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This release has been prepared to present a review of significant events occurring in this command during September 1969.

It has been organised as follows:

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REVIEW OF EVENTS

GENERAL

Action during the month was relatively light. A highpoint on the night of 4-5 September was the most significant enemy-initiated activity. Toward the end of the month, enemy units were largely beginning to avoid contact, concentrating on preparing for the 1969-1970 Winter-Spring Campaign.

I CORPS

Enemy-initiated activity in I CTZ during September was characterised by scattered attacks-by-fire and limited ground attacks. In the north there were a series of contacts below the central Demilitarised Zone in the vicinity of the Rockpile. Prisoners from these contacts identified the 9th Regiment, 304th NVA Division.

Enemy-initiated activity during the Communist announced cease-fire period from 8 to 11 September dropped and consisted of isolated mining incidents and minor ground probes. Two prisoners, captured 24 September, three kilometers SSE of Con Thien, identified their unit as an element of the 27th NVA Regiment, indicating that elements of the 27th NVA Regiment continue to operate south of the DMZ. In the northern II provinces, enemy forces avoided contact with friendly forces while engaging in logistical activity.

On 6 September, the Da Nang area received a number of attacks-by-fire and sapper ground attacks. A prisoner indicated that elements of two NVA Regiments and a VC sapper battalion were involved in these attacks.

A prisoner from a local force company, which operates in Quang Nam Province, revealed recent movement and dissenison between NVA and VC soldiers in his unit. This, coupled with other similar reports, indicates that this problem may exist in other combined VC/NVA units. Numerous troop sightings in southeast Quang Nam Province during the month revealed an unusual amount of movement indicating either food gathering for the monsoon season or movements to the lowlands for possible future tactical activity. Documents captured in central and southern I CTZ reveal an increased emphasis on sapper training and techniques, as well as improved command and control of sapper elements.

In southern I CTZ, the continued presence in the Hiép Đa area of elements of the 2nd NVA Division indicates that the VC/NVA are continuing their emphasis on disrupting the pacification program. During the month there were five significant attacks on GVN controlled population centers.

II CORPS

Enemy-initiated activity in II CTZ was limited in scope and intensity except for 4 and 5 September, when activity increased in southeastern II Corps.

On 4 September, U.S. Air Cavalry elements captured 737,850 piasters ($6,253 US) in a base area 41 kilometers SW of An Khe. The money probably belonged to elements of the 95B NVA Regiment. The 28th and 66th NVA Regiments were reported to be located in the vicinity of the Bu Prang CIDG Camp. A Roi Ghanh from a local force battalion stated that the mission assigned their units was to coordinate with local guerrillas in
assassinating GVN employees and gaining control over the population in the northeastern corps area. To do this, they were forming into squad size units. A Hoi Chanh, who rallied in Binh Thuan on 25 September, from a main force battalion, stated that units in the southern corps had received NVA replacements. He also stated that a new artillery battalion was being formed in the area.

**III CORPS**

There was an increase in activity during the night of 4 September, and again on 11 September, immediately following the Communist announced cease-fire period. The increases were concentrated in the northern three provinces of III CTZ. Enemy-initiated activity during the remainder of the month was characterized by scattered attacks-by-fire and minor ground probes.

Elements of all four enemy divisions in III CTZ were identified in contacts during the month. Elements of the 271st VC Regiment, 9th Division, were probably involved in a contact southwest of An Loc on 7 September, which resulted in more than 40 enemy killed. The 1st NVA Division was deployed in northern and western Tay Ninh Province in September. Both regiments of the division were identified in contacts. One regiment was identified in contacts on 5 and 6 September in central Tay Ninh Province, which resulted in 61 enemy killed. This regiment may have also been involved in a series of contacts in north central Tay Ninh Province, resulting in 150 enemy killed. The other regiment was identified in an enemy ambush on 6 September, which resulted in more than 50 enemy killed. The 7th NVA Division was deployed in northern Binh Long Province - Cambodian border area, where it was training and refitting. One of the NVA Division's regiments was identified in a contact west of Loc Minh on 6 September, in which enemy forces suffered in excess of 70 killed. Another regiment remained out of contact, but may have been responsible for the heavy attacks-by-fire in the Bu Dop area on 4-5 September. The 5th VC Division was deployed in central and northern Phuoc Long Province, where two of its regiments were identified in contacts. Friendly-initiated contacts SE of Song Be on 14 September identified elements of the 275th VC Regiment. One NVA Regiment from the 5th Division was identified in a contact northwest of Duc Phong CIDG Camp.

Enemy-initiated activity remained light in the southeastern corps area. The 274th VC Regiment was identified in an enemy ambush, on 25 September, which resulted in 62 enemy KIA. Captured documents revealed that enemy units in that area will be targeted primarily against pacification elements during the 1969-1970 Winter-Spring Campaign.

In Saigon, terrorist activity was moderate with 11 terrorist incidents reported. At the end of September, major enemy units in III CTZ were retraining and preparing for future offensive activity.

**IV CORPS**

During September, enemy initiated activity was high-lighted by the continued arrival of NVA replacements in the northern part of the corps. Apparently the reported difficulty of recruiting indigenous personnel into VC units necessitated NVA replacements. The identification of prisoners from a sapper battalion in Chau Doc Province may have increased to four the number of battalions subordinate to the 18th NVA Regiment. A 16-ton munitions cache, one of the largest of its kind to be discovered in the Delta, was found in western Chau Doc Province.

During September, enemy-initiated activity in the southern corps was generally scattered and of low intensity.

During the month, over 1,961 VC rallied to the GVN, bringing the total for the first nine months of 1969 to over 21,934.
SEPTEMBER
4-5

74 ENEMY INDIRECT FIRE ATTACKS

* SIGNIFICANT INDIRECT FIRE ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. FORCES
AIR OPERATIONS

AIR SOUTH

U.S. Air Force pilots flew 6,379 tactical air sorties in support of allied ground forces. Marine Corps pilots flew 2,562 sorties and Navy pilots flew another 675 for a total of 9,616 tactical air sorties during the month.

The aircrews were credited with killing 388 enemy soldiers while destroying or damaging 274 waterborne supply craft, 5,743 fortifications, 7,243 bunkers. Their air-delivered ordnance also resulted in more than 721 secondary explosions, and 933 secondary fires.

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B-52 MISSIONS

Two hundred and fifteen missions were flown during the month by Air Force B-52s. Of these missions, 149 were directed against enemy targets in the III Corps Tactical Zone, 23 in II CTZ, 35 in I CTZ and 8 in IV CTZ.

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AIR LIFT

Military Airlift Command (Inbound-Outbound, South Vietnam)

| Number of Passengers | 103,647 |
| Tone of Cargo        | 25,772  |

834th Air Division "Common Service" Airlift System (Within South Vietnam)

| Number of Passengers | 659,369 |
| Tone of Cargo        | 105,899 |

Medical Evacuation

| Number of Patients (Outbound, South Vietnam) | 3,878 (US Military) |

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NAVAL OPERATIONS

NAVAL GUNFIRE SOUTH VIETNAM

The guns of 16 Seventh Fleet warships pounded enemy targets throughout the Republic of Vietnam during September. Navy gunners left 442 enemy bunkers and 418 enemy military structures damaged or destroyed. Shells from warships were responsible for 58 secondary explosions, 45 secondary fires, cuts across 41 supply routes, and 27 enemy killed, according to reports from air and ground spotters. Additional damage reported included 22 weapons positions, 20 tunnels and caves, 16 sampans, nine base camps, and 495 meters of trenchline damaged or destroyed.

The most effective day of the month for Navy gunners was September 28 when gunfire accounted for 64 enemy bunkers and 40 enemy military structures damaged or destroyed. Other damage reported that day included 21 secondary explosions, 11 secondary fires, five enemy killed, two supply routes interdicted, and five sampans, two tunnels, four weapons positions and one base camp destroyed or damaged. Seventh fleet warships also scored heavily on September 23, destroying or damaging 47 bunkers, 30 military structures, seven tunnels and two base camps. They also caused 11 secondary explosions two secondary fires and cuts across one supply route.

Destroyers on the gunline in September were the USS Cochrane, Hammer, Hanson, Hull, Everett F. Larson, O'Bannon, Renshaw, Benjamin Stoddert, Taussig and Walke. Also shelling enemy positions during the month were the cruisers USS Boston, Oklahoma City, and St. Paul, and the in-shore fire support ships USS Clarion River, Carronade, and White River.

NAVAL AIR STRIKES REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

Navy pilots from the Seventh Fleet carriers USS Bon Homme Richard, Constellation, Hancock, and Oriskany flew 667 sorties, mostly in I Corps, against enemy targets in the Republic of Vietnam in September. Enemy military structures, bunkers, and supply routes were the main targets of the jets, which included A-4 Skyhawks, A-7 Corsairs, and F-4 Phantoms. The main ordnance used in the attacks were 250-lb. and 500-lb. bombs and 20 millimeter cannon fire. The warplanes were credited with 193 military structures, 121 bunkers, 19 tunnels, eight weapons positions and 535 meters of trenchline damaged or destroyed. Spotters also reported 15 secondary fires, eight secondary explosions, 17 supply routes interdicted, and 32 enemy killed.

The highest number of sorties flown in September was 52 on September 28. Navy jets were especially effective September 13 when they accounted for 20 enemy soldiers confirmed killed.

High-altitude bombing, controlled ordnance drops and dense foliage prevented some of the damage from being assessed during the month.

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### ENEMY MATERIAL LOSSES

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**TOTAL TONS: 24.68**

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**TOTAL TONS: 37.72**

### FOOD STUFFS:

A total of 108.54 tons of rice and 313.45 tons of salt.
SUMMARY

OF

MORNING AND EVENING NEWS RELEASES

1 September (Monday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, four significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, of which three were against U.S. units or installations. Five other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following attacks were against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

322230 — QUANG TRI PROVINCE — The U.S. Marine Corps combat base at Quang Tri (82 miles NW of Da Nang) received about thirty 122mm rockets. Counter-fire was directed at the suspected launch sites with unknown results. Light casualties and damage.

010215 — QUANG NCAI PROVINCE — An element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, in night defense 14 miles west of Duc Pho (92 miles SSE of Da Nang), received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties.

010230 — QUANG NCAI PROVINCE — An element of the armored cavalry squadron of the AMERICAL Division, in night defense five miles SE of Duc Pho (105 miles SSE of Da Nang), received less than five rounds of an unknown type mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 10 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, five of which were against U.S. units or installations. Four of the 10 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were four killed and 32 wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — Three events occurred, all of which were close in proximity and time, and involving the same division:

1. At 0850 an element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, nine miles NNE of An Hoa (12 miles SW of Da Nang), sighted 15 enemy soldiers and directed Marine Corps artillery onto the enemy location, killing nine of them. No U.S. casualties.

2. At 1015 an element of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, six miles NNE of An Hoa (15 miles SSW of Da Nang), engaged an unknown size enemy force with small arms, automatic weapons, and hand grenades. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew, leaving six dead, and five individual weapons. U.S. casualties were three wounded, no fatalities.

3. At 1910 an element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, while operating in a general area of recent fighting 11 miles SE of An Hoa (25 miles south of Da Nang), sighted an unknown number of enemy soldiers. The Marines engaged them with unit weapons and were supported by artillery fire. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew, leaving five dead. Nine enemy suspects were detained. No U.S. casualties.
- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NHIN PROVINCE)** — At 1345 helicopter gunships of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), observed two enemy soldiers 12 miles north of Dau Tieng (50 miles NNW of Saigon). The enemy soldiers were sitting on a trail, and there were several 107mm rockets leaned against a tree. The gunships attacked the enemy with aerial machineguns and rocket fire, and also directed U.S. Army artillery fire at the location, causing five secondary explosions. The crewmen counted 16 dead NVA in the area after the strike. No U.S. casualties.

- **III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE)** — At 1445 an element of the 3rd Regiment, 3rd U.S. Marine Division, four miles NE of the Rockpile (105 miles NW of Da Nang), engaged an estimated North Vietnamese Army squad in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire. Artillery fire supported the Marines until the enemy withdrew at an unreported time. Five NVA bodies were found, and one crew-served and two individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities. The action took place one mile south of the Demilitarized Zone.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE)** — At 1300 helicopter gunships of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment sighted an unknown number of enemy soldiers near a bunker complex 12 miles NW of An Lec (70 miles NNW of Saigon) and two miles from the Cambodian border. The gunships attacked the enemy with aerial machinegun and rocket fire, and -- at a later time -- were joined in the attack by USAF tactical aircraft. Following the engagement, 16 enemy dead were sighted lying in the area and 72 destroyed bunkers were counted. Also destroyed was an estimated four tons of rice, part of a 15-ton cache sighted stacked in the area. No U.S. casualties.

- **OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE)** — At 1130 air cavalry troopers of the armored cavalry squadron of the AMERICAL Division engaged an estimated enemy platoon four miles SE of Duc Pho (105 miles SSE of Da Nang) in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire, and were supported by supported by artillery fire. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew, leaving six of his dead. U.S. casualties were one killed and one wounded. (On 3 September, troopers of the AMERICAL Division found 14 more bodies in this area, all casualties from the above battle, bringing to 20 the number of enemy killed).

- **DMAC** — At 0415 a U.S. Army OH-1 helicopter of a flight of three transporting troops of the Republic of Vietnam Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) enroute to a night combat assault near the Cambodian border in Kien TImagen Province was hit by ground fire and crashed in an area seven miles north of Moa Roa (55 miles west of Saigon). The origin of the ground fire is unknown. The area in which the helicopter was flying is characterised by low, flat marshland on both sides of the Cambodian border. After being hit, the aircraft was in an autorotative emergency state, requiring the pilot to direct the helicopter toward the most desirable emergency landing site. One passenger was killed, and two U.S. crewmen and three passengers wounded by the fire and resulting crash landing. The helicopter burned after impact, and the crew and passengers came under small arms and automatic weapons fire. The two remaining helicopters in the flight landed at the crash site and discharged CIDG troops to provide security. The fire was returned with organic weapons and two enemy were killed. Following the brief contact, the wounded crew members and passengers were evacuated by medical helicopter. The dead CIDG trooper was trapped in the burning wreckage of the downed helicopter. The MEDEVAC helicopter received small arms fire during its approach but did not sustain damage during the evacuation. After completion of the evacuation, the remaining CIDG forces crossed the border back into Kien Tanggan Province, bringing with them the two enemy KIA and one captured AK-47. At daylight, the location of the downed helicopter was determined to be 1½ km (1 mile) inside the Cambodian border. The violation of Cambodian airspace was unintentional.
RQ MACV — Typhoon DORIS, with heavy rains and estimated 90 knot winds at its center, is approximately 100 miles off the coast and is expected to move inland in the Dong Hai area of North Vietnam (40 miles north of the Demilitarized Zone) early this afternoon. Northern I Corps has received approximately four inches of rain and is expected to experience 30 to 50 knot gusts and additional rainfall today.

RQ MACV — U.S. Air Force activities at Nha Trang air base will be significantly reduced during the next 60 to 90 days when elements of the 14th Special Operations Wing (SOW) relocate to other bases in the Republic of Vietnam. The move will make available to the Republic of Vietnam Air Force (VNAF) facilities presently used by the 14th SOW and other USAF units on the VNAF base. Modernization of the VNAF's 62nd Tactical Wing with the introduction of A-37 jet fighters, UH-1 helicopters, and O-1 forward air controller aircraft has created a need for buildings and ramp space now used by the 7th AF. Additionally, the planned move of U.S. units allows expansion of the VNAF Air Training Center and improvement of its physical plant. Some 3,000 personnel will move to new locations with units of the 14th Special Operations Wing, the 21st Tactical Air Support Squadron, and the 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron. In addition to the personnel moves, approximately 800 personnel spaces will be made available to other U.S. Air Force units in Southeast Asia. Of the nearly 5,000 USAF personnel presently at Nha Trang, less than 1,000 will remain after the relocation. They will form a combat support squadron and other units including communications squadrons, flight facilities, and weather detachments which support the VNAF base and other U.S. forces in the Nha Trang area. As VNAF capabilities continue to increase, further USAF reductions at Nha Trang are anticipated.

RQ MACV — The former base camp of the Headquarters of the U.S. 9th Infantry Division at Dong Tam in Dinh Tuong Province, 40 miles southwest of Saigon, was turned over to the Army of the Republic of Vietnam in ceremonies this morning. Presiding at the turnover were Major General Nguyen Viet Thanh, Commanding General, IV Corps Tactical Zone, and Major General Roderick Wetherill, Commanding General, Delta Military Assistance Command. Dong Tam is the largest base yet turned over to the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces and will become the base camp of the Headquarters of the 11th Regiment, ARVN 7th Infantry Division, previously stationed at My Tho. The last remaining units of the U.S. 9th Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade "Mobile Riverine Force," one of the two brigades which have redeployed, began operating out of Dong Tam in early 1967. The Division's 3rd Brigade is operating in Long An Province of III Corps and will become a separate brigade.

SWN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 286 tactical sorties (USAF 217, USMC 65, and USN 4), killing 14 enemy soldiers, triggering 16 secondary explosions, and igniting 15 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 169 fortifications, 262 bunkers, and 11 sampans.

B-52s flew 10 missions: 8 miles SSW of An Loc; 4 miles SSW of Katu; 5 miles SSE of Katu; 11 and 12 miles SSW of Que Son; 13 miles SSW of Que Son; 7 miles SW of An Loc; 15 miles NW of Song Be; 14 miles NW of Bach Gia; and 28 miles NE of Phan Thiet.

2 September (Tuesday)

RQ MACV — During the night, five significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, of which one was against a U.S. unit. Six other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following attack was against U.S. forces:
III MAF:

012125 — THUA THIEN PROVINCE — The base camp for combat support elements of the U.S. 101st Airborne Division at Camp Evans (65 miles NW of Da Nang) received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. U.S. casualties were light with no fatalities. No damage reported.

B4 MCV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 14 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, seven of which were against U.S. units or installations. Four of the 14 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one killed, with no fatalities.

OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAT PROVINCE) — At 1600 elements of the armored cavalry squadron of the AMERICAL Division and the Division's 11th Brigade, four miles south of Doi Pho (105 miles SSE of Da Nang), contacted an unknown size enemy force and attacked with unit weapons, tank guns, and the heavy machineguns of their armored personnel carriers. Fighting continued until 1930 when the enemy withdrew, leaving 22 dead and nine individual and two crew-served weapons. U.S. casualties were four killed and six wounded.

III MAF (QUANG NHAN PROVINCE) — At 1830 a reconnaissance element of the U.S. 1st Marine Division observed 20 enemy soldiers in varying uniforms, wearing packs and carrying weapons, in an area four miles NNW of An Boa (20 miles SW of Da Nang). Artillery fire was directed onto the location and the bodies of five enemy soldiers were sighted lying in the strike area. A few minutes later, the same team sighted another 15 enemy soldiers in the same general area, 400 meters to the east. Artillery fire was directed onto the location, and five enemy dead were counted after the strike. At 1900, the same unit sighted 75 armed enemy soldiers on a trail one-half mile to the east of the initial sighting and artillery fire was again directed onto the location. The bodies of 20 enemy soldiers were observed lying in the strike area, raising to 30 the number of enemy killed in the three actions. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NHIN PROVINCE) — At 1320 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Air Mobile), received small arms fire and automatic weapons fire from an unknown size enemy force six miles south of Katua (65 miles NW of Saigon). The troopers fired back with unit weapons, and were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, and USAF tactical aircraft. At 1330 the enemy withdrew, leaving 12 of his dead. Fifty CHICOM hand grenades and one field telephone were captured. U.S. casualties were two killed and one wounded.

III MAF (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) — At 1400 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, while operating in an area 16 miles west of Tan Ky (34 miles south of Da Nang), received less than ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire. U.S. casualties were light.

B4 MCV — It was announced by USARV (LONG NHIN) that the 3rd Battalion, 197th Artillery, a New Hampshire National Guard unit, will complete its tour of duty and depart the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).
TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HINH LONG PROVINCE) — At 1630 an element of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, four miles SW of An Loc, 60 miles north of Saigon, discovered the bodies of 16 enemy soldiers in seven graves near a bunker complex. They apparently had been dead two weeks.

SWN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 262 sorties (USAF 171, USMC 77, and USN 14), triggering 12 secondary explosions, and igniting 28 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 102 fortifications, 157 bunkers, and 19 enemy sampans.

An Air Force AC-47 gunship crashed and was destroyed in Long Khanh Province 35 miles NE of Saigon, killing all eight men aboard. The cause of the crash is unknown.

B-52s flew 10 missions: 15 and 16 miles NW of Bach Gia; 14 miles NW of Bach Gia; 25 miles NNE of Phan Thiet; 24 miles north of Xuan Loc; 22 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh; 19 and 21 miles NE of Phuoc Binh; 12 miles SE of Katum; and 26 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh.

3 September (Wednesday)

Eq MACV — During the night, one significant enemy indirect fire attack was reported throughout the country. The attack was not against U.S. forces. Three other attacks considered insignificant were reported, none of which resulted in casualties or damage.

Eq MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, seven indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, three of which were against U.S. units or installations. Two of the seven attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one killed and four wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NHIN PROVINCE) — At 1320 an armored cavalry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, five miles NE of Tay Ninh City (54 miles NW of Saigon), sighted 16 enemy soldiers and engaged them with 90mm tank guns and heavy machinegun fire, killing all 16 in the brief action. There were no U.S. casualties.

OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGOI PROVINCE) — At 1405 an air cavalry element of the armored cavalry squadron, AMERICAL Division, engaged seven enemy soldiers two miles south of Due Pho (100 miles SSE of Da Nang). The troopers used unit weapons and were supported by tactical aircraft. All seven enemy were killed, no U.S. casualties.

III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 2145 a reconnaissance element of the U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airborne) ambushed an unknown size enemy force 17 miles SE of Hue (35 miles NW of Da Nang). Five enemy were killed and five individual weapons were captured in the brief action. There were no U.S. casualties.

DMAC (PHONG DINH PROVINCE) — At 1720 a U.S. Navy Seawolf helicopter gunship sighted and attacked ten enemy soldiers crossing a channel five miles SSE of Can Tho (86 miles SW of Saigon), killing all of them. There were no U.S. casualties.
- **I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE)** — At 1340 a U.S. Army OH-6 light observation helicopter from an air cavalry element of the armored cavalry squadron, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, was fired at by an unknown number of enemy while reconnoitering 10 miles west of Pleiku (235 miles NNE of Saigon). Helicopter gunships and USAF Tactical aircraft struck the enemy positions and, later, troopers from the unit along with infantrymen from the Division's 2nd Brigade were air-assaulted into the area. At 1330, the ground elements engaged an unknown number of enemy. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged for about 15 minutes until the enemy withdrew, leaving three of his dead and two individual weapons. In addition, the bodies of three more enemy soldiers killed by earlier air strikes were found in the same area. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NHINH PROVINCE)** — At 1450 an observation helicopter of the air cavalry element of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received small arms fire from an unknown number of enemy four miles SE of Katum (62 miles NNW of Saigon). The crewmen directed helicopter gunships and U.S. Army artillery onto the position, and reported seven dead enemy in the strike area. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NHINH PROVINCE)** — At 1525 an armored element of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division, six miles NE of Tay Minh City (54 mile NW of Saigon), sighted nine enemy soldiers and attacked them with 90mm tank guns and heavy machineguns, killing all of them and capturing one individual weapon. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE)** — At 2220 crewmen of a U.S. Navy river patrol boat (PBR) engaged an unknown number of enemy in sampans 11 miles east of Tan An (17 miles south of Saigon). Small arms fire was exchanged and the PBR was supported by U.S. Army artillery. Four enemy soldiers were killed in the brief encounter. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE)** — At 2225 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, 12 miles east of Tan An (19 miles SSW of Saigon), ambushed an enemy sampan carrying five enemy soldiers. The enemy returned the small arms fire and threw hand grenades. The troopers, supported by helicopter gunships, killed all five enemy and captured two AK-47s. There were no U.S. casualties.

- **III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE)** — At 1400 an element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, 10 miles SE of An Hea (26 miles south of Da Nang), sighted six enemy soldiers and attacked them with unit weapons, killing all six. In addition, one crew-served weapon and three satchel charges were captured. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities.

- **HQ MACV** — It was announced that the 3rd Battalion, 197th Artillery, a New Hampshire National Guard unit, has completed its one year tour in the Republic of Vietnam. The 440 men of the battalion departed Bien Hoa Air Base today for Pease Air Force Base, N.H. The battalion will be deactivated at Fort Devens, Mass., and will be reconstituted in the Army National Guard at its home station in Portsmouth, N.H.

- **SWN TAC AIR:** U.S. pilots flew 295 sorties (USAF 187, USMC 84, and USN 24), triggering 26 secondary explosions, igniting 37 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 232 fortifications, 256 bunkers, and 22 sampans.
- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 8 miles NE of Quan Loi in Binh Long Province, destroying the aircraft, and killing seven people aboard.

- B-52s flew 7 missions: 17 miles NE of Phuoc Binh; 28 miles NE of Phan Thiet; 22 miles NE of Phuoc Binh; 15, 16, and 17 miles ENE of Phuoc Binh; and 23 miles NE of Phuoc Binh.

4 September (Thursday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, four significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, one of which was against a U.S. unit. Eleven other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following attack was against a U.S. force:

III MAF:

OC32140 — QUANG TRI PROVINCE — A landing zone of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division (Mechanised), 11 miles SE of Quang Tri City (74 miles NW of Da Nang), received about five rounds of an unknown type and caliber of indirect fire. Light casualties, no damage.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 16 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, five of which were against U.S. units or installations. Five of the 16 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were four wounded, no fatalities.

- III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 0215 the enemy fired two 122mm rockets into the city of Hue, killing one Vietnamese civilian and wounding six others. Also, one house was destroyed and two others were damaged. Hue is the third largest city in the Republic with a population of about 150,000.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NHIN CITY) — At 1445 a mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, 18 miles SE of Tay Ninh City (35 miles NW of Saigon), engaged an unknown size enemy force in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire. Fighting continued into the afternoon, and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, USAF tactical aircraft, and the heavy machineguns of their armored personnel carriers. At 1830, the enemy withdrew, leaving 15 of his dead. U.S. casualties were one killed and 10 wounded.

- I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE) — At 1030 a convoy of U.S. Army combat support elements traveling north on Highway 14 was ambushed by an unknown size enemy force 13 miles north of Pleiku (250 miles NNE of Saigon). At the same time, about 200 meters to the north, an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. Fourth Infantry Division, was attacked by an unknown size enemy force firing small arms and rocket-propelled grenades. The troopers fired back and were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew, leaving behind one body. U.S. casualties were four wounded, no fatalities. No damage was reported to any of the vehicles in the convoy.

- I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE) — At 0925 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, 10 miles WNW of Pleiku City (240 miles NNE of Saigon), received about 30 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.
III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 0030 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), at a landing zone six miles WNW of Hue (59 miles NW of Da Nang), received about 45 rocket-propelled grenades. Counter-battery was fired with unknown results. U.S. casualties were one killed and 21 wounded. Material damage was light.

III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 0820 a combat support element of the U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) was attacked by an unknown size enemy force 16 miles SSE of Hue (38 miles WNW of Da Nang). At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew, leaving seven of his dead, and six individual and one crew-served weapon. No U.S. casualties.

I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE) — At 0925 an air cavalry element of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division, 27 miles ESE of Pleiku (37 miles MNE of Saigon), sighted five enemy soldiers and directed helicopter gunships onto them. All five enemy were killed. A short while later, the troopers sighted four more enemy soldiers, and again the helicopter gunships attacked them, killing all four. A search of one of the dead soldiers revealed that he carried $7,378,500 piasters (over $6,000).

 SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 329 sorties (USAF 234, USMC 74, and USN 21), killing 11 enemy soldiers, triggering 22 secondary explosions and igniting four fires. They also destroyed or damaged 209 fortifications, 296 bunkers, and eight enemy sampans.

— An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 16 miles NW of Rach Gia in Kien Giang Province, destroying the aircraft. There were no casualties.

— B-52s flew 9 missions: 30 miles MNE of Phan Thiet; 18 miles ENE of Phuoc Binh; 12 miles WSW of Xuan Loc; 16 and 17 miles NE of Phuoc Binh; 7 miles south of Katum; 8 miles SSW of Katum; 16 and 17 miles NE of Phuoc Binh.

5 September (Friday)

III MAF — During the night, 31 significant fire attacks were reported throughout the country, sixteen of which were against U.S. units or installations. Forty-three other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

042215 — QUANG TRI PROVINCE — The U.S. Marine Combat Base at Quang Tri (83 miles NW of Da Nang) received less than five rockets of undetermined caliber. No casualties, no damage.

050230 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — An element of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, in night defense two miles NW of An Hoa (20 miles SW of Da Nang), received less than ten rounds of mixed 60mm and 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.
050036 — NINH THUAN PROVINCE — The Phan Rang Air Base (165 miles ENE of Saigon) received about 15 rounds of unknown caliber and type indirect fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

050211 — BINH LONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) at Quan Loi (60 miles north of Saigon) received less than five rounds of undetermined caliber and type indirect fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

050145 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — A fire support base of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, nine miles WSW of Lai Khe (30 miles NNE of Saigon), received about 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. U.S. and ARVN casualties were light. No material damage.

050310 — A fire support base of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, five miles NW of An Loc (63 miles north of Saigon), received about 10 rounds of 120mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

050045 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — A fire support base of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, two miles south of An Loc (58 miles north of Saigon), received less than five 107mm rockets. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

050059 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Dau Tieng (40 miles NNW of Saigon), received less than five rounds of 107mm rocket fire, and about 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light damage, no casualties.

050250 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Cavalry Division at Phuoc Vinh (35 miles NNE of Saigon) received less than five rounds of 122mm rocket fire. Light damage, no casualties.

050355 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 1st Cavalry Division again received less than five 122mm rocket rounds. No casualties or damage.

050428 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 1st Cavalry Division again received less than five 122mm rocket rounds. No casualties or damage.

050102 — BIEN HOA PROVINCE — The U.S. Army installation near the Bien Hoa Air Base (15 miles NNE of Saigon) received less than ten 122mm rockets. No damage or casualties.

042030 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Lai Khe (29 miles north of Saigon) received about twenty 107mm rockets. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

050104 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — The base camp of elements of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division at Tay Ninh (53 miles NW of Saigon) received less than fifteen 107mm rockets. No casualties or damage.
050046 -- PHUOC LONG PROVINCE -- The night defense positions of an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 17 miles NW of Song Be (84 miles north of Saigon), received about 30 rounds of 60mm and 82mm mortar fire. U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships provided fire support with unknown results. Light casualties.

050620 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Dau Tieng (40 miles NNW of Saigon), received less than five 107mm rockets. Light damage, no casualties.

HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 81 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 33 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Twenty-six of the 81 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were six killed and 75 wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1600 mechanized infantrymen of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, one mile NW of An Loc (62 miles north of Saigon), engaged an estimated enemy company in an exchange of heavy small arms and automatic weapons. The enemy also used rocket-propelled grenades, while the troopers, firing the heavy machineguns of their armored personnel carriers, got additional support from artillery and helicopter gunships. The troopers attacked and fighting lasted until 1830 when the enemy withdrew under cover of darkness. The bodies of 63 enemy soldiers were found. U.S. casualties were two killed and 15 wounded. Damage to armored vehicles was light.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1345 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), engaged an estimated enemy squad occupying bunkers seven miles NNW of Phu Khuong (60 miles NNW of Saigon). Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers attacked the enemy while getting support from helicopter gunships, artillery, and USAF tactical aircraft. At 1700 the enemy withdrew, leaving 10 of his dead. One enemy soldier was detained. U.S. casualties were one killed and four wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KHANH PROVINCE) -- At 1400 an element of the U.S. 199th Light Infantry Brigade engaged an estimated enemy company 12 miles WSW of Xuan Loc (28 miles ENE of Saigon). The enemy fired heavy small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades, while the infantrymen fired back with unit weapons. With artillery and USAF tactical aircraft supporting the troopers, fighting continued through the afternoon until 2010, when the enemy withdrew, leaving four of his dead in the battle area. U.S. casualties were seven killed and 22 wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 0910 a mechanized element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, nine miles NE of Tay Ninh City (50 miles NW of Saigon), engaged an unknown number of enemy with unit weapons, including heavy machineguns and 90mm tank guns. They were supported throughout the action by helicopter gunships, artillery, and USAF tactical aircraft. At 1500 the enemy withdrew, leaving 30 of his dead. U.S. casualties were two killed.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 1915 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division ambushed an estimated 30 enemy soldiers six miles north of Cu Chi (23 miles NW of Saigon), killing five of them before the remainder withdrew to the northeast. One individual weapon was captured. No U.S. casualties.
- I FFV (Pleiku Province) — At 1115 an air cavalry element of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division observed eight enemy soldiers 26 miles ESE of Pleiku City (240 miles NNE of Saigon). Helicopter gunships were directed onto the enemy position and ground troops of the air cavalry element were air-assaulted into the location. The remaining enemy withdrew from contact at 1155, leaving the bodies of five enemy soldiers behind. One crew-served and four individual weapons were captured. There were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (Binh Long Province) — At 1555 an element of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment received heavy small arms and automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force two miles north of Loi Minh (76 miles north of Saigon) and seven miles from the Cambodian border. The troopers fired back with unit weapons, including the heavy machineguns of their armored personnel carriers and their tank guns. At 1615 the enemy withdrew, leaving 12 dead NVA in the battle area. Two crew-served and three individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities. Damage to armored vehicles was slight.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (Tay Ninh Province) — Between the hours of 0630 and 0850 an armored element of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division, operating in an area six miles NE of Tay Ninh City (52 miles NW of Saigon), received about 15 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships engaged the suspected enemy firing positions, and in a later search of the suspected area, the bodies of 13 enemy were found. One U.S. soldier was wounded.

- III MAF (DMZ) — At 1355 an aerial observer reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone received heavy small arms fire from an unknown number of enemy soldiers located about 200 meters south of the Ben Hai River, in the southern half of the DMZ. The observer directed artillery and tactical aircraft onto the position and reported one bunker destroyed. The aircraft was hit, resulting in very light damage, and the aircraft returned safely to its base. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (Tay Ninh Province) — At 0215 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), in night defense at a landing zone 15 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City (60 miles NNW of Saigon), received about 20 rounds of 107mm rocket fire, followed by a ground attack by an unknown size enemy force firing small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades. The troopers fired back with unit weapons, and were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships and a USAF AC-47 gunship. During the fight, the enemy also fired an unknown number and caliber of mortar rounds. At 0310, the enemy withdrew leaving 37 of his dead.

- III MAF (Quang Ngai Province) — At 1635 an element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAN Division, while operating in an area 15 miles west of Dac Pho (93 miles SSE of Da Nang), observed six enemy soldiers and directed artillery fire onto their position, killing all six. There were no U.S. casualties.

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TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAI NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 2300 a mechanized element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, at a fire support base three miles ESE of Trang Bang (23 miles NW of Saigon), detected 12 enemy soldiers moving northeast outside their perimeter. The infantrymen directed U.S. Army artillery fire onto the enemy position, killing six before the remainder withdrew. There were no U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAT NHIN PROVINCE) — At 0345 a mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, and Army of the Republic of Vietnam Airborne troops, in night defense nine miles NE of Go Dau Ha (33 miles NNW of Saigon), received small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force. The troopers fired back with unit weapons and were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, and a USAF AC-47 gunship. At 0400 the enemy withdrew without having penetrated the perimeter. The bodies of eight enemy soldiers were found in the area. U.S. casualties were two killed and seven wounded. ARVN casualties were light.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) — At 0100 a mechanized infantry element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, in night defense at a fire support base 14 miles south of An Loc (45 miles north of Saigon), received an unknown number and caliber of rounds of indirect fire followed by a ground attack from an unknown size enemy force. The enemy assaulted the base from three directions while firing heavy small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades. The troopers fired back with unit weapons, including the heavy machine-guns of their armored personnel carriers, and were supported by point-blank artillery fire, helicopter gunships, and a USAF AC-47 gunship. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew, leaving 19 of his dead. One wounded NVA soldier was detained. An unknown number of enemy penetrated the perimeter but were killed or forced to withdraw. U.S. casualties were one killed and five wounded. The enemy unit was identified as an element of the 9th VC Division, which is composed primarily of North Vietnamese Army personnel.

III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 0230 an element of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, while in night defense two miles NW of An Hoa (20 miles SW of Da Nang), observed 10 enemy soldiers outside their perimeter and engaged them with small arms and automatic weapons fire. The enemy fired back with small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades. The enemy also fired about 30 rounds of 60mm and about 60 rounds of 82mm mortar fire at the Marine position, but did not make a ground assault. The Marines continued to fire, and were supported by a USAF AC-47 gunship. The enemy withdrew at an unreported time, and a search at first light revealed the body of one enemy soldier. U.S. casualties were three killed and 13 wounded, 10 of whom were evacuated.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAT NHIN PROVINCE) — At 0225 a fire base occupied by elements of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 49th Regiment, 25th Infantry Division; and the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, six miles SW of Go Dau Ha (34 miles NW of Saigon) and 2½ miles east of the Cambodian border, received an unknown number and caliber of mixed rocket rounds and 82mm mortar rounds. The fire attack was followed by a ground attack by an estimated enemy company. The enemy assaulted using small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades. The troopers fired back with unit weapons, and were supported by artillery, and helicopter gunships. At 0440 the enemy withdrew, leaving 13 of his dead. U.S. casualties were one killed and 15 wounded. Captured were two individual weapons, four crew-served weapons, 28 rocket-propelled grenades, 107 CHICOM hand grenades, one CHICOM radio, and five CHICOM claymore-type mines. ARVN casualties were light. Some of the enemy were killed on the perimeter barbed wire, however none penetrated the perimeter.
- I FFV (PHUOC VINH PROVINCE) -- At 0110 an element of Task Force South, in night defense four miles NNE of Phan Thiet (105 miles east of Saigon), was attacked by 18 enemy soldiers firing small arms and rocket-propelled grenades. Contact was lost at 0215 when the remaining enemy withdrew. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were one killed and two wounded. One former enemy soldier, serving as a scout with the U.S. unit, was wounded in the action.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 377 sorties (USAF 262, USMC 93 and USN 22), triggering 25 secondary explosions and igniting 35 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 226 fortifications, 339 bunkers, and five enemy sampans.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire seven miles east of Phuoc Binh in Phuoc Long Province, destroying the aircraft. There were no casualties.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 16 miles NNE of Tay Ninh in Tay Ninh Province, killing one man aboard, and destroying the aircraft.

- B-52s flew 11 missions: 7 and 8 SSW of Katum; 7 miles ENE of Phuoc Binh; 12 miles SW of Lộc Ninh; 16 miles NE of Xuan Loc; 12 miles NW of An Loc; 22 miles west of Qui Nhơn; 14 miles SSW of Xuan Loc; 8 miles SW of An Loc; 7 miles east of Phuoc Vinh; and 12 miles SSE of Katum.

6 September (Saturday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, 17 significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country of which 12 were against U.S. units or installations. Twenty-three other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

051915 -- QUANG NGAI PROVINCE -- An element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, in night defense seven miles west of Quang Ngai City (70 miles SSE of Da Nang), received less than five rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

I FFV:

060300 -- KHANH HOA PROVINCE -- The Air Base at Cam Ranh Bay (195 miles ENE of Saigon) received less than 10 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. No casualties or damage.

060235 -- BINH THUAN PROVINCE -- A fire support base occupied by an artillery element of I FFV three miles north of Phan Thiet (100 miles east of Saigon) received less than 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

060300 -- KHANH HOA PROVINCE -- A U.S. Army support element four miles NW of Cam Ranh (195 miles NE of Saigon) received less than ten 107mm rockets. Light casualties, no fatalities.
051940 -- BIEN HOA PROVINCE -- The U.S. Army installation at Long Binh (18 miles NE of Saigon) received less than five rounds of 122mm rocket fire. No casualties or damage.

060623 -- BIEN HOA PROVINCE -- The Air Base and U.S. Army installation at Bien Hoa (16 miles NE of Saigon) received about 20 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. Light U.S. and RVNAP casualties with no fatalities and light material damage. In addition, six Vietnamese civilian women were reported killed by the rocket fire and two other Vietnamese civilians were wounded. U.S. Army artillery fire and helicopter gunships were directed onto the suspected enemy firing positions to the northeast with unknown results.

060623 -- HQ NAGV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 40 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, of which 24 were against U.S. units or installations. Fifteen of the 40 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were 68 wounded with no fatalities.

III MAP (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- Beginning at approximately 0100 this morning there were several indirect fire attacks in the Da Nang City area and two ground attacks against U.S. Marine positions from one to four miles west of Da Nang City:

a. At 0110 a U.S. Marine combat support unit compound four miles NW of Da Nang received less than five rounds of unknown caliber mortar fire. No casualties or damage.

b. At 0145 security guards at a U.S. Army evacuation hospital compound three miles NE of Da Nang sighted and fired on eight enemy soldiers in two boats approaching the shore. The enemy were driven off with unknown losses. No U.S. casualties.

c. At 0145 the U.S. Marine Force Logistics Command compound three miles NW of Da Nang received less than 10 rounds of unknown caliber rocket fire. No damage or casualties.

d. At 0145 the U.S. Marine Military Police brig one mile SW of Da Nang was attacked by an unknown size enemy force using small arms and automatic weapons. In addition, about 100 rounds of 82mm mortar fire was fired into the brig compound. The majority of the casualties in the brig compound were caused by the mortar fire. U.S. casualties were four killed (including two prisoners) and 90 wounded (including 51 prisoners).

e. At 0145 an element of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division in night defense 12 miles SW of Da Nang (NW of the An Hoa Combat Base) received about 40 rounds of enemy 60mm mortar fire followed by a ground attack by an unknown size enemy force. The enemy employed small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades. The Marines returned fire with unit weapons. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were one wounded, no fatalities.

f. At 0200 a U.S. 11th Marine Artillery Regiment fire base camp three miles SW of Da Nang was attacked by an estimated 10 to 12 enemy soldiers using small arms
automatic weapons and satchel charges. The Marines fired back with automatic weapons. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. No U.S. casualties.

g. At 0200 the U.S. Marine Marble Mountain Air Facility two miles SE of Da Nang received about 30 rounds of 82mm mortar fire and less than five rounds of undetermined caliber rocket fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

h. At 0215 an element of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, in night defense 16 miles SSW of Da Nang (northwest of the An Hoa Combat Base) received less than five rounds of unknown type and caliber indirect fire. No damage or casualties.

i. At 0230 Da Nang City area received less than 10 rounds of undetermined caliber rocket fire resulting in the death of 12 Vietnamese civilians and the wounding of 15 others. The extent of damage is unknown. No reported U.S. casualties.

j. At 0230 the U.S. Naval Support Activity Hospital complex four miles SE of Da Nang received less than five rounds of unknown caliber rocket fire. No reported casualties or damage.

k. At 0230 the Da Nang Air Base received less than five rounds of unknown caliber rocket fire with unknown results.

l. At 0230 a U.S. 1st Marine Division support unit compound four miles NW of Da Nang received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. No reported casualties or damage.

m. At 0300 the compound of Hq III Marine Amphibious Force near Da Nang City received about five rounds of 122mm rocket fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

n. At 0310 a U.S. Marine logistics area on the beach two miles east of Da Nang received less than five unknown caliber rocket rounds. No casualties or damage.

o. At 0330 the Da Nang Air Base received about 10 rounds of unknown caliber rocket fire. Light U.S. casualties, no fatalities. The extent of damage is unknown.

p. At 0345 the base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Marine Division four miles west of Da Nang received about 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire and a ground attack from an unknown size enemy force using small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades. The Marines fired back with unit weapons and were supported by artillery. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. No U.S. casualties.

q. At 0345 an estimated 10 to 12 enemy sappers were detected and engaged by security personnel as they attempted to attack a U.S. Marine ammunition supply point four miles west of Da Nang near the 1st Marine Division Headquarters. The enemy were repulsed and did not penetrate the location. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were three wounded, no fatalities.
At 0345 an element of the U.S. 1st Marine Division five miles WSW of Da Nang received about 15 rounds of mixed rocket and mortar fire. Light casualties and damage.

At 0200 the Hq 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division at the An Hoa Combat Base 22 miles SSW of Da Nang received about 25 rounds of 82mm mortar fire followed by a ground probe from an unknown size enemy force using small arms and automatic weapons fire. The Marines fired back at unit weapons. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. No U.S. casualties.

In the series of mortar and rocket attacks and ground probes in the Da Nang area a total of approximately thirty 122mm rockets, about five 140mm rockets and more than 100 rounds of 60mm mortar and more than 150 rounds rounds of 82mm mortar fire were received. Total U.S. casualties were five killed and 168 wounded. Civilian casualties in the attack on the city of Da Nang were 11 killed and 41 wounded. The indirect fire attacks in this item are not included in the overnight total.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (Binh Long Province) — At 0950 an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment received small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force three miles west of Loc Ninh (74 miles north of Saigon) and six miles from the Cambodian border. The troopers fired back at unit weapons, including tank guns and the heavy machine-guns on their armored personnel carriers. As fighting continued, U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery fire supported the ground force. At an unreported time, armored cavalry elements of the regiment and an element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 9th Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, reinforced the troops in contact. At 1515 the enemy withdrew, leaving 70 dead NVA soldiers on the battle field. Five enemy soldiers were detained. U.S. casualties in the combined engagement were three killed and 31 wounded. ARVN casualties were light with no fatalities. The enemy unit was identified as an element of the 7th North Vietnamese Army Division.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (Binh Long Province) — At 1055 a U.S. 1st Infantry Division convoy escorted by armored elements and mechanized infantry elements from the division's 3rd Brigade was ambushed by an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force while enroute from Lai Khe to Quan Loi, 12 miles south of An Lao on Highway 13 (48 miles north of Saigon). The enemy used heavy small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades, supported by an unknown caliber mortar fire. The convoy security troops immediately returned the fire with unit weapons on their tanks and armored personnel carriers and attacked the enemy. U.S. Army artillery, helicopter gunships, and USAF tactical aircraft supported the troops in contact until an unreported time, when the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 55 NVA were found in the battle area, and four enemy soldiers were detained. In addition, eight AK-47 assault rifles, three light machineguns, one RPG-2 launcher, one RPG-7 launcher, 34 AK-47 magazines, 43 CHLON grenades, 11 RPG-2 grenades, and four anti-tank mines were captured. U.S. casualties were one killed and six wounded. The convoy received no materiel damage and continued to its destination. The enemy unit was identified as an element of the 1st NVA Division.
TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1415 a mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown size enemy force seven miles NE of Tay Ninh City (58 miles NW of Saigon). The troopers fired back with unit weapons, including the heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers, and attacked the enemy while getting support from artillery and USAF tactical aircraft. At 1520, the enemy withdrew, leaving 27 of his dead. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) — At 2050 an element of the 11th Armor ed Cavalry Regiment in night defense four miles SSW of An Loc (57 miles north of Saigon) received a ground probe from an unknown number of enemy using small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades. The troopers fired back with unit weapons, including tank guns and heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers, and were supported by artillery fire. At 2125, the enemy withdrew leaving 26 of his dead, four AK-47 assault rifles, one light machinegun, and 21 rocket-propelled grenades. U.S. casualties were five wounded, no fatalities.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 0310 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), at a landing zone 12 miles NE of Phu Khuong (55 miles NNW of Saigon), detected movement outside their perimeter and directed artillery fire onto the enemy position. The landing zone then received about 50 rounds of mixed 60mm, 82mm and 120mm mortar fire, followed by a probe from an enemy force using small arms and rocket-propelled grenades. Sporadic small arms fire was received until 0515, when an unknown number of enemy were observed at the perimeter wire. The troopers engaged the enemy with unit weapons, and were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships and a USAF AC-119 gunship. At 0645, the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 24 enemy soldiers were found on the battlefield, and one enemy soldier was detained. One individual and two crew-served weapons were captured, together with one 107mm rocket, 27 CHICOM grenades, ten 60mm mortar rounds, and 15 rocket-propelled grenade rounds. U.S. casualties were three killed and 18 wounded. The enemy soldiers were identified as being from an element of the 1st NVA Division.

I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) — At 1520 an air cavalry element of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division directed USAF tactical aircraft onto an unknown number of enemy soldiers they had sighted 23 miles NNW of An Khe (280 miles NNE of Saigon). Twelve enemy were killed before the remainder were able to withdraw. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) — At 2300 U.S. Navy river patrol boat (PBR) crewmen and infantrymen from an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, sighted an unknown number of enemy attempting to cross the Saigon River in an area seven miles SSE of Dau Tieng (33 miles NW of Saigon). The enemy were engaged with small arms and automatic weapons fire. Twelve enemy soldiers were killed. There was no return fire from the enemy in the brief contact. In addition, one pistol and nine enemy back packs were captured. No U.S. casualties.

I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) — At 0905 a U.S. Army light observation helicopter from an air cavalry element of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division received ground fire from an unknown number of enemy soldiers 23 miles NNW of An Khe (275 miles NNE of Saigon). U.S. Army helicopter gunships engaged the enemy with aerial machinegun and rocket fire and U.S. Air Force tactical aircraft struck the enemy location. The bodies of ten enemy soldiers were observed after the engagement. No U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 2250 an element of the 26th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, in night defense six miles SW of Da Nang, was attacked by 15 enemy soldiers using small arms, satchel charges, and hand grenades. The Marines forced them back with small arms and automatic weapons fire, while killing four of the enemy. U.S. casualties were 15 wounded, five of whom were evacuated. No fatalities.

- III MAF (DMZ) — At 1850 the combined U.S. and ARVN artillery fire support base at Gio Linh (97 miles NW of Da Nang) received about five rounds of 82mm mortar fire from an enemy firing position located two miles to the NNE of the base, and about 700 meters north of the southern edge of the Demilitarized Zone. A U.S. forward observer, located south of the southern edge of the DMZ, directed naval gunfire from the cruiser USS St. Paul, and artillery fire from the Army of the Republic of Vietnam onto the enemy position, silencing the mortar. No U.S. or ARVN casualties or damage.

- HQ MACV — It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that the 131st Engineer Company, a Vermont National Guard Unit, will complete its tour of Duty and depart the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 414 sorties (USAF 273, USMC 94, and USN 47), killing 23 enemy soldiers, triggering 22 secondary explosions and igniting 49 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 274 fortifications, 340 bunkers, and seven sampans.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 26 miles north of Saigon in Binh Duong Province, destroying the aircraft and wounding one man aboard.

- B-52s flew 5 missions: 13 miles SSE of Katum; 11 and 13 miles NW of Cam Lo; 12 miles NNW of Tay Ninh City; and 12 miles WNW of Cam Lo.

7 September (Sunday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, 12 significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, three of which were against U.S. forces. Twenty-one other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. units:

III MAF:

070105 — QUANG TRI PROVINCE — The U.S. Marine Combat Base at Dong Ha (90 miles NW of Da Nang), headquarters for the U.S. 3rd Marine Division, received less than 10 140mm rockets. U.S. casualties were light. Material damage was light.

062215 — QUANG TIN PROVINCE — A reconnaissance element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, five miles west of Tamk Ky (35 miles SSE of Da Nang), received about 30 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Light casualties.

II FFV:

062110 — BINH LONG PROVINCE — A fire support base of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, four miles south of An Loc (56 miles north of Saigon), received less than five rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.
- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 36 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, of which 24 were against U.S. units or installations. Eleven of the 36 attacks resulted in casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one killed and 20 wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1515 elements of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment engaged an estimated North Vietnamese Army battalion three miles SW of An Loc (60 miles north of Saigon). The enemy used heavy small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades. The troopers returned fire with unit weapons, including tank guns and heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers, and attacked the enemy. They were supported by U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships. Fighting continued until 1910 when the enemy withdrew, leaving 42 of his dead, and one individual weapon and two heavy machineguns. U.S. casualties were two killed and five wounded. Damage to armored vehicles was light.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 0920 a mechanized element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, nine miles NE of Go Dau Ha (33 miles NNW of Saigon), engaged an unknown number of enemy in fortified positions. Small arms fire was exchanged and the enemy employed rocket-propelled grenades. The troopers were supported by U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships, and USAF tactical aircraft. At 1550 the enemy withdrew, leaving 26 of his dead. U.S. casualties were 15 wounded, no fatalities. Light damage to armored vehicles was reported.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1550 a U.S. Army Cobra helicopter gunship of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment received 12.7mm machinegun fire from an enemy position six miles NE of Loc Ninh (79 miles north of Saigon) and three miles from the Cambodian border. The crewmen sighted 15 enemy soldiers in the area and attacked them with aerial machinegun fire, killing all 15. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 0925 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) four miles NW of Quan Loi (65 miles north of Saigon) engaged an unknown size enemy force in an exchange of small arms fire, and were supported by U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships. Another element of the 3rd Brigade re-inforced at 1100. The enemy withdrew from contact at 1200, leaving 12 of his dead and two 12.7mm anti-aircraft machineguns. No U.S. casualties.

- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) -- At 1830 a U.S. Army I FFV reconnaissance element observed and engaged an estimated 40 enemy soldiers 15 miles north of Bong Son (310 miles NNE of Saigon), killing eight of them before the enemy withdrew at an unreported time. In addition, one rocket-propelled grenade launcher was captures, as well as three hand grenades. U.S. casualties were one killed and two wounded.

- III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) -- At 1955 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) engaged an unknown size enemy force 12 miles west of Hue (65 miles NW of Da Nang) in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire. The troopers were supported by helicopter gunships until 2020 when the enemy withdrew, leaving six of his dead, and four individual weapons. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities.
- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE)** — At 2230 a mechanized element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, detected about eight enemy soldiers outside the perimeter of their night defensive positions four miles east of Trang Bang (24 miles NW of Saigon). The troopers directed artillery fire onto the enemy positions, killing five. At about 0240 the same element detected ten additional enemy soldiers and again directed artillery fire onto the position, killing another five enemy. No U.S. casualties.

- **III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE)** — At 0340 an element of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, in night defense six miles NW of An Hoa (19 miles SW of Da Nang), received a ground attack from an unknown size enemy force using hand grenades, small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades, and supported by about 30 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. The Marines fired back with small arms and automatic weapons until the enemy withdrew at an unreported time. The bodies of five enemy soldiers were found in the battle area. In addition, three individual weapons and 28 satchel charges were captured. U.S. casualties were two killed and 15 wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE)** — At 0835 an air cavalry element of the armored cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division was air-assaulted into an area three miles SE of Ben Cat (25 miles north of Saigon) where they engaged an unknown number of dug-in enemy soldiers. Small arms fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. The enemy withdrew at noon, leaving the bodies of three soldiers behind. Three individual weapons and a small amount of documents were captured. U.S. casualties were 15 wounded with no fatalities.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DINH PROVINCE)** — At 1250 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, 10 miles SW of Ben Cat (23 miles NNW of Saigon), found the bodies of 11 enemy soldiers in a tunnel complex. They appeared to have been killed by artillery fire one to two days before.

- **II FFV (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE)** — At 0640 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), in night defense 17 miles NW of Song Be (85 miles north of Saigon), received about 30 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties no fatalities.

- **SVN TAC AIR**: U.S. pilots flew 311 sorties (USAF 202, USMC 88, and USN 21), killing seven enemy soldiers, triggering 13 explosions and igniting 21 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 113 fortifications, 236 bunkers, and eight sampans.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire four miles SW of An Loc in Binh Long Province, killing two men aboard, wounding two more, and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 16 miles west of Phan Rang in Ninh Thuan Province, wounding two men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire four miles north of Phuoc Binh in Phuoc Long Province, wounding two men aboard and destroying the aircraft.
- B-52s flew 13 missions: 18 miles SW of An Loc; 9 and 10 miles NNE of Xuan Loc; 18 miles NNW of Bong Son; 24, 26, and 27 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh; 20 and 21 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh; 16 and 17 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh; 22 and 24 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh.

8 September (Monday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, eight significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, of which four were against U.S. units or installations. Twenty-six other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

II FFV:

071829 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Lai Khe (30 miles north of Saigon) received about five 107mm rockets. U.S. casualties were light, no material damage.

071930 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) at Phuoc Vinh (35 miles north of Saigon) received less than five 107mm rockets. No casualties or damage.

072004 — PHUOC LONG PROVINCE — An element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), collocated at the CIDG Camp at Su Dop, 17 miles NW of Song Be (85 miles north of Saigon), received less than ten 107mm and 122mm rockets. Light U.S. casualties, no fatalities. Light CIDG casualties.

072330 — PHUOC LONG PROVINCE — The same element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received about 100 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. U.S. and CIDG casualties were light.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0000 today, 35 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, of which 14 were against U.S. units or installations. Seven of the 35 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were four killed and 29 wounded.

I FFV (BINH Dinh PROVINCE) — At 1320 an I FFV reconnaissance element 11 miles NW of Bong Son (305 miles NNE of Saigon) was attacked by an estimated six to eight enemy soldiers using small arms, hand grenades, and a satchel charge. The element fired back with unit weapons, and was supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. A short while later, the enemy withdrew, leaving behind two bodies. U.S. casualties were four wounded.

- OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) — At 1050 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, received rocket-propelled grenade fire and fire from a command-detonated mine from an unknown number of enemy while operating in an area four miles west of Tam Ky (37 miles SSE of Da Nang). The troopers fired back with unit weapons, and were supported by artillery fire. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were two killed and five wounded in the brief engagement.

- OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) — An element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, 14 miles NNW of Tam Ky (25 miles SSE of Da Nang), received at 1400 hours small arms fire from an estimated enemy squad. The troopers returned
fire with small arms and were supported by artillery. The enemy withdrew at an unreported time with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 1235 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, in a base camp five miles SW of Trang Bang (31 miles NW of Saigon), received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an estimated six enemy soldiers. The troopers fired back with unit weapons, and the enemy withdrew almost immediately. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were four wounded, no fatalities.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 2015 an element of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), in night defense at a landing zone five miles NW of An Loc (65 miles NNW of Saigon) and five miles from the Cambodian border, received about 10 rounds of enemy 82mm mortar fire, resulting in no casualties or damage. At 2135, the same unit received an unknown number and caliber mortar rounds followed by a ground probe from an unknown size enemy force using small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades. The troopers fired back with unit weapons and were supported by artillery. About 15 minutes later, the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. No U.S. casualties.

III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 0030 an element of the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, in night defense four miles north of An Hoa (19 miles SSW of Da Nang) received about 100 rounds of 60mm mortar fire, an unknown number of 82mm mortar rounds and a ground attack from an unknown size enemy force. The enemy used small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades. The Marines fired back with automatic weapons, and were supported by mortar fire, artillery and a USAF AC-47 gunship. At 0115 the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were one killed and 10 wounded.

OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 1140 infantrymen from an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, discovered five enemy graves 14 miles west of Tam Ky (35 miles south of Da Nang), each containing the body of an enemy soldier. All had been killed by artillery fire about three days ago.

HQ MACV -- At 1750 Lieutenant Colonel Eugene F. Smallwood, Infantry, U.S. Army, and Major Anthony J. Brouillon, Infantry, U.S. Army, were shot and killed by an Army of the Republic of Vietnam guard while walking out of the compound of the 4th Battalion, 50th Regiment, 25th Infantry Division (ARVN), four miles SE of Tan An in Long An Province. The commanding officer of the 4th Battalion, while approaching the scene of the shooting, was also shot at by the same guard, but not hit. The guard then shot and killed himself. The assailant was reported to have been mentally depressed. There is no evidence that associates the guard with the enemy, according to initial reports. A combined U.S. and Army of the Republic of Vietnam investigation is being conducted. Colonel Smallwood, 42, Fairfax, Virginia, was the Senior Advisor, 50th Regiment, and Major Brouillon, 32, Jackson Heights, New York, was the Senior Advisor, 4th Battalion, 50th Regiment.

OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 1320 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, discovered 19 enemy graves 14 miles west of Tam Ky (35 miles south of Da Nang), each containing the body of one enemy soldier. They all had been killed by artillery and small arms three days earlier. The 19 graves
were located 200 meters east of five other graves found earlier in the day by the
same unit.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 2150 two enemy frogmen were sighted near the
USS NOXUBEE, a gasoline tanker anchored NE of Dong Ha two miles offshore (90 miles
NW of Da Nang) and five miles south of the Demilitarized Zone. The enemy were en-
gaged with small arms fire, and a U.S. Navy crewman reported wounding one enemy.
At 0200 this morning, a water-mine exploded under the bow of the ship, blowing a
hole under the waterline. The flooding was controlled, and the ship proceeded to
port for repairs. No U.S. casualties.

- HQ MACV -- The 131st Engineer Company, a Vermont National Guard Unit, completed
a one-year tour in the Republic of Vietnam and departed Cam Ranh Air Base today
for Logan International Airport, Boston. The 186-man company will be deactivated
at Fort Devens, Mass., and reconstituted in the Army National Guard at its home
station in Burlington, Vermont.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew six sorties (all by the USAF), and killed two ene-
emy soldiers.

- There were no B-52 missions flown today.

9 September (Tuesday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, two significant enemy indirect fire attacks were re-
ported throughout the country, one of which was against a U.S. unit. Eight other
attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The fol-
lowing significant attack was against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

081940 -- QUANG NGAI PROVINCE -- An element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL
Division, in night defense nine miles NW of Quang Ngai City (70 miles SSE of Da
Nang), received less than five rounds of enemy 60mm mortar fire. Light casualties,
no fatalities or damage.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 11 enemy indirect fire
attacks were reported throughout the country, seven of which were against U.S.
units or installations. Two of the 11 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S.
casualties were three wounded, no fatalities.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1500 a patrol of the 1st Regiment, 1st Marine
Division, 10 miles NE of An Hoa (9 miles SSW of Da Nang), received small arms,
automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an unknown size enemy
force. The Marines fired back with unit weapons, and were supported by artillery.
At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew, leaving 14 of his dead in the battle
area. Six enemy suspects were detained, and one individual weapon was captured.
U.S. casualties were three wounded, no fatalities.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1845 a U.S. Marine light observation aircraft,
on a reconnaissance mission, received small arms and automatic weapons fire from
an estimated 30 to 35 enemy soldiers sighted in an area nine miles SW of Da Tang.
Tactical air strikes were directed onto the enemy location, and the bodies of ten enemy soldiers were observed in the strike area following the engagement. No U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1930 a patrol from the 1st Regiment, 1st Marine Division, was ambushed by an estimated 30 enemy soldiers 10 miles west of Hoi An (13 miles SSE of Da Nang). The enemy used small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades. The Marines fired back with unit weapons, and were supported by artillery and a USAF AC-47 gunship from the 14th Special Operations Wing. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew, leaving four of his dead. One Marine was killed and none were wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 2220 an element of the 1st Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, in night defense six miles south of Da Nang, received small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force. The Marines returned the fire, and the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 0015 an element of the 1st Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, in night defense six miles SSE of Da Nang, observed six enemy soldiers outside their perimeter. The Marines fired 81mm mortars at the enemy, resulting in two secondary explosions. Enemy losses are unknown. No U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 0025 an unknown number of enemy soldiers threw hand grenades at an element of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, while the Marines were moving to night defensive positions in an area three miles NW of An Hoa (19 miles SW of Da Nang). The Marines fired back with automatic weapons, and the enemy withdrew almost immediately. In a search of the area, the Marines detained three enemy suspects, and captured two individual weapons. U.S. casualties were one killed and four wounded.

- OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 1800 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAN Division, while moving to night defensive positions 10 miles SW of Tam Ky (48 miles south of Da Nang), received small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force. They returned the fire, and were supported by tactical aircraft. Enemy losses are unknown. There were no friendly casualties. In a search of the area, the troopers uncovered a small arms cache which appeared to be about one-year old. It contained eight individual weapons, two crew-served weapons, eighteen 82mm mortar rounds, five 57mm recoilless rifle rounds, and fifteen-hundred .30 caliber rounds.

- OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 1815 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAN Division, received rocket-propelled grenades from an unknown number of enemy four miles west of Tam Ky (37 miles SSE of Da Nang). The troopers returned fire with automatic weapons, and contact was lost almost immediately as the enemy withdrew. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were one killed and two wounded.

- I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE) -- At 1050 an observation helicopter from an air cavalry element of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division received small arms fire from an enemy position 25 miles SE of Pleiku (240 miles NNE of Saigon). The observers directed a helicopter gunship onto the enemy position. A ground element of the unit was
air-assaulted into the area. The troopers found the body of one enemy soldier, and detained 22 enemy soldiers. There were no U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE)** -- At 0130 a mechanized infantry element of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division, in night defense at a fire support base seven miles east of Lei Khe (27 miles north of Saigon), was attacked by an unknown size enemy force using small arms, automatic weapons, and five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. The troopers fired back with unit weapons, including the heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers, and were supported by U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunsips, and a USAF AC-47 gunship. During the action, an unknown number of enemy sappers penetrated the perimeter barbed wire and threw hand grenades into two bunkers. At 0150 the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. At 0330, a sniper killed one trooper. Fire was returned with unknown results. U.S. casualties were one killed and six wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE)** -- At 0915 an OH-6 light observation helicopter and an AH-1 helicopter gunship from the air cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), while reconnoitering six miles NE of Song Be (85 miles NNE of Saigon) and ten miles from the Cambodian border, were hit by ground fire from an unknown number of enemy soldiers. The OH-6 crashed and the AH-1 gunship engaged the enemy location with aerial machinegun fire until forced to land in the vicinity due to battle damage. A short while later, air cavalry troops from the unit were air-assaulted into the area to secure the aircraft and crews. There was no reported ground contact, and the crews were rescued uninjured. Both aircraft were damaged, but neither was destroyed. There were no U.S. casualties. Enemy losses are unknown.

- **SVN TAC AIR**: U.S. pilots flew 18 sorties (USAF 10, and USN 8), triggering one secondary explosion and igniting five fires. They also destroyed or damaged seven fortifications and seven bunkers.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire one mile SE of Bong Son in Binh Dinh Province, killing two men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- No B-52 missions were flown today.

10 September (Wednesday)

- **HQ MACV** -- During the night there was one significant indirect fire attack reported throughout the country. It was not against a U.S. unit or installation. There was one other attack, considered insignificant, that caused no casualties or damage.

- **HQ MACV** -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 this morning, four enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, none of which was against U.S. units or installations. Two of the four attacks caused casualties or damage. There were no U.S. casualties.

- **III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE)** -- At 1300 an element of the 3rd Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, three miles NNW of the Rockpile (110 miles NW of Da Nang), and three miles south of the Demilitarized Zone, observed three enemy soldiers in a bunker. The enemy opened fire with small arms and automatic weapons, and the
Marines returned the fire with small arms and automatic weapons, while getting support from Marine artillery and from helicopter gunships. The remaining enemy withdrew at an unreported time, leaving seven bodies behind, and one individual weapon. U.S. casualties were one wounded, no fatalities.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 2130 a reconnaissance team from the U.S. 3rd Marine Division ambushed an enemy rice-gathering detail three miles SW of Quang Tri (85 miles NW of Da Nang), killing all five enemy soldiers and capturing four individual weapons. No U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 0435 a reconnaissance element of the U.S. 1st Marine Division sighted an estimated 75 to 100 enemy soldiers moving east in an area nine miles west of An Hoa (25 miles SW of Da Nang). The enemy were carrying a number of metal objects, possibly rockets. U.S. Marine artillery was directed onto the enemy location, resulting in nine secondary explosions. Enemy losses are unknown.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 0115 an unknown size enemy force attacked a storage facility of the U.S. 1st Marine Division located four miles west of Da Nang. The enemy used small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades along with matchket charges. The Marine security elements returned fire with automatic weapons. During the fighting, eight enemy soldiers penetrated the perimeter barbed wire but were repulsed. The enemy withdrew at an unreported time, with unknown losses. One enemy soldier was detained. One Marine was wounded, and material damage was light.

- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) -- At 1410 a helicopter from an air cavalry element of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division received small arms fire from about ten enemy soldiers 25 miles SW of An Khe (245 miles NE of Saigon). The crewmen directed helicopter gunships onto the enemy position, and air cavalry troops from the unit were air-assaulted into the area to engage the enemy. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew, leaving three of his dead. Eight enemy soldiers were detained. There were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1400 an OH-6 light observation helicopter and an AH-1 helicopter gunship from the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received small arms and automatic weapons fire from ten enemy soldiers three miles NNW of Katum (73 miles NW of Saigon) and two miles from the Cambodian border. The gunship engaged the enemy with aerial machineguns, and also directed artillery fire onto the location. Following the engagement, the bodies of all ten enemy were observed in the strike area. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1045 an OH-6 light observation helicopter from the air cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown number of enemy soldiers eight miles SE of Phuoc Binh (75 miles NNE of Saigon). Helicopter gunships from the unit engaged the enemy with aerial machineguns, and at an unreported time contact was lost. The bodies of 12 enemy were counted following the engagement. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 0930 an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, operating four miles SW of An Loc (58 miles north of Saigon), found the bodies of 22 NVA soldiers in a bunker complex. The soldiers apparently
had been killed three days ago. They also detained one wounded NVA soldier, and destroyed 25 bunkers. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** -- At 1025 a helicopter gunship from the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), received heavy machinegun fire from an enemy position five miles SSE of Katum (65 miles NW of Saigon). The gunship engaged the enemy soldiers and was supported by U.S. Army artillery. Five enemy soldiers were sighted in the strike area after the mission. U.S. casualties were one crewmember wounded, and no fatalities.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (Binh Duong Province)** -- At 2040 a patrol from the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division engaged an estimated enemy squad three miles SW of Phu Cuong (14 miles NNW of Saigon). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the enemy employed rocket-propelled grenades. The infantrymen were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, and a USAF AC-47 gunship. At 2100 the enemy withdrew, leaving one of his dead. One enemy soldier was detained, and two AK-47 assault rifles and one K-54 pistol were captured. U.S. casualties were three killed and six wounded.

- **SWN TAC AIR** -- U.S. pilots flew 35 sorties (USAF 30, and USMC 5), killing two enemy soldiers and destroying four fortifications.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 10 miles west of Pleiku City in Pleiku Province, killing two men aboard and wounding three more. The aircraft was destroyed.

- There were no B-52 missions flown today.

11 September (Thursday)

- **HQ MACV** -- During the night, 14 significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, nine of which were against U.S. units or installations. Twenty-five other indirect fire attacks were reported, none of which resulted in any reported casualties or damage. The majority of all attacks were in III Corps Tactical Zone. The following were significant attacks against U.S. forces:

**II FFV:**

101850 -- **PHUOC LONG PROVINCE** -- An element of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in night defense six miles SSE of Song Be (72 miles NNE of Saigon) received about 100 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.

101945 -- **LONG KHANH PROVINCE** -- An element of the U.S. 199th Light Infantry Brigade in night defense eight miles NNE of Dinh Quan (58 miles NE of Saigon) received 20 to 25 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.

110140 -- **PHUOC LONG PROVINCE** -- An element of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) collocated with Republic of Vietnam Civilian Irregular Defense Group personnel at the Bu Dop CIDG camp 85 miles north of Saigon and three miles from the Cambodian border received about 10 rounds of 107mm rocket fire and 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. U.S. casualties were light with no fatalities. CIDG casualties were light.
110140 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Lai Khe (30 miles north of Saigon) received about five rounds of 122mm rocket fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

110143 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- A base camp of the 25th Infantry Division near Tay Ninh City (57 miles NW of Saigon) received about five rounds of 107mm rocket fire. No casualties or damage.

110312 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- Tay Ninh base camp, occupied by an element of the 25th Infantry Division, again received less than five 107mm rockets. No casualties or damage.

110213 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division at Dien Bien (41 miles NNW of Saigon) received about 55 rounds of 107mm rocket, 120mm mortar and 82mm mortar fire. No U.S. casualties. One Vietnamese civilian was wounded, and material damage was light.

110225 -- BINH LONG PROVINCE -- A fire support base occupied by an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and an element of the ARVN 5th Infantry Division two miles south of An Loc (58 miles north of Saigon) received about 15 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Light U.S. casualties with no fatalities, and light ARVN casualties. No material damage.

110500 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- A fire support base of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, seven miles NNW of Saigon received less than ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Casualties and damage light.

HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 41 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 26 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Twelve of the 41 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were 31 wounded, no fatalities.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 0950 a mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, and an element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 1st Airborne Brigade, engaged an unknown size enemy force two miles WSW of Phu Khuong (53 miles NNW of Saigon). Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged, and the enemy used 60mm and 82mm mortar fire. As fighting continued into the afternoon, helicopter gunships and artillery supported the combined ground forces. At 1505 the enemy withdrew, leaving 49 of his dead in the battle area. U.S. casualties were two killed and seven wounded. ARVN casualties were light with no fatalities.

I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) -- At 0910 an observation helicopter from an air cavalry element of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division sighted an unknown number of enemy soldiers 19 miles NW of An Khe (268 miles WNW of Saigon), and directed helicopter gunships and USAF tactical aircraft onto the location. An air cavalry element of the unit was air-assaulted into the area, and the enemy withdrew at an unreported time, leaving 25 of his dead, and one individual weapon. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1510 an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment engaged an unknown size enemy force two miles NW of Loc Minh (75 miles north of Saigon) and six miles from the Cambodian border. The enemy
used small arms and automatic weapons fire, and the troopers returned fire with unit weapons, including the heavy machineguns of their armored personnel carriers and tank guns. Supported by helicopter gunships and artillery, the troopers attacked the enemy, forcing them to withdraw at 1620. The bodies of 17 enemy soldiers were found in the battle area. U.S. casualties were seven wounded with no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1025 an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment received an unknown number of 60mm and 82mm mortar rounds along with small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown size enemy force three miles west of Loc Minh (75 miles north of Saigon) and five miles from the Cambodian border. The troopers attacked the enemy with unit weapons, including tank guns and the heavy machineguns of their armored personnel carriers. The enemy withdrew, but the troopers pursued and reestablished contact a few minutes later. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and fighting continued until the enemy withdrew again from contact at 1150. The bodies of nine enemy were found in the battle area. U.S. casualties were four wounded with no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 0205 an element of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, in night defense five miles SW of An Loc (59 miles north of Saigon), received an unknown number of 82mm mortar rounds. At 0400 they received an unknown number of rocket-propelled grenades from an unknown size enemy force. The troopers fired back with unit weapons, including tank guns and heavy machineguns, and were supported by U.S. Army artillery. About ten minutes later, the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were two killed and six wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 1445 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, nine miles NE of Trang Bang (28 miles NWW of Saigon), found 23 graves, each containing the body of one enemy soldier, all of whom had been killed within the past 24 hours.
- **OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE)** — At 0205 an unknown size enemy force attacked the night defensive positions of an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, at a landing zone 25 miles west of Tam Ky (33 miles south of Da Nang). The enemy employed heavy small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades. The infantrymen fired back with unit weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships, a USAF AC-119 gunship and tactical aircraft. At 0530 the enemy withdrew, leaving 31 of his dead, and four crew-served and 15 individual weapons. U.S. casualties were four killed and 12 wounded.

- **OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE)** — At 1615 an armored cavalry element of the AMERICAL Division sighted eight enemy soldiers 11 miles WNW of Tam Ky (32 miles south of Da Nang), and directed helicopter gunships onto them, killing all eight. No U.S. casualties.

- **OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE)** — At 1010 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, 18 miles west of Tam Ky (31 miles south of Da Nang), found the bodies of seven enemy soldiers lying on the ground. They had been killed by artillery fire at an undetermined earlier time.

- **III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE)** — Four events occurred, all closely related in time and locale, and involving the same unit:

  1. At 1335 an element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, sighted 20 enemy soldiers, carrying weapons and heavy packs, moving on a trail eight miles SE of An Hoa (24 miles south of Da Nang). Artillery fire was directed onto the location, resulting in 13 secondary explosions. The bodies of seven enemy soldiers were sighted in the strike area after the engagement. No U.S. casualties.

  2. At 1335 an element of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, two miles NW of An Hoa, received small arms, rocket-propelled grenade, and mortar fire from an estimated 30 enemy soldiers. The Marines returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons, and — supported by U.S. Marine artillery — assaulted the enemy position. The enemy withdrew from the area, leaving behind seven bodies and one individual and one crew-served weapon. U.S. casualties were six wounded, no fatalities.

  3. At 1500 the same element of the 5th Regiment, operating in the same general area, again received small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire, this time from about 15 enemy soldiers. The Marines returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons. The enemy withdrew, leaving one body and one crew-served weapon. U.S. casualties were one killed and 11 wounded.

  4. At 1650 an element of the 1st Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, nine miles NNE of An Hoa (12 miles SSE of Da Nang), sighted 12 enemy soldiers and engaged them with small arms, supported by Marine artillery. The enemy withdrew, leaving five dead behind. No U.S. casualties.

- **III MAF (DMZ)** — At 1200 a U.S. forward observer located south of the southern edge of the Demilitarized Zone sighted an unknown number of enemy soldiers in a fortified position seven miles north of the Rockpile and about 600 meters north of the southern boundary of the DMZ. He directed U.S. Marine artillery onto the enemy position, and reported one enemy body in the impact area, and two bunkers destroyed and one damaged.
- OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 1010 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, operating 26 miles west of Tam Ky (28 miles south of Da Nang), received less than five rounds of an unknown type of mortar fire. Light U.S. casualties, no fatalities.

- OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 1445 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, operating in an area 26 miles west of Tam Ky (28 miles south of Da Nang), received less than ten rounds of 60mm mortar fire. U.S. casualties were light.

- I FFV (Binh Thuan Province) -- At 1200 an armored cavalry element of I FFV's Task Force South 39 miles NE of Phan Thiet (135 miles east of Saigon) found 16 graves, each containing the body of one enemy soldier. They had been killed by small arms fire about one month ago.

- HQ MACV -- It was announced by USARV (LONG Binh) that the 482nd Medical Detachment, a U.S. Army Reserve unit from Illinois, will complete its tour of duty and depart the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 390 sorties (USAF 204, USMC 144, and USN 42), killing five enemy soldiers, triggering 31 secondary explosions and igniting 38 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 420 fortifications, 231 bunkers, and 15 sampans.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire seven miles SW of Minh Thanh (47 miles NNW of Saigon) in Tay Ninh Province, killing one man aboard and wounding another. The aircraft was destroyed.

- B-52s flew 4 missions: 6 miles NW of An Hoa; 16 miles NE of An Khe; 5 miles NW and 4 miles west of An Hoa.

12 September (Friday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, 12 significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations. Twenty-eight other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

112245 -- QUANG NGAI PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, near Duc pho (100 miles SSE of Da Nang), received about 20 rounds of 120mm mortar fire. No casualties or damage.

120200 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- The U.S. Marine Force Logistics Command compound north of Da Nang received about five rounds of an unknown type of mortar fire. Light damage, no casualties.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 46 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 20 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Thirteen of the 46 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one killed and seven wounded.
III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 0715 the combined U.S. and Army of the Republic of Vietnam artillery base camp at Gio Linh (97 miles NW of Da Nang) received less than 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light U.S. casualties, with no fatalities. There were no ARVN casualties.

III MAF (DMZ) -- At 2100 an element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 2nd Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, in defensive positions four miles east of Gio Linh, received mortar fire from an enemy position two miles to the NNW and 200 meters inside the southern edge of the Demilitarized Zone. Naval gunfire from the cruiser USS ST. PAUL was directed onto the enemy location, silencing the mortar fire. A total of 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire impacted at the ARVN unit position, resulting in no casualties or damage.

III MAF (DMZ) -- At 0655 an armored element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division (Mechanized) in defensive positions four miles west of Gio Linh and one mile south of the Demilitarized Zone received rocket fire from an enemy position two miles to the NE and 300 meters inside the southern edge of the DMZ. Gunfire from the cruiser USS ST. PAUL was directed onto the enemy position, silencing the enemy fire. Less than five 140mm rocket rounds impacted at the location, resulting in no casualties or damage. Enemy losses are unknown.

I FFV (BINH THUAN PROVINCE) -- At 1155 a U.S. Army I FFV Ranger unit 17 miles north of Phan Thiet (100 miles ENE of Saigon) engaged and estimated six to eight enemy soldiers in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire. Contact continued into the afternoon with helicopter gunships supporting the Rangers, and at an unreported time an element of the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), under Task Force South, was air-assaulted into the area to reinforce the troops in contact. At 1440 the enemy withdrew, leaving five of his dead. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 1000 helicopter gunships of the 12th Combat Aviation Group engaged eight enemy soldiers two miles NE of Trang Bang (28 miles NW of Saigon). Troopers of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, moving through the area after the mission, found the bodies of all eight soldiers, as well as three destroyed AK-47 assault rifles. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1650 a mechanized element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division and Republic of Vietnam Regional Force troops, while operating in an area nine miles NE of Go Dau Ha (34 miles NW of Saigon), found a small weapons cache containing 53 SKS rifles, 14 AK-47 rifles, three light machineguns, and one complete 82mm mortar.

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 309 sorties (USAF 203, USMC 104 and USN 2), killing eight enemy soldiers, triggering 17 secondary explosions, and igniting 38 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 219 fortifications, 228 bunkers and four sampans.

One B-52 mission was flown today: 15 miles NW of Phu Cat.

13 September (Saturday)

HQ MACV -- During the night, 13 significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, five of which were against U.S. units or installations. Twenty other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:
III MAF:

121812 -- QUANG TRI PROVINCE -- An element of the 3rd Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, operating in an area six miles north of the Rockpile (107 miles NW of Da Nang) and about one-half miles south of the Demilitarized Zone, received about 60 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.

122150 -- QUANG TRI PROVINCE -- The U.S. Marine Quang Tri Combat Base (85 miles NW of Da Nang) received about ten unknown sizes rockets. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

130235 -- QUANG NGAI PROVINCE -- An element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, in night defense 13 miles west of Duc Pho (95 miles SSE of Da Nang), received about 25 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Very light casualties, no damage or fatalities.

II FFV:

122100 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- A fire support base of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, 12 miles north of Tay Ninh (60 miles NW of Saigon), received less than 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no damage or fatalities.

123007 -- NINH THUAN PROVINCE -- The Phan Rang Air Base, 100 miles ENE of Saigon, received about 15 rounds of mortar fire. No casualties, light damage.

HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 42 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 12 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Thirteen of the 42 attacks resulted in casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were eight wounded, no fatalities.

III MAF (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) -- At 0300 a Combined Action Platoon, consisting of U.S. Marines and Popular Forces Personnel, while in night defense 13 miles NW of Quang Ngai (62 miles SSE of Da Nang), was attacked by an estimated two enemy companies, employing small arms, rocket-propelled grenades, mortar fire, hand grenades, and satchel charges. The Combined Action Platoon returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons, and were supported by U.S. Marine tactical aircraft and a USAF AC-47 gunship. The enemy also attacked nearby An Thong Village with more than 200 rounds of mixed 82mm and 60mm mortar fire, as well as three surrounding hamlets, destroying about 260 houses. An element of the 198th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, and elements of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 6th Regiment, 2nd Division, reinforced the Combined Action Platoon at 1200, following the fighting in the village, and a Regional Force Company also reinforced the platoon at 0830 by moving into the village. An unknown number of enemy penetrated the perimeter wire of the platoon, but were repulsed in heavy fighting. The village was cleared of the enemy at 1135, and the enemy withdrew to the west at about 1500. A search of the area, conducted by the platoon and all the reinforcing elements, revealed the bodies of 116 enemy soldiers, all killed by the Combined Action Platoon, the Regional Force Company, and the supporting fires. ARVN casualties were light, and U.S. casualties were two killed and three wounded. In addition, eight civilians were killed in the action. One NVA was detained, and six individual and one crew-served weapons were captured.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 0900 an element of the 1st Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, seven miles SW of Da Nang, sighted eight enemy soldiers crossing a river. The Marines engaged them with automatic weapons fire, killing all eight. There were no Marine casualties in the brief action.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 1920 an element of the 3rd Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, while moving to night defensive positions four miles NW of the Rockpile (110 miles NW of Da Nang), received an unknown number of mortar rounds and an attack from an unknown size enemy force firing small arms and rocket-propelled grenades. The Marines fired back with small arms and automatic weapons, and the enemy withdrew at an unreported time, leaving behind one body. U.S. casualties were two killed and 17 wounded.

- I FFV (NHIN THUAN PROVINCE) -- At 1605 a reconnaissance element of I FFV's Task Force SOUTH 18 miles north of Phan Thiet (100 miles east of Saigon) engaged an estimated enemy platoon with small arms fire. They were reinforced by another element of Task Force SOUTH at an unreported time, and were supported by helicopter gunships. The enemy withdrew at 1720, leaving behind five bodies. U.S. losses were one killed and one wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 2330 a fire support base of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 16 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City (60 miles NW of Saigon), received 75 to 100 rounds of mixed 107mm rocket fire, 60mm and 82mm mortar fire and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force. U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships and a USAF AC-47 gunship engaged the suspected enemy position. A later search of the area revealed the bodies of 33 enemy soldiers killed in the action. One enemy soldier was detained, and seven individual and three crew-served weapons were captured. In addition, five 107mm rockets, 177 CHICOM grenades, four 57mm recoilless rifle rounds, 20 RPG rounds and one bangalore torpedo were captured. U.S. casualties were 14 wounded, no fatalities.

- TOAN THANH OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1520 a element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 15 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City (59 miles NE of Saigon), engaged an unknown size enemy force in a 25-minute exchange of small arms fire. Following the action, the troopers found 12 dead enemy. U.S. casualties were two killed and eight wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1030 a mechanised element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, and an element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 7th Airborne Battalion, operating in an area seven miles NE of Tay Ninh City (53 miles NW of Saigon), engaged an unknown size enemy force in an exchange of small arms fire. The troopers were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, and tactical aircraft. At 1350 the enemy withdrew, leaving 12 dead on the battlefield. In addition, two individual weapons and one crew-served weapon were captured. ARVN casualties were light. There were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (NHIN DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1420 helicopter gunships of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, received small arms fire from an unknown number of enemy six miles SW of Phu Cuong (12 miles NNW of Saigon). The gunships attacked the enemy positions and reported killing seven enemy soldiers and destroying two structures and three bunkers.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 369 sorties (USAF 240, USMC 108, and USN 21), killing 39 enemy soldiers, triggering 25 secondary explosions and igniting 35 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 161 fortifications, 256 bunkers and 7 enemy sampans.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire four miles south of Katum in Tay Ninh Province, wounding seven men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 12 miles NW of Quang Ngai City in Quang Ngai Province, wounding three men aboard, and destroying the aircraft.

- B-52s flew 8 missions: 13 and 14 miles SW of Xuan Loc; 11 miles west of Tuy Hoa; 21 miles NE of Phuoc Binh; 26 and 27 miles NE of Xuan Loc; 7 miles south of Phuoc Binh; and, 11 miles NE of Bear Cat.

14 September (Sunday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, 11 significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, three of which were against U.S. units or installations. Seven other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following attacks were against U.S. forces or installations and were in addition to the attack against the fire support base 16 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City at 2330:

III MAF:

132058 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- An element of the 1st Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division in night defense nine miles south of Da Nang received less than five rounds of an unknown type of indirect fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

132115 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- An element of the 1st Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, in night defense seven miles SE of Da Nang, received about five rounds of an unknown type of indirect fire. U.S. casualties were light, with no fatalities. No material damage.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 25 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, ten of which were against U.S. units or installations. Fourteen of the 25 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were 22 wounded with no fatalities.

- III MAF (DMZ) -- At 0900 a U.S. observation aircraft reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone received small arms fire and automatic weapons fire from an unknown number of enemy in fortified positions five miles WNW of Con Thien and 300 meters north of the Ben Hai River in the northern half of the DMZ. U.S. Army artillery fire was directed onto the enemy position, silencing the enemy fire and destroying one bunker. Enemy losses are unknown. The aircraft was not hit by the enemy fire, and there were no U.S. casualties.

- OPERATION FREDERIC HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 0315 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, and armored cavalry troops from the Division, while in night defensive positions 10 miles NW of Tam Ky (30 miles south of Da Nang),
received about 20 rounds of rocket-propelled grenade fire and automatic weapons fire from an unknown size enemy force. The troopers fire back with unit weapons, including the heavy machineguns of their armored personnel carriers and tank guns. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were 14 wounded, no fatalities. Light materiel damage was reported.

OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 1445 a landing zone 25 miles west of Tam Ky (28 miles south of Da Nang) occupied by an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no damage.

III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) -- At 2240 the enemy fired three 122mm rockets into the city of Hue (50 miles NW of Da Nang). Initial reports are that two Vietnamese civilians were wounded in the indiscriminate attack. The extent of damage is unknown. Hue is the third largest city in the Republic of Vietnam with a population of about 150,000.

I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) -- At 0650 paratroopers of the 173rd Airborne Brigade discovered an enemy rice cache seven miles SSE of Bong Son (290 miles NE of Saigon). It weighed about two tons, and was in 150 bags. The rice was evacuated for distribution to Vietnamese refugees.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1225 an element of the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged an estimated two reinforced enemy companies four miles SE of Song Be (76 miles NNE of Saigon). The enemy employed heavy small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades, supported by an unknown caliber mortar fire. The troopers fired back with unit weapons, and were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, and USAF tactical aircraft. At 1310 the enemy withdrew, leaving 13 of his dead. U.S. casualties were three killed and five wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) -- At 2115 crewmen of U.S. Navy river patrol boats (PERs) sighted an unknown number of enemy soldiers crossing a river in a sampan at a point six miles NE of Tan An (18 miles SW of Saigon). The boats engaged the enemy, supported by U.S. Navy helicopter gunships, and reported killing six NVA soldiers. No U.S. casualties.

II FFV (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1540 soldiers from the U.S. 1st Infantry Division were emplacing an explosive charge near a fire support base 11 miles NW of Lai Rhe (33 miles NNW of Saigon) when the charge detonated from an unknown cause, killing eight U.S. personnel and wounding 10 others. The incident is being investigated.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 0700 an element of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, in night defense four miles NW of Loc Minh (76 miles north of Saigon), received about 15 to 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.

HQ MACV — It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 259th Quartermaster Battalion, an Army Reserve unit from Utah, will complete its tour of duty and depart the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 403 sorties ((USAF 271, USMC 111, and USN 21), killing 52 enemy soldiers, triggering 31 secondary explosions, and igniting 48 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 211 fortifications, 195 bunkers, and 19 sampans.

- B-52s flew 9 missions: 30 miles SW of Chu Lai; 29 and 30 miles WSW of Chu Lai; 7 and 8 miles SSE of Phuoc Binh; 11 miles east of Phuoc Binh; 9 and 10 miles NE of Loc Ninh; and 27 miles SW of Chu Lai.

15 September (Monday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, 10 significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country. A rocket attack against the city of Hue is included in the total. One of these attacks was against a U.S. unit. Twelve other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following significant attack was against a U.S. unit:

  I FFV:

  142140 -- NINH THUAN PROVINCE -- A U.S. Army combat support unit located five miles SW of Phan Rang (155 miles ENE of Saigon) received less than 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no damage or fatalities.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 29 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, seven of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eleven of the 29 attacks resulted in casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one killed and three wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1015 an element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division nine miles SW of Hoi An (28 miles south of Da Nang), observed about 20 enemy soldiers moving northeast. The Marines engaged the enemy with small arms and automatic weapons until the enemy withdrew at an unreported time, leaving 15 dead and one individual weapon. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 0820 an element of the 3rd Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, engaged an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force five miles NW of the Rockpile (110 miles NW of Da Nang) and two miles south of the Demilitarized Zone. The enemy employed heavy small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades, supported by mortar fire. The Marines returned fire with unit weapons, and -- as fighting continued into the afternoon -- were supported by artillery, and tactical aircraft. At 1530, the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were four killed and 36 wounded, of whom 29 were evacuated.

- III MAF (DMZ) -- At 1030 an aerial observer reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone received small arms fire from an enemy position 11 miles NNE of the Rockpile and about 100 meters north of the Ben Hai River in the northern half of the DMZ. There was no damage to the aircraft. The observer directed U.S. Marine and Army artillery fire onto the enemy position, silencing the enemy fire. No U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) -- At 1500 a fire support base of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) nine miles NW of A Shau (65 miles WNW of Da Nang) and five miles from the Laotian border, received about 15 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.
- **OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE)** -- In two indirect fire attacks on the defensive positions of an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, at 1130 and 1255, about ten rounds of mixed 81mm and 82mm mortar fire were received. About seven of the rounds were reported to have contained CS gas. There were no U.S. casualties in the attacks.

- **III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE)** -- At 1230 an element of the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 24 miles SSW of Da Nang, received about five rounds of 60mm mortar fire, resulting in light casualties and no fatalities.

- **OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE)** -- A landing zone occupied by elements of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, 25 miles west of Tam Ky (34 miles south of Da Nang), received four separate indirect fire attacks, within 24 hours.
  1. At 0955 less than ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire were received. Light casualties, no fatalities.
  2. At 1450 less than five rounds of an unknown type mortar fire were received causing light casualties, but no fatalities.
  3. At 1725 less than ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire were received. No casualties.
  4. At 0825 (16 September) less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire were received, causing no casualties

- **I FFV (BINH THUAN PROVINCE)** -- At 1345 an I FFV Ranger element 21 miles NNE of Phan Thiet (100 miles ENE of Saigon) observed an enemy force of company size preparing a night bivouac position a few meters from the Ranger location. The enemy wore light gray uniforms with pith helmets and were armed with AK-47 rifles and rocket-propelled grenade launchers. A reaction force, consisting of troopers from an element of the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) under Task Force SOUTH, was air-assaulted into the area. The enemy moved north on sighting the reaction force and were engaged by helicopter gunships firing aerial machineguns and rockets. The enemy then withdrew in the direction of the Rangers who engaged them with automatic weapons fire. At 1540 air cavalrymen from an armored cavalry squadron of the task force were air-assaulted into the area to reinforce the action. Fighting continued until the enemy withdrew at 1730, leaving behind 58 of his dead. There were no U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE)** -- At 1530 helicopter gunships of the 12th Combat Aviation Group sighted and attacked an estimated enemy squad seven miles north of Cu Chi (25 miles NNW of Saigon), and directed artillery and tactical aircraft onto the enemy position. The enemy fired back with small arms until they withdrew at an unreported time. Helicopter crewmen reported 36 dead enemy, six secondary explosions, and eight structures destroyed. No U.S. casualties.

- **OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE)** -- At 1835 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, at a landing zone 15 miles west of Tam Ky (32 miles south of Da Nang), received about 30 rounds of recoilless rifle and mortar fire. The troopers fired back with unit weapons, and were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. A later search revealed 17 dead enemy. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1730 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, 11 miles west of Lai Khe (32 miles NNW of Saigon) engaged an estimated enemy squad in an exchange of small arms fire, and was supported by helicopter gunships. At 1800 the enemy withdrew, leaving 15 of his dead. U.S. casualties were one killed and three wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) -- At 2000 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, ambushed an unknown size enemy force six miles west of Rach Kien (18 miles SW of Saigon). The enemy returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons. The infantrymen were supported by artillery fire until 2020 when the enemy withdrew. The bodies of ten enemy soldiers were found in the battle area, and one light machinegun and two AK-47 rifles were captured. U.S. casualties were two wounded. One former enemy soldier, serving as a scout, was also wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KHANH PROVINCE) -- At 1120 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, 17 miles east of Xuan Loc (58 miles east of Saigon), engaged an estimated eight enemy soldiers in an exchange of small arms fire. The troopers were supported by helicopter gunships until 1240 when the enemy withdrew, leaving seven of his dead. U.S. casualties were three wounded, no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1115 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), seven miles SSE of Phuoc Binh (70 miles north of Saigon), engaged an unknown size enemy force in fortified positions. Small arms fire was exchanged and helicopter gunships supported the troops in contact until 1200 when the enemy withdrew, leaving seven bodies behind. U.S. casualties were three wounded, no fatalities.

- HQ MACV -- The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 259th Quartermaster Battalion, an Army Reserve unit, completed its tour of duty and departed the Republic of Vietnam today. The 91-man company departed the Cam Ranh Bay Air Base for McChord AFB, Wash. The unit will be inactivated at Fort Lewis, Wash., and reconstituted in the Army Reserve at its home station in Pleasant Grove, Utah.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 378 sorties (USAF 242, USMC 115, and USN 21), killing 14 enemy soldiers, triggering 24 secondary explosions and igniting 67 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 177 bunkers, 156 fortifications, and seven sampans.

- B-52s flew 6 missions: 9 miles NE of Loc Ninh; 9 miles north of Loc Ninh; 9 miles NNW of Loc Ninh; 10 miles NNE of Loc Ninh; and 9 and 11 miles NW of Loc Ninh.

16 September (Tuesday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, six significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, three of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eleven other attacks were considered insignificant, resulting in no damage or casualties. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

152330 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- An element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, in night defense 26 miles south of Da Nang, received about 10 rounds
of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

160025 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- Another element of the 7th Marine Regiment, in night defense 28 miles south of Da Nang, received about 60 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

III FFV:

151925 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- A fire support base of the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), four miles NE of Phu Khuong (55 miles NW of Saigon) received about 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties.

HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 29 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 14 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Ten of the 29 attacks resulted in casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one killed and 53 wounded. Twenty-two of the 29 attacks were in I Corps Tactical Zone.

OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 1330 helicopter gunships of the 16th Combat Aviation Group observed an estimated 20 enemy soldiers 11 miles NW of Tam Ky (26 miles SSE of Da Nang), and engaged them with aerial machinegun and rocket fire. Tactical aircraft were also directed onto the location. Following the engagement, the bodies of 12 enemy were sighted in the strike area. No U.S. casualties.

III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 1500 a reconnaissance element of the U.S. 3rd Marine Division received small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenade fire, along with about 40 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from an estimated 30 North Vietnamese Army soldiers two miles SW of the Rockpile (108 miles NW of Da Nang) and six miles south of the Demilitarized Zone. The Marines fired back with unit weapons and were supported by tactical aircraft. Contact was lost about 20 minutes later and the unit was extracted from the area. Two Marines were wounded in the engagement and one Marine was killed when struck by a helicopter rotor blade during the extraction. Ten NVA soldiers were killed in the brief action.

OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) -- At 0910 an element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force seven miles WNW of Duc Pho (95 miles SSE of Da Nang) in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were three killed and five wounded.

III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 1200 an element of the 4th Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, discovered an enemy munitions cache in a bunker complex seven miles north of Khe Sanh (110 miles NW of Da Nang) and nine miles south of the Demilitarized Zone. The cache contained 142 rounds of 82mm mortar ammunition, 10 rounds of 61mm mortar ammunition, 200 pounds of TNT and miscellaneous mortar fuses and charges.

OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- Two actions occurred, both involving the same unit and both occurring in the same general area:

1. At 0715 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons with
the troopers getting support from artillery and tactical aircraft. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were one killed and six wounded.

2. At 1800, in the same general area, the same unit again engaged an unknown size enemy force. The enemy employed small arms, automatic weapons, and 60mm mortar fire from well-fortified positions. The troopers fired back with unit weapons and fighting continued until the enemy withdrew at 1915. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were nine wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE)** -- At 1315 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, and an element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 49th Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force eight miles NE of Trang Bang (23 miles NW of Saigon). Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the combined ground forces were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, and USAF Tactical aircraft. At 1600 the enemy withdrew, leaving 36 of his dead and 15 AK-47 rifles. There were no U.S. casualties. ARVN casualties were light with no fatalities.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE)** -- At 0830 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, and an element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 50th Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, engaged an estimated reinforced enemy squad six miles SE of Tan An (23 miles SW of Saigon). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the combined ground forces were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships. Fighting continued until 1015 when the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 14 enemy soldiers were found in the battle area, and five individual weapons, one 60mm mortar and one rocket-propelled grenade launcher were captured. No U.S. or ARVN casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** -- At 0015 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), in night defense at a landing zone eight miles north of Phu Khuong (60 miles NW of Saigon), observed three enemy soldiers moving near the perimeter wire. The troopers engaged the enemy with unit weapons and in a search of the area at first light found seven dead enemy soldiers. In addition, one bangalore torpedo, and 11 rounds of 57mm recoilless rifle ammunition were captured. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE)** -- At 2145 a patrol from the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 82nd Airborne Division, ambushed an estimated North Vietnamese Army platoon eight miles SW of Ben Cat (22 miles NNW of Saigon). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was returned by the enemy and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships. In about five minutes the enemy withdrew, leaving one dead and one individual weapon. U.S. casualties were six wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE)** -- At 1630 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), discovered the bodies of nine North Vietnamese Army soldiers six miles south of Phuoc Binh (72 miles NNE of Saigon). They had been killed yesterday by tactical aircraft.

- **DMAC (BAC LIEU PROVINCE)** -- At 0835 Republic of Vietnam Regional Force troops, acting on intelligence of enemy forces in the area, were air-assaulted into a location 18 miles NW of Bac Lieu City (120 miles SW of Saigon). As the troopers