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REVIEW OF EVENTS
MAY 1967

GENERAL

The month of May could best be characterized as one wherein the enemy forces attempted to initiate large military operations, employing NVA troops; failed again to succeed in attaining any significant military victory; and continued to increase efforts to counter the revolutionary development program. Air action in SVN stepped up with improving weather, U.S. pilots downed 27 MIUs and lost two in aerial combat. 36 U.S. aircraft were lost to other causes over North Vietnam.

May was the highest month of the war in terms of enemy killed. Approximately 9,900 as compared to the previous high of 9,015 in March 1967. A recapitulation of the 1967 enemy military losses are:

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The Free World Forces casualty reports for May totalled 2,205 killed (Background) 922 RVNAP (End Background), 1,177 U.S., 106 OFVNAP.

The Battle of Khe Sanh, which started on 24 April in Quang Tri Province, was still underway in the opening days of May and continued until 5 May when Ridge Line 881 was seized. Enemy activity remained heavy through mid-May in the I Corps area as he increased the tempo of his mortar, artillery and rocket attacks in support of limited ground actions against Con Thien, Gio Linh, Camp Carroll and Dong Ha. Free World ground, air and sea forces responded to this activity, which was originating and being supported by NVA units in and along the DMZ, by entering the eastern half of the South Vietnamese portion of the DMZ on 18 May to clear that portion of the DMZ of enemy forces. The Free World Forces remained in the DMZ until 25 May. The enemy attacks against the I Corps base camps became scattered after the clearing action in the DMZ was made. In Quang Ngai and Quang Tin Provinces, USMC units in Operation UNION II and U.S. Army units from TF OREGON made significant contacts with NVA units while conducting sweep operations of the foothills and coastal areas. Along the Western border of South Vietnam the enemy continued his probing actions into Pleiku Province. Throughout the remainder of the Republic, scattered actions were conducted by the enemy against various fixed installations.

* Reflects only those captured since 1 Jan 67 and have actually been interned in OWN FW camps.
The I Corps Tactical Zone continued to dominate the war scene throughout May. The KHE SANH battles for hills 861 and 881 ended 5 May with 764 NVA dead. The enemy continued his daily harassment of Marine positions at Gio Linh, Con Thien, Camp Carroll and Dong Ha, employing mortars, barrage rockets and artillery in a day and night effort to break down U.S. position defenses and surveillance capabilities. Most of this hostile fire came from within and just north of the DMZ. To counter this effort, U.S. Navy, Marines and ARVN forces launched a three-pronged attack overland, and by amphibious and heliborne assault to clear the eastern half of the DMZ south of the Ben Hai River of enemy forces (Operations HICKORY, LAMSON 54 and BEAU CHARGER). Simultaneously, they assisted GVN forces with the evacuation of almost 11,000 non-combatants from the area which the NVA had occupied in violation of the Geneva Accords of 1954. To the south in Quang Tin and Quang Ngai Provinces, U.S. Marines and TF OREGON U.S. Army troops swept the foothills and coastal areas for NVA forces with notable success in Operation UNION II and in the TF OREGON TAOR.

In the II Corps Tactical Zone, 1st Cavalry Division troops in Operation PERSHING continued their search for NVA forces in the Bong Son and An Lao valleys and screening of populated areas in support of GVN Revolutionary Development activity in Binh Dinh Province. To the west along the Pleiku Province border, 4th Infantry Division units patrolled and swept forested valleys and ridgelines in Operation FRANCIS MARION's surveillance over NVA forces probing and infiltrating the routes to the coast in the vital Central Highands. On the coast, ROK forces consolidated and expanded their TAORs and continued to patrol the north/south routes of communication and protect the populated rice valleys from the southern part of Binh Dinh Province, 398 kilometers to Phan Rang in Ninh Thuan Province. 1st Australian Task Force units conducted similar operations in Phuoc Tuy Province.

In the III Corps area of operation, elements of the 1st, 4th, and 25th Infantry Divisions and elements of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment continued their search for enemy forces in Binh Duong Province. The largest cache of the war was uncovered on 3 May, 12 kilometers southeast of Dau Tieng, when a returnee lead a unit of the 2d Brigade, 1st Infantry Division to an underground complex of concrete bunkers containing 369 individual weapons; 1 crew-served weapon; 13,000 rounds heavy machinegun ammunition; 292,000 rounds small arms ammunition; 3,500 rounds mortar ammunition; 82 rounds recoilless rifle ammunition; 900 grenades; 370 mines/bombs; and miscellaneous other items of war material.

U.S. 9th Infantry Division units continued Operation PALM BEACH in Dinh Tuong Province conducting extensive patrols and ambushes that provide security for the base camp at Dong Tam. A sizeable battle developed in the first week of May, 19 kilometers northwest of My Tho in which 195 enemy were killed at the cost of 11 U.S. KIA. The 9th Infantry Division also continued sweep operations in Long An Province and the Rung Sat Special Zone in Operations ENTERPRISE and CHAPMAN.
Chieu Hoi Returnees during May totaled 2,149 and was the fourth highest month of the war in which enemy forces came forth to accept the open-arms policy of the Republic. The highest month of the conflict was March 1967 with 5,557 Returnees. The May returnees carried the yearly total for 1967 to 15,700 as compared to a year ago when the 1966 total through the month of May was 8,525.

NAVAL OPERATIONS

Naval gunfire support was directed against enemy emplacements, bunkers, and shipping in the Republic. The gunfire support, provided by U.S. and Australian ships in support of Free World Ground Forces, accounted for over 1,900 emplacements, 187 bunkers and 215 enemy sampans being destroyed. In North Vietnam, U.S. and Australian naval gunfire was concentrated on enemy shore batteries and transportation routes. In the latter part of May, several highly successful shellings of enemy positions were conducted in Quang Ngai Province.

MARKET TIME operations continued surveillance along the coast of the Republic. On 17 May, three large U.S. Coast Guard cutters arrived in Vietnam to join the other U.S., RVN and Thai MARKET TIME forces.

AIR NORTH

Air operations over North Vietnam inflicted heavy damage on major military targets. The heaviest aerial combat of the war occurred during May with 27 MIGs downed by U.S. aircraft at the price of 2 U.S. aircraft downed by MIGs. An additional 36 U.S. aircraft were downed by ground fire or unknown causes over North Vietnam, reflecting the intensified air activities during the period.

The tempo of air operations against major targets in the North increased with continuing good operational weather in May. USN jets launched first strikes against the Hanoi thermal electric power plant on 19 and 21 May. U.S. pilots scored the highest MIG kill, downing 27 enemy aircraft in May. Eighteen other MIG aircraft were destroyed or damaged on the ground in continuing attacks against enemy airfields. U.S. aircraft losses reached a monthly high of 38, only two losses were credited to MIGs. SAM missile launchers, transporters and associated equipment continued to be detected and attacked near the DMZ.

USAF, USN and USMC pilots flew over 3,200 missions over North Vietnam this month (USAF 1,526 USN 1,402 USMC 302).

On 1 May, U.S. pilots downed 3 MIG-17s while attacking Kep and Hoa Lac airfields. USN F-8 and A-4 pilots downed one apiece and an Air Force F-4C downed the third. Five more MIGs were destroyed on the ground at Hoa Lac and three at Kep.

USAF pilots struck Hoa Lac again on 3 May, destroying 4 to 6 aircraft on the ground.
On 4 May, USAF jets struck the Hanoi transformer site 7 miles north of Hanoi. A MIG-21 was downed by an Air Force F-4C.

On the 8th, USAF pilots struck Hoa Lac airfield cratering the runway, taxiway and parking revetments.

On 10 May, USN aircraft attacked Haiphong TPPs east and west and the Kien An airfield 6 miles south. Major damage was reported at both TPPs. Bac Giang TPP was restruck by Navy pilots in a night strike.

Heavy damage to the Nguyen Khe storage area and Ha Dong army barracks near Hanoi was reported after strikes by USAF jets on 12 May. One MIG-17 was downed by an F-105 Thunderchief.

On 13 May, seven MIG aircraft were shot down by USAF pilots in conjunction with strikes on the Yen Vien rail yards.

USAF, on 14 May, restruck the Ha Dong army barracks and Nguyen Khe storage area. USN pilots hit Kien An airfield in a night attack.

Nine artillery positions and 15 AAA sites in, and just north of, the DNZ were destroyed by USAF jets on 17 May. USN A-6 pilots made a night strike against Kep airfield.

USN F-8 Crusader pilots, on 19 May, downed four MIG-17s while A-4, A-6 and F-4 pilots struck the Hanoi TPP 1½ miles north of the center of the city and the Van Dien SAM support facility 5 miles south. USAF pilots struck the Kep army barracks and cratered the runway at Hoa Lac airfield.

On 20 May, USAF F-4C Phantom pilots downed six MIGs (4 MIG-17s, 2 MIG-21s) while F-105 strike pilots destroyed 10 support buildings at the Kinh No vehicle repair depot 9 miles north of Hanoi. USN pilots struck the Haiphong TPP (west) and the Bac Giang TPP.

On 21 May, USN jets struck the Hanoi thermal power plant, Kep airfield and the Van Dien vehicle repair facility. Direct hits on the generator hall and boiler house put the TPP out of operation. 3 MIGs were left burning, one damaged, taxiways cratered at Kep. Heavy damage to Van Dien facility.

On the 22d, one USAF Phantom crew scored a double kill, downing 2 MIG-21s, while strike pilots heavily damaged the Hanoi transformer site 7 miles north and the Ha Dong army barracks 6 miles south of Hanoi.

Air operations were limited to reconnaissance and rescue missions on 23 May in recognition of the Buddha's Birthday.


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On 26 May, Navy pilots struck Kep airfield, Haiphong (West) and Uong Bi TPPs. The Haiphong plant was rendered inoperable and heavy damage was reported on the generator hall and boiler house at Uong Bi. Two secondary explosions in revetments containing 3 M48-17s were reported at Kep.

Also on the 26th, USAF pilots cratered the runway and taxiways which had undergone extensive repairs at Hoa Lac airfield and destroyed three support buildings in a first strike against the Thai Nguyen SAM training complex 40 miles north of Hanoi.

On 30 May, USAF jets hit Hoa Lac airfield, Bac Giang and Kep railroad yards. They destroyed one span on the Bac Giang railroad/highway bridge. Navy pilots were credited with outstanding target coverage in an attack on the Phu Ly railroad yards. They destroyed the Phu Ly railroad bridge and one span of the highway bridge.

On the 31st, Navy carrier pilots struck the Cong My and Loi Dong POL storage and transshipment facilities 3.5 and 4 miles northwest of Haiphong, destroying storage buildings and POL tanks with numerous secondary explosions. USAF pilots bombed Kep army barracks and railroad yards with heavy damage reported.

As of 31 May, U.S. pilots had downed 72 MiG aircraft (USAF 56 USN 16). Twenty U.S. aircraft have been lost to MiGs.

**AIR SOUTH**

Direct air sorties by strike pilots, B-52 strikes, AC-47 sorties and forward air controller sorties continued to provide allied ground forces throughout the Republic with a high-level of accurate and responsive tactical air support. Strikes were directed against enemy troop concentrations, fortifications, base camps, routes of communication, and storage areas. U.S. strike pilots flew 16,201 tactical air sorties in the Republic (USAF 9,561 USMC 6,560 USN 80). USAF AC-47 Dragonship crews supported allied ground forces with more than 650 illumination and mini-gun support sorties throughout the Republic. B-52 strikes against enemy base camps, infiltration routes, troop concentrations and enemy strongholds, continued to press the enemy by disrupting his operations and movements throughout the Republic. 96 strikes were reported during May. USAF troop-cargo carrier crews transported more than 313,400 passengers and over 65,400 tons of supplies while flying 33,418 sorties.

U.S. Army aviation units continued to provide combat support, combat surveillance and transportation support to the Free World Forces throughout the Republic. Nearly 440,000 sorties were flown by Army aircraft during the month of May.

Utility and cargo helicopters lifted more than 590,000 passengers and over 58,000 tons of cargo and supplies to forward tactical landing
sites in the Republic. In accomplishing this movement, within the tactical areas of operation, the utility and cargo helicopters were assisted by the Army's helicopter gunships. The gunships flew over 45,000 sorties and were credited with killing 1,142 of the enemy, destroying over 1,200 fortified positions and sinking nearly 1,000 of the enemy sampans.

Fixed wing aircraft flew over 27,000 sorties; providing reconnaissance and aerial observation support to Free World Forces, as well as cargo and passenger movement to tactical airfields in the Republic. Over 1,400 sorties were flown as aerial observation missions adjusting artillery strikes in support of ground operations. Psychological operations accounted for over 150 of the fixed wing sorties flown as leaflet drops and loud speaker flights were conducted throughout the Republic.

Marine Corps helicopter crews flew more than 42,500 tactical helicopter sorties in support of Free World Forces in the Republic. More than 45,500 troops and over 5,100 tons of cargo were carried. Nearly 6,000 of the total Marine Corps helicopter sorties were gunship missions.

BUDDHA BIRTHDAY STANDDOWN

The 24-hour standoff on Buddha's Birthday passed with a total of 71 incidents recorded, of which 32 were considered significant. A total of 12 friendly forces personnel were killed and 57 were wounded as a result of the incidents and 51 enemy were killed. Sixteen enemy suspects were detained.

REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT

On 19 May, United States Ambassador Bunker announced that the advisory and support functions conducted by the U.S. in support of the Revolutionary Development (RD) program were being re-organised into the "One-Team" concept and would be responsive to the Commanding General, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam.

(On background) Military operations by the RF units in support of provincial RD programs continued to be effective. Patrols and ambushes were conducted by the HF units in most provinces in conjunction with clearing operations. The patrols and ambushes were employed to limit the enemy's infiltration attempts into the areas undergoing or scheduled to undergo RD. (End background)

The enemy continued to direct more of his efforts against RD activities in an effort to make this program less attractive to the communities in which the programs were being placed in effect.

SIGNIFICANT TRENDS

The enemy's overall objectives remained unchanged during May with concerted efforts being made to attain a significant military victory. Increased pressure was applied against the Revolutionary Development activities as new areas opened to the RD program. The enemy increased his mortar and rocket
attacks against fixed installations; of significance, was the employment
of the 140mm barrage rocket against units in the northern provinces. The
enemy offered no visible sign of changing his method of attack against
the people of the Republic. He continued to disrupt village life with
guerrilla activities, illegal taxation, conscription of free citizens,
asassinations of elected officials, and assassinations of members of RD
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MONTHLY CHRONOLOGY 1 MAY - 31 MAY 1967

1 MAY (Monday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 93 msns NVN (USAF 40 USN 42 USMC 11). USN struck Kep airfield. 3 MIG-17s dest, one dam on ground. 2 MIG-17s dest, 2 dam in air by USN F-8, F-4. Hvy dam runway taxiways and revetted areas. USAF hit Hoa Lac airfield. 5 MIG-17s dest on ground, 1 MIG-17 downed by USAF F-4. Hvy dam runway, parking revetments and support bldgs.

- III MAF. BATTLE OF KHE SANH Quang Tri Prov (contact cont from OQOO 30 Apr), multi-bn 3d and 9th Mar force cont maneuver/engage en force. Arty and air strikes spt and hit en routes of withdrawal and reinforcement. 160 NVAK, 26 bunkers dest. Contact cont.

- BEAVER CAGE. To OPCON III MAF.

- FRANCIS MARION. Pleiku Prov 35 km SW Pleiku City 2d bde 4th Inf Div co+ fought day-long battle w/en bn. Armi hel, arty and 72 airstrikes sptd. 93 EK.

- MANHATTAN. 11 EK. 163 tons rice. 12 claymores, 384 mort rds, 65 anti-pers mines, 1700 lbs TNT, over 75,000 rds 5A ammo.

- PUCKAFUNYL. Announced & Term.

- US strike pilots flew single day record 625 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 328 USMC record 295 USN 2). USMC pilots killed 18 en. USAF F-100 downed by ground fire, crew rescued. USMC UH-1 downed by ground fire NW Hue, 4 USMC WIA, acft dest.

- B-52s struck Quang Tri and Binh Dinh Provs.

- NGF-RVN. USS ST. FRANCIS RIVER (LSMR) and FOREST ROYAL (DD) dest 200 en emplacements. 8 secondary explosions and 20 fires. Mens fired in spt TF OREGON.

2 MAY (Tuesday)


- NGF-NVN. USS COLLETT dam 2 bridges SSE Dong Hoa. USS S. N. MORE dam 3 shore btry's and dest 3 watercraft SSE Dong Hoa.

- PERSHING. 23 EK.

- MANHATTAN. 18 EK 63 IW captured.

- ENTERPRISE. En co atkd 3d Bde 9th Inf Div co. Arty, AC-47s, armd hel and GVN RAG boats sptd. 40 EK.
2 MAY (Continued)

- PALM BEACH. 3d Bde 9th Inf Div bn contact reported hvy w/514th VC bn. 199th Lt Inf Bde and other 9th Inf Div units moved to reinf. Sptd by 6 USAF tac air sorties, 4 AC-47s, 2 VNAF flare-ships and arty msns. 181 EK. Contact cont.

- USA pilots flew 7179 tac hel sorties (50 EK).

- B-52s struck Phuoc Tuy, Quang Tri and Quang Tin Provs.

- NGF-RVN. USS PICKING dest or dam 22 emplacements Vinh Binh Prov. Another DD dest or dam 71 emplacements Quang Ngai Prov. USS ST. FRANCIS RIVER (LSMR) dest or dam 215 emplacements, 72 sampans. Killed 6 en and set-off 12 secondary explosions in Quang Ngai Prov.

3 MAY (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 100 msns NVN (USAF 40 USN 49 USMC 11). USAF hit Hoa Lac airfield. 4 to 6 MLG-17s dest or dam on ground. Hvy dam vic runway/taxiway junction.

- III MAF. Quang Tin Prov en atkd USA arty btry and 5th Mar CP w 81/82mm mort and SA fire. Counter-mort and SA ret. US cas: 27 WIA. ARVN elm sweeping suspected en posns.

- BATTLE OF KHE SANH. Quang Tri Prov (contact cont from 0800H 30 Apr), en atkd 3d Mar co w/hvy mort fire followed by 2 NVA co aslt. Multi-co Mar units reinf. Sptd by AC-47s, gunships, air andarty strikes. All resistance term 1800H. 111 NVAK, 29 IW, 9 CSW. US cas: 20 KIA.

- BEAVER CAGE. Quang Nam prov. US cas: 18 KIA, 18 WIA.

- FRANCIS MARION. 37 EK.

- MANHATTAN. 2d Bde 1st Inf Div elms found cache including: 3500 60/82mm mort rds, 50 rds 57mm RR, 500 rifle gren, 400 hand gren, 270 mines, 100+ 1bs TNT, 297,625 rds SA, 1600 mort primer rds, 100 time bombs, 220 mausers, 147 CHICOM carbines, 20 tons rice, and assorted equipment. Day's results: 16 EK.

- PALM BEACH. Mod contact w/514th VC Bn. Term 1130H. 195 EK 17 IW 6 CSW. US cas: 19 KIA 46 WIA.


- USA pilots flew 7542 tac hel sorties 73 EK.
3 MAY (Continued)

- B-52s struck in Quang Tri Prov 4 times.

4 MAY (Thursday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 68 msns (USAF 43 USN 12 USMC 11). USAF F-4 downed MIG-21 vic Hanoi. USAF hit Hanoi transformer site. USN A-4 downed by ground fire. Pilot MIA.

- BATTLE OF KHE SANH. III MAF Headquarters announced: "Major elements of the NVA 325th Division are believed to have been in action against the Marines in vicinity of Khe Sanh."

- In conjunction with the BATTLE OF KHE SANH en atkd Lang Vei CIDG Camp w/mort and 40mm rkt fire. En bn asltd camp from SE and SW, penetrated SE wall w/satchel charges. En atk repulsed. 6 EK. CIDG cas mod. Hvy dam to blgs from mort/rkt atk. Village chief kidnapped.

- III MAF. Quang Nam Prov 18 km SW Hoi An at 1750H, USMC recon plt obs 45 en. Arty men fired. 15 EK.

- BATTLE OF KHE SANH Quang Tri Prov, Hill 881, 561 NVAK. Frd cas: 133 KIA 383 WIA.

- MANHATTAN. 14 EK.

- USA armd hel killed 36 en.

- B-52s struck in DMZ and Binh Tuy and Quang Tri Provs.

5 MAY (Friday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 97 msns NVN (USAF 52 USN 32 USMC 13). USAF hit SAM transporter w/3 SAMs 51 km SSE Dong Hoi. Transporter and 2 SAMs dest. 6 secondary explosions. USMC jets dest SAM transporter in panhandle. 3 USAF F-105s downed by ground fire. Crews MIA. BDA included, as dest or dam: Ha Dong army bks, Yen Vien RR yd, 54 watercraft, 5 AAA Sites.

- BATTLE OF KHE SANH Quang Tri Prov, 3d Mar co secured Hill 881 encountering lt to mod resistance.

- PERSHING. 21 EK.

- US strike pilots flew 524 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 314 USMC 210) AC-47s flew 27 sorties. Dest or dam 57 sampans. 10 EK. 49 secondary explosions.
5 MAY (Continued)
- USA gunships dest 179 sampans. 46 EK.
- USMC pilots flew 1680 tac hel sorties (204 gunship, 68 medivac).
- B-52s struck twice in Quang Tri Prov.

6 MAY (Saturday)
- NVN. US pilots flew 56 msns NVN (USAF 29 USN 18 USMC 9). USN A-4 downed by ground fire. Pilot MIA. (BDA included, as dest or dam: 24 watercraft, 9 trucks, 2 truck parks, 2 bridges & 2 boxcars)
- UNION. Announced. Results to date: 327 EK.
- I FFV. Binh Tuy Prov en atkd ARVN and US units within Ham Tan w/100 rds 82mm mort and RR fire, and hvy SA/AW fire. Frd cas: 1 US KIA 5 civ killed 52 civ wounded. ARVN Cas 1t.
- USA gunships dest 40 sampans.
- B-52s struck Quang Tri Prov, Quang Tri and Phuoc Tuy Provs.

7 MAY (Sunday)
- NVN. US pilots flew 113 msns NVN (USAF 45 USN 56 USMC 12). BDA included, as dest: 28 watercraft, 9 bridges, 5 trucks, 2 boxcars, 3 storage areas, 1 storage bldg; dam: 1 watercraft, 2 truck parks, 1 POL area, 1 storage bldg, 5 secondary explosions, 2 fires.
- IV CTZ. Phong Dinh Prov en atkd Binh Tuy airfld w/mort fire. Mod acft and installation dam. No frd cas.
- USA hel killed 13 en.
- USMC pilots flew 1376 tac hel sorties.
- B-52s struck Quang Tri Prov twice.
- NGF-RVN. USS EDSON dest 13 emplacements, dam 34 in Thua Thien Prov.

8 MAY (Monday)
- NVN. US pilots flew 121 msns NVN (USAF 42 USN 69 USMC 10). USAF F-105 downed by ground fire. Pilot MIA. USAF hit Hoa Lac airfld, dam runway, taxiway, parking revetments, 2 AAA sites. Other BDA
8 MAY (Continued)

included as dest or dam: 124 watercraf, 15 bridges, 6 RR cars, 4 trucks, 4 storage areas, 1 POL area, 8 AAA sites, 1 bridge approach. 21 secondary explosions, 1 fire.

- PRAIRIE IV. Quang Tri Prov 15 km NW Dong Ha en atkd 4th Mar/CIDG multi-co force on Hill 158 w/250-300 rds 60/82mm mort fire followed by ground aslt w/2 NVA bn force. En sapper elms penetrated perimeter w/bangalore torpedoes and satchel charges, repelled 0730H. Reaction force reinf w/air and arty sppt. Interim cas: 198 NVAK 115 wpons including 3 flame-throwers, 38 AK-47s, 4 HMGs and 12 40mm gren launchers. Frd cas: 44 KIA 110 WIA. CIDG cas lt.

- III MAF. Quang Tri Prov, en launched 3 coordinated atks: Dong Ha base 18 km NNW Quang Tri City at 0245H, recd 25 rds 140mm rkt fire, 5 US WIA: Gio Linh base recd 150 rds 81/82mm mort and 5 rds 105mm arty fire, 10 US WIA w/1t dam; CampCarroll base recd 102mm rkt fire (24 craters found) at 0310H, 5 US WIA.

- UNION. Announced. Initiated 21 Apr in Quang Nam/Quang Tin Provs by 1st/5th Mar units. Results to date: 346 NVAK.

- LISMORE. Announced and Term. Initiated 2 May by 7th RAR units in Phuoc Tuy Prov. Final results: 5 EK 6 DET. No frd cas.


- USMC pilots flew 1841 tac hel sorties.

- B-52s struck 5 times: Quang Tri, Phuoc Long, Pleiku Provs (a.m.) twice Quang Tri Prov (p.m.).

9 MAY (Tuesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 116 mans NVN (USAF 37 USN 68 USMC 11). USAF hit army bks 92 km E Dien Bien Phu, dest 10 bldgs, dest 20 watercraft, 1 radar site; dam 20 bldgs and 2 AW sites.

- UNION. 22 EK.

- PRAIRIE IV. 22 EK.

- KHE SANH. 14 km NW Khe Sanh, 3d Mar co located 203 NVA bodies in graves. Khe battle cas total 764 NVAK.

- III MAF. Thua Thien Prov 12 km NW Da Nang at 1813H, UH-1D from Hue to Marble Mountain had mech failure, crashed 50 yds off coast in Tourane Bay. 1 VN civ, 1 US Civ killed, 1 VN child killed.
9 MAY (Continued)

- USA gunships killed 38 en.

- B-52s struck Quang Tri and Quang Ngai Provs (a.m.) and Quang Tri Prov (p.m.)

10 MAY (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 81 mans NVN (USAF 37 USN 30 USMC 14). USN pilots hit Kien An airfld 9 km SW Haiphong (runway and taxiway dam); Haiphong TPP E (generator house, boiler plant hvy dam), Haiphong TPP W (generator house dam, 1 bldg dest). USN A-4 downed by ground fire vic Kien An airfld. Pilot MIA.

- UNION/BEAVER CAGE. (Vic Hill 110) Quang Nam Prov 3d Mar co engaged multi-co NVA force in prepared posns on Hill 110. 3d Mar reinf w/multi-co force from 5th Mar. US multi-co force aslt hill sptd by air and arty strikes. 2115H, hill secured. 211 NVAK. Frd cas: 33 KIA 133 WIA.

- PERSHING. 21 EK.

- US strike pilots flew 507 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 300, USMC 207). AC-47s flew 22 sorties. USAF, USMC, RVNAF pilots hit en troop concentration Quang Tri Prov: 45 EK, 112 fort posns and AW posns de. USAF F-100 downed by ground fire W Qui Nhon in Binh Dinh Prov. Pilot KIA. USMC A-4 downed by ground fire over DMZ. Pilot rescued.

- USA gunships killed 53 en.

- B-52s struck Quang Tri, Tay Ninh, Pleiku Provs and N portion DMZ.

- NGF-RVN. USS HUNTERDON COUNTY (LST) fired on en vessel 42 km S Phu Vinh in Vinh Binh Prov. Vessel was dest by 2 large and several small secondary explosions.

11 MAY (Thursday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 138 mans NVN (USAF 50 USN 83 USMC 5). BDA included, as dest or dam: 97 watercraft, 23 trucks, 11 bridges, 5 AAA sites, 2 truck parks, 2 storage areas, 1 RR yd, 1 RR siding, 20 secondary explosions, 6 fires.

- UNION. 71 EK.

- BEAVER CAGE. 29 EK.

- III MAF. Quang Tri Prov, Gio Linh en atkd USA/USMC arty bn w/arty, 82mm mort fire. Counter-mort and arty fire ret. 10 US WIA.
11 MAY (Continued)

- PERSHING. 18 km NW Bong Son at 0830H, UH-1D downed by ground fire. 3 US WIA. Acft hvy dam and recovered. Day's results: 14 EK.

- II FFV. Binh Duong Prov 50 km NW Saigon, FAC directed airstrike: 53 EK.
- USMC A-4 hit by ground fire on bombing run W Quang Ngai City. Pilot rescued. USA gunships killed 36 en.
- B-52s struck Quang Tri, Phuoc Tuy Prov and Pleiku Pros.
- NGF-RVN. USS SPROSTON (DD) dest or dam 37 emplacements and started 3 fires in NGF Quang Ngai Prov.

12 MAY (Friday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 126 msns NVN (USAF 52 USN 68 USMC 6). USAF struck storage area 6 km N Hanoi, and army bks 6 km SW Hanoi, other BDA included, as dest or dam: 108 watercraft, 8 boxcars, 8 trucks 6 bldg, 6 AAA sites, 7 bridges, 12 bridge approaches, 1 RR tunnel, 4 RR sidings, 16 secondary explosions, 26 fires. USAF F-4 downed by MIG-17, 2 F-105s downed (4 pilots MIA).

- UNION. (Vic Hill 110) 1st/5th Mar multi-co force engaged en force. Contact cont. Interim results: 15 EK.

- PRAIRIE IV. 2.4 km SW Con Thien at 1415H, A/1/4th Mar located suspected guidance system for Russian SAM. Dimensions: 9 ft long, 2 ft diameter. Item forwarded to US for evaluation, via Saigon.

- BEACON STAR. Term. 466 EK.

- III MAF. Quang Tri Prov at Gio Linh base, 0755H-2000H, en fired 85mm, 100mm and 122mm arty. Fire ret. 14 US WIA. Con Thien 20 km NNW Dong Ha at 1250H, en atkd 4th Mar CP w/arty fire. Fire ret. 1 US KIA 10 US WIA.

- II FFV. MG Fred C. Weyand assumed cmd II FFV.

- II FFV. Bien Hoa Prov, Bien Hoa airfld, en atkd airfld w/125 rds 122mm rkt, 82mm mort and 75mm RR fire w/mort rds hitting III Corps compound. 2 AC-47s, flareships and airstrikes sptd. 6 US KIA 85 US WIA. Mod dam to installation, equipment and acft. Rkts reported fired from max range of 12 km NE Bien Hoa.

- II FFV. Binh Duong Prov en atkd Phuoc Vinh airstrip w/82mm mort fire. Fire ret. 27 US WIA. Mod dam bldg, 1t dam acft.
12 MAY (Continued)


- USMC pilots flew 1847 tac hel sorties.

- B-52s struck Pleiku Prov once and twice in Quang Ngai Prov.

- NGF-RVN. USS ST. PAUL (Cruiser) dest 2 mort posns, dam 4 bunkers in Quang Tri Prov. USS SPROSTON (DD) dest 23 en emplacements, dam 22, collapsed 600 meters trench line and started 4 fires in NGF spt TF OREGON.

13 MAY (Saturday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 121 msns NVN (USAF 72 USN 45 USMC 4). USAF F-105s downed 5 MIG-17s; F-4C downed 2 MIG-17s. BDA included, as dest or dam: 47 watercraft, 4 bridges, 1 SAM site, 1 POL area.

- NGF-NVN. USS A.M. SUMNER and HMAS HOBART (DD) dest 3 watercraft, dam 1, off Dong Hoi.

- UNION. (Vic Hill 110) 22 km SSW Hoi An, contact cont from 1600H 12 May, multi-co USMC force. Contact results: 138 NVAK.

- MALHEUR. Announced. Results to date: 58 NVAK 63 wpns. Frd cas: 1 KIA 6 WIA.

- PRAIRIE IV. 2 km SSE Con Thien 9th Mar co engaged en co. USMC sptd by tank fire. 24 EK. Frd cas: 9 KIA 53 WIA.

- BEAVER CAGE. Term.

- II FFV. Binh Duong Prov, Phuoc Vinh atkd w/82mm mort. No cas or dam reported, 2102H, Phuoc Vinh again reed 82mm mort fire. Frd cas: 1 WIA. Lt dam to acft and facilities.

- II FFV. New Zealand troop increment arrives RVN at Nui Dat.


- B-52s struck Quang Ngai, Phuoc Long and Bien Hoa Provs.

- USA gunships killed 28 en.

- USMC pilots flew 1349 tac hel sorties.

- NGF-RVN. Cruiser ST. PAUL hit en arty posns 32 km NNW Quang Tri City in DMZ.
14 MAY (Sunday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 111 mins NVN (USAF 52 USN 53 USMC 6). USAF F-105 downed 3 MIG-17s vic Hanoi. USAF F-105 downed by ground fire, pilot res. USN F-4 downed unk causes, crew MIA. Ha Dong army bks, Nguyen Khe storage area and Kien An airfld struck.

- MALHEUR. 27 EK.

- UNION. Scattered co-size contacts. 110 EK. 73 NVAK bodies uncovered.

- PRAIRIE IV. 9th Mar bn atkd w/25 rds 82mm mort fire in LZ. Counter-mort and air strikes sptd. Frd cas: 5 KIA 44 WIA. Con Thien CP atkd 2/25 rds mort fire. Mort, arty and air strikes sptd. Frd cas: 17 WIA. Day's results: 27 EK.

- BYRD. 24 EK.

- JUNCTION CITY. Term. Final results: 2,728 EK, 810 tons rice.

- ALA MOANA. Term. Final results: 382 EK, 91 tons rice.

- HARVEST MOON. Term.
  - USAF F-100 downed by ground fire S Bien Hoa. Pilot rescued.
  - B-52s struck Thua Thien Prov (twice a.m.) and Long Khanh Prov (p.m.).

- NGF-RVN. USS WEDDERBURN dest 10 emplacements, dam 6 in Quang Ngai Prov.

15 MAY (Monday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 99 mins NVN (USAF 55 USN 40 USMC 4). USAF F-105 downed ground fire. 2-man crew MIA.

- NGF-RVN. Dds USS JOSEPH STRAUSS and FLETCHER recd hvy shore btry fire SSE Thanh Hoa. Spotter acft rept hit w/in 20 ft of STRAUSS. Ships ret fire. STRAUSS dest 2 barges, dam 2. USS A.M. SUMNER dest 15 barges just N DMZ.

- UNION. (Vic Hill 110) two 5th Mar co's engaged en co. Arty and airstrikes sptd. 20 EK. Final results of action vic hill 110 381 EK, 41 US KIA, 150 US WIA.

- PRAIRIE IV. 0320H, CAC recd en mort and ground atk. Arty sptd. Frd cas: 1 KIA 15 WIA ARVN lt. 3 km S Con Thien, 0345H-0740H, en atkd 9th Mar co w/82mm mort fire and 3 ground aslts. Arty and air strikes sptd. 10 NVAK. Frd cas: 5 KIA 39 WIA. 1145H and 1400H, another 9th Mar co recd 82mm mort fire. 1 US KIA 21 WIA. Day's results: 14 EK.
15 MAY (Continued)

- MALHEUR. 12 km WNW Duc Pho, 101st Abn Div recon elm engaged en force. 6 EK. 4 US KIA. 16 km WSW Duc Pho, 101st Abn Div unit engaged en force. 20 EK. Day's results: 41 EK.

- PERSHING. 13 EK.

- ENTERPRISE. 10 EK.

- PALM BEACH. 69 EK.


- B-52s struck Thua Thien and Binh Tuy Provs.

- NGF-RVN. USS AULT dest 7 emplacements, 16 sampans; dam 28 emplacements, 10 sampans in Vinh Binh Prov.

16 MAY (Tuesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 123 msns NVN (USAF 48 USN 61 USMC 14). BDA included as dest or dam: 88 watercraft, 6 bridges, 4 missile transporters, 2 storage areas, 3 arty pieces, 4 secondary explosions, 3 fires.

- III MAF. Thua Thien Prov at Hue, en atkd MACV compound. 6 US WIA.

- PRAIRIE IV. 2 km E Con Thien, 26th Mar co engaged en co in prepared posns. USMC reinf w/co. 73 NVAK. Frd cas: 15 KIA 60 WIA. 2 km SE Con Thien, 9th Mar co sptd w/tanks engaged en co. USMC reinf w/co. 22 EK. Frd cas: 3 KIA 23 WIA. En atkd 4th Mar elm at Con Thien w/arty, rkt, mort in 3 separate atks. Counter-mort fired, 1 secondary explosion. Frd cas: 9 WIA. Day's results: 96 EK.

- MALHEUR. 21 EK.

- III MAF. Quang Nam Prov, 20 km NW Da Nang, 11th Mar recd 11 rds 140mm rkt fire. Sweep of suspected en posns: 31 rkt lchars, 16 rkt rds found. Frd cas in atk: 2 WIA.

- OH JAK KYO II. 17 EK.

- US strike pilots flew 536 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 305 USMC 224 USN 7). AC-47s flew 24 sorties. USMC F-4 downed by ground fire during bombing run. 2-man crew rescued. 21 secondary explosions.

- B-52s struck Thua Thien and Phuoc Tuy Provs (a.m.) and Thua Thien Prov (p.m.).
16 MAY (Continued)

- NGF-RVN. USS AULT dest 13 emplacements, 11 sampans in Vinh Binh Prov. USS MANSFIELD dest 3 emplacements, dam 1 in Quang Tri Prov. USS ST. PAUL (Cruiser) shelled en arty posns in DMZ.

17 MAY (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 127 msns NVN (USAF 52 USN 62 USMC 13). USN struck Kep airfield. USN F-8 downed unk causes. Pilot MIA.

- UNION. Term.

- III MAF. Quang Tri Prov 3 km E Con Thien 26th Mar elm recd 200 rds 82mm mort fire. Fire ret. 12 US WIA.

- PRAIRIE IV. 2 km E Con Thien en atkd 26th Mar CP w/82mm mort fire. Fire ret. 18 US WIA. Vic Con Thien en atkd 26th Mar elm w/SA and mort fire. Fire ret, en broke contact. 8 EK. Vic Con Thien 9th Mar elm engaged en force. 8 EK.

- MALHEUR. 15 EK.

- PERSHING. 24 EK.

- OH JAK KYO. 56 EK.


- USA gunships killed 31 en.

- B-52s struck Thua Thien And Quang Ngai Provs (a.m.) and Thua Thien Prov (p.m.).

- NAVFORV. Three 311-ft USCG cutters arr and are serving with MARKET TIME forces. USCG in-country strength now 800+ Cutters armed w/1 5" gun forward and 1 40mm cannon.

- NGF-RVN. USS MANSFIELD shelled en sampans off Quang Tri Prov, dest 17. Large fireballs obs from 2 sampans.

18 MAY (Thursday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 116 msns NVN (USAF 63 USN 43 USMC 10). USN A-4 downed by ground fire. Pilot MIA.

- HICKORY/BEAU CHARGER/LAMSON 54. Initiated w/aslts into S portion DMZ by USMC and ARVN units sptd by USMC, USAF, USA and USN air, arty and NGF msns.
18 MAY (Continued)

- HICKORY. Multi-bn 3d Mar Div force asltd S portion DMZ just N Con Thien on S&C opns.

- BEAU CHARGER. 3d Mar SLF asltd S portion DMZ w/amphibi and hel aslt from 7th Flt ARG on S&C opns.

- LAMSON 54. Multi-bn ARVN inf and abn force asltd S portion of DMZ along hwy 1 on S&C opns.

- PRAIRIE IV. 20 EK.

- MALHEUR. 39 EK.

- III MAF. Gio Linh. En atkd arty poen w/200 rds 82mm mort, 30 rds 120mm mort and 58 rds arty fire. Fire ret. Frd cas: 1 KIA 12 WIA. Dong Ha. En atkd 3d Mar Div base w/400 rds 140mm rkt and 122mm arty fire. Mod dam structures and equip w/lt dam vehicles and acft. Frd cas: 11 KIA 91 WIA.

- III MAF. Quang Tri Prov 3 km NNE Con Thien 9th Mar elm found 27 NVAK, 177 rds 82mm mort, 5 MGs, 4 AK-47s, 7 carbines, 3 rkt 1nchrs, 125 gren.

- FRANCIS MARION. SW Pleiku City 1st Bde 4th Inf Div co engaged en bn. 1 plat cut-off. Gunships and arty sptd.

- BYRD. 20 EK.

- OH JAK KYO II. 16 EK 11 IW.

- II FFV. Hau Nghia Prov. 2d Bde 25th Inf Div co w/Natl Police and PF elms engaged en vic Phuoc My hamlet 4km NW Cu Chi. 20 EK. 62 DET 13 IW, 5 AK-47s. PF cas 1t. No US or Natl Police cas.

- PALM BEACH. 22 EK.

- B-52s struck Quang Tri Prov twice.

- USA pilots flew 10,444 tac hel sorties (50 EK), USMC pilots flew 1390 sorties.

19 May (Friday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 131 mens NVN (USAF 76 USN 50 USMC 5). USN F-8s downed 4 MIG-17s, dam l. 5 USN jet acft, USAF A-1, USMC F-8 lost over NVN. Pilots MIA. USN pilots struck Hanoi TPP, Van Dien SAM support facility. USAF Hoa Lac and Kep army bks.
- MALHEUR. 37 EK. 14 IW.

- HICKORY. 4th Mar units discovered 8-ton ammo cache and 10 tons rice. USMC elms had moved 200 refugees. Day's results: 38 EK.

- BEAU CHARGER. 16 EK.

- LAMSON 54 (background) ARVN abn units sptd by frd arty engaged en co. 40 NVAK, 3 IW, 3 CSW, 200 rds 82mm mort. (end background)

- III MAF. Quang Nam Prov S Da Nang en atkd 5th Mar posn w/mort fire. Mort fire ret. Frd cas: 1 KIA 19 WIA.

- TF OREGON. 23 EK.

- FRANCIS MARION. 56 km SW Pleiku City, 4th Inf Div units locate cut-off plat. 22 US KIA 7 US WIA. Contact results: 119 EK. Frd cas: 31 KIA 24 WIA.

- PERSHING. 23 EK.

- USA pilots flew 9196 tac hel sorties (11 EK), USMC pilots flew 1521 sorties.

- B-52s struck Thua Thien Prov (a.m.) and Binh Dinh, Pleiku (twice) and Thua Thien Provs (p.m.).

- NGF- RVN. Cruisers USS ST. PAUL and BOSTON, destroyers USS A.M. SUMNER, JOSEPH STRAUSS, FLECHTELER and HMAS HOBART hit en arty and gun posns in DMZ. ST. PAUL, SUMNER, STRAUSS, FECHTELER, and HOBART recd en shore btry fire. No dam or cas to ships. USS AULT dest 15 en emplacements, 2 bunkers and 15 sampans in Kien Hoa Prov.

20 MAY (Saturday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 117 mens NVN (USAF 65 USN 48 USMC 4). USAF F-4Cs downed 6 MIGs. F-4C and RF-101 dawned over NVN. Crews MIA. USN hvy dam Haiphong TPP W, Bac Giang TPP, Kinh No vehicle repair yd.

- NGF-NVN. USS SUMNER and BARNEY dest 3 watercraft, dam 5, NNW Dong Hoi.

- HICKORY. Day's results: 32 EK. En cas in DMZ actions: 548 NVAK. Frd cas: 50 KIA 415 WIA.

- LAMSON 54 (background) NE Con Thien ARVN forces engaged en bn in day long battle. 250 NVAK, 21 IW 5 CSW. (end background).
20 MAY (Continued)

- MALHEUR. 15 EK.

- TF OREGON. 9 km N Duc Pho 3d Bde 25th Inf Div co+ engaged en co. 61 EK, 16 IW. Frd cas: 7 KIA 22 WIA.

- PERSHING. 28 EK.

- FRANCIS MARION. 56 km WSW Pleiku City en atkd multi-co 1st Bde 4th Inf Div force w/175 rds mort and 45 rds B-40 rkt fire. 33 EK. Frd cas: 17 KIA 66 WIA. Air and arty sptd.


- USA gunships killed 42 en.

- B-52s struck Quang Nam and Phuoc Long Provs (a.m.) and Thua Thien Prov (p.m.).

21 MAY (Sunday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 106 msns NVN (USAF 52 USN 48 USMC 6). USN hit Hanoi TPP; Kep airfld, 3 MIGs burning on ground; and Van Dien depot complex. USAF hit Hoa Lac. USN F-4 and HS-3 rescue helo down by ground fire. USAF helos rescued all crews.

- SHAWNEE. Term.

- HICKORY. Day's results: 55 EK.

- III MAF. NW Khe Sanh 26th Mar plat engaged en co+. 25 EK. Frd cas: 2 KIA 8 WIA.

- FRANCIS MARION. 29 EK, 4 IW, 3 CSW.

- II FFV. Long Khanh Prov 10 km E Xuan Loc on hwy 1, en atkd 11th Armd Cav Regt convoy. 30 EK. Frd cas: 16 KIA 29 WIA.

- US strike pilots flew 563 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 324 USMC 237 USN 2). AC-47s flew 22 sorties. BDA included 28 EK, and as dest or dam: 75 fort posns, 14 sampans, 4 AW sites. 11 secondary explosions.

- USA gunships killed 10 en. Thua Thien Prov 5 km NW A Shau, UH-1B downed by AW fire. Acft dest. 3 US MIA.

21 MAY (Continued)

- B-52s struck Thua Thien Prov (3 raids), Pleiku and Binh Duong Prov (a.m.), and Pleiku Prov (p.m.).

- NGF-RVN. USS WEDDERBURN dest or dam 149 bunkers and emplacements N Quang Ngai.

22 MAY (Monday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 117 mens NVN (USAF 51 USN 52 USMC 14). USAF F-4s downed 2 MIG-21s. F-105s hit Hanoi transformer site numerous AAA sites dest. 2 USAF F-4s downed ground fire. USAF O-1 downed ground fire just N DMZ. 1 pilot rescued.

- HICKORY. NNW Con Thien 3d Mar elm found en div size CP. Day's reslts: 7 EK, 28 IW, 5 CSW. WSW Gio Linh 9th Mar co found 10 NVAK, 6 IW, 3 CSW. SSW Con Thien 9th Mar co found 6 NVAK.

- FRANCIS MARION. SW Pleiku City, two 4th Inf Div cos atkd by hvy mort and rkt fire w/ground probe by en bn. 61 EK. Frd cas: 10 KIA 77 WIA. Day's results: 79 EK.

- DALLAS. Announced.

- WELLINGTON. Announced. Term.

- RANG DONG. 14 EK.


- USA gunships killed 32 en, dest or dam 77 sampans.

- USMC pilots flew 1019 tac hel sorties. 3 km NW A Shau in Thua Thien Prov, CH-46 downed by ground fire. Crew rescued. 33 km SW Hoi An in Quang Nam Prov, CH-46 downed by ground fire. 2 US WIA.

- B-52s struck Pleiku Prov (twice a.m.) (once p.m.) and Tay Ninh Prov (p.m.).

- NGF-RVN. Cruiser USS BOSTON shelled en arty and wpns posns DMZ spt BEAU CHARGER. DD PRESTON dest or dam 17 emplacements, 1 secondary explosion, NE Quang Ngai City. OZBOURN recd en fire during NGF spt BEAU CHARGER. Fire ret. No cas or dam to ship.
23 MAY (Tuesday)

- BUDDHA's birthday stand down, 0001H thru 2400H. Summary of truce incidents: total incidents 71; significant incidents 32; frd cas 12 KIA 57 WIA; 51 EK 16 DET.

- TF OREGON. Contact cont from 22 May SE Duc Pho. Contact term 1300H. 45 EK 334 DET 16 IW. Frd cas: 8 KIA 13 WIA.

24 MAY (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 112 msns NVN (USAF 48 USN 49 USMC 15). USAF hit 4 RR yds 2 RR sidings N Hanoi. B-57s hit ammo storage area S Dong Ho 25, secondary explosions. USN hit storage area 51 km ENE Haiphong, 3 bldgs dest, numerous secondaries. USN A-4 downed ground fire near Thanh Hoa. Pilot rescued.

- HICKORY. 15 EK.

- TF OREGON. 15 EK.

- FERSHING. 12 EK.

- FRANCIS MARION. 47 EK.

- I FFV. Lam Dong Prov 78 km SSW Dalat en co atkd CIDG co w/hvy SA and mort fire. Arty, gunships and AC-47s sptd. 6 EK. Frd cas: CIDG hvy, 3 US WIA 1 US MIA.

- DALLAS. NE Phu Cuong, en atkd 1st Inf Div FSB w/mort fire. Frd cas: 18 WIA.

- RANG DONG. 10 EK.

- US strike pilots flew 540 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 328 USMC 212). AC-47s flew 17 sorties. 28 EK. 19 secondary explosions.

- USA gunships killed 12 en, dest or dam 37 sampans.

- B-52s struck Pleiku (twice) and Hau Nghia Provs (a.m.), and Thua Thien Prov (p.m.).

- NGF-RVN. Cruiser BOSTON and DD EDSON recd en shore btry fire from DMZ. Fire ret. No cas or dam to either ship.
25 MAY (Thursday)


- NGF-NVN. Cruiser USS BOSTON hit storage areas NNE Thanh Hoa, 3 secondary explosions, 1 fire. 20 watercraft dest of dam.

- HICKORY. 5 km W Con Thien, 4th/26th Mar multi-bn force engaged en force in DMZ. Sptd by air and arty strikes. USMC aslted Hill 117. 41 NVAK. Frd cas: 17 KIA 119 WIA.

- QUANG TRI PROV. (On background) 9600 refugees at Cam Lo settlement. VN and USMC elms providing necessities for refugees. Est 400 families still in Gio Linh area. (End background).

- MALHEUR. 23 EK.

- CROCKETT. Announced. Results to date: 35 NVAK. Frd cas: 2 KIA 13 WIA.

- CHOCTAW. Announced.

- DALLAS. Term.

- US strike pilots flew 541 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 328 USMC 213). AC-47s flew 29 sorties. 30 EK. 22 secondary explosions.

- USA gunships killed 20 en.

- B-52s struck Kien Giang, Pleiku and Thua Thien Provs.

- NGF-RVN. Cruiser USS PROVIDENCE hit by en shore btry fire in DMZ. No cas. Superficial dam to main mast. Fire ret by PROVIDENCE and DDs EDSON and OZBOURN. Btrys silenced. Numerous secondary explosions and fires.

26 MAY (Friday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 99 msns NVN (USAF 56 USN 28 USMC 15). USN hit Kep airfld, Haiphong W TPP, and Uong Bi TPP. The Haiphong TPP was hvy dam, direct hits were scored on generator and boiler buildings at Uong Bi, and three MIGs hvy dam at Kep. USAF hit SAM trng facility N Hanoi, 3 blgde dest, 3 dam; and Hoa Lac airfld, fld inoperable. USN A-4 downed by ground fire. Pilot MIA.

- NGF-NVN. USS BOSTON hit trucks and arty posns 10 km N DMZ. 2 large secondary explosions w/numerous fires and smoke.
26 MAY (Continued)

- UNION II. Announced. Initiated in Quang Nam/Tin Provs w/5th Mar and ARVN Ranger hel aslt into Phuoc Cam Plain 24 km NNW Tam Ky. 5th Mar engaged in nv contact. 171 NVAK. Frd cas: 28 KIA 66 WIA.

- BEAU CHARGER. Term.

- III MAF. 2d Bde ROKMC multi-co elm engaged en force 14 km NE Quang Ngai City, 52 EK. Frd cas lt.

- FRANCIS MARION. Hill 521 vic Chu Co ungot Mtn, 1st Bde 4th Inf Div co engaged en force. 96 NVAK 28 IW 10 CSW. Frd cas: 10 KIA 54 WIA.


- USA gunships killed 18 en.

- USMC pilots flew 1486 tac hel sorties. UH-1E downed by ground fire DMZ. 6 USMC injured. CH-46 downed by ground fire NW Tam Ky. No cas.

- B-52s struck Pleiku and Thua Thien Provs.

- GAME WARDEN. 20 km S Saigon on Nha Be River at 0115H, PBR interrupted maj en river crossing. PBRs and gunships dest 16 sampans. 1 secondary explosion.

- NGF-RVN. USS BOSTON hit DMZ. 2 secondary explosions.

27 MAY (Saturday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 102 mens NVN (USAF 48 USN 40 USMC 14). USAF F-105 downed by ground fire. Pilot MIA.

- LAM SON 54. (Background) Term. Final results: 342 NVAK, 38 IW 13 CSW. (End Background).


- III MAF. Quang Ngai Prov 10 km NW Duc Pho, 1st bn 9th Cav troop engaged en force. Multi-co 3d Bde 25th Inf Div reinf. 2 UH-1Ds downed by ground fire. 42 EK, 16 IW 3 CSW. Frd cas: 1 KIA 7 WIA.

- UNION II. 15 EK.
27 MAY (Continued)

- DIAMOND HEAD. Announced.
- BARKING SANDS. Announced.
- IAM SON 67. 11 EK.
- USA gunships killed 25 en.
- USMC pilots flew 1691 tac hel sorties.
- B-52s struck Hau Nghia, Pleiku, Thua Thien and Quang Nam Provs.
- NGF-RVN. DD EDSON atkd w/50 rds 76mm arty fire off coast of DMZ while sptg Opn HICKORY. Fire ret, silencing btrys. EDSON hit w/1 rd resulting dam to radar and antenna. 10 USN WIA, non-seriously. Cruiser BOSTON, DDs TAYLOR and OZBOURN joined EDSON in shelling en arty posns. 20 watercraft were hit.

28 MAY (Sunday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 109 msns NVN (USAF 56 USN 46 USMC 7). USAF F-4s hit 8 rkt posns N portion DMZ, 1 secondary explosion, 1 fire.
- MALHEUR. 16 EK.
- PERSHING. 16 EK.
- USA gunships killed 29 en, dest or dam 23 sampans, 13 fort posns.
- USMC pilots flew 1214 tac hel sorties (237 gunship).
- B-52s struck Thua Thien, Pleiku and Binh Duong Provs.

29 MAY (Monday)

- NGF-RVN. DD BENJAMIN STODDARD dest 2 barges, N Dong Hoa. DD MORTON atkd by shore fire & Thanh Hoa. Shrapnel found aboard MORTON, no dam or cas. MORTON and MOORES hit Hon Me Island posns, dest 2 storage bldgs, cratered roads.
29 MAY (Continued)

- MALHEUR. 15 EK.

- PRAIRIE IV. WSW Con Thien two 4th Mar cos aslted en fort posns
  Hill 174 against hvy resistance. Hill secured. 13 en - 5 US KIA.
  46 US WIA.

- TF OREGON. NW Duc Pho 3d Bde 25th Inf Div co engaged en force.
  30 en - 3 US KIA. 14 US WIA.

- PALM BEACH. 33 en - 1 US KIA.

- USA gunships killed 32 en.

- USMC pilots flew 1441 tac hel sorties (110 gunship).

- B-52s struck Thua Thien (twice), Phuoc Tuy and Pleiku Provs (a.m.).

- NGF-RVN. DD PRESTON fired in Vinh Binh Prov, dest 8 emplacements,
  5 bunkers, 5 sampans, 1 secondary explosion, 1 fire. DD TAYLOR dest
  23 emplacements, dam 15 in Quang Tin Prov. DD OZBEOURN dest cave
  storage area SSE Bong Son. DD AULT dest 12 emplacements 2 caves
  E Quang Ngai City.

30 MAY (Tuesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 103 msns NVN (USAF 62 USN 32 USMC 9). USAF
  hit Hoa Lac airfld; RR yd NE Hanoi. USN dest Phu Ly RR bridge.
  USAF F-4 downed ground fire, crew rescued by DDs. USN A-4 downed
  ground fire, pilot MIA.

- NGF-NVN. DD B. STODDERT dest AA site and 2 storage bldgs 21 km
  NW Dong Hoi.

- PRAIRIE IV. 25 en - 6 US KIA.

- BARKING SANDS. 10 en - 0 US KIA.

- ENTERPRISE. 13 en - 4 US KIA.

- II FFV. Phuoc Tuy Prov, 2d Bn RAR relieved 6th En RAR.

- GAME WARDEN. Kien Hoa Prov W Truc Giang, USN gunship obs sampans
  in restricted area vic Ham Luong River. En fired. 3 EK, 6 sampans
  dest. No frd cas.
30 MAY (Continued)

- US strike pilots flew 523 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 318 USMC 205). AC-47s flew 24 sorties. 9 EK, 17 secondary explosions. USMC A-4 downed by ground fire W Tam Ky, pilot KIA.

- USA gunships killed 50 en, dest 85 fort posns, 13 sampans.

- USMC pilots flew 1677 tac hel sorties (348 gunship). UH-1E downed by ground fire E Hue. No frd cas.

- B-52s struck Pleiku, Bien Hoa and Thua Thien Provs.

- NGF-RVN. DD AULT, 11 EK, dest 39 emplacements, 6 bunkers; dam 88 emplacements, sealed 4 caves, SSE Da Nang. DD TAYLOR dest 34 emplacements, dam 46 and 13 bunkers, SSE Da Nang and later in Vinh Binh Prov dest 7 emplacements, dam 15 and 2 bunkers. DD JENKINS dest 6 emplacements in DMZ.

31 MAY (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 112 msns NVN (USAF 65 USN 41 USMC 6). USN hit Cong My and Loi Dong POL storage and transshipment areas 3, 5 & 4 miles NW Haiphong, hvy dam. USAF hit Kep army bks and RR yds, hvy dam. USN A-4 downed from unk causes, pilot MIA.

- PRAIRIE IV. Term. Final results: 489 en - 164 US KIA.

- PERSHING. 16 km NNE Bng Son 1st Cav Div co engaged NVA co in fort posns. Contact cont.

- OH JAK KYO II. Term. Final results: 108 EK. Frd cas 1t.

- ENTERPRISE. 15 en - 3 US KIA.


- USA gunships killed 27 en and dest 20 fort posns, 7 sampans.

- USMC pilots flew 1441 tac hel sorties (203 gunship).

- B-52s struck Pleiku, Thua Thien and Quang Ngai Provs.

- NGF-RVN. LSMR fired spt Opn MALHEUR, dest 550 emplacements, 77 bunkers, 28 sampans; dam 20 emplacements, 22 bunkers, 20 sampans, collapsed 2200 ft trench, 16 secondary explosions, 57 fires. 1 secondary w/fire ball 200 ft high. DD PRESTON dest 5 emplacements, 6 sampans; dam 2 emplacements, 5 sampans in Vinh Binh Prov.