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This release has been prepared to present a review of the significant events occurring in this command during January 1967.

It has been divided into four sections:

- - Alphabetical list of abbreviations
- - A review of January events
- - A detailed chronology of January events
- - A statistical summary of January ground operations

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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

A-1	- Skyraider (USN/USAF/RVNAF)	CHOP	- change of operational control
A-3D	- Skywarrior (USN)		
A-4	- Skyhawk (USN/USMC/USAF)	CIDG	- Civilian Irregular Defense Group
A-6	- Intruder (USN/USMC)		
AA	- antiaircraft	civ	- civilian
AAA	- antiaircraft artillery	CL	- cruiser, light
abn	- airborne	CMD	- Capital Military District
AC-47	- Dragonship ("Puff the Magic Dragon")	CO	- commanding officer
		co	- company
acft	- aircraft	cont	- continued; continue
AF	- Air Force	CP	- command post
AGC	- amphibious force flagship	CRG	- combat reporting center (radar)
AKA	- attack cargo ship		
ammo	- ammunition	CSW	- crew-served weapon
APA	- attack transport	CTZ	- Corps Tactical Zone (government of RVN area designation)
APD	- high speed transport		
ARA	- aerial rocket artillery	C-7a	- Caribou (formerly CV-2) (USAF/RAAF)
ARG	- amphibious ready group		
armd	- armored	C-47	- Skytrain (USAF/USN/RVNAF)
arty	- artillery	C-123	- Provider (USAF)
ARVN	- Army Republic of Viet Nam	C-130	- Hercules (USAF/USMC)
aslt	- assault	C-141	- Starlifter (USAF)
		CV-2	- Caribou (now C-7a)
B-52	- Stratofortress (USAF)	CVA	- attack aircraft carrier
B-57	- Canberra (USAF/RAAF)	dam	- damage(d)
BDA	- bomb damage assessment	DASC	- direct air support center
bde	- brigade	DD	- destroyer
BEQ	- enlisted billet	DE	- destroyer escort
BLT	- battalion landing team	dest	- destroy(ed)
bn	- battalion	div	- division
BOQ	- officer billet	DMZ	- demilitarized Zone
		DOD	- Department of Defense
CA	- cruiser, heavy		
CAC	- combined action company	EK	- enemy killed
cal	- caliber	elm	- element
cam	- camouflage(d)	en	- enemy
Cap	- Capital	EOD	- explosive ordnance disposal
CAP	- combat air patrol	equip	- equipment
cas	- casualties	est	- estimated
cav	- cavalry	evac	- evacuate(d)(ion)
CG	- commanding general		
CH-30	- USAF helicopter	F-4	- Phantom II (USN/USMC/USAF)
CH-37	- Mojave helicopter (USMC)	F-5	- Freedom Fighter (USAF)
CH-46	- Sea Knight helicopter (USMC)	F-8	- Crusader (USN/USMC)
CH-47	- Chinook helicopter (USA/USMC)	F-100	- Supersabre (USAF)
CH-54	- Flying Crane helicopter (USA)	F-102	- Delta Dagger (USAF)
		F-104	- Starfighter (USAF)
CHICOM	- Chinese Communist	F-105	- Thunderchief (USAF)
		FAC	- forward air controller

frag	- fragment/fragmentation	mod	- moderate
frd	- friendly	mort	- mortar
FW	- Free World	MP	- military police
fwd	- forward	MSB	- minesweeper boat
FWMF	- Free World Military Assistance Forces	msn(s)	- mission(s)
fxd	- fixed	MSTS	- Military Sea Transport Service
fxd-wg	- fixed-wing		
		neg	- negative
gren	- grenade	NGF	- naval gunfire
GVN	- Government Vietnam	NVA	- North Vietnamese Army
		NVAK	- North Vietnamese Army killed
HE	- high explosive	NVN	- North Vietnam
hel	- helicopter	OH-13	- Sioux helicopter (USA)
HH-43	- Huskie (USAF) helicopter	OH-23	- Raven helicopter (USA)
how	- howitzer	Ontos	- tracked multiple recoilless rifle (USMC)
hq	- headquarters		
HU-16	- Albatross (USAF/USN)	opn	- operation(s)
hvy	- heavy	OV-1	- Mohawk (USA)
		P-2	- Neptune (USN)
IFS	- inshore fire support ship	P-3	- Orion (USN)
immed	- immediate	PACV	- patrol air cushion vehicle
indiv	- individual	PBR	- river patrol boat
inf	- infantry	PCF	- patrol craft fast (Swift boat)
IW	- individual weapon		
KC-135	- Stratotanker (USAF)	pd	- period
KIA	- killed in action	pers	- personnel
lchr	- launcher	PF	- Popular Force
LCM	- landing craft medium	PHILCAGV	- 1st Philippine Civic Action Group, Vietnam
LCU	- landing craft utility		
LCVP	- landing craft vehicle personnel	plat	- platoon
LFT	- helicopter light fire team	POL	- petroleum, oil & lubricant
LLDB	- GVN special forces		
LPD	- amphibious transport dock	prep	- preparation; preparatory; prepare; prepared
LPH	- amphibious assault ship	Prov	- Province
LSD	- landing ship dock	PT	- patrol torpedo
LSMR	- landing ship medium rocket	ptl	- patrol
LST	- landing ship tank	PW	- prisoner of war
lt	- light		
LZ	- landing zone		
MACV	- Military Assistance Command Vietnam	RA-5	- Vigilante (USN)
Mar	- Marine(s)	RAR	- Royal Australian Regiment
mbl	- mobile	RB-66	- Destroyer (USAF)
MCB	- mobile construction battalion	rds	- rounds
		RD	- Revolutionary Development
mech	- mechanized; mechanical	recd	- received
med	- medical	recon	- reconnaissance
medivac	- medical evacuation	regt	- regiment
mg	- machinegun	reinf	- reinforce(d)
MIA	- missing in action	req	- request; requested
mil	- military	RF	- Regional Force
		RF-4C	- Photo Phantom (USAF/USMC USN)

RF-101	-	Voodoo (USAF)	UDT	-	underwater demolition team
rkt	-	rocket	UH-1B	-	'HUEY' helicopter. Crew 4 plus 6 troops
RL	-	rocket launcher	UH-1D	-	'HUEY' helicopter, Crew 4 plus 9 troops
ROK	-	Republic of Korea	UK	-	United Kingdom
RR	-	recoilless rifle	unk	-	unknown
RSSZ	-	Rung Sat Special Zone	US	-	United States
RVN	-	Republic of Viet Nam	USA	-	U.S. Army
RVNAF	-	Republic of Viet Nam Armed Forces	USAID	-	U.S. Agency for International Development
SA	-	small arms	USAF	-	U.S. Air Force
SAM	-	surface to air missile	USARV	-	U.S. Army, Vietnam
SAR	-	search and rescue	USCG	-	U.S. Coast Guard
SC	-	search and clear	USMC	-	U.S. Marine Corps
scty	-	security	USN	-	U.S. Navy
SD	-	search and destroy	USNS	-	U.S. Naval Ship
SEAL	-	USN sea-air-land special mission team	VC	-	Viet Cong
secd	-	secondary	VCK	-	Viet Cong killed
SLF	-	special landing force	vic	-	vicinity
smg	-	submachinegun	VN	-	Vietnamese
SP	-	self-propelled	VNAF	-	Vietnamese Air Force
sqd	-	squad	VNMC	-	Vietnamese Marine Corps
tac	-	tactical; tactics; tactic	VNN	-	Vietnamese Navy
TACP	-	tactical air control party	wg	-	wing
TAOR	-	tactical area of responsibility	WIA	-	wounded in action
term	-	terminated	wo	-	without
TF	-	task force	WPB	-	USCG patrol craft
TG	-	task group			
U-10	-	Courier (USAF)			

REVIEW OF EVENTS
JANUARY 1967

GENERAL

During January, U.S. strength in-country increased from nearly 391,000 to about 404,000. Breakdown of U.S. strength by service at 26 January was: Army 253,000; Marine Corps 73,000; Air Force 53,000; Navy 24,000; and Coast Guard 400(+). Other Free World strength remained at about 53,000. The three Free World countries most heavily represented were: Republic of Korea, Australia and the Republic of the Philippines. Estimated enemy strength in-country increased from 280,000 to 284,000.

Known enemy personnel losses (based on partial returns) were over 4,900 killed, an increase over December's 4,059 killed. Total Chieu Hoi Returnees during January numbered over 2,300, down slightly from December but still maintaining the high peak entered in October - November. Enemy weapons losses during the first 21 days of the month were 1,525 individual weapons and 69 crew-served weapons, well above preceding month's figures of 1,306 individual weapons and 83 crew-served weapons.

The New Year's stand-down was in effect from 0700H on 31 December until 0700H on 2 January. During the stand-down period, USMACV recorded 111 incidents and reported 24 to the press as significant.

The 2d Brigade, 9th Infantry Division arrived in the Republic on 30 January.

Air activity over North Vietnam continued to be curtailed by bad weather. Strike pilots took advantage of short breaks in the bad weather to strike at targets near Thai Nguyen and major lines of communication between Phu Ly and Thanh Hoa.

In the Republic, USAF and USMC pilots continued to support ground operations. Operation Cedar Falls and Prairie received the majority of the support.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

Enemy units initiated a number of significant small-unit attacks against U.S. units during the month.

The first of these attacks occurred in Pleiku Province early on 7 January when an enemy force attacked Camp Holloway Airfield employing a ground assault supported by mortars. Enemy secondary attacks were launched against Pleiku Air Base and Lac Trung Sub Sector at the same time. The enemy mortars delivered 207 rounds of 81mm mortar fire from 10 mortar positions within a 20 minute period. Elements of the ground assault penetrated to the center of Camp Holloway where they employed satchel charges and grenades. Artillery, armed helicopters and flareships supported the defense. Friendly casualties were light; equipment and aircraft damage were light. One enemy mortar was destroyed. Enemy casualties are unknown.

The next day enemy attacked the camp again, employing small arms fire, mortar fire and rifle grenades, causing light friendly casualties but no equipment or structural damage.

Early on 9 January, VC detonated mines against the large RMK-BRJ floating dredge near Dong Tam in Dinh Tuong Province, sinking the dredge in 20 feet of water, killing 3 U.S. and wounding 1 U.S. Also on 9 January an enemy force fired on the UK tanker ship HAUSTRUM with 57mm recoilless rifle fire causing one killed and one wounded in the crew and light damage to the ship.

On 11 January the enemy fired 27 rounds of 82mm mortar fire on the 3d Brigade 4th Infantry Division base camp at Tri Tam Airfield in Binh Duong Province causing light friendly casualties. On 12 January an enemy unit attacked Binh Tuy Airfield with 50 rounds of mortar and recoilless rifle fire causing light damage to the airfield, buildings and aircraft.

On 13 January an estimated 300 enemy attacked a USMC artillery position 10 kilometers W of Chu Lai with mortars and ground assault. The assault was repulsed. Marine casualties were light.

On 15 January, an estimated 100 enemy massed to attack a USMC company (reinforced) perimeter 10 kilometers S of Da Nang. A Marine security patrol engaged the enemy force before it was ready to attack, causing a prematurely launched assault on the perimeter. The enemy assault was repulsed with 60 enemy killed.

On 16 January a group of 20 enemy being pursued by a U.S. Infantry unit in Binh Duong Province used riot control gas in an attempt to break contact.

On 17 January an enemy unit delivered 100-150 rounds of mortar fire on a 4th Marines company in the Operation PRAIRIE area, causing light Marine casualties.

On 19 January an enemy unit fired 30-35 rounds of 82mm mortar at the USMC installation at Phu Bai in Thua Thien Province.

On 22 January an enemy unit mortared Vinh Long airfield in Vinh Long Province causing no casualties and light aircraft damage.

On 24 January an enemy unit attacked a 1st Bde 9th Infantry Division unit in Long Khanh Province employing SA, AW and mortar fire. Friendly casualties were light.

GROUND OPERATIONS

GENERAL

SONG THAN/DECKHOUSE V, a coordinated VMMC and USMC amphibious surface and helicopter assault in Kien Hoa Province of the GVN IV CTZ, was initiated 6 January. Participating elements were the U.S. 7th Fleet Amphibious Ready Group, U.S. Marines of the Special Landing Force (BLT 1/9 and HMM 362), the VN Marine Brigade Force Bravo, supporting ships or units from NAVFORV, and VNN River Assault Group units. Only scattered light contact was encountered in the operation. The operation terminated 15 January. Enemy losses were 21 killed, 71 detainees, 37 individual weapons, 4 crew-served weapons, 34 tons of rice, 134 grenades and 31 sampans. The operation was supported by 200 naval gunfire missions and 94 tactical air sorties. This was the first major operation conducted by U.S. forces in the Delta and was also the first coordinated amphibious operation involving U.S. and GVN forces. It showed conclusively that major forces can be employed in the marshes, mangrove swamps, inland waterways and canals which typify Delta terrain.

III MAF.

PRAIRIE continued during January terminating 31 January. PRAIRIE was initiated 3 August upon termination of HASTINGS, in the same area and with the same purpose. These operations countered the efforts of the enemy to infiltrate through the DMZ and concentrate in force in Quang Tri Province. HASTINGS had accounted for 882 enemy killed; and PRAIRIE, by the end of 1966, 1,318. Final results for PRAIRIE at termination were 1,397 enemy killed; 126 detained; 248 individual weapons; 15 crew-served weapons; and 13 tons of rice. The operation was supported by 5,183 tactical air sorties (a high for the war) and 223 naval gunfire support missions. Cumulative friendly casualties in the operation were moderate.

CHINOOK was initiated in Thua Thien Province 20 December by the 4th Marines and by the end of December had accounted for 159 enemy killed. The operation was continued through January and by the end of January had cumulative results of 218 enemy killed. The operation is continuing.

On 14 January a 1st Marines company conducted a helicopter-borne raid on an enemy hamlet meeting place in Quang Nam Province killing 61 enemy and taking 1 detainee.

In Operation TUSCALOOSA in Quang Nam Province on 26 January, USMC units contacted and partially contained an estimated enemy battalion, killing 72 of the enemy. TUSCALOOSA was conducted by the 5th Marines 24-28 January about 24 kilometers SSW of Da Nang.

Scattered TAOR actions by 2d ROK Marine Brigade units in Quang Ngai Province resulted in 131 enemy killed during the second week of the month. Contact the remainder of the month was generally light.

I FORCE

PAUL REVERE V was initiated 1 January in Pleiku Province. The name of the operation was changed however, retroactive to 1 January, to SAM HOUSTON. SAM HOUSTON continued the PAUL REVERE series of operations in Pleiku Province which commenced with PAUL REVERE I (10 May - 31 July) (546 enemy killed) and progressed through PAUL REVERE II (1-25 August) (703 enemy killed), PAUL REVERE III (26 August - 18 October) (36 enemy killed), PAUL REVERE IV (18 October - 31 December) (978 enemy killed). These operations maintained surveillance over the western portion of Pleiku Province and SW Kontum Province and countered enemy efforts to move forces into and through that area. SAM HOUSTON was continued throughout January by the 4th Infantry Division, but produced no significant contacts during the month.

THAYER II is a multi-brigade search and destroy by the 1st Cav Div (Airmobile) in Binh Dinh Province, continuing a series of highly successful operations in that province that commenced with combined US/ARVN operation DAVY CROCKETT (1-16 May) (374 enemy killed) and extending through US/ARVN-ROK operation CRAZY HORSE (16 May - 5 June) (478 enemy killed) and U.S. Operation THAYER I (13 September - 1 October) (230 enemy killed). THAYER II, initiated 25 October, had accounted for an additional 980 enemy killed at the end of December and continued into January. On 3 January the 3d Bde

25th Infantry Division changed operational control to the 1st Cav Div (Airmobile) and joined the operation. The operation continued to produce numerous significant contacts during the month and by the end of January had cumulative results of over 1500 enemy killed.

Other elements of the 1st Cav Div (Airmobile) continued Operation BYRD in the Phan Thiet area of Binh Thuan Province, accounting for over 60 enemy killed during the month.

MAENG HO 8 was initiated 3 January in Binh Dinh Province by the 26th Regt Cap ROK Inf Div to accomplish search and clear with helicopter assaults and clearing operations astride Highway 1 North of Song Cau in Phu Yen Province. The operation continued throughout the month and by 31 January had resulted in over 150 enemy killed and over 110 enemy weapons captured.

BAEK MA I (WHITE HORSE I) was initiated 29 January in Khanh Hoa Province by elements of 29th and 30th Regiments, 9th ROK Inf Div. In the first two days of the operation, the ROK troops killed 71 enemy and seized 129 weapons, suffering no casualties themselves.

II FORCE

I Field Force initiated Operation CEDAR FALLS 7 January against the Iron Triangle (An Son Base) and Than Dien Forest Reserve area. Major elements participating in the multi-division operation were units of the 2d and 3d Bdes, 1st Inf Div; 173d Abn Bde; 2d Bde, 25th Inf Div; 196th Lt Inf Bde; 11th Armd Cav Regt; plus ARVN abn and Ranger battalions. The principal aspects of the operation were the sealing off of the 50-60 square kilometer area of the Iron Triangle and the Thanh Dien Forest Reserve, helicopter assault of the Ben Suc area, evacuation of the more than 5,000 persons in the area along with their livestock and possessions, and the subsequent thorough reduction of the Iron Triangle enemy base and headquarters areas. Final results were: 720 enemy killed; 725 persons detained; 555 individual weapons; 23 crew-served weapons; 3,709 tons of rice; 1,500 gallons of fish sauce; 1,960 grenades; 60,300 rounds of small arms ammunition; 1,520 gallons of gasoline; 1,040 gallons of other POL products; 121 CHICOM gas masks; 285 pounds of documents; 394 batteries; 345 sampans; and large quantities of other munitions and materiel. Over 1,100 bunkers and 420 tunnels were uncovered. It was the first multi-division offensive designed to neutralize a known major enemy base area. It also had as one of its primary objectives the removal and relocation of the civilian inhabitants of the area. The operation was highly successful in all its aspects.

On 10 January USMACV announced deployment of U.S. engineer, signal and security units into the GVN IV Corps Tactical Zone. The units deployed to Dong Tam 8 kilometers WSW of My Tho in Dinh Tuong Province to prepare a U.S. operating base there.

LAM SON II, a multi-battalion combined US/ARVN operation, was continued in support of revolutionary development in Binh Duong Province. The operation is the longest on record for this conflict, having been initiated 23 May. The operation accounted for 72 enemy killed during January, bringing the cumulative totals for the operation to 245 at the end of January.

AIR OPERATIONS

NORTH VIETNAM

The northeast monsoon weather pattern continued over NVN. U.S. strike pilots took advantage of two short breaks in the weather to strike at targets in the Red River and Hanoi area. U.S. pilots used radar to continue their interdiction of LOC's in the panhandle despite the weather.

On 2 January, USAF F-4C pilots shot down seven MIG-21s with air-to-air missiles in fighter sweeps over the Red River Valley. On 5 January, USAF F-4s downed two more MIG-21s 100 miles W of Hanoi.

On 28 January, USAF pilots destroyed 47 enemy cargo barges and damaged 16 others in strikes on the Song Ca River 60 and 80 miles WNW of Vinh.

Navy strikes were flown from the carriers Kittyhawk, Enterprise, Coral Sea, Ticonderoga and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

On 29 January USN aircraft struck the Thanh Hoa transshipment complex with a three-carrier strike, destroying or damaging numerous boxcars, 7 AAA sites, two radar sites, and rail/bridge approaches.

REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

On 11 January a tactical airstrike in the Forest reserve area of the Iron Triangle in support of CEDAR FALLS resulted in 18 secondary explosions.

On 11 January a USMC UH-34D crashed off the coast of Chu Lai due to engine failure, resulting in 9 U.S. killed, 1 U.S. missing. On 15 January a USA CH-47 with 9 persons aboard was downed by suspected enemy ground fire in Phong Dinh Province resulting in 8 U.S. killed and 1 U.S. missing. On 17 January a USA UH-1D exploded in flight over Hau Nghia Province resulting in 8 killed. On 20 January a USA O1-E was downed by enemy ground fire in Kontum Province. 1 U.S. was killed; 1 U.S. rescued.

On 27 January, Firefly operations in Long An Province resulted in 44 enemy killed and 33 enemy sampans destroyed. Also on 27 January, USMC strike aircraft pilots killed 55 enemy and set-off two secondary explosions.

On 18 and 28 January, B-52s conducted an incendiary raid against jungle areas in War Zones "D" and "C" respectively.

On 31 January, USAF pilots killed 19 enemy, destroyed or damaged 66 fortified positions and 40 enemy sampans, and triggered six secondary explosions.

NAVAL SURFACE OPERATIONS

On 9 January, 48 Chinese fishermen from Hainan who had been rescued by U.S. Navy units when in distress at sea early in December 1966, were flown to Hong Kong by USAF C-130 for repatriation.

MARKET TIME

USN Swift Boats and two USCG cutters supported by a USAF AC-47, sank a 70-foot steel-hulled enemy trawler attempting to infiltrate into An Xuyen Province on the night of 1 January. The investigating Swift boat received heavy AW fire from the trawler. Friendly casualties were light during the engagement. Moderate damage to the first PBR.

A USCG cutter destroyed an enemy junk that was attempting to evade capture on 10 January, 165 miles SW Saigon.

GAME WARDEN

Enemy units initiated a number of attacks against GAME WARDEN units during the month, attesting to the effectiveness of these units curtailing enemy use of the inland waterways.

On 1 January, PBRs foiled an enemy river crossing attempt on the Bassac River, destroying one enemy junk. On 3 January, two PBRs contacted an enemy force on the My Tho River and killed six enemy. On 4 January, PBRs challenged an enemy sampan, received fire, and killed three enemy. On 11 January, a USN MSB discovered and disarmed a large enemy water mine on the Long Tau River. On 12 January a PBR patrol on the Bassac River received heavy AW fire from bank, returned fire, requested artillery, and obtained secondary explosion.

On 14 January a USN MBS was rammed and sunk by the merchant ship MUI FINN on the Long Tau River 44 km SE of Saigon, resulting in 2 U.S. killed, 2 U.S. injured and 1 U.S. missing out of the MSB crew of 7.

On 21 January, two PBRs on the Bassac River challenged 9 men aboard a sampan. The men attempted to escape. The PBRs killed 2 and detained 7. On 23 January a USN MSB received heavy AW fire during sweeps of the Long Tau River. Two U.S. were killed. In the ensuing action a USA UH-1B was downed by enemy ground fire resulting in 4 U.S. killed. On 26 January enemy attacked USN PBRs with SA and AW fire in Ba Xuyen Province. In the latter action, 1 U.S. was wounded and the PBRs suffered light damage.

On 27 January enemy attacked USN PBR patrol SSW of My Tho employing AW fire. No casualties or damage. The PBR returned fire and received artillery support from Dong Tam. That evening enemy attacked a USN PBR patrol on the Long Tau River. No PBR casualties or serious damage. That same evening, an estimated two enemy companies attacked VNN Coastal Group 36 and USN PBRs 60 km SE of Can Tho. PBRs returned fire and were supported by armed helicopters and AC-47s. Two U.S. were wounded and 1 PBR damaged.

On 30 January enemy attacked a Vietnamese civilian boat in the Rung Sat Special Zone, employing rifle grenade fire. USN armed helicopters and VNAF tactical air strikes supported the civilian boat. The enemy attack killed 4 Vietnamese civilians and wounded two. A USN helicopter drew heavy enemy ground fire during the action was forced to land. The crew and helicopter were safely extracted. Also on 30 January, two USN and one VNN minesweepers were attacked with heavy automatic weapons and recoilless rifle fire in the Rung Sat Special Zone. There were no friendly casualties.

NAVAL GUNFIRE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

U.S. naval ships continued to provide naval gunfire support for allied forces throughout the coastal areas of the Republic.

Naval gunfire ships were credited with at least 51 enemy killed during the third week of the month.

On 22 January the 7th Fleet cruiser USS CANBERRA (CAG) destroyed 9 enemy structures and a tunnel complex while firing 8-inch guns in support of THAYER II.

On 23 January the USS CARRONADE (IFS) firing 5-inch SSR at enemy fortified emplacements in support of Operation BYRD killed 22 enemy and destroyed or damaged 200 meters of trench works, 38 structures and 52 bunkers.

On 27 January, USS ST. FRANCIS RIVER (LSMR) killed 8 enemy, destroyed or damaged 130 enemy structures, 20 sampans, 3 bunkers, and 3 ammunition caches in Quang Ngai Province.

NAVAL GUNFIRE NORTH VIETNAM

On 19 January, two USN destroyers damaged or destroyed an enemy radar site on Hoi Thong Peninsula S of Vinh, and fired on another radar site on Hon Matt Island; silenced a 57mm gun battery on Hon Matt Island (two secondary explosions observed); destroyed 3 watercraft and damaged 4; and destroyed two guns of a shore battery at the mouth of the Can Sat River. No casualties or damage aboard the destroyers.

On 20 January two USN destroyer damaged or destroyed 5 watercraft and on two occasions neutralized or silenced NVN coastal guns SE of Vinh. No casualties or damage aboard the destroyers.

On 21 January a USN destroyer destroyed or damaged 4 enemy watercraft; destroyed 1 enemy watercraft and 2 trucks; damaged 1 truck, and obtained secondary explosions ashore 31 km NNW of Dong Hoi. Another USN destroyer damaged a 40-foot watercraft 24 km NNW of Dong Hoi.

On 25 January, USN destroyers and supporting A-1s damaged or destroyed 20 enemy watercraft. On 27 and 28 January three USN destroyers destroyed 7 enemy watercraft along the coast of NVN, and an 85mm shore battery on Tiger Island.

On 30 January a USN destroyer destroyed 5 enemy watercraft and damaged 17.

CIVIC ACTION

Civic action projects included construction and/or repair of houses, wells, schools, places of worship, irrigation facilities and electrical power sources, and the distribution of food and clothing. The Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP) continued to be highly successful with a high degree of acceptance by the people.

REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT (RD)

The RD program was established by GVN as an extension of the Rural Pacification Program. It is a GVN program with U.S. and other Free World Forces providing supporting actions. Historically, the older programs seemed to have had only nebulous meaning to the masses of population, but the RD program was redefined and pointed directly toward providing security for the people and enhancing their economic and social position. The program is headed by a Commissioner General for Revolutionary Development.

Factors that have been addressed of late include the status of hamlets and the amount of population living in secured areas. Many adjustments were made throughout 1966 in hamlet status and census figures. Criteria for measuring the status of hamlets was upgraded, and the total numbers planned in different sections of the country were changed.

The allied military forces have, and can continue, to provide a protective shield for the extension of the RD program. A solid foundation for RD has been established.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY 1967

1 Jan (Sunday)

- PAUL REVERE V. Initiated in Pleiku Prov by 2d Bde, 4th Inf Div. New Year's stand-down observed.
- GAME WARDEN. At 0050H, 18 km SSE Saigon on Soi Rap River, 30 foot junk fired SA at 2 USN PBRs. PBRs returned fire and captured junk. En losses: 1 det; 1 MG(lt); 15 rds B-40 AT; 40 rds 75mm RR; 500 grenades; 40,000 rds SA.
- MARKET TIME. At 2230H, 20 km off S coast of An Xuyen, 70-foot steel-hulled en trawler fired AW on USN PCF. Companion PCF and USCG WPB engaged and pursued trawler. .50 cal. fire resulted secondary explosions aboard trawler which sank. Frd cas lt overall. Mod dam to first PCF. A VN civ junk became involved during the engagement and was sunk w/civ cas.

2 Jan (Monday)

- New Year's stand-down period ended 0700H. US MACV recorded total 111 incidents during the period and reported 24 to the press as significant.
- PAUL REVERE V. Announced.
- B-52s struck 3 times. In DMZ 20 km NW Dong Ha in a.m. and again in p.m., and on S border Quang Tin Prov 50 km SW Tam Ky.
- USAF F-4Cs shot down 7 MIG-21s with air-to-air missiles in fighter sweeps over Red River Valley, raising total MIG losses to 34.
- NGF-NVN. 7th Flt DD USS INGERSOLL while patrolling 15 miles from NVN coast near Vinh recd fire from shore batteries on Hon Matt Island and returned fire 0848H-0910H. USN airstrikes conducted on the batteries 1025H. Firing from INGERSOLL resumed 1042H term 1103H. Secondary explosion in btry area. Batteries silenced. No frd cas. No dam to DD.

3 Jan (Tuesday)

- THAYER II. 1235H-1255H, cav co engaged en force 70 km NW Qui Nhon in Binh Dinh Prov. 15 EK. No frd cas. 3d Bde 25th Inf Div transferred from OPCON 4th Inf Div to OPCON 1st Cav Div (Air Mbl).
- PAUL REVERE V. 3d Bde 25th Inf Div departed opn area to OPCON 1st Cav Div (Air Mbl). 2015H-2030H en attacked 2d Bde 4th Inf Div base area with 40 rds 82mm mortar. Arty fired in response. In Pleiku Prov 40 km W Pleiku City. Frd cas lt. Frd dam lt. Pd cas: 25 EK 5 det 18 tons rice.

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3 Jan (cont'd)

- MAENG HO 8. Initiated by 26th Regt Cap ROK Inf Div to accomplish S&C with hel aslts and clearing opns astride Hwy 1 N of Song Cau in Phu Yen Prov.
- 4th Inf Div change of command. Maj Gen Arthur S. Collins USA, relieved by Maj Gen Wm R. Peers, USA.
- LANIKAI. At 2120H in Long An Prov 27 km SSW Saigon, est en squad fired on 1st Bde 25th Inf Div patrol. Patrol returned fire. En broke contact. Frd cas lt.
- GAME WARDEN. At 1050H 15 km NW Truc Giang on My Tho River, USN PBR moved to check sampan 70 meters from shore and was fired on by 10 VC on shore. PBR returned fire. 6 VCK. Sampan destroyed. No frd cas.
- In Saigon at 2200H terrorist tossed gren vic 108/60 Tran Quang Dieu. 1 US killed, 5 US wounded, 1 VN child killed.

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- GAME WARDEN. At 2330H in Phong Dinh Prov 5 km SE Can Tho, en fired SA and RR on 2 USN PBRs from both banks Hau Giang River during intercept of en sampan. PBRs supported by AC-47 and RAG. 3 VC KIA and sampan destroyed. No frd cas. 1 PBR mod dam.
- At 1620H in Long Khanh Prov, 3 former en prisoners arrived at MACV compound vic Xuan Loc City. 2 were male US civ; 1 was PI female. Names were Thomas Scales, Robert Monaham and Opelia Gaza. En had released them. PF plat had found them.
- USN A-4 and F-4 downed by en ground fire off coast NVN, 50 and 40 miles S Haiphong. Crews rescued by same hel.
- DOD acft loss figures: (fxd-wing) NVN 452 RVN 146 (hel) NVN 4 RVN 251.

5 Jan (Thursday)

- GLEN BURNIE. Announced and term. 3d Sqdn 11th Armd Cav Regt and ARVN Inf Bn initiated opn at 0200H in Long Khanh Prov 5 km N Xuan Loc and term opn at 1940H. Final results: 29 Det. Frd cas lt.
- NIAGARA FALLS. Initiated in Binh Duong Prov by elms 173d Abn Bde.
- GAME WARDEN. At 0920H, in Long Khanh Prov, 28 km NE Xuan Loc, USN PBR was fired upon. Fire returned. 4 EK. No frd cas.

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- SONG THAN/DECKHOUSE V. Initiated, Coordinated VNMC and USMC

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amphib surface and hel aslt opn in Kien Hoa Prov of Mekong Delta conducted by 7th Fleet Amphib Ready Group (ARG) with US Marines of SLF (BLT 1/9 HMM 362) and VN Mar Bde Force Bravo. Ships participating were an AGC, LPH, APA, LPD, LSD, APD and 3 LSTs plus NAVFORV and VNN RAG units. NGF ships supporting were CANBERRA (CAG-2), ST FRANCIS RIVER (LSMR-525) and CARRONADE (IFS-1). USAF strike acft and armed hel supported. Aslt troops (BLT 1/9-) commenced landing 0741H by LVT and hel encountered only scattered sniper fire. Brief contact w/7 en at 1640H resulted 1 EK. At 1905H ST FRANCIS RIVER w/ POINT KENNEDY alongside while anchored in Co Chien River recd 4 rds 57mm RR fire from bank. Fire returned and en fire silenced. No frd cas. Lt dam to superstructure POINT KENNEDY by one rd 57mm RR (dud).

- Two USAF F-4Cs downed 2 MIG-21s 100 miles W of Hanoi, raising total MIGs down to 36.

7 Jan (Saturday)

- CHINOOK. In Thua Thien Prov 19 km NW Hue at 0930H 26th Mar patrol detonated large en mine. Hvy cas to patrol. Elsewhere in opn, 205 DET.

- At 0135H en atkd Camp Holloway Airfield 4 km E Pleiku City. Gd aslt supported by mort. En atkd Pleiku AFB and Lac Trung Sub Sector at same time. 207 rds 81mm mortar from 10 mort positions recd within 20 min by Camp Holloway. Pleiku AFB recd 60mm mort fire near ammo dumps. En penetrated center of Camp Holloway w/ satchel charges and grenades. Arty armed hel and flareships supported defense. Frd cas lt. Lt equip and acft dam. Mod dam to structures. 1 en mort dest. En cas unk.

- SONG THAN/DECKHOUSE V. During afternoon, VN Mar Bde force Bravo landed by surface and hel over beach up Co Chien River. VN RAGs supported. Opn cent w/negligible contact. BLT 1/9 patrols had three lt contacts. 2 EK 5 DET. Three bunkers dest. At 1620H USMC hel had internal explosion of unk origin. 2 USMC KIA 4 USMC WIA. Hel dam but flown back to USS IWO JIMA.

8 Jan (Sunday)

- CAMP HOLLOWAY. Between 0100H-0315H, 4 km E Pleiku City, camp recd unk number rds mort SA and rifle gren from unk size en. Frd cas lt. En cas unk. No equip/structural dam reported.

- CEDAR FALLS. Initiated in Tay Ninh, Binh Duong and Hau Nghia Provs under control of II FFV. Div (+) SD opn to clear the Iron Triangle/Than Dien Forestry Reserve area. Res 1st day: 53 EK 13 DET.

- DUCK. Announced. Began 17 Dec 66 in Phuoc Tuy Prov under opn control of 173d Abn Bde (Sep) including 11th Armd Cav Regt, 6th Bn RAR and 9th Inf Div. 9th Inf Div took opn control in Jan.

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- Opn began as route security for Route 15, now TAOR security opn in Bien Hoa Prov. 2 EK 4 DET. Frd cas lt.
- USAF pilots sighted 4 MIG-21s. MIGs closed to 5 miles, broke contact and disappeared. No engagements reported.

9 Jan (Monday)

- III MAF. In Quang Ngai Prov 37 km SSE Quang Ngai City at 1215H, FAC obs est en bn and called immed airstrike. 29 EK.
- CEDAR FALLS. 50 EK 11 DET 709 frag gren discovered.
- NIAGARA FALLS. Announced. Final results: 12 EK 3 DET 1 IW. 4 en structures 11 tunnels and 20 gren dest. Frd cas lt.
- In RSSZ in Dinh Tuong Prov on Mekong River 8 km WSW My Tho, VC mined 170-ft 30-in US RMK-BRJ dredge Jamaica Bay, blowing holes in hull and sinking dredge in about 20 feet water. 15-20 US and 15 ARVN aboard at time. 3 US civ killed, 1 wounded. No ARVN cas. World's fourth largest dredge. USN PBRs helped evac injured to My Tho.
- At 0550H, AC-47 was downed by probable grd fire in Quang Ngai Prov 42 km SE Quang Ngai City. 7 US killed. Acft dest.
- 48 Chinese fishermen from Hianan, rescued by USN when in distress early December 66, were flown to Hong Kong by USAF C-130 this a.m. for repatriation.

10 Jan (Tuesday)

- At 1215H in Quang Ngai Prov 37 km SSE Quang Ngai City, USMC A-4s killed 29 en w/FAC direction.
- MAENG HO 8. Announced. Elements of 26th Regt Cap ROK Inf Div initiated 3 Jan in Phu Yen Prov 56 km NNW Tuy Hoa. Day's results: 22 EK 7 DET.
- CEDAR FALLS. Cache of 31 wpsns found. Huge quantities rice discovered last few days. At 1218H, 22 rds 105mm art~~y~~ landed in posn of US Inf unit. 2 KIA 14 WIA. 173d Abn Bde investigating. Day's results: 45 EK 1 DET 151 SA 543 tons rice.
- IV CTZ. US engineer, signal and security units deployed to Dong Tam 8 km WSW My Tho in Dinh Tuong Prov. Preparing base there.

11 Jan (Wednesday)

- III MAF. In Quang Tin Prov 21 km WSW Tam Ky, 1420H to 1450H, SF trps directed USMC arty msns, 26 EK. In Thua Thien Prov 26 km SE Hue, USMC recon patrol picked up 7 VN who appeared to be A Shau SF camp pers released by en. All in poor physical condition.

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- CEDAR FALLS. At 0919H a TAC airstrike in forest reserve area resulted 18 secondary explosions. Day's results: 28 EK 11 DET. 103 CHICOM gas masks 782 tons rice and misc materiel.
- USMC UH-34D down off coast of Chu Lai 35 km NNW Quang Ngai City in Quang Tin Prov. Engine failure. 9 US KIA 1 US MIA.
- DOD acft loss figures: (fxd-wg) NVN 456 RVN 146.

12 Jan (Thursday)

- CEDAR FALLS. 48 EK 11 DET 440 tons rice. Located 3 en concrete bldgs. One was 3-story bldg partly underground.
- At 0120H in Phong Dinh Prov 10 km NW Can Tho, en force atkd Binh Thuy airfld w/50 rds mort and RR fire. AC-47s, armd hel and VNAF A-1s sptd. Atk term 0157H. Lt dam to airfld, bldgs & acft.

13 Jan (Friday)

- III MAF. USMC ptl & arty fire killed 74 en. Frd cas lt. 0234H est 300 en atkd 11th Mar arty posn 10 km W Chu Lai w/mort, SA, AW & gren. En attempted breach posn. 18 EK 7 DET 14 IW 73 gren 57 satchel charges found in sweep outside posns. Frd cas lt.
- III MAF. 1000H USMC arty & air strikes in spt ROKMC 12 km NW Quang Ngai hit est 300 en. 27 EK. 1200H in Quang Ngai Prov 21 km NE Quang Ngai City, ROKMCs obs 25 boats w/est 70 en. Arty & airstrikes called. 36 EK. 19 boats dest. 1300H in Quang Ngai Prov 12 km NW Quang Ngai City, ROKMCs directed arty fire on est 200 en. 13 EK. Total: 78 EK 19 sampans dest.
- III MAF. 7th Mar unit ambushed 20 en 21 km NNE Quang Ngai City. 2 EK. En fled in 2 sampans. USMC arty & air strikes called. 12 EK 6 DET. 2 sampans sunk. Frd cas lt.
- CEDAR FALLS. 49 EK 13 DET 133 tons rice. Frd cas lt. 1530H, 1st Inf Div unit recd 10 rds 155mm sptg fire. 8 US KIA 34 WIA.
- SONG THAN/DECKHOUSE V. 7 EK. VNMIC found claymore factory, 2500 lbs iron, AT, AP mines, gren and SA ammo.
- 1000H in Phuoc Tuy Prov 61 km ESE Saigon, USAF F-100 crashed on bomb run. Flames trailed from jet before crash. Cause unk. Pilot MIA.

14-Jan (Saturday)

- III MAF. 1200H in Quang Nam Prov 23 km SSE Da Nang, 1st Mar co cond heli-borne raid on en hamlet meeting place. Recd SA & 60mm mort fire in LZ & engaged large number en vic hamlet. Extraction raid force completed 1835H. 61 EK 1 DET. Frd cas mod. 1015H an

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- arty btry from 11th Mar fired on en concentration in Quang Tin Prov 67 km SSE Da Nang. 9 EK.
- Quang Ngai Prov 14 km NW Quang Ngai City, 0940H, obs est 100 en. Arty msn fired. 20 EK.
- CEDAR FALLS. 62 EK.
- 0625H, RSSZ 44 km SE Saigon in Bien Hoa Prov, USN MSB collided w/merchant ship MUI FINN in Long Tau River. 2 US KIA, 1 US seriously injured, 1 US minor injury, 1 US missing, 2 US uninjured. Lt dam to MUI FINN.

15 Jan (Sunday)

- III MAF. Quang Nam Prov 10 km S Da Nang, 0115H, 1st Mar scty pfl engaged est 100 en massing to atk Mar co(+) perimeter. En then launched premature aslt on co perimeter. Mar employed hvy SA, AW mort & arty fire w/AC-47 & gunship spt. 60 EK 13 IW 3 rkt launcher 71 satchel charges 2 bangalore torpedoes 33 SA magazines. Frd cas mod. Mar killed 15 en in other scattered actions.
- CEDAR FALLS. 41 EK 112 tons rice.
- SONG THAN/DECKHOUSE V. Term. 21 EK 71 DET 37 IW 4 CSW 34 tons rice 134 gren 31 sampans dest. 200 NGF msns. 94 tac air sorties.
- Phong Dinh Prov, 1415H, USA CH-47 hel w/9 pers aboard downed by suspected grd fire 12 km SW Can Tho. 8 US KIA 1 US MIA. Hel dest. Wreckage secured.
- GAME WARDEN. Dinh Tuong Prov, 1548H, 2 USN PBRs intercepted 2 large, heavily loaded sampans on My Tho River 28 km WSW My Tho. PBRs recd hvy SA AW & mort fire from both banks & SA fire from sampans. PBRs returned fire sptd by arty, air & gunship strikes & 2 more PBRs. 9 EK 9 en sampans sunk, 17 en structures dam 17 dest. Frd cas lt. PBR dam lt.

16 Jan (Monday)

- Binh Duong Prov 41 km NW Phu Cuong, 1244H, US Inf unit contacted & pursued 20 en who attempted to use riot control gas to hinder pursuit. 2 EK.
- CEDAR FALLS. 76 EK. USAF flew 81 tac air sorties.
- Sig tgts NVN, Ha Gia POL (USAF) - F-105s sighted MIG-21s.

17 Jan (Tuesday)

- PRAIRIE. Quang Tri Prov 21 km NW Quang Tri City, 0245H-0315H, 4th Mar co recd 100-150 rds en mort fire. Fire ret. Frd cas lt.

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- CEDAR FALLS. Binh Duong Prov 12 km NNW Phu Cuong, II FFV unit found cache containing 78 IW 5 CSW. 10 EK. Grave w/19 en bodies located. USAF flew 88 tac air sorties.
- Hau Nghia Prov 48 km NW Saigon, USA UH-1D exploded in flight. 8 KIA (4 crew 4 passengers).
- Sig tgts NVN Thai Nguyen RR yds (USAF). USAF F-4s sighted MIG-17s.

18 Jan (Wednesday)

- Thua Thien Prov 24 km SE Hue, 1730H, USMC recon ptl obs 20 en & ambushed them. 6 EK. No frd cas. Ptl moved to new location, obs another group of 20 en. 6 EK. No frd cas.
- PAUL REVERE V. Opn re-named SAM HOUSTON retroactive 1 Jan 67.
- THAYER II. 25 EK.
- CEDAR FALLS. 27 EK.
- B-52s conducted incendiary raid on jungle in Long Khanh Prov.

19 Jan (Thursday)

- PICKETT. Term in Kontum Prov. Final results: 63 EK 32 DET 108 IW 1 CSW, nearly 51 tons rice, 91 rds mort & more than 16,00 rds SA ammo. Frd cas lt.
- CEDAR FALLS. 1835H, US units located en tunnel complex 39 km NW Saigon in Hau Nghia Prov. Complex was 3 levels deep & 300-600 meters long. Lack of fresh air hampered tunnel search. Fresh air pumped into tunnels to permit search. 55 EK (includes 22 en bodies found).
- SILVER LAKE. Term in Bien Hoa Prov. 1 EK 27 DET 2 IW. Frd cas lt.
- NVN. 2 radar sites tracking 7th Flt DDs STODDARD & KEPPLER were taken under fire, 0308H-0323H, S of Vinh on Hoi Thong Peninsula & Hon Matt Island. Peninsula site dam or dest, island site dam unk. Later DDs recd 57mm gunfire from Hon Matt Island. Counter-fire silenced btry & set off 2 secondary explosions. At mid-morning the DDs fired on 12 waterborne craft 25 km SE Vinh. 3 dest, 4 dam. STODDARD then recd hvy en fire. Counter-fire returned. 2nd en btry at mouth Cau Sot River fired on STODDARD (60 rds). 2 guns in shore btry dest. No frd cas. No dam to DDs.
- USN A-6A downed in NVN, cause unk. Crew of 2 MIA. USAF F-4C downed in NVN, cause unk. Crew of 2 MIA.

20 Jan (Friday)

- At about 0200H, USMC installation at Phu Bai in Thua Thien Prov

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- 16 km SE Hue recd 30-35 rds 82mm mort fire. Fire returned. Hel gunships and arty supported. Mar patrol swept area, no contact. Lt frd cas. Lt equip dam.
- THAYER II. 27 EK.
 - II FFV. In Long An Prov 22 km SSE Saigon, two 199th Lt Inf Bde cos conducted heli-borne raid on an supply depot, recd hvy SA AW and RR fire. PBRs PCs LCMs, RAGs and hel gunships, supported. 4 EK 320 DET 10 cases TNT 45 tons rice. Frd cas lt.
 - NVN. Two 7th Flt DDs (STODDARD/BENNER) in early morning attacked 40-60 en military logistics barges, then came under NVN coastal fire SE of Vinh. DDs returned fire, neutralizing the shore btrys. DDs shifted fire, dam or dest 5 watercraft. Later in afternoon, STODDARD again came under fire from NVN coastal guns, returned fire silencing the coastal guns. No frd cas or dam in either engagement.
 - Significant tgts NVN - Dong Phong Thuong RR complex & bridges (USN) Ha Gia RR bridge (USAF).

21 Jan (Saturday)

- MAENG HO 8. 24 EK.
- THAYER II. At 0845H, natural cave complex discovered 52 km NW of Qui Nhon, initiating series of light contacts. En broke contact 1630H. 22 EK. Misc supplies found during search of caves. Day's results: 28 EK.
- GAME WARDEN. On Bassac River in Ba Xuyen Prov 20 km NE Soc Trang 2 PBRs challenged a sampan. 9 men aboard sampan dove in river to escape. PBRs killed 2 and detained 7. 2 gren were found on the men. No frd cas.
- NGF-RVN. In Quang Nam Prov 18 km S Da Nang at 1620H, USS NORRIS (DD) naval gunfire mission cleared by Dien Ban District was fired at hvy en bunkered area 6,000 yds W Dong Ruy Hamlet of Vinh Zuong Village. Fire landed in the hamlet. 4 VN civ killed, 9 VN civ injured. Target plotting error.
- NVN. At 0427H 31 km NNW Dong Hoi at mouth of Song Giang River, DD STODDARD dest or dam 4 en watercraft. At 1623H DD STODDARD fired on 2 waterborne craft off loading onto 7 trucks. 1 craft and 2 trucks dest. 1 truck dam and burning and secondary explosions were seen. At 2135H DD BENNER dam 40' waterborne craft 24 km NNW Dong Hoi.
- US pilots flew 87 missions NVN (USAF 43 USN 36 USMC 8). 7 flights USAF F-4Cs and F-105s rept MIG sightings. 3 flights of USAF F-105 encountered MIG-17 and 21s. MIGs closed then broke contact and disappeared. A MIG-17 and F-105 exchanged cannon fire in brief

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engagement. No rept dam either acft. Sig tgts NVN Ninh Binh complex (USN) Bac Giang bridge (USAF).

- USAF F-4C & F-105 & USN A-4 downed by en grd fire over NVN. F-105 & A-4 pilots & F-4C 2-man crew MIA.

22 Jan (Sunday)

- III MAF. Quang Tri Prov, 211000H & 220600H, USMC plat firing 105mm how H&I fire 10 km N Quang Tri City hit Vinh Lai & Luong Kim villages. 6 VN civ killed, 10 wounded. Lt dam structurss.
- III MAF. Quang Nam Prov 34 km SW Da Nang, 1000H, 4th Mar co engaged 2 en plats crossing Vu Gia River. Arty, mort & 2 USAF F-100s sptd. Contact term 1230H. 15 EK. No frd cas.
- THAYER II. Lt scattered actions. 3d Bde 25th Inf Div unit engaged 12 en vic large cave complex 35 km SW Bong Son. En retreated into caves. US blew cave entrance, triggered secondary explosion. Search indicated false cave floor over underground river. Search continued. Day's results 28 EK.
- CEDAR FALLS. 27 EK. 48 tons rice.
- NVN sig tgts: Ninh Binh (USN), Thai Nguyen RR bridge (USAF), USAF F-105s engaged 4 MIG-17s NNW Hanoi. F-105s fired 1 air-to-air missile. No dam rept either side. USAF F-4s sighted MIGs. MIGs fled. F-4s chased by no engagement.

23 Jan (Monday)

- BYRD. 0805H-2350H, USS GARRONADE (IFS) fire 972 rds 5" SSR at en fort posns. Res: 22 EK, 200 meters trench works, 38 structures, 52 bunkers dest or dam.
- CEDAR FALLS. In Binh Duong Prov 22 km NW Phu Cuong at 0850H, CG 196th Lt Inf Bde hel downed by grd fire over Ho Bo Woods. 1 US WIA (Not CG 196th). Minor acft dam.
- R55Z, 1610H, 30 km SE Saigon, USN MSB recd hvy AW fire during sweep Long Tau River. 2 US KIA. No MSB dam. Helo fire teams sptd MSB. RF co swept river bank. During action, 1645H, USA UH-1B downed by frd fire. 4 US KIA. Hel dest.

24 Jan (Tuesday)

- TUSCALOOSA. Initiated in Quang Nam Prov by 5th Mar bn(+).
- CEDAR FALLS. 1000H, US troops had searched 2,100 meters of tunnel complex 39 km NW Saigon. Complex 600 meters long w/10 branches. Day's results: 18 EK 30 tons rice.
- COLEBY. Long Khanh Prov 20 km SW Xuan Loc City at 1515H, 1st Bde 9th Inf Div co recd 30-40 rds mort fire & hvy SA & AW fire. Frd cas lt.

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25 Jan (Wednesday)

- I FFV. Phu Yen Prov 12 km SSE Tuy Hoa, 0900H, 28th ROK Regt units engaged en force in caves. Contact term 1300H. 22 EK. Frd cas lt.
- THAYER II. 21 EK.
- Phuoc Long Prov 3 km SW Phuoc Binh, 1720H, mid-air collision of USAF O-1E & USA UH-1B over Song Ve airfld. Pilot O-1E killed; 4 pers injured. Both acft dest.
- DOD acft loss figures: (fxd-wg) NVN 468 RVN 149.

26 Jan (Thursday)

- PRAIRIE. Quang Tri Prov, 1800H, 60 km W Quang Tri City, small USMC recon team contacted est 40 en resulting lt frd cas. Reaction force launched in CH-46 accompanied by another CH-46 & UH-34. Attempt extract team resulted in both CH-46s dest by grd fire after landing. UH-34 dam by grd fire but return Khe Sahn. 2030H, another CH-46 hit by grd fire & crashed, sam area. Frd cas lt. En cas unk.
- PRAIRIE. Quang Tri Prov 98 km W Quang Tri City, 1745H, recon ptl obs 10 en & open fire. 10 EK. No frd cas.
- TUSCALOOSA. Announced. Quang Nam Prov 24 km SSW Da Nang, 0900H, 5th Mar co recd SA AW fire & est 18 rds 82mm mort fire. Mar ret fire w/SA AW & 3.5 rkt fire. Est 1 en bn, attempted break contact. Mar hel-lifted reinf & blocked. Contact hvy to 1830H, sporadic SA fire to 2330H. Air, arty, mort & tank spt employed. 72 EK. Frd cas lt. En fired 5 WP rds on Mar posn attempt confuse airstrike spt.
- CEDAR FALLS. Term. Final results: 720 EK 725 DET 555 IW 23 CSW 3,701 tons rice, over 4 tons salt. 1,238 tac air sorties. Frd cas lt.
- GAME WARDEN. Ba Xuyen Prov 20 km SE Can Tho, 1900H-2220H, USN PBR attempted intercept sampan & recd hvy AW & SA fire from both sides Hau Giang River. PBR ret fire. 6 PBRs joined action as blocking force. USAF AC-47 sptd. AC-47 recd hvy AW fire, reprd est en bn incl 15 AW posns & sampans. En fled W. 1 US WIA. Lt dam PBRs.

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- III MAF. Thua Thien Prov 31 km WNW Hue, 1515H-1900H, USMC ptl & A obs directed arty & air stikes against en force. 31 EK. No frd cas. Mar co lifted to area. Arty illumination & flareship employed.
- 7th Mar co providing scty for downed USA O-1E, 35 km SSE Quang Ngai City recd SA & AW fire from en force. SA fire ret. Arty, mort & air strikes sptd. 9 EK. Frd cas lt.
- Quang Nam Prov 8 km SSE Da Nang, 1315H, 1st Mar GAC sqd ptl atkd by est 10 en. Mar tanks sptd. En broke contact. Frd cas hvy; en unk.

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- Quang Ngai Prov 19 km NW Quang Ngai City, 0910H-0930H, ROK Mar co recd SA & AW fire. ROK Mar co reaction force lifted to area. 28 EK. Frd cas lt.
- THAYER II. Binh Dinh Prov 13 km NNE Bong Son, 1345H, 1st Cav Div multi-co air alt, mod contact. Cav multi-co reaction force reinf. Two VMC bns committed. En term contact 2000H. 21 EK. Day's results: 30 EK, 27 tons rice.
- GAME WARDEN. RSSZ 15 km SE Nha Be in Gia Dinh Prov, 0700H, USN PBR ptl on Long Tau River recd hvy AW fire from E & W banks. PBRs ret fire & departed. AC-47 atkd both banks & adjusted arty fire. No frd cas. Lt dam PBRs.
- Kien Hoa Prov 10 km SSW My Tho, 1918H, PBR ptl recd 40 rds AW fire. Ret fire, directed arty. No cas or dam.
- Ba Xuyen Prov 17 km E Khanh Hung, 2045H-2315H, 2 en cos atkd VNN coast group & PBRs w/mort SA & AW fire. US LFTs & AC-47s sptd. 2 US WIA. Lt PBR dam. En cas unk.
- RSSZ, Long Tau River 15 km SE Nha Be, 2225H-2300H, en atkd PBR ptl w/SA & AW fire. Fire ret. No frd cas. Lt PBR dam.
- 7th Flt LSMR ST. FRANCIS RIVER fired NCF 33 km SSE Quang Ngai City, 8 EK & 130 bldgs, 20 sampans, 3 bunkers, 3 ammo caches dest or dam.
- USAF F-4C hit by grd fire, crashed in water 37 km SE Dong Hoi off NVN. Crew rescued by USMC hel within 20 min. Acft dest.

28 Jan (Saturday)

- TUSCALOOSA. Term Quang Nam Prov. Final results: 79 EK 2 DET 17 IW. Frd cas lt. 25 tac air sorties sptd.
- THAYER II. Binh Dinh Prov 8 km NE Bong Son at 1745H, Cav multi-co force engaged en co. Arty, air & ARA sptd. En term contact 2200H. Frd cas lt. Day's results: 63 EK.
- IOLA. Reinitiated Phuoc Tuy Prov by 9th Inf Div. Bien Hoa Prov 42 km SE Bien Hoa City, 0727H, 1st Bde 9th Inf Div co recd 20-25 rds 60mm mort fire. En ceased fire 0747H. Frd cas lt. En cas unk.
- COLBY. Term. Final results: 14 EK.
- ADAMS. Phu Yen Prov 10 km NW Tuy Hoa, 1620H, US gunships engaged 11 en in open area. 11 EK.
- Phong Dinh Prov 14 km SE Can Tho, 2300H, US Firefly msn drew en fire & ret fire resulting 31 VN civ killed, 38 wounded in Phu Hru villags. USN PBRs assisted in medivac to Can Tho.

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- B-52s conducted incendiary msns in jungle area (abt 49 sq km) vic 46 km NE Tay Ninh City in War Zone "C".
- USAF reported 2 MIG sightings 32 & 48 km NE Hanoi. 1 USAF flight reported 3 MIG-21s; another flight obs 4 MIG-17s. No encounters.

29 Jan (Sunday)

- PRAIRIE. Quang Tri Prov 33 km WSW Quang Tri City, DET led 3d Mar ptl to wpns cache containing 12 CHICOM rifles, 1 TSMG, 94 bxs TNT.
- III MAF. 0700H, Quang Nam Prov 29 km SSW Da Nang, multi-co 1st Mar TAOR S&D elms engaged en force. 0740H, Mar blocking force positioned. Mar atkd to W & SW w/hvy contact. 1530H, Mar reinf lifted in, recd hvy grd fire LZ. Arty & air strikes sptd. 2000H, contact sporadic. Contact cont. 26 EK 5 IW. Frd cas lt.
- THAYER II. 21 EK.
- 2d Bde 9th Inf Div arrived RVN at Vung Tau, Phuoc Tuy Prov.
- NVN US pilots flew 73 msns NVN (USN 34 USAF 28 USMC 11). Sig tgts: Thanh Hoa transshipment (USN), Thai Nguyen RR yd (USAF).

30 Jan (Monday)

- WHITE HORSE I-(BAEK MA I). Announced. Day's results: 33 EK 129 IW 6 CSW.
- Khong Tu st., Cholon (Saigon), 2145H, 2 US recd slight frag wounds from gren explosion in front Virginian BOQ. Gren thrower escaped.
- III MAF. Quang Tin Prov 8 km SW Tam Ky, 1800H, USMC recon ptl recd SA fire from 25-30 en. Ptl ret fire & sptd by arty. 11 EK. Frd cas lt.
- RSSZ 39 km SE Saigon, 1600H, en atkd VN civ boat w/rifle gren fire. USN gunship & VNAF air strikes sptd. 1 USN hel recd hvy grd fire w/numerous hits forcing it to land. Hel & crew extracted. 4 VN civ killed 2 wounded. No US cas. En cas unk.
- GAME WARDEN. RSSZ 36 km SE Saigon, Long Tau River, 1225H, 2 USN PBRs & 1 VN MLMS recd hvy AW & 57mm RR fire. Fire ret. 2 PBRs, AC-47 & gunships & air strikes sptd. Contact term 1315H. No frd cas.
- NGF NVN. 7th Flt DD KEPPLER dest 5 watercraft, dam 17 26 km NNW Dong Hoi.
- B-52s struck Kontum Prov spt SAM HOUSTON (p.m.) & Long An Prov (a.m.).

31 Jan (Tuesday)

PRAIRIE. Term in Quang Tri Prov 19 km W Dong Ha. Final results: 1,397

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- EK 126 DET 248 IW 15 CSW 13 tons rice 5,183 sorties 223 NGF. Frd cas mod.
- III MAF. Quang Nam Prov 18 km SSW Da Nang, 0725H, 26th Mar plat recd en SA fire from inside Mar cordon. 15 en attempted break eordon. 14 EK 1 DET. No frd cas.
 - III MAF. Quang Nam Prov 20 km SSW Da Nang, group of VN civ cam to 1st Mar bn CP w/14 bodies VN civ. Med exam indicated many shot at close range and/or bayoneted. Villagers stated en told them bring bodies & say they were killed by arty & air strikes.
 - III MAF. Quang Nam Prov 20 km S Da Nang, 1820H, 1st Mar co fired on by est 16 en. Fire ret. 13 EK. No frd cas.
 - III MAF. ROKMC. Quang Ngai Prov 10 km E Quang Ngai City, 0950H-1830H, ROKMC Bde elm called in 18 NGF msns resulting in 33 EK. No frd cas.
 - DOD acft loss figures: (fxd-wg) NVN 469 RVN 151).

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AREA	OPERATION	SIZE	UNIT	PROVINCE	COMMENCED	FRD CAS	SOR- TIES	ENEMY LOSSES		
								EK	DET	TW/CSW
II FFV	LAM SON II	BN(+)	2d Bde 1st Inf Div	Binh Duong	23 May -	L				
III MAF	PRAIRIE	BDE	3d Mar Div	Quang Tri	3 Aug - 31 Jan 67	M	5183	1397	126	248/15
I FFV	BYRD	BN(+)	1st Cav Div (AM)	Binh Thuan	25 Aug -	L				
II FFV	LANIKAI	BN	1st Bde 25th Inf Div	Long An	14 Sep -	L				
I FFV	FRAYER II	BDE(+)	1st Cav Div (AM) 3d Bde 25th Inf Div	Binh Dinh	25 Oct -	L				
I FFV	ADAMS	BN(+)	1st Bde 4th Inf Div	Phu Yen	26 Oct -	L				
II FFV	ALA MOANA	BN(+)	2d Bde 25th Inf Div	Hau Nghia	1 Dec -	L				
I FFV	PICKETT	BDE	1st Bde 101st Abn Div	Kontum	9 Dec - 19 Jan 67	L	68	63	32	108/1
II FFV	DUCK (re-named IOLA)	BN(+)	173d Abn Bde/9th Inf Div	Phuoc Tuy	17 Dec - 28 Jan	L	117	0	0	0
III MAF	CHINOOK	BN	3/26 Mar	Thua Thien	20 Dec -	L				
I FFV	SAN HOUSTON	BDE	2d Bde 4th Inf Div	Pleiku	1 Jan -	L				
I FFV	MAENG HO 8	REGT	26th Regt ROK Cap Inf Div	Phu Yen Binh Dinh	3 Jan -	L				
II FFV	GLEN BURNIE	BN(+)	11th Armd Cav Regt + ARVN	Long Khanh	3 Jan - 3 Jan	L	0	0	29	0/0
II FFV	NIAGARA FALLS	BN(+)	173d Abn Bde + ARVN	Binh Duong	5 Jan - 7 Jan	L	0	12	3	1/0
IV CTZ	SONG THANH/DECK-BLT HOUSE V		9th Mar + VNM C Bde	Kien Hoa	6 Jan - 15 Jan	L	94	21	71	37/4
II FFV	CEDAR FALLS	DIV(+)	II FFV	Tay Ninh/Hau Nghia/Binh Duong	8 Jan - 26 Jan	L	1238	720	725	555/23

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<u>AREA</u>	<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>COMMENCED</u>	<u>FRD CAS</u>	<u>SOR- TIES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>		
								<u>EK</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>IW/CSW</u>
II FFV	SILVER LAKE	BN(+)	3d Bde 9th Inf Div	Bien Hoa	9 Jan - 19 Jan	L	18	1	27	2/0
II FFV	EL DORADO (re-named COLEBY)	BN(+)	1st Bde 9th Inf Div 11th Armd Cav Regt	Phuoc Tuy Bien Hoa	20 Jan -	L	117	14	0	2/0
III MAF	TUSCALOOSA	BN	5th Mar	Quang Nam	24 Jan - 28 Jan	L	25	79	2	17/0
I FFV	MA DOO I	BN	28th Regt 9th ROK Inf Div	Phu Yen	21 Jan -	L				
I FFV	FARRAGUT	BDE	1st Bde 101st Abn Div	Binh Thuan	26 Jan -	L				
III MAF	DE SOTO	BN(+)	7th Mar	Quang Ngai	26 Jan -	L				
II FFV	IOLA	BDE	1st Bde 9th Inf Div 11th Armd Cav Regt	Bien Hoa	28 Jan -	L				
I FFV	BAEK MA I (WHITE HORSE I)	REGT	29th Regt/30th Regt 9th ROK Inf Div	Khanh Hoa	29 Jan -	L				

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