 32 bunkers, dam 7, uncovered 2 tunnel entrances & part dest 400 meters of trenches. FACs credited the pilots with killing 3 en soldiers in the strike which was in spt of the TOAN THANG offensive. Air Force tac & Royal AUSTR al crews were abn 1,379 times as they dlvr 15,730 trps & 2,401 tons of cgo.

- A Navy A-4 Skyhawk was downed by en 85mm AAA fire 20 mi N of Vinh. The pilot is listed as MIA.

- USA hel gunships reptd 12 EK, sinking 7 sampans & dest 9 en fttns.

- B-52s flew 10 mans: 3 mans 8, 9 & 12 mi WNW & W of Lai Khe; 2 mans 31 mi NW of Saigon in Binh Duong Prov; 21 mi N of Cheo Reo; 43 mi WSW of Kontum, 13 mi WNW of Lai Khe; & 19 & 24 mi SW of Da Nang in 2 mans.

3 October (Thursday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 143 mans (USAF 65, USN 57, USMC 21). BDA incl dest or dam 50 supply craft. 31 trks, 3 strucs, 26 rds, 3 AAA sites, 6 brgs, 3 AAA sites & 11 fttns. 28 sec explosions & 20 fires reptd. 17 en soldiers were kd.

- TOAN THANG (Gia Dinh Prov): At approx 2340 hrs, 3 rds of suspected 107mm rktts impacted in vic of Nha Be fuel storage area 7 mi SE of Saigon. Suspected en firing psn eng by arty fire. Unk res. No cas or
- I I I MAF (Thua Thien Prov): At approx 1610 hrs, a USA CH-47 hel collided in mid-air with a US Air Force C-7 (Caribou) which had just taken off fr Camp Evans. Both acft crashed in an area .6 mi S of Camp Evans (11 mi NW of Hue) killing all 24 pax & crew mbrs. 13 US pers, incl 4 Air Force crew mbrs, were kd in the C-7 & 11 US pers, incl 4 Army crew mbrs, were kd in the CH-47.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 674 sorties (USAF 431, USMC 243). BDA incl dest or dam 321 ftngs, 31 sampans, 30 fires, 35 EK, & 16 sec explosions were reptd. US Air Force & AUSTR Air Force tac al crews were abn 1,333 times as they dlvr 11,836 pax & 2,950 tons of cgo.

- An Army UH-1 hel was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 18 mi NW of Tay Ninh City at an unreptd time. 4 pers aboard the craft were kd & 1 wounded. The acft was dest.

- USA hel gunships reptd 35 EK, & 67 ftngs & 38 sampans dest or dam.

- B-52s flew 11 mens: 6 mens 20-27 mi SW of Da Nang, 2 mens 25 & 28 mi W of Hoi An, 44 mi WSW of Kontum City, & 2 mens 24 & 25 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City.

4 October (Friday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 117 mens (USAF 61, USN 43, USMC 13). BDA incl dest or dam 14 water craft, 21 trks, 9 brgs, 4 AAA sites, 2 rdr sites, 25 strucs, & 2 ftngs. 93 sec explosions, 85 fires reptd.

- MAMELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): At 1030 hrs, a co fr US 5th Regt, 1st MAR Div, obs 75 en 7 mi NNW of Hoi An. En soldiers were eng with auto wpns, 8lmm mort fire, & arty. At 1800, a small ptl was sent in to search the area. Ptl rec SA fire &grens. Hel gunships & tac air sptd. Act cont until 1900 when en withdrew. Res: 32 EK, US 1 WIA.

- IV CTZ (Vinh Long Prov): At approx 2330 hrs, the Vinh Long Afld, 1 mi W of Vinh Long, rec over 12 rds of suspected 120mm mort fire. US & ARVN arty fired counter-mort flg mns at suspected en firing psns with unk res. Hel gunships also fired into the suspected firing psns. US cas were lt. Mat dam on the base was very lt.

- QUYET CHIEN (Dinh Tuong Prov): At 1045 hrs, a co fr the US 3rd Bde, 9th Inf Div, eng an est en co when hel-lifted into a hot LZ 13 mi NW of Cai Be. Elms of ARVN 7th Inf Div moved into blocking psns SE of the contact. Arty, hel gunships, Air Force AC-47 gunships & tac air sptd. Contact was lost at 2130 as the en evaded fr the area. Res: 2 EK, US 1 KIA, 22 WIA.

- III CTZ (Long An Prov): At approx 0330 hrs a 24-ft sect of the Ben Luc brg loc 7 mi NE of Tan An was blown out by unk explos. At the same
time a RF elm gdg the brg rec approx 5 rds of 82mm mort fire causing lt cas.

III MAF (Quang Tin Prov): At approx 1500 hrs, a Comb Act Plat (CAP) eng an unk size en force 4 mi N of Tam Ky. The CAP dir arty fire onto en psns as act cont until 1730 when the en withdrew. Res: 18 EK, 8 suspects dtn. Friendly cas were lt. No US cas.

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 660 sorties (USAF 425, USMC 235). BDA incl dest or dam 708 ftms & 15 sampans. 33 fires, 31 sec explosions & 18 EK were reptd. US & Royal AUSTR Air Force tac al crews were abn 1,355 times as they dvr 13,996 pax & 2,989 tons of cgo.

USA hel gunships reptd 27 EK, & sinking 21 sampans & dest 9 ftms. In addition, 20,403 trps & 2,782 tons of cgo were carried to various tac locs throughout the Republic by Army acft.

An OH-6 hel was downed by en gnd fire 17 mi SE of Phu Bai. 2 WIA & acft was dest.

An Army OH-6 hel was downed by en gnd fire 27 mi SE of Hue. 2 WIA & acft was dest.

B-52s flew 10 mens: 2 mens 24 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City, 4 mens 15-19 mi SE of Tay Ninh City, 2 mens 14 & 17 mi W of Cai Lay, 27 mi NE of Saigon, & 27 mi N of Saigon.

5 October (Saturday)

NVN: US pilots flew 131 mens (USAF 59, USN 59, USMC 13). BDA incl dest or dam 50 water craft, 2 ry cars, 5 trks, 3 AAA sites, 2 rdr sites, 1 struc & 7 ftms. A SAM launch was reptd by rtng A-7 pilots in an area approx 25 mi NW of Vinh in the Vinh Son area. The pilots successfully evaded & no dam was sustained.

QUYET CHIEN (Dinh Tuong Prov): At approx 1200-1515 hrs, a Cav Sqd of the US 9th Inf Div, obs 3 gps of en 15 mi NW of Cai Be. Gunships eng the en & kd 50. At 1540, elm of div's 3rd Bde was aaslt into area & made scattered contact. Tac air, arty, & hel gunships sptd the act until 1830 when contact was lost as en withdrew. Inf discovered 90 en bodies, 64 kd by gunships. Eight Hoi Chanhs rallied to the trps. 2 ChiCom fld tels, 3 protective masks, 3 med kits & a small qty of misc ammo were cptrd. Swp cont. No US cas.

SCOTLAND II (Quang Tri Prov): Elms of US 4th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, began CBT SWP in general vic of Khe Sanh with obj of cptrg or eliminating NVA units, installations & mat within the op area. No reptd contact to date.

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 627 sorties (USAF 416, USMC 211). BDA incl dest or dam 284 ftms, 22 sampans. 10 fires, 12 sec explosions also reptd. US & Royal AUSTR Air Force tac al crews were abn 1,885 times as they dvr 12,659 pax & 3,015 tons of cgo.

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- USA hel gunships reptd 67 EK, & dest 10 en ftns & 9 sampans.

- At 1800 hrs, an Army UH-l hel was downed by en gnd fire ½ mi S of Tay Ninh City res in 1 US kd & 10 wounded (ARVN). Acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 12 msns: 15 mi SE of Tay Ninh City, 2 msns W & 13 mi WSW of Can Tho, 27 mi NE of Saigon, 2 msns 44-48 mi WSW of Kontum, & 6 msns 22-28 mi SW of Da Nang.

6 October (Sunday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 129 msns (USAF 56, USN 59, USMC 14). BDA incl dest or dam 39 water craft, 19 trks, 2 brgs, 40 rds, 11 AAA sites, & 5 strucs. 274 fires & 199 sec explosions reptd.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Long Prov): At approx 0900 hrs, elm of Cav Sqd of US 1st Inf Div, eng unk size en force 2 mi SW of An Loc. En empl SA & auto wpns fire while the cav trps rtn fire with organic wpns on their APC's & tks. Act cont until 1440. At unreptd time another mech elm of Cav Sqd reinf & contact was reestablished with unk size en force in same general area. Act cont until approx 1645 when en evaded & withdrew. Res: 43 EK, US 1 KIA, 6 WIA. In addition, 13 I/Wpns & 4 CSW were cptrd.

- QUIET CHIEN (Kien Phong Prov): In a swp of the area 15 mi NW of Cai Be where 90 en were kd on 5 Oct, inf of the US 3rd Bde, 9th Inf Div, cptrd the fol wpns, ammo & equip: 89 AK-47 aslt rfls, 32 RPG-2 rkt gren launchers, 28 RPG-7 rkt gren launchers, 14 1t MG's, 2 82mm morts (compl), 2 12.7mm hv AAA MG's, 3 mil rds, 82,000 7.62mm AK-47 SA rds, 110 82mm mort rds, & 160 gremls.

- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At 1300 hrs, an elm of US 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div, eng an unk size en force 4 mi S of Ben Luc. Contact cont as other elms were committed in effort to cordon the en. Hel gunships & arty cptrd the inf. Res: 12 EK, 2 I/Wpns cptrd. US cas very lt.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At approx 0005 hrs, an elm of the ROK 2nd MAR Bde ambs an est 20 en 5 mi WNW of Hoi An. The ROK MAR kd 15 en & cptrd 5 I/Wpns. No friendly cas.

- MAUl PEAK (Quang Nam Prov): A multi-bn search & clear op cent in an area 11 mi NW of An Hoa commenced at 0900 hrs. The comb op involved elms of ARVN 51st Regt & US 1st MAR Div with msn to loc & cptr or eliminate en forces, installations & mat within the op area which encompasses the general vic of the CIDG Camp at Thuong Duc.

- TOAN THANG (Bien Hoa Prov): At approx 1115 hrs, an elm of the US 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div, discovered a significant en wpns cache 11 mi NE of Bien Hoa. The cache ctn 2 ChiCom 1t MG's, 32 I/Wpns, 45 82mm mort rds, 5,000 7.62mm SA rds & 500 rds of .50 cal MG ammo.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 1245 hrs, an elm fr the
US MAR 26th Regt Ldg Tn cdng an Off Swp 8 mi N of the Rockpile
(2 mi N of southern trace of DMZ) found a cache cntn 200 rds of 152mm
arty ammo (181 rds still in canisters), 100 152mm arty fuzes, 5 82mm
mort rds, 4 60mm mort rds, & assorted sup.

- SUN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 682 sorties (USAF 451, USMC 231). BDA
incl dest or dam 532 ftns, 35 sampans. 7 fires, 31 sec explosions &
31 EK were reptd. US & Royal AUST Air Force tac al crews dlvr 13,895
pax & 3,210 tons of cgo.

- A Navy A-7 acft was downed by en gnd fire approx 17 ml NE of Vinh, 5 mi
offshore. Inj to pilot reptd as minor.

- USA hel gunships reptd 34 EK, & 27 ftns & 37 sampans dest.

7 October (Monday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 133 msns (USAF 69, USN 46, USMC 18). BDA incl
dest or dam 13 water craft, 6 ry cars, 13 trks, 7 brgs, 4 AAA sites &
14 strucs. 217 fires & 114 sec explosions were reptd.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At approx 0745 hrs, a co fr the US
3rd Bde, 1st Inf Div, found a base complex & cache cntn 1,000 anti-pers
mines, 1,050 handgrens, 19 I/Wpsns, 1,550 lbs of med sup, 50 72mrn RR
rds & 87 RPG's.

- TOAN THANG (Hau Nghia Prov): At approx 0850 hrs, 2 comps fr US 3rd
Bde, 25th Inf Div, on recon in force msn 5 mi NE of Trang Bang eng an
unk size en force. At 1000, additional elms fr 3rd Bde, 101st Abn
Div, reinf contact. Hel gunships & arty sptd inf. Contact lost at
1930 & reestablished at 0045 hrs. Res: 147 EK, 7 suspects dtn, 3 I/Wpsns,
1 CSW, 200 rds of 60mm & 18 rds of 82mm ammo cptrd. US cas 8 KIA, 13
WIA. En unit tentatively ident as elm fr 101st NVA Regt.

- MAUl PEAK (Quang Nam Prov): At approx 1500 hrs, an elm of US 5th Regt,
1st MAR Div, eng est en plat 4 mi ENE of Thuong Duc CIDG camp. MAR
rtn fire with organic wpns & atk en force sptd by tac air & arty.
Contact lost at 1730 when en withdrew. MAR discovered 30 EK by tac air
during eng. US cas 12 WIA & evac.

- SCOTLAND II (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 0930 hrs, an elm fr US 4th
Regt, 3rd MAR Div, discovered 33 NVA bodies & 1 I/Wpn while sweeping
an area 1 mi S of Khe Sanh. Apparent time & cause of death of soldiers
has not yet been reptd.

- JEB STUART III (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 1130 hrs, trps fr Air Cav
Sqdln, 1st Cav Div (AM) discovered en cache 17 mi SW of Quang Tri City.
Cache cntn 15,600 SA rds, 40 120mm mort rds, 40 82mm mort rds, 60 small
boxes of med sup, 12 SKS rfs.

- DUKES GLADE. Announced. Elms fr AMERICAL Div in Quang Nam Prov.
MAUI PEAK. Announced. Elms fr 1st MAR Div in Quang Nam Prov.

JEB STUART III (Thua Thien Prov): At 1250 hrs, an elm fr US 3rd Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM) discovered en med cache 22 mi W of Hue. Cache cntn 75 million units of penicillin, 18,000 cc of plasma, 16,000 pills (unreptd type), 90 packs of novacaine, & 30 packs of surgical gauze.

MAMELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): At 1430 hrs, a recon tm fr US 1st MAR Div obs a gp of 75 en soldiers moving in area 9 mi ENE of An Hoa. MAR dir arty fire onto the en trps killing 46. No US casualties.

LOGAN FIELD (Quang Ngai Prov): Commenced at 0600 hrs. Op is under con of 11th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div. Purpose of the multi-co search & clear op, which is cen 9 mi NE of Quang Ngai City, is to loc & cptr or eliminate en units, installations & mat. Inf have kd 12 en while US cas are 2 KIA, 28 WIA & evac.

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 675 sortie! (USAF 428, USMC 247). BDA incl dest or dam 554 ftns & 26 sampans. 26 fires, 17 sec explosions & 34EK reptd. Air Force F-100 Supersabre pilots fr the 31st Tac Ftr Wg struck an en bunker complex 17 mi NW of Tay Ninh City & reptd dest 13 bunkers. The strike was in spt of the TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE. MAR aviators flew 113 close air str sorties in spt of US MAR Corps units, 8 for the USA & 4 for the ROKMC. 48 tons of ordnance were dropped on en psns during 44 ftr atk sorties in spt of Op MAMELUKE THRUST.

USA hel gunships reptd 11 EK, & 23 ftns & 55 sampans dest.

B-52s flew 10 msns: 8 mi NNW of Cai Lay, 2 msns 24 mi SSW of Da Nang, 13 mi N of Vinh Long, 12 mi E of Lai Khe, 3 msns 15 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City, 59 mi NNE of Phan Thiet, & 26 mi NNE of Saigon.

8 October (Tuesday)

SVN: US pilots flew 129 msns (USAF 66, USN 46, USMC 17). BDA incl dest or dam 36 water craft, 21 trks, 5 brgs, 47 rd cuts, 6 wpn sites & 15 struc. 110 fires & 49 sec explosions reptd. An A-6 Intruder fr the USS America launched an AGM at a rdr site 28 mi NW of Vinh, & the pilot reptd the installation was hv dam.

LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At 1300 hrs, an elm fr US MAR 26th Regt Ldg Tm atk est 20-30 NVA trps in dug-in psns 8 mi N of the Rockpile (2 mi N of southern trace of DMZ). Enempl SA, RPG & mort fire, MAR used their organic wpns. Contact was lost at 1730 hrs when en withdrew. Res: 17 EK, 4 I/Wpns cptrd. US cas 2 KIA, 48 WIA.

MAUI PEAK (Quang Nam Prov): At 1655 hrs, a co fr 5th Regt, US 1st MAR Div, was fired on 4 mi ENE of Thuong Duc CIDG camp (9 mi NE of An Hoa). MAR rtn fire & atk en psn sptd by arty fire. En force withdrew at unreptd time after dark. Res: 37 EK, US 1 KIA, 9 WIA.

QUYET CHIEN (Dinh Tuong Prov): Elms of 3rd Bde, 9th Inf Div, sptd by
gunships of 164th Cbt Avn Gp, kd 10 en 5 mi NNE of Cal Lay. Inf also
discovered cache cntn 58 cases of ChiComgrens (1740), 300 lbs of TNT,
30 rds of 57mm RR ammo, 5 rds of 60mm mort ammo. 2 suspects were dtn
& 1 I/Wpn was cptrd. No US cas.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 638 sorties (USAF 412, USMC 226). BDA incl
dest or dam 388 fttns & 35 sampans. 29 fires, 27 sec explosions & 16
EK were reptd. 245 of the Air Force sorties sptd U.S. & other allied
forces cdt cbt & eff Swps; 100 of the fits sptd the TOAN THANG Off
in III Corps. Pilots & crews were scrambled 10 times to provide close
air spt for gnd units in contact with en forces in the Republic. On
Op MAUl PEAK, in the Thuong Duc area, gnd unit forces reptd that 1st
MAW pilots kd 5 en soldiers, dest 9 bunkers, 1 mil fttn, 4 trenches &
dam 4 AAA sites.

- An Army OH-6 lt obs hel was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 4 mi NW of
Tan An. The inj pilot was res & the acft was dest.

- A MAR F-4 Phantom acft was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 14 mi NNW of
An Hoa in Quang Nam Prov at 1315 hrs. Acft was dest & both crew mbrs
were kd.

- B-52s flew 13 msns: 3 mans 15-16 mi S & 17 mi SSE of Moc Hoa, 11 mi
SW of Cal Lay, 58 mi NNE of Phan Thiet, 2 msns 3/4 & 7 mi N of DMZ
(6 & 12 mi NNW of Con Thien), 20 mi NW of Pleiku, 3 msns 3-3 mi N of
DMZ (6 & 7 mi NNW & 13 mi NNE of Con Thien), 40 mi NNW of Saigon, &
18 mi NW of Lai Che.

9 October (Wednesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 115 msns (USAF 66, USN 33, USMC 16). BDA incl
dest or dam 17 water craft, 2 trks, 5 brgs, an AAA site, 10 strucs,
& 6 fttns. 59 sec explosions & 45 fires were reptd. A SAM was fired
at a Navy A-7 Corsair fr N of the 19th parallel. Acft evaded the SAM
which impacted on the gnd NW of Vinh.

- MAMELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): At 0630 hrs, a co fr the 5th Regt,
1st MAR Div, in ni def psns 6 mi NE of An Hoa rec a probing atk by unk
size en force. MAR exchanged auto wpns fire with the en force & dir 3
tac air strikes, arty & tk fire onto trps. Contact was lost at unreptd
time during morning when en withdrew. Res: 17 EK, US 4 WIA.

- JEB STUART III (Quang Tri Prov): At 1300 hrs, a co fr US 1st Cav Div
(AM) found an en cache 13 mi S of Quang Tri City. Cache cntn 22 I/Wpns
(3 ChiCom sub-machineguns, 13 AK-47 rifls, 6 SKS cbns), 2 med bags, 1,800
rds of AK-47 ammo, 200 rds of 7.62mm ammo, 2 binoculars, 33 NVA uniform
shirts & 22 NVA uniform trousers.

- NEVADA EAGLE (Thua Thien Prov): A co fr 3rd Bde, 101st Abn Div (AM) on
a recon-in-force man found 40 decomposed en bodies in stream bed 10 mi S of Hue. Bodies were in NVA uniforms & appeared to have been kd by arty about 3 to 4 wks ago.

- MAUI PEAK (Quang Nam Prov): At 2030 hrs, an elm of 5th Regt, 1st MAR Div, in ni def psns 4 mi NE of Thuong Duc CIDG Camp rec approx 80 rds of 60mm & 82mm mort fire fol by series of gnd probes by unk size en force. Air Force AC-47s & MAR tac air sptd act until en withdrew. Res: 16 EK, US 9 WIA.

- SCOTLAND II (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 1445 hrs, an elm fr US 4th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, discovered a mass grave ¼ mi NNW of Khe Sanh village. The graves cntn the bodies of 50 NVA soldiers believed kd 4 to 5 mos ago during fighting around Khe Sanh. Exact cause of death has not been reptd.

- DUKES GLADE. Terminated. Cum res: US 1 KIA, 3 WIA; EN: 21 KIA, 11 dtn & 18 I/Wpns cptrd. The op was announced 7 Oct 68 & commenced 2 Oct 68.


- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 656 sorties (USAF 417, USMC 239). BDA incl dest or dam 375 ftms & ignited 19 fires & 16 sec explosions. 8 EK reptd. Air Force F-100 acft fr the 31st Tac Ftr Wg and the 37th TFW blasted an en loc 10 mi NE of Quang Ngai City on 3 consecutive strikes in spt of US AMERICAL Div trps cdng gp ops in the area. MAR pilots flew 60 close-air-spt sorties in spt of Op MAUI PEAK. 98 tons of ordnance dlvr on en.

- USA hel gunships reptd 65 EK, & dest 15 ftms & 34 sampans.


10 October (Thursday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 124 msns (USAF 69, USN 40, USMC 15). BDA incl dest or dam 9 water craft, 4 trks, 2 brgs, 10 AAA sites, 3 strucs & 7 ftms. 65 fires & 40 sec explosions were reptd. Flying A-6 Intruders & F-4 Phantoms, MAR reptd extensive dam to an en sup complex NW of Con Thien, & to bunker & storage areas N of Gio Linh.

- TOAN THANG (Hau Nghia Prov): At approx 1030 hrs, an en Hoi Chanh led elm of the US 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div, to two cache sites 7 mi E of Trang Bang (24 mi NW of Saigon). Cache cntn 53 I/Wpns (SKS cnbs), 450 ChiCom
hand grens, 300 ChiCom claymore mines, 150 82mm mort rds, 150 60mm mort fuzes & 8,000 SA rds (AK-47).

- TOAN THANG (Gia Dinh Prov): At 1300 hrs, an elm fr US 3rd Bde, 82nd Abn Div, with RVN RF & NP, discovered 2 en caches 9 mi WNW of Saigon. Cache cntn 1 lt MG, 2 ChiCom rds, 74 RPG-2 rkt grens, 100 blasting caps, 18 lbs of TNT, 1 sight for 75mm RR, 1 mort sight, 1 bundle of pgnd leaflets, 10 75mm RR rds, & 17,000 SA rds (AK-47).

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At an unreptd time, an elm of US 26th MAR Regtl Ldg Tm discovered 9 NVA bodies kd during contact with an est NVA plat on 8 Oct 8 mi N of the Rockpile (1 mi inside the sothern edge of the DMZ). Total NVA kd in the act: 26. MAR cas 2 KIA & 48 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (Hau Nghia Prov): At 0820 hrs, an elm of US 3rd Bde, 25th Inf Div, eng an unk size en force 2 mi NE of Trang Bang. Act cont into afternoon with other elms of 1st & 3rd Bdes reinf in attempt to cordon en force est to be bn size. Hel gunships, arty & tac air sptd inf. Res: 26 EK & found 1 compl 60mm mort, 2 compl 82mm morts & 1 AK-47 rfl. US cas 6 KIA, 16 WIA.

- MACARTHUR (Quang Duc Prov): At 1130 hrs, a recon ptl fr an elm of US 2nd Bde, 4th Inf Div, discovered an unreptd no of graves cntn 15 NVA soldiers 3 mi SW of Duc Lap. At unreptd time another elm of bde found unreptd no of shallow graves in same general area cntn 8 more NVA soldiers. All 23 en were believed to have been kd by arty fire approx 2 wks ago.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 715 sorties (USAF 456, USMC 259). BDA incl dest or dam 806 ftms & igniting 32 fires & 16 sec explosions. 42 EK were reptd. 291 of the Air Force sorties sptd US & allied forces cdtg cbt & off swps, 98 of the fits sptd the TOAN THANG off in III Corps. MAR pilots flew 38 sorties in spt of Op MAUl PEAK dam or dest 3 bunkers & a mort pen, igniting a sec explosion & 2 fires, & were credited with killing 4 en soldiers & starting sec explosions & fires while flying in spt of MAMELUKE THRUST ops.

- An Army UH-1 hel was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 17 mi SW of Quang Tri. The acft was dest & the 4 crewmen were inj.

- An Army OH-6 lt obs hel was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 14 mi E of Ben Cat in Binh Duong Prov. The 2 crew mbrs were inj & the acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 10 mans: 2 mans 15 & 18 mi W & NW of Lai Khe, 14 mi W of Soc Trang, 2 mans 8 & 12 mi W & WNW of Con Thien, 3 mans 1/2-1 1/2 mi N of DMZ (8 mi N of Gio Linh in NVN), & 2 mans 12 & 14 mi N of Tay Ninh City. Crews rtng fr the strike N of the DMZ reptd at least 12 mdm sec explosions.

11 October (Friday)
- NVN: US pilots flew 120 msns (USAF 56, USN 51, USMC 13). BDA incl dest or dam 25 supply craft, 8 trks, 4 brgs, 1 rd, 1 AAA site, 10 strucs, & 1 ftn. 45 fires & 25 sec explosions were reptd.

- KENTUCKY (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 0800 hrs, mech inf elms & tks fr 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div, eng est NVA co in fortified psns 2 mi NNE of Con Thien (1.5 or 1 mi S of southern edge of DMZ). The mech force cdt a coord atk against en psns empl their organic wpns sptd by hel gunships & arty. En rtn fire with auto wpns & mort. Act cont until 1700 when remaining NVA trps withdrew. Res: 26 EK, US 3 KIA, 20 WIA (18 evac).

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 1000 hrs, an elm of US 26th MAR Regtl Ldg Tm cptrd 40 rds of NVA 152mm arty ammo 8 mi N of the Rockpile (1 mi inside southern edge of DMZ).

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): Approx 1530 hrs, a MAR CH-34 hel & a MAR CH-46 hel collided while orbiting 7 mi NW of An Hoa. Acft crashed & were dest. All 12 US mil crew mbrs & pax were KIA (4 crew & 4 pax on CH-34, & 4 crew mbrs in CH-46).

- III MAF (Quang Tin Prov): At 1230 hrs, a CAP cons of US MAR & RVN PF trps atk unk size en force 3 mi NW of Tam Ky. CAP empl organic wpns sptd by MAR tac air & USA arty. Act cont until 1900 when en withdrew. Res: 35 EK, US 3 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At approx 1220 hrs, an elm of US 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div, obs & eng 7 en soldiers with SA & auto wpns fire 3 mi N of Can Duoc. Contact ended almost immed. 6 EK & 1 dtn. No friendly cas. At 1300 hrs, hel gunships in spt of the act obs & eng 10 en soldiers attempting to evade 1 mi to the NW. The Air Cav reptd all 10 EK by their MG & rkt fire. A few mins later, 4 mi N of Can Duoc, another elm of 1st Bde eng unk size en force while cdng a swp. Hel gunships eng the psns with MG & rkt fire until actt was lost at 1600 hrs. Inf found 25 EK, US cas 5 KIA. Cum total: 41 EK, 1 suspect dtn. US 5 KIA.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At 1100 hrs, an elm of US 3rd Regt, 3rd MAR Div, discovered a bunker complex cntn approx 100 fortified bunkers 7 mi NNE of the Rockpile in southern half of DMZ. In the vic of the bunkers, the MAR discovered an unreptd no of graves cntn 18 NVA soldiers. Time & cause of death not yet reptd.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 573 sorties (USAF 346, USMC 227). BDA incl dest or dam 528 ftns, 46 sampans. 14 fires, 8 sec explosions & 14 EK reptd. 1st MAR Air Wg pilots cont to fly close-air-spt msns in spt of Ops MAUI PEAK, SCOTLAND II & MAMELUKE THRUST in the N sects of SVN. 298 of the Air Force sorties sptd US & other Allied forces cdng cbt & Off Swps; 110 of the flts sptd the TOAN THANG Off in III Corps.

- USA hel gunships reptd 34 EK, & 1 ftn & 10 sampans dest or dam.
12 October (Saturday)

- B-52s flew 10 msns: 3 msns 11 & 14 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 31 mi NNE of Saigon, 4 msns 27-28 mi N of Tay Ninh City, & 2 msns 32 mi N of Saigon.

- NVN: US pilots flew 100 msns (USAF 58, USN 34, USMC 8). BDA incl dest or dam 43 water craft, 2 ry cars, 6 trks, 7 brgs, 21 structs, & ignited 15 fires & 7 sec explosions.

- MAUI PEAK (Quang Nam Prov): At 0400 hrs, an elm of US 5th Regt, 1st MAR Div, in ni def psns 3 mi ENE of the Thuong Duc CIDG Camp, rec a gnd atk by an unk size en force. Act cont until 0730 hrs when the en withdrew. The MAR empl organic wpns sptd by arty & tac air. The bodies of 46 en were found around the peri. In addition, 1 suspect was dtn & 10 AK-47 rfls were cptrd. US cas were 8 KIA & 20 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (Hau Nghia Prov): At an unk time, an aerial rfl plat fr the Air Cav elm of US 25th Inf Div rec info fr en Hoi Chanh concerning the loc of ammo cache in area 4 mi NW of Bao Trai (25 mi NW of Saigon). At 1630 the trps discovered the cache which cntn 9 cases of 7.62 ammo (10,000 rds), 50 82mm mort rds, & 100 hand grens.

- III MAF (Quang Ngai Prov): At approx 1100 hrs, an elm of US 11th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, eng an unk size en force with organic wpns in an area 9 mi SSE of Quang Ngai City. The en rtn fire with SA & auto wpns while inf were sptd by hel gunships until contact was lost shortly after 1400. The inf found the bodies of 18 en kd during the 3-hr bat. In addition, 6 rfls, 1 pistol & 1 RPG-2 rkt-gren launcher were cptrd. No US cas.

- LOGAN FIELD (Quang Ngai Prov). Terminated. The op commenced 7 Oct & was under con of the 11th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div. Cum res: 14 EK, 6 suspects dtn & 4 I/Wpns cptrd. US cas 13 KIA, 66 wounded of whom 42 were evac. 7 naval gunfire msns were fired in spt of the inf. There were no tac air strikes or B-52 strikes flown in spt of the 6-day op.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 494 sorties (USAF 360, USMC 134). BDA incl dest or dam 263 ftns & 50 sampans. 28 EK reptd. In addition, 7 fires & 14 sec explosions were ignited. 230 of the Air Force sorties sptd US & other allied forces cdtg cbt & Off Swps; 80 of the fits sptd the TOAN THANG Off in III Corps. Pilots & crews were scrambled 14 times to provide close-air spt for friendly gnd forces in contact with the en throughout the Republic. Op MAUI PEAK 1st MAW jet pilots flew 14 times in spt of MAR op near the Thuong Duc CIDG camp 39 mi SW of Da Nang.

- USA hel gunships reptd 38 EK, & sinking 17 sampans & dest 5 en ftns.

- B-52s flew 5 msns: 2 msns 9 mi NE of Phan Thiet, 8 mi NW of Vi Thanh, & 2 msns 8 & 11 mi SW of Tay Ninh City.

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13 October (Sunday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 135 missions (USAF 62, USN 54, USMC 19). BDA incl dest or dam 14 trks, 4 brgs, & 3 struc. 53 fires & 10 sec explosions were reptd.

- QUIET CHIEN (Kien Hoa Prov): At approx 1440 hrs, an elm of the US 2nd Bde, 9th Inf Div (MRF) eng an unk size en force 12 mi E of Ben Tre. The en empl SA fire while the inf used organic wps & were sptd by hel gunships. The US Navy bts occupied blocking bns on the My Tho River to the N of the inf trps. Act cont until approx 2000. Res: 25 EK & 5 I/Wpns optrd. US 4 WIA.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 577 sorties (USAF 361, USMC 216). BDA incl dest or dam 322 ftms & 29 sampans. 13 sec explosions & 7 fires were reptd. 35 EK. 200 of the Air Force sorties sptd US & other allied forces cdgg cbt & Off Swps; 101 of the flts sptd the TOAN THANG Off in III Corps. Pilots & crews were scrambled fr the alert pads 22 times to provide close-air spt for friendly trps in contact with the en throughout the Republic. 1st MAR Air Wg pilots logged their 216 sorties flying in spt of US MAR & allied gnd forces throughout the N sector of SVN.

- USA hel gunships reptd 89 EK, & dest 36 sampans & 33 fortified bns.

- A Navy A-6 Intruder acft was reptd downed to unk causes approx 24 mi SE of Vinh. Crew is MIA.

- B-52s flew 8 msns: 8-11 mi SW of Tay Ninh City, 2 msns 24 mi W of Hoi An in Quang Nam Prov, 18 mi NW of Pleiku, 2 msns 8 mi N of Gio Linh & 11 mi N of Con Thien (2-3 mi into NVN), & 12 mi SSW of An Hoa.

14 October (Monday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 118 msns (USAF 54, USN 59, USMC 5). BDA incl dest or dam 21 water craft, 7 ry cars, 12 trks, 5 brgs, 3 AAA sites, 1 rdr site & a ftn. 32 fires & 11 sec explosions were reptd. A rdr site was hit with an AGM fr one of the USS America's A-6 Intruders & was possibly dest 52 mi NW of Dong Ho according to pilots rtng fr the msn.

- QUIET CHIEN (Go Cong Prov): At 1600 hrs, an elm of the US 2nd Bde, 9th Inf Div (MRF) & air cav trps fr the div's cav sqdn eng an unk size en force with SA & auto wps fire 9 mi SSE of Go Cong. Navy bts & air cav hel gunships sptd the inf until contact was lost at approx 1715. Bodies of 22 en were found & 20 suspects dtn & 5 I/Wpns optrd. No US cas.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 390 sorties (USAF 338, USMC 52). BDA incl dest or dam 343 ftms & 18 sampans dest or dam. 9 fires & 15 sec explosions were reptd. 206 of the Air Force sorties sptd US & other allied forces cdgg cbt & Off Swps; 92 of the flts sptd the allied TOAN THANG Off in III Corps. 1st MAR Air Wg pilots flew 52 sorties in spt of US
MAR Corps & allied gnd trps.

- USA hel gunships reptd 24 EK, & sinking 15 sampans & dest 40 ftms.
- B-52s flew 12 mans: 23 mi SSE of Tay Ninh City, 18 mi NW of Lai Khe in Binh Duong Prov, 3 mans W of Quang Ngai City in Quang Ngai Prov, 3 mans 16 mi NW of Pleiku City, 3 mans 19, 21 & 24 mi W of Quang Ngai City, & 8 mi SW of Tay Ninh City.

15 October (Tuesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 105 mans (USAF 53, USN 47, USMC 5). BDA incl dest or dam 29 water craft, 3 trks, 3 brgs, & 1 struc. 4 fires & 5 sec explosions were reptd.
- HQ MACV (Saigon): At 0900 hrs, a Navy floating workshop, TR-24, was turned over to the Vietnamese Navy in ceremonies at Vietnamese Navy Hqs. Commodore Tran Van Chon, CNO, RVN Navy acptd the ship fr Vice Adm Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr, Chief of the NAG & Comdr US NAVFOR. The TR-24 is a floating shipyard, capable of keeping the Vietnamese Navy's gunbts in a constant state of readiness & will be manned by a crew of 2 off & 135 men. During the past 4 mos, Vietnamese Navy has assumed cmd of 6 minesweepers, 8 high-speed river ptl bts & 4 "Swift" bts.
- TOAN THANG (Bien Hoa Prov): At approx 1345 hrs, an elm of US 2nd Bde, 1st Inf Div, discovered a wpns cache 12 mi NNE of Bien Hoa. Cache cntn 130 I/Wpns (incl 3 sniper rlfs with telescopic sights), 2 Lt MG's, 1 57mm RR rfl, 20 60mm mort rds, 1,000 SA rds (7.62mm, AK-47).
- MAUL PEAK (Quang Nam Prov): At approx 0800 hrs, an arty elm fr the 1st MAR Div cleared to fire an arty man onto en pns acdtly fired 8 155mm arty rds into the outskirts of a village 1 mi ENE of Thuong Duc CIDG Camp 11 mi NW of An Hoa. 10 cive were kd & 19 wounded. In addition 2 CIDG & 2 ARVN soldiers were wounded. The 1st MAR Div is inves the acdt.
- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 337 sorties (USAF 251, USMC 86). BDA incl dest or dam 488 en ftms & 22 sampans. 1 fire, 9 sec explosions & 21 EK were reptd. 131 of the Air Force sorties sptd US & allied forces participating in ctb & off acts throughout the Republic, & 67 of the flts sptd the TOAN THANG Off in III Corps. 1st MAR Acft Wg pilots logged 86 sorties while flying in spt of MAR & allied gnd forces throughout the N sector of SVN.
- USA hel gunships reptd 17 EK, & dest or dam 43 ftms & 34 sampans.
- An Army O-l acft was downed by en gnd fire 11 mi W of Duc Co. No inj.
- B-52s flew 11 mans: 3 mans 19 to 20 mi W of Quang Ngai City, 21 mi NW of Pleiku, 3 mans 19, 23 & 25 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 2 mans 16 & 20 mi SW of An Loc, & 2 mans 20 mi SSW of Can tho.

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16 October (Wednesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 109 msns (USAF 58, USN 45, USMC 6). BDA incl dest or dam 18 supply bts, 18 trks, 5 brgs, 4 rds & 3 strucs. 27 fires & 12 sec explosions were reptd.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 291 sorties (USAF 244, USMC 47).

- USA hel gunships reptd 18 EK, & dest or dam 30 ftms & 26 sampans.

- NGF: The USS New Jersey trained her 16-inch turrets on tgts in the DMZ & to the immed N. Spotters credited the shipboard gunners with dam or dest some 31 en strucs & 4 bunkers. The Seventh Fleet destroyer, USS Davis, providing gunfire spt for trps ashore, dest or dam another 8 en bunkers in the buffer zone.

- B-52s flew 10 msns: 4 msns 9-14 ml NE of Sa Dec; 4 msns 10, 24, 26 & 27 ml NE of Tay Ninh City; 21 ml NW of Pleiku, & 19 ml SW of Phan Rang.

17 October (Thursday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 100 msns (USAF 48, USN 44, USMC 8). BDA incl dest 19 supply bts, 2 trks, 2 ry cars, 2 AAA sites & 6 strucs. 3 fires & 9 sec explosions were reptd.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): In the afternoon, elms fr the US 3rd Regt, 3rd MAR Div, 8 ml N of the Rockpile (2 ml N of southern trac of the DMZ) found 333 rds of 152mm arty ammo. The rds were found in 2 locs 200 meters apart. 83 arty rds were found at 1 loc while the other 250 were found in 5 bunkers (50 in ea bunker).

- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At approx 1330 hrs, a co fr the US 3rd Bde, 9th Inf Div, found a cache 9 ml N of Tan An cntng 7 AK-47 rfs, 20 ChiCom rfs, & 39 bandoleers of AK-47 ammo.

- QUIET CHIEN (Dinh Tuong Prov): At 0930 hrs, Navy PER’s Nos 90 & 40 on ptl stopped & inspected a Vietnamese barge 2 ml W of My Tho on the My Tho River. The barge was carrying load of sand & on probing the sand the craft yielded a cache of med probably destined for en units in the Delta. Cache cntn 3,000 bottles of various types of anti-biotics & vitamins. 1 VC suspect aboard the barge was dtln. At approx 1530, the same PER’s stopped & inspected a Vietnamese water taxi 1 ml W of My Tho & discovered a lg qty of med incl anti-biotics & glucose. In a further search of the craft & the 6 VC suspects aboard, a lg sum of Vietnamese money was discovered - 791,291 dong (piasters). The suspects were dtln.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 285 sorties (USAF 189, USMC 96). BDA incl dest or dam 345 ftms & 6 sampans. 5 fires & 2 sec explosions were reptd. 13% of the Air Force sorties sptd forces cdtg cbt & Off Swps, & 62 sptd the TOAN THANG Off in III Corps. 1st MAR Acft Wg pilots logged 96 sorties while flying spt msns for US & allied gnd forces in the N sector of SVN.
- An Army UH-1 hel was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 7 mi NW of Hoi An in Quang Nam Prov. No inj, but the act was dest.
- USA hel gunships reptd 19 EK, & dest 9 ftms & 12 sampans.
- B-52s flew 10 mms: 3 mms 26-28 mi SW of An Hoa, 2 mms 25 mi E of Saigon, 26 mi SW of Quang Ngai City, 2 mms 13 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 29 Mi W of An Hoa, & 16 mi SW of Phang Rang.

18 October (Friday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 102 mms (USAF 55, USN 38, USMC 9). BDA incl dest or dam 32 supply craft, 4 brgs, 3 strucs, & 4 ftms. 1 fire & 4 sec explosions were reptd.
- III MAF (Quang Ngai Prov): At approx 1300 hrs, an elm of the US 11th Lt Inf Bde, ANHERAL Div, eng an est en co while cdg a BCB SWP 12 mi S of Quang Ngai City. The en empl SA & auto wpns fire while the inf rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by hel gunships. Act cont throughout the afternoon until contact was lost at 1915 when the en withdrew. Res: 23 EK, 2 I/Wpns optrd. US 3 WIA & evac.
- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At an unreptd time, an elm of the US 3rd Regt, 3rd MAR Div, discovered a significant NVA ammo cache while spt an area 8 mi N of the Rockpile & just inside the S edge of the DNL. Cache cntn 55 rds of 85mm arty ammo.
- QUIET CHIEN (Dinh Tuong Prov): In an act that began at 1315 hrs, & cont until 0700 hrs, 19 Oct, elms of the US 2nd & 3rd Bdes, 9th Inf Div air cav elms of the div's Cav Sqdn kd 12 en in an eng with an est 7 mi NW of Cai Be. Inf also optrd 1 CWS & 8 I/Wpns, & dtn 3 suspects. US cas were 5 kd & 32 WIA. While cdg a recon in force men in the same general area on 19 Oct, air cav gunships obs & eng an unk size en force NW of Cai Be at 1150. Contact was lost at approx 1230 when the en evaded & withdrew. The inf found 47 additional en bodies in the vic of the act (kd by both hel gunships & gnd fire) raising the total for the 2-day swp to 59 en kd. In addition, the trps dtn 1 more suspect & optrd 1,287 VC protective gas IIUks & 500 lbs of assorted med sup. No additional US cas.
- SEA LORDS. Commenced. Joint op under CO, NAVFOR, in IV Corps area.
- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 259 sorties (USAF 183, USMC 76). BDA incl dest or dam 65 ftms & 3 sampans. 4 fires & 5 sec explosions reptd. 106 of the Air Force sorties sptd US & other allied forces cdg ob & Off Swps; 36 of the ftms sptd the TOAN THANG Off in III Corps. Pilots & crews were scrambled 8 times to provide close-air spt for friendly forces in contact with trps in the Republic. 1st MAR Aft Wg pilots logged 75 sorties while flying in spt of US MAR & allied gnd forces.
- A MAR P-4 Phantom acft was hit by 37mm AA fire & downed 12 mi NE of Quang Tri City in the sea. Both crew mbrs ejected & were res. Acft was dest.

- An Army UH-1 was hit by a RPG rd 6 mi W of Cai Be. The acft was just taking off & had 3 wounded aboard. Acft crashed & was dest. There were no inj due to the en fire or the crash.

- USA hel gunships reptd 31 EK, & dest or dam 7 ftms & 12 sampans.

- B-52s flew 8 mms: 4 mms 26-28 mi SW of Quang Ngai City, 23 mi NE of Dak To, 30 mi SW of Quang Ngai City, 26 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City, & 15 mi NE of Tay Ninh City.

19 October (Saturday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 93 mms (USAF 53, USN 30, USC 10). BDA incl dest or dam 4 supply craft, 1 brg & a hvy ferry, 3 sec explosions & 2 fires were reptd. Total bomb dam assessment was pvntd due to adverse wea over the tgt area.

- TOAN THANG (Phuoc Tuy Prov): At approx 0215 hrs, 2 US Navy PBR's, Nos 753 & 754, obs & eng an en sampen 9 mi NNW of Vung Tau. The sampen was carrying an est 20 en & exploded & sunk when hit by fire fr the PBR's. 15 en were cfm kd in the act. While checking the bodies in the water, an unreptd no of sat chrgs cntng plastic explo were also found. During the search, the PBR's rec RPG rkt-gren & SA fire fr an unk size en force on the riverbank. The fire was rtm by the Navy bts & contact was lost at an unreptd time later when the en withdrew. There were no US cas in the en & sn losses are unk. Enemy was believed to have been involved in rktg of Vung Tau earlier in A.M. since am & sight device for 122mm rkt cptrd.

- MAUI PEAK (Quang Nam Prov): Terminated. The multi-bn search & clear op commenced at 0900 on 6 Oct & was cem in an area 11 mi NW of An Hoa. During the 14-day op, the MAR & sptg fires kd 202 en, dtn 2 suspects & cptrd 2 CSW & 25 I/Wpn. US cas were 28 kd & 148 wounded of whom 79 were evac. 147 tac air sorties were flown in spt of the friendly forces.

- IIFV (Bien Hoa Prov): Init repts indicated that at approx 2045 hrs, less than 30 82mm mort & suspected 107mm rkt rds impacted onto the Bien Hoa AB. Later repts however cfm that the rds impacted at the Long Binh Post Installation causing 1t dam. No cas.

- NEVADA EAGLE (Thua Thien Prov): At approx 1230 hrs, an elm of the US 3rd Bde, 101st Abn Div (AM) discovered a significant en wpns cache while swpg an area 11 mi S of Hue. The cache ctn the fol: 1 82mm mort, 2 60mm morts, 2 57mm RR rfls, 2 12.7mm hv MG's, 2 lt MG's, 31 I/Wpn. (incl 29 SKS cbns, 78 RPG-2 & RPG-7 rkt grene, 15 82mm mort rds, 9 75mm RR rfl rds, & 300 rds of .50 cal MG ammo.

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- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 193 sorties (USAF 76, USMC 117). BDA incl dest or dam 183 en ftns, 2 sampans, & ignited 4 fires & 3 sec explosions. 6 EK were reptd. 47 of the Air Force sorties sptd US & other allied forces cdng ctb & Off Swps; 32 of the flts sptd the TOAN THANG Off in III Corps. Pilots & crews were scrambled 8 times to provide close air spt for friendly forces in contact with en trps in the Republic. The MAR sorties were flown in spt of US MAR & allied gnd forces throughout the N sector of SVN.

- B-52s flew 10 msns: 3 msns 23, 26 & 27 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City, 2 msns 26 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City, 3 msns 27 mi SW of Hue in Thua Thien Prov, 27 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City, & 27 mi SW of Quang Ngai City.

20 October (Sunday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 110 msns (USAF 64, USN 42, USMC 4). BDA incl dest or dam 1 trk, cut rds in 6 places, 11 sampans, & 3 wpns psns. 2 sec explosions & 8 fires were reptd.

- JEB STUART III (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 1430 hrs, a co fr the US 1st Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM) & a FF elm eng an unk size en force 4 mi NNE of Quang Tri City. Res: 11 EK, 21 suspects dttn & 3 I/Wpns capt'd. No friendly cas.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 103 sorties (USAF 47, USMC 56). BDA 14 ftns dest. 7 sec explosions & 6 fires were reptd. 22 of the Air Force tac air sorties sptd ctb & Off Swps, & 8 of the flts sptd Op JEB STUART III being cdtd by allied forces in I Corps. The MAR sorties were flown in spt of allied gnd forces in the N sector of SVN.

- An Air Force F-4 Phantom acft was downed by en gnd fire in the vic of NVN's Tiger Island (25 mi NE of Gio Linh). While attempting to res the 2-man crew, the res hel, an HH-3 Jolly Green Giant, was hit & dest by the en shore batteries. The 4-man crew joined the Phantom crew in the water & all 6 were retrieved by 2 other Da Nang-based Jolly Greens.

- B-52s flew 6 msns: 2 msns 23 & 26 mi SW of Quang Ngai City, 27 mi SW of Hue in Thua Thien Prov, 27 mi SW of Hue in the A Shau Valley of Thua Thien Prov, & 2 msns 27 & 31 mi SW of An Hoa.

21 October (Monday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 114 msns (USAF 47, USN 49, USMC 18). BDA incl dest or dam 2 trks, 1 ferry, 6 supply craft, 2 ftns & 4 brgs. 11 sec explosions & 2 fires were reptd.

- QUIET CHIEN (Dinh Tuong Prov): At approx 0300 hrs, the en fired less than 20 rds of 82mm mortar ammo into the US 9th Inf Div base camp at Dong Tam, 6 mi WSW of My Tho. US cas at the installation & dam were very lt. There were no fatalities.
- IFFY (Quang Duc Prov): At approx 0600 hrs, an Air Force C-47 courier acft asgd to the Tan Son Nhut AB & enr to Da Nang crashed 11 mi SSW of Ban Me Thout. Init repts indicate that the acft experienced engine failure & the pilot reptd that he was unable to feather the propeller. A U.S. Army med-evac hel loc the acft at 0915. All 24 pers aboard the acft (20 Air Force, 2 US Army & 2 US civs) were kd. An inves is under­way to dtm cause of acdt.

- BURLINGTON TRAIL (Quang Tin Prov): A co fr the 198th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, cdtg a CBT SWP 5 mi SW of Tam Ky found 44 rds of 70mm how ammo in a tunnel complex.

- NEVADA EAGLE (Thua Thien Prov): At approx 1235 hrs, an elm of the US 2nd Bde, 101st Abn Div (AM) obs & eng an est en sqd while cdtg a recon­in-force sqn 18 mi SE of Phu Bai. Act cont with both forces empl SA & auto wpns fire until 1730 when contact was lost as the en withdrew. Res: 10 EK, US 1 WIA.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 376 sorties (USAF 210, USMC 166). BDA incl 269 en fttns, 17 sampans & igniting 10 sec explosions & 5 fires. 4 EK were reptd. 135 of the Air Force sorties spdt US & other allied forces cdtg cht & Off Swps; 60 of the fttns spdt the TOAN THANG Off in III Corps. 1st MAR Acft Wg pilots flew their 166 sorties in spt of MAR & allied gnd forces throughout the N sector of SVN.

- A Navy A-4 Skyraider acft was reptd downed due to unk causes at a pen approx 50 mi SE of Vinh. The pilot is MIA.

- B-52s flew 5 mans: 3 mans 27-31 mi SW of An Hoa in Quang Tin Prov, & 2 mans 24 & 27 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City.

22 October (Tuesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 120 mans (USAF 46, USN 57, USMC 17). BDA incl dest or dam 3 trks, cut rds in 4 places, 28 supply craft, 9 brgs, 9 strucs, 2 AAA sites, & 2 wpn psns. 4 sec explosions & 2 fires were reptd.

- MCLAIN (Binh Thuan Prov): At approx 0300 hrs, an elm of the US 173rd Abn Bde, reinf with tks fr the armor bn of the 4th Inf Div, obs & eng an unk size en force moving in the vic of their ni def pens 10 mi NE of Phan Thiet. The en rtn fire with SA & RPG rkt-gren fire while the inf empl organic wpns, spdt by the tk guns, hel gunships & Air Force AC-47 acft. Act cont until approx 0410 when contact was lost as the en withdrew. Res: 11 EK, 6 I/Wpns, 2 CSW & a small qty of ChiCom hand grens & rkt-grens were optrd. US 1 KIA & 4 WIA.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At approx 0145 hrs, an elm of the ROK 2nd MAR Bde, occupying ni def pens 7 mi SW of Hoi An, rec an unreptd no of 60mm mort rds & a gnd atk by an unk size en force empl SA & RPG rkt-gren
fire. The Korean MAR rtn fire with organic wpns while other MAR fr the bde reinf the act at an unreptd time later. Contact was lost later in the morning when the en withdrew. Res: 19 EK, & 4 I/Wpns & 2 CSW cptrd. Korean cas were very lt.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): Betwn the hrs of 1400 & 1800, a 1st MAR Recon Tm, cdtg a recon msn 2 mi NW of An Hoa obs approx 114 en soldiers in 2 sightings moving NNE. They were dressed in khakis, black pajamas & shorts & were carrying rfls, MG's, packs & one 12mm rkt rd. The MAR dir arty fire & an aerial spotter called in tac air onto the en psns res in 54 en kd. 5 sec explosions were also obs. No US cas.

- LANCASTER II (Quang Tri Prov): At 1330 hrs, a co fr the US 3rd Regt, 3rd MAR Div, cdtg off swp ops 7 mi N of the Rockpile, rec approx 10 rds of 130mm arty fire. An abn spotter dir counter-arty fire & tac air onto suspected en firing psns in NVN with unk res. US cas were 1 kd & 3 wounded.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 560 sorties (USAF 295, USMC 265). BDA incl dest or dam 553 en ftns, 15 supply craft, & ignited 27 sec explosions & 32 fires. 14 EK were also reptd. 168 of the Air Force sorties sptd US & Allied forces cdtg cbt & Off Swps, & 69 of the fits sptd the TOAN THANG Off in III Corps. 1st MAR Acft Wg pilots logged their 265 sorties while flying in spt of MAR & allied gnd forces throughout the N sector of SVN.

- USA hel gunships reptd 46 EK, & sank 89 sampans & dest 59 en ftns.

- An Army OH-6 lt obs hel on a recon msn was hit by en gnd fire & crashed approx 9 mi NNW of Ban Me Thuot. The acft was dest, but there were no cas.

- B-52s flew 9 mns: 3 mns 24 & 27 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City, 2 mns 48 mi WSW of Tam Ky, 2 mns 56 & 59 mi WSW of Tam Ky, & 2 mns 16 mi W of Saigon.

23 October (Wednesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 128 mns (USAF 62, USN 47, USMC 19). BDA incl dest or dam 5 trks, 4 ferries, 12 supply craft, 7 AAA sites, 10 ftns, 2 brgs, 5 strucs, & 4 auto wpns pens. 6 sec explosions & 30 fires were also reptd.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At approx 1100 hrs, a 1st MAR Div Recon Tm sighted 121 NVA soldiers moving ENE in a general loc 2 mi NW of An Hoa. The en soldiers were dressed in khakis with helmets & crrng rfls & hv packs. One mort tube was also spotted. The MAR dir arty fire onto the en trps killing 57. One sec explosion was also obs. This brings the total of en kd since 22 Oct to 178 in 4 sightings. 405 en soldiers were obs in the 4 sightings. The gps were wearing varied uniforms & carrying many types of wpns. 16 sec explosions were also obs. No US cas.
- QUYET CHIEN (Kien Hoa Prov): At 1030 hrs, an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 9th Inf Div, was inserted into a hot LZ 8 mi SE of Ben Tre. They immed eng an est reinf en plat in well dug-in pens. Other elms of the bde were inserted into the area during the afternoon to reinf the inf in contact. Fighting cont until 1910 when the en withdrew fr the area & contact was lost. Res: 13 EK, 1 I/Wpn cptrd. US 3 KIA, 15 WIA. (The cas incl 1 US kd & 5 wounded in 2 UH-1 hels shot down in the LZ).

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): 67 en soldiers were kd by MAR tac airstrikes & arty fire at approx 0700 hrs, 2 mi NW of An Hoa. A 1st MAR Div Recon Tm sighted approx 170 NVA soldiers moving SW & wearing khaki & cam uniforms with helmets & hv packs. They were carrying rfls, rks, 8 60mm & 82mm morts, 1 AA gun in a cart & 2 possible .50 cal MG's. The Recon Tm dir tac air & arty onto the en pens killing 67. In addition, 10 sec explosions were obs. No US cas.

- III MAF (Quang Tri Prov): At an unreptd time, a comb ARVN TF cons of an elm of the 2nd Regt, 1st Inf Div, sptd by ARVN arm'd cav elms & tks fr the Armor Bn of the US 3rd MAR Div init an Off Swp into the S DMZ. At approx 1130 the comb force eng an est reinf NVA co 4 mi NE of Gio Linh. Act cont into the early afternoon with tac air & arty sptg the friendly forces until 1400 when contact was lost as the remaining en withdrew. Res: 112 EK, 1 suspect dtn, & 7 I/Wpns, 2 GSW, 2 tons of rice, & 200 rds of 82mm mort ammo cptrd.

- NEVADA EAGLE (Thua Thien Prov): At approx 1130 hrs, a recon elm of the US 3rd Bde, 101st Abn Div (AM) discovered an en wpns cache 9 mi SW of Phu Bai. The cache, cntn 83 I/Wpns & 4 CSW, was loc in a small en base camp cons of 9 huts.

- MAMELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): In 3 sightings, a recon tm fr the US 1st MAR Div obs a total of 43 en soldiers wearing khaki uniforms & carrying rfls 2½ mi NW of An Hoa. The MAR dir arty fire onto the en trps killing a total of 18. 1 sec explosion was obs during arty strikes. No US cas. This is the same general area where 1st MAR recon elms obs 405 en in 4 previous sightings on 22 & 23 Oct. Arty fire dir onto these trp conc kd 178 en soldiers. Those en trps were reptd wearing varied uniforms & carrying many types of indiv & GSW. No US cas in those acts.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At 0700 hrs, an elm of the US 1st Reg, 1st MAR Div obs an unk size en force occupying fortified pens 7 mi SSE of Da Nang. The MAR dir tac air & arty onto the en pens & subsequently swept the area. Res: 11 EK, 4 suspects dtn, & 3 I/Wpns cptrd.

- MAMELUKE THRUST (Quang Nam Prov): Terminated. The multi-bn search & clear op was cdt by elms of the 1st MAR Div & the 26th MAR Regt1 Ldg Tm & was ctn in an area 25 mi WSW of Da Nang. The op commenced 19 May. Cum res: 2,730 EK, 405 suspects dtn, & 337 I/Wpns & 125 GSW cptrd. US cas were 269 kd & 1,740 wounded of whom 1,419 were evac. The op was sptd by 2,015 tac air sorties.

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- HENDERSON HILL (Quang Nam Prov). Commenced. Op is under con of the 5th Regt, 1st MAR Div, & has the specific men to cptr or eliminate en forces, installations & mat within its area of resp. The op is cen 6 mi E of An Hoa & commenced at 1200 hrs.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 592 sorties (USAF 338, USMC 254). BDA incl dest or dam 44 sampans, 601 ftns, 1 rice cache, & ignited 31 fires & 21 sec explosions. 4 EK were also reptd. 208 of the Air Force sorties sptd US & other allied forces cdttg ct & Off Swps, & 62 of the flts sptd the allied TOAN THANG Off in III Corps. Pilots & crews were scrambled 18 times to provide close air spt for friendly forces in contact with en trps. MAR sorties were in spt of MAR & allied gnd forces throughout the N sector of SVN.

- An Army UH-1 hel was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 8 mi SSE of Ben Tre in Kien Hoa Prov. One US soldier was kd & 4 wounded. Acft was dest.

- An Army UH-1 hel on a cbt aslt msn was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 8 mi SSE of Ben Tre. One US soldier was wounded & the acft was dest.

- At 1600 hrs, an Air Force O-2 obs acft on a recon msn was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 7 mi WSW of Hoi An in Quang Nam Prov. The pilot was kd & the acft was dest.

- At an unreptd time, another Air Force O-2 obs acft on a recon msn was downed by en gnd fire 3 mi NNE of Con Thien in the S half of the DMZ. The pilot was kd & the acft was dest.

- An Air Force F-100 Supersabre acft was downed by en gnd fire 11 mi N of Hue. The pilot ejected & was res by a US Navy Swift bt. Acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 5 mens: 2 mens 16 mi W of Saigon, 55 mi WSW of Tam Ky, 12 mi N of Dong Ha in the southern DMZ, 36 mi W of Phu Bai in Thua Thien Prov.

24 October (Thursday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 122 mens (USAF 64, USN 39, USMC 19). BDA incl dest or dam 3 trks, 8 supply craft, 3 AAA sites, 2 ftms, 7 brgs, 17 strucs, 5 wpns pens, 186 meters of trenches, & ignited 35 fires & 15 sec explosions.

- KENTUCKY (Quang Tri Prov): During the day, elms of the 1st Bde, US 5th Inf Div (Mech), loc & atk small gps of en in a series of 6 contacts in the S half of the DMZ & 1 mi NE of Con Thien. Arty & 23 tac air strikes sptd the inf. Res: 65 EK (27 by tac air, 31 by arty & 7 by the inf) & 1 suspect was dtn. No friendly cas.

- I FFV (Khanh Hoa Prov): At 1430 hrs, a co fr the 30th Regt, 9th ROK Inf Div, atk a cave in which 3 en were obs 5 mi SW of Nha Trang. The
3 en soldiers were kd & when the ROK soldiers entered the cave, they found 49 more en bodies. En appeared to have been kd by SA & gren fragments prior to being placed in the cave. No indication as to how long the en bodies had been there. In addition to the en bodies, 13 1/Wpns, 3 CSW, 4 rfi gren launchers & 7 rds of 60mm mort ammo were found in the cave. No ROK cas.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 620 sorties (USAF 354, USMC 266). BDA incl dest or dam 578 en ftns, 17 supply craft, 1 struc & 2 wpns pens. In addition, 17 sec explosions, 16 fires & 27 BK were reptd. 190 of Air Force sorties spt US & other alliefs forces cdng & off Swps, & 79 1/Wpns sptd the TOAN THANG Off in III Corps. Pilots & crews were scrambled 42 times to provide close-air spt. Pilots fr the 1st MAR Acft Wg logged 266 sorties while flying in spt of US MAR & allied gnd forces throughout the N sector of SVN.

- USA hel gunships reptd 27 BK, & sank 29 sampans & dest 11 en ftns.

- At approx 1130 hrs, an Army OH-6 hel, on a cbt salt msn, was downed by en gnd fire 12 mi NNW of Cao Lanh in Kien Phong Prov. No inj. Acft dest.

- An Air Force F-4 was reptd downed by en fire 22 mi SW of Dong Hoi. One crew mbr was res & the second is listed as MIA.

- B-52s flew 10 mins: 3 mins 22 mi W of Hoa An in Quang Nam Prov, 2 mins 14 mi S of An Hoa in Quang Tin Prov, 29 mi W of Tam Ky, 40 mi N of Kontum City, & 3 mins 10-13 mi WNW of Duc Pho.

25 October (Friday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 114 mins (USAF 66, USN 33, USMC 15). BDA incl dest or dam 7 trks, 9 rd segments cut, 3 supply craft, 3 AAA sites, & 2 strucs. 3 sec explosions & 16 fires were reptd.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Minh Prov): At approx 1130 hrs, an elm of the US 3rd Bde, 25th Inf Div, eng an unk size en force while cdng a cbt swp 5 mi E of Go Dau Ha. At an unreptd time later in the afternoon, another elm of the bde reptd the 1st unit which was in sporadic contact & a cordon of the en pens was established by 1600. Later in the eve, VN RF elms reptd the cordon & eng an unk no of en. Act cont until 1925 when contact was lost as remaining en apparently evaded & withdrew. Res: 16 BK, 1 suspect dtn, 1 CSW & 2 1/Wpns cptrd. No friendly cas.

- IFFV (Khanh Hoa Prov): Btwn 0715-1140 hrs, elms of the 30th Regt, 9th ROK Inf Div, eng several small gps of en soldiers fr an unk size en force while cdng a cordon op 6 mi SW of Nha Trang. A total of 36 en were kd in the contacts. No ROK cas. The act cont in the afternoon until approx 1715 with Korean inf eng several other gps of en soldiers within the cordoned area. The en empl SA & auto.wpns fire while the Koreans rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by arty & tac air. The ROK trps found the bodies of 168 more en raising the total of en kd in the day's fighting to 204. In addition 34 1/Wpns & 21 CSW were cptrd along with
5 mil rdos, 5 gas masks, 1 fld tel swbd & a qty of assorted ammo.

- KENTUCKY (Quang Tri Prov): Elms of the US 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) sptd by gunships, arty, tac air & naval gunfire kd 232 NVA soldiers 5 mi NNE of Con Thien (1 mi N of the S edge of the DMZ). The act started at approx 1100 when a co fr the bde, cdtg an Off Swp, loc & eng an est NVA bn. The en empl hv mort, SA & auto wpns fire while the inf, sptd by tac air & gunships, rtn the fire with their organic wpns. Additional elms, incl a tk co reinf the co as hv contact cont throughout the afternoon until 1800 when the en withdrew. Also, 6 CSW were cptrd. US cas 6 KIA & 29 WIA. This is the same general area where 65 NVA soldiers were kd by the bde, & sptg arms, on 24 Oct. The cum res for the 2-day period were 297 NVA soldiers kd while US losses were 6 kd & 29 wounded. During a further sweep of the area fol the eng, the trps cptrd 242 I/Wpns & 17 CSW wpns (incl 6 previously reptd) which were left scattered on the battlefield. The CSW incl 8 lt MG's, 3 compl 60mm morts, 2-12.7mm hv AA MG's, 1 compl 82mm mort & 3 RPG rik-grn launchers.

- GARRARD BAY (Quang Nam Prov): Commenced. A bn-size search & clear op cen 9 mi SSW of Da Nang. It began with an amphibious ldg, nicknamed Op EAGER HUNTER, in which a bn fr the 26th MAR Regt Ldg Tm was hel & surface afloat into the op area fr ships of a task gp of the Navy's Amphibious TF 76. The amphibious op was term about 1530 after the MAR had landed & secured their obj areas at which time, Hqs, 1st MAR Div, assumed con of the op. Op GARRARD BAY is cdtd in coord with elms of the 1st Regt, 1st MAR Div, ROK 2nd MAR Bde, ARVN 51st Inf Regt & VN NP Fld Forces op in the surrounding areas. There was some sporadic contact the first day, however, no significant acts were reptd. As of 2400, 25 Oct, 1 suspect had been dtn. No US MAR cas reptd.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 596 sorties (USAF 362, USMC 234). BDA incl dest or dam 415 en ftms, 24 supply craft, & ignited 13 sec explosions & 9 fires. 10 EK were reptd. 206 of the Air Force sorties sptd US & other allied forces cdtg cbt & Off Swps, & 88 of the fits sptd the TOAN THANG Off in III Corps. Pilots & crews were scrambled 32 times to provide close-air spt. Pilots fr the 1st MAR Air Wg logged their sorties in spt of MAR & other Allied gnd forces throughout N sector of SVN.

- USA hel gunships reptd 24 EK, & sank 15 sampans & dest 32 en ftms.

- At approx 1600 hrs, an Army O-1 acft on a recon msn was downed by en gnd fire 11 mi NE of Dak To in Kontum Prov. The crewmen were res uninj & the acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 11 mns: 3 mns 11-12 mi WNW of Duc Pho, 8 mi NW of Phu Vinh in Vinh Binh Prov, 19 mi NW of Pleiku City, 2 mns 28 mi NNE of Saigon in Binh Duong Prov, 2 mns 27 & 31 mi NNE of Saigon, 16 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, & 9 mi W of Hoi An.

26 October (Saturday)

dest or dam 59 supply craft, 1 ferry, 1 brg, 8 ry cars, 7 trks, & ignited 14 fires & 6 sec explosions.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At approx 0600 hrs, an elm of the US 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div, in ni def pens 11 mi E of Katum rec a mort & gnd atk by an est en co. Act cont throughout the morning & into the early afternoon when contact was lost at 1330 as the en withdrew. The inf & sptg fires kd 80 en soldiers while US cas were 8 kd & 33 WIA. In addition, 26 I/Wpns & 6 CSW were cptrd. In a further swp around their ni def pens 27 Oct, elms of the bde discovered the bodies of 23 more NVA soldiers kd in the abortive atk raising the total en kd for the act to 103. US losses were 9 kd & 33 wounded.

- NEVADA EAGLE (Thua Thien Prov): A plat fr the US 3rd Bde, 101st Abn Div (AM), cdgtg a cbt swp in an area 9 mi S of Hue at approx 1230, found what appeared to be an en base area. While searching the camp the inf found 80 en bodies lying above gnd. Apparent time & cause of death has not yet been detm.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): A co fr the US 5th Regt, 1st MAR Div, cdgtg an off swp 6 mi NE of An Hoe rec 3A fire fr an est 40 en soldiers. The MAR rtn the fire with their organic wpns & were sptd by tac air & arty. Contact was lost later at an unreptd time. Res: 22 EK, US 4 WIA.

- IIPFV (Bien Hoa Prov): At approx 2330 hrs, the Bien Hoa AB rec less than 10 rds of 107mm rkt fire. The HF lasted approx 30 mins. No cas or dam to flld.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At 1930 hrs, an arty btry fr the US 1st Inf Div fired on suspected en pens & storage sites 7 mi E of Katum. An aerial obs, dir the arty fire, reptd 128 sec explosions in the vic of the tgt.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 572 sorties (USAF 321, USMC 251). BDA incl dest or dam 683 en fttns, & ignited 18 sec explosions & 35 fires. 14 EK were reptd. 133 of the Air Force sorties sptd US & other allied forces cdgtg cbt & Off Swps, & 89 of the flts sptd the TOAN THANG Off in III Corps. Pilots & crews were scrambled 36 times to provide close-air spt.

- USA hel gunships reptd 10 EK, & sank 7 sampans & dest 26 fttns.

- NGF: The 7th Fleet naval gunfire spt destroyer USS Davis was taken under fire by an en shore btry on Tigre Island. Approx 25 rds of suspected 85-100mm arty were rec by the destroyer without dam or cas. The closest rd impacted 5 yds fr the ship. The Davis rtn fire with 162 rds of 5"/54 main btry, silencing the shore emplacement.

- B-52s flew 10 msns: 29 mi SW of Quang Ngai City, 19 mi NW of Pleiku City, 26 mi WW of Da Nang in Thua Thien Prov, 23 mi WW of Da Nang; 3 msns 12, 15, & 16 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 19 mi NW of Pleiku City, 40 mi W of Kontum City, & 29 mi SW of Quang Ngai City.

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27 October (Sunday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 125 msns (USAF 61, USN 44, USMC 20). BDA incl dest or dam 100 meters of trench line, 2 ammo sup caches, 36 supply craft, 11 trks, 4 rd cuts, 4 ftms, 15 strucs, 2 wpons psns, & 2 arty wpons. 25 sec explosions & 30 fires were reptd. A SAM was fired during a Navy strike NW of Vinh. The crew of an Intruder acft obs the missile as it detonated above the clouds.

- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At approx 1115 hrs, hel gunships fr an air cav elm of the US 9th Inf Div obs & eng an unk size en force 6 mi E of Can Gioc. At an unreptd time after the eng, elms of the div's 1st Bde were aaslt into the area & made immed contact with an unk size en force. Other elms of the bde reinf the act, moving to the area by US Navy armd trp carriers. Sporadic fighting cont until 1330 when contact was lost as the remaining en evaded obs & withdrew. Res: 31 EK, 2 suspects were dtn & 3 I/Wrms & 2 CSW were cptrd. US cas 2 WIA.

- HENDERSON HILL (Quang Nam Prov): At 1030 hrs, an elm of the 5th Regt, 1st MAR Div obs a gp of 15 en soldiers moving in an area 5 mi NE of An Hoa. The MAR dir arty & tac air strikes onto the trp conc killing 14 of the en. No MAR cas.

- III MAF (Quang Ngai Prov): At approx 1515 hrs, an elm of the US 11th Lt Inf Bde discovered an unreptd no of graves cntn the bodies of 12 en soldiers while cdtg a swp op 12 mi NW of Duc Pho. Apparent time & cause of death has not been reptd.

- TOAN THANG (Hau Nghia Prov): At 0840 hrs, an elm of the US 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div discovered an en ammo cache while cdtg a swp op 4 mi NE of Duc Hoa. The cache cntn 6 compl 107mm rktts, 176 RPG-7 rktgrens, 96 RPG-2 rktgrens & 29 rds of 120mm mort amm. It was init reptd that 35 107mm rktts were cptrd base on the cursory insp of a few of the 35 containers. On further exam, 120mm mort rds were found in 29 of the containers.

- MACARTHUR (Pleiku Prov): At approx 1150 hrs, hel gunships fr the air cav sqdn of the 4th Inf Div obs & eng an unk size NVA force leaving a village 19 mi SW of Pleiku City. The en rtn fire with SA & auto wpons while evading. At an unreptd time after the exchange of fire, air cav trps were aaslt into the area. No contact was established init, however the inf discovered the bodies of 11 NVA soldiers kd by the gunships. While swpg the area a short time later, the trps eng an unk size NVA forceempl SA & auto wpons fire. The in rtn fire with organic wpons &, as act cont, a mech elm of the 4th Div's 2nd Bde reinf at 1600 & atkd the en pens. At 1645, an OH-6 lt obs hel in apt of the gnd trps was hit by en gnd fire & crashed in the general vic. 3 pers were wounded but res & the acft was dest. Fighting cont until 1845 when contact was lost as the en withdrew. Res: 37 EK, US 2 KIA & 5 WIA. The fol en wpons & ammo were cptrd: 3 I/Wrms, 6 CSW, 2 claymore mines, 1 AT mine, 59 ChiCom
hand grens, 1 60mm mort tube, 10 1t MG magazines with ammo, 600 rds of SA ammo, 14 AT grens, 2 RPG-2 rds, 23 82mm mort rds, 47 60mm mort rds, 1 82mm mort fuse, 155 1-lb blocks of TNT, 1 fdl tel, 1,000 blasting caps, 1 fdl swbd, 7 mi of Comm wire, 3 lrg chests of med sup, 69 fdl packs, 6 baskets of cooking utensils & 660 lbs of rice.

- QUIET CHIEN (Kien Hoa Prov): At approx 1620 hrs, an elm of the US 2nd Bde, 9th Inf Div, eng an unk size en force while cdng a recon-in-force op 6 mi NW of Ben Tre. The en empl SA & auto wpns fire while the inf rtn fire with organic wpns spdt by arty & hel gunships. Act cont until 1740 when contact was lost as the en evaded & withdrew. Res: 23 EK, US cas 2 KIA & 3 WIA.

- IIFFV (Hau Nghia Prov): At approx 1230 hrs, an unk type explosion occurred in the service club at the Cu Chi Army installation loc 19 mi NW of Saigon. A service club band was playing at the time. 3 US soldiers were kd & 27 wounded. An inves is being cdtd.

- HENDERSON HILL (Quang Nam Prov): Announced. The op is a multi-bn search & clear op cen 6 mi E of An Hoa & commenced at 1200 hrs on 23 Oct. Op is under the con of the 5th Regt, 1st MAR Div, & has the specific msn to cptr or eliminate en forces, installations & mat within its area of resp. As of 2400 on 25 Oct, the MAR had kd 20 en & dtn 10 suspects while US losses have been 1 kd & 10 wounded. 33 tac air strikes have been flown in spt of the op.

- GARRARD BAY (Quang Nam Prov): Announced. The op is a bn-size search & clear op cen 9 mi SSE of Da Nang & commenced at 0800 on 25 Oct. The op, involving the bn of the 26th MAR Regt 1st Inf Tm, has the msn of cptr or eliminating en forces, installations & mat within the area of resp & is cdtd in coord with elms of the 1st Regt, 1st MAR Div, ROK 2nd MAR Bde, ARVN 51st Inf Regt & VN NP Fld Forces op in the surr areas. As of 2400, 25 Oct, 1 suspect had been dtn. No US MAR cas reptd.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 589 sorties (USAF 339, USMC 250). BDA incl dest or dam 688 en ftnts, 25 supply craft, 1 auto wpns pmn, & ignited 24 sec explosions & 21 fires. 52 EK were reptd. 214 of the Air Force tac sorties spdt US & other allied forces cdtg & Off Swps, & 67 of the fits spdt the TOAN THANG Off in III Corps. Pilots & crews were scrambled 42 times to provide close-air spt. MAR sorties were flown in spt of MAR & allied gnd forces throughout the N sector of SVN.

- USA hel gunships reptd 34 EK, & sank 7 sampans & dest 26 ftnts.

- An Air Force F-105 Thunderchief acft was downed by en gnd fire 28 mi W of Dong Hoi. The pilot is MIA.

- B-52s flew 8 msns: 2 msns 30 & 33 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 2 msns 14 &
15 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 3 msns 14-16 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, & 16 mi NE of Tay Ninh City.

28 October (Monday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 139 msns (USAF 69, USN 51, USMC 19). BDA incl dest or dam 30 meters of trench, a ferry ldg, a bulldozer, a rd-grader, 20 trks, 19 supply craft, 3 AAA sites, 4 ftms, 1 brg, 2 strucs & ignited 52 sec explosions & 52 fires.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At approx 1500 hrs, hel gunships fr the 12th Cbt Avn Gp, cdg an aerial survl msn 7 mi E of Dau Tieng, eng an est en plat wearing brown uniforms & carrying AK-47 rfls. The hel,empl MG & rkt fire, reptd killing 18 en soldiers while sustaining no cas.

- TOAN THANG (Hau Nghia Prov): At approx 1130 hrs, hel gunships cdg an aerial survl msn eng an unk size en force with MG & rkt fire 7 mi NE of Trang Bang. A co fr the US 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div, was inserted into a hot LZ at 1230 but lost contact with the en force at 1300 when they withdrew. Res: 11 EK, US 1 KIA.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): Two comps fr the US 2nd Bde, 25th Inf cdg a recon in-force msn at 1345 hrs found an ammo cache 1 mi SW of Dau Tieng that cntn the fol: 52,900 rds of 7.62mm ammo, 3,500 rds of 12.7mm ammo, 190 rfl grens, 98 rds of 57mm RR ammo, 800 lbs of rice, & 500 lbs of salt.

- III MAF (Quang Tin Prov): At approx 0500 hrs, US MAR & VN PF trps fr a Comb Act Plat ambs 4 en soldiers 4 mi NE of Tam Ky, killing all 4 with their organic wpns. No friendly cas in the ambs. Shortly after the act, the remainder of the CAP plat eng an est 20 en soldiers while swp the area. The MAR & PF soldiers kd 9 more en before contact was lost at 0600 when the en withdrew. In addition 5 suspects were dtn & 7 I/Wpns were cptrd. VN cas were 1t while there were no US cas.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 539 sorties (USAF 313, USMC 226). BDA incl dest or dam 35 supply craft, 3 AAA sites, 500 ftms, & ignited 15 sec explosions & 36 fires. 184 of the Air Force sorties sptd US & other allied forces cdg cht & Off Swps, & 72 of the fits sptd the TOAN THANG Off in III Corps. MAR sorties sptd gnd forces throughout the N sector of SVN.

- USA hel gunships reptd 25 EK, & sank 14 sampans & dest 27 en ftms.

- An Air Force RF-4C failed to rtn fr a recon msn over the Panhandle & is presumed down to suspected gnd fire. Last known pan of the Phantom was 5 mi NNW of Dong Hoi. 2-man crew is listed as MIA.

- B-52s flew 11 mns: 3 msns 28, 29 & 34 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 40 mi N of Kontum, 13 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City, 5 mi into NVN & 11 mi N of Con Thien, 8 mi N of Con Thien & 2 mi N of the DMZ, in the N DMZ 4 mi NWW of Con Thien, 12 mi NWW of Con Thien & 6 mi N of the DMZ, 4 mi N of Gio Linh in the N DMZ & 32 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City.
29 October (Tuesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 134 sorties (USAF 67, USN 47, USMC 20). BDA incl dest or dam a steam roller, 60 meters of trench line, 2 ammo caches, 2 arty sites, 16 trks, cut rds in 2 places, 3 AAA sites, 17 flts, 11 strucs, 1 wpns pen, & ignited 23 sec explosions & 35 fires.

- MACARTHUR (Kontum Prov): Btwn approx 1700 & 1930 hrs, a Fire Spt Base of the US 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div, loc 11 mi W of Dak To rec less than 100 rds of 82mm mort fire & an unreptd no of 75mm RR rds fr an unk size en force. Counter-arty fire was empl with unk res. US cas & dam at the installation were very lt. At approx the same time, another 1st Bde Fire Spt Base 3 mi to the NE of the other base rec less than 45 rds of 82mm mort fire fr an unk size en force. Mat dam was very lt & there were no cas. Counter-arty fire was empl against suspected en mort pens with unk res.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 512 sorties (USAF 310, USMC 202). BDA incl dest or dam 588 flts, 33 sampans & ignited 10 sec explosions & 22 fires. 8 EK were also reptd. 177 of the Air Force sorts sptd US & other allied forces cdg & Off Swps, & 88 of the flts sptd the TOAN THANG Off in III Corps. MAR sorts sptd US MAR & allied gnd forces throughout N sector of SVN.

- USA hel gunships reptd 9 EK, & sank 4 sampans & dest 22 en flts.

- At approx 1800 hrs, an Army O-1 lt obs acft on a recon mn was downed by en gnd fire 10 mi NW of Hue. Both crew mbrs were kd & the acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 7 mnfs: 43 mi NNW of Saigon, 12 mi SSW of Phu Bai, 13 mi SSW of Tay Ninh City, 24 mi N of Tay Ninh City, 40 mi W of Kontum in 2 mnfs, & 25 mi N of Tay Ninh City. In the strike 25 mi N of Tay Ninh City, rtng crews reptd at least 30 mdm sec explosions.

30 October (Wednesday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 126 sorties (USAF 54, USN 48, USMC 24). BDA incl dest or dam 1 rd, a ferry bt, 11 trks, 47supply craft, 3 AAA sites, 2 flts, 5 brgs, 1 struc, 1 wpns pen, & ignited 13 sec explosions & 20 fires.

- WALKER (Binh Dinh Prov): At approx 0200 hrs, the US 173rd Abn Bde Base Camp at An Khe rec an unreptd no of suspected 82mm mort rds fol with a lt gnd probe by an unk size en force empl SA & auto wpns fire. Arty & an Air Force AC47 gunship eng the suspected en pens & withdrawal rtes with unk res. Contact was lost about 20 mins later as the en withdrew. Res: 1 suspect was dtn & US cas & dam were very lt. At approx the same time, a 173rd Abn Bde Fire Spt Base loc 6 mi to the W of An Khe rec less than 20 rds of 82mm mort fire res in no cas or dam. Counter-arty fire was empl against the suspected en mort pens with unk res.

- I CTZ (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 1515 hrs, the Cua Viet Naval Facility
11 mi N of Quang Tri City, rec approx 10 rds of en 85mm arty fire. There was no dam or cas reptd. At approx 1700, the Dong Ha Cbt Base 7 mi NW of Quang Tri City, rec over 50 rds of en 130mm arty fire. Cas fr the arty atk were lt. Dam to the installation was also lt.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At 1400 hrs, an elm of the US 3rd Bde, 25th Inf Div, cdt a swp of an area hit by tac air 7 mi SS of Dau Tieng. The air strikes were cdt by 2 Air Force A-37s fr the 3rd Tac Ftr Wg against en bunkers in the area. The inf found 7 en bodies kd by the acft, 13 I/wps, 1 CSW, 1,000 lbs of med sup, 1,000 blasting caps, 500 bangalore torps, 400 grens, 4 40-lb claymore mines, 800 lbs of rice, 9 bicycles, 1 typewriter & misc uniforms & cooking gear.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 561 sorties (USAF 321, USMC 240). BDA incl dest or dam 534 ftns, 51 sampans, & 1 struc. 18 sec explosions, 20 fires, & 7 EK were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 31 EK, & sank 16 sampans & dest 60 en ftms.

- At approx 1800 hrs, a MAR UH-34 hel was hit by en gnd fire while on a MEDEVAC msn at An Hoa in Quang Nam Prov. The acft crashed & was dest. 2 pers were inj.

- B-52s flew 8 mens: 13 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City, 15 mi SW of An Loc, 47 mi NW of Saigon, 16 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City, 3 mens 38 mi W of Kontum, & 23 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City. Crews rtng fr a raid in Tay Ninh Prov 46 mi NW of Saigon reptd at least 7 mdm sec explosions.

31 October (Thursday)

- NVN: US pilots flew 125 mens (USAF 61, USN 41, USMC 23). BDA incl dest or dam 20 crates of sup, 120 meters of trench, a sup area, 3 trks, cut rds in 14 places, 33 supply craft, 1 AAA site, 8 ftms, 1 brg, 12 strucs, 1 wpns psn, & ignited 45 sec explosions & 54 fires.

- CMAC (Gia Dinh Prov): At approx 2130 hrs, the en fired 8 rds of mixed 122mm & 107mm rkts into city of Saigon which impacted at the fol locs: 3 rkts within ½ mi radius of the cen of Saigon in the 3rd Precinct (2 were duds - 1 107mm & 1 unk type - while the other was 122mm), 4 rkts in the 5th Precinct at 2 locs 1½ mi S & 1 mi SW of the cen of Saigon (all 4 were 122mm & 1 was a dud), 1 rkt impacted in the 1st Precinct 1½ mi E of the cen of Saigon. The rkt was a dud of unreptd type. Res: 2 VN civs were kd & 6 wounded, 2 houses were reptd dam. No US cas.

- I CTZ (Thua Thien Prov): At approx 2245 hrs, less than 15 rds of 122mm rkt fire impacted at Hue. Init repts indicate 9 VN civs were kd, 13 wounded. US & ARVN elms fired counter-btry mens onto suspected en firing psns to the SW with unk res. No rept of dam to mat or installations.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At approx 1030 hrs, an elm of the US Army's 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div, eng an en plat in fortified psns while swp an area 8 mi E of Katum. Enempl auto wpns & SA fire while the inf rtm
fire with organic wpns. Hel gunships, arty & tac air sptd the trps until contact was lost at 1530 when the en withdrew. Res: 42 EK, US 5 WIA.

- BURLINGTON TRAIL (Quang Tin Prov): At approx 0900 hrs, an elm of the US 198th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICA Div, obs & atk an unk size en force while swp an area 8 mi W of Tam Ky. En empl SA & auto wpns fire while the inf rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by hel gunships. Act cont throughout morning until 1320 when contact was lost as the en withdrew. Res: 23 EK, 4 I/Wpns optrd. No US cas.

- HENDERSON HILL (Quang Nam Prov): Btwm 1700 & 1730 hrs, elms of the US 5th Regt, 1st MAR Div, obs 2 gps of en totaling 60-75 soldiers while swp an area 6 mi ENE of An Hoa. The MAR dir mort & SA fire onto the en killing 13 while the remaining en withdrew. No MAR cas in the act.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 558 sorties (USAF 320, USMC 238). BDA incl dest or dam 594 en ftms, 75 sampans, & ignited 15 sec explosions & 29 fires. 10 EK were also reptd. 192 of the Air Force sorties sptd US & other allied forces cdtg cbt Off Swps, & 84 of the flts sptd the TOAN THANG Off in III Corps. MAR pilots flew sorties in spt of MAR & allied gnd forces in N sector of SVN.

- USA hel gunships reptd 43 EK, & sank 24 sampans & dest 60 en ftms.

- An Army UH-1 hel was downed by en gnd fire & crashed 27 mi NE of Ba Ria, in Phuoc Tuy Prov. The hel was dest & the 8 pers aboard were res uninj.

- NGF: The battleship New Jersey was the tgt for NVA shore btrys loc at Cap Lay, just to the N of the DMZ. An est 6 rds of 100mm were fired with the closest some 3,000 to 4,000 yards fr the ship. The 16-in main btrys of the battleship rtn the fire, silencing the en site.

- B-52s flew 12 mans: 3 mans 6-7 mi W of Tri Ton, 17 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City, 18 mi SE of Xuan Loc, 21 mi N of Tay Ninh City, 3 mans 23 & 24 mi N & 31 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City, 9 mi W of An Loc, 40 mi W of Kontum, & 18 mi W of Saigon.

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