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

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R E V I E W O F E V E N T S

JULY 1967

Enemy initiated ground actions against U.S. and Free World forces, tended to decrease during the month with an increase in emphasis against ARVN and civilian activities. Early in the month, in I Corps, there were several heavy ground engagements with increased enemy rocket, mortar, and artillery attacks in northern Quang Tri Province. Ground contacts tapered off during the last half of the month although frequent enemy attacks by fire continued to hit numerous military installations. On 15 July, Da Nang Air Base was hit for the third time this year with 50 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. U.S. Marines re-entered the southern portion of the DMZ late in the month on a three-day search and clear operation against enemy weapons positions in the southern half of the DMZ north of Con Thien. In the coastal areas of Quang Tin and Quang Ngai Provinces, continuous light to moderate ground contacts were reported by Task Force OREGON units. In II Corps, enemy probing activity in the western border areas of Pleiku Province continued with two heavy contacts reported by elements of the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division south of Duc Co. U.S. forces in Binh Dinh Province and ROK units in Phu Yen Province, reported contact with the enemy ranging from light to moderate, in daily engagements. III and IV Corps areas encountered generally light ground contacts with increased mortar and rocket attacks against base camp areas and installations. Three B-52s were lost during the month. Two of the bombers collided and crashed into the South China Sea, and a third crashed while making an emergency landing at Da Nang Air Base. U.S. air activity over North Vietnam increased with strikes being concentrated against lines of communication, storage areas, defensive positions and thermal power plants. Three MIGs were shot down by U.S. pilots with two additional MIG probables. No U.S. aircraft were lost to MIGs. On Yankee Station, 240 km north-northeast of Dong Ha, explosions and fire aboard the carrier USS FORRESTAL killed 134 navymen; 31 aircraft were destroyed, jettisoned or damaged.

There were approximately 7,600 enemy killed during July. A recapitulation of the 1967 enemy military loss figures are:

	<u>EN KIA</u>	<u>MILITARY CHIEU HOI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Jan 67	5,945	1,341	7,295
Feb 67	7,449	1,954	9,403
Mar 67	9,015	3,552	12,567
Apr 67	6,869	1,783	8,607
May 67	9,842	2,061	11,903
Jun 67	7,586 (updated)	1,644	9,230
<u>Jul 67</u>	<u>7,600 (approximate)</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>9,000</u>
TOTALS	54,306 (approximate)	13,735	68,005
TOTAL PWs Placed in PW Camps*			3,991
		1967 TOTAL	71,996

* Reflects only those captured since 1 January 1967, actually interned in GVN PW camps.

There were 1,854 Chieu Hoi Returnees during July (Military 1,400, Political 394, Other 60). The highest month of the conflict was March 1967 with a total of 5,557 returnees. The July returnees brought the yearly total through the month to 19,999. The 1966 total through the month of July was 10,916.

Allied casualty reports for July totalled 1,576 killed, (On background) RVNAF 697 (End background), U.S. 781, and other FW-AF 85.

I CORPS/III MAF

In the early part of July in Quang Tri Province, U.S. Marines, supported by artillery, air and naval gunfire missions, engaged enemy forces in a series of heavy contacts in the vicinity of Con Thien. In Operation BUFFALO, Marines killed 1,290 enemy in two weeks while suffering 159 Marines killed. Enemy mortar, rocket and artillery attacks against Con Thien, Gio Linh and Dong Ha increased in both intensity and frequency during the month. On 4 and 5 July these installations were attacked 12 times with more than 500 rounds of fire. Da Nang Air Base was hit for the third time with enemy rocket fire on July 15th. 50 individual 122mm rockets hit the base. Eight U.S. servicemen were killed, 163 wounded. Damage to the bomb storage area was heavy; to the airfield, moderate; to the buildings and equipment, light. The two previous attacks were on 27 February and 15 March. U.S. Marines penetrated the southern portion of the DMZ just north of Con Thien on the 28th in a search and destroy mission against enemy artillery and mortar positions south of the Ben Hai River. On the 29th, these Marines engaged an enemy force in a four-hour battle. 40 enemy and 23 Marines were killed. In the southern coastal areas of Quang Tin and Quang Ngai Provinces, Task Force OREGON and Operation MALHEUR II U.S. Army forces recorded continual enemy contacts throughout the month.

II CORPS/I FORCE

In Operation FRANCIS MARION, U.S. Army 4th Infantry Division units in the border areas of Pleiku Province south of Duc Co encountered two enemy probing actions and recorded heavy contacts in both. On the 12th, a U.S. Army Infantry company from the 4th Infantry division engaged an unknown size enemy force and killed 110 enemy. 44 U.S. soldiers were killed. In the same area, south of Duc Co, on the 23d, U.S. Infantrymen killed 124 enemy at the cost of 20 U.S. Infantrymen killed. U.S. forces in Operation PERSHING in Binh Dinh Province, and ROK forces in Operation HONG KIL DONG in Phu Yen Province, recorded daily enemy contacts ranging from light to moderate. 75 enemy were killed by U.S. Army units north-northeast of Bong Son in Binh Dinh Province on the 2d. 19 U.S. Infantrymen were killed in the engagement. Capital and 9th ROK Infantry Division forces in Phu Yen Province killed 408 enemy in Operation HONG KIL DONG between 9 and 31 July.

III CORPS/II FORCE

U.S. forces recorded generally light contacts during the month with an increase in mortar and rocket attacks against base camp areas and installations. On the 21st, in Long Khanh Province north of Xuan Loc, U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment units in Operation EMPORIA fought a two-hour battle with an enemy battalion. 93 enemy and 15 Cav troopers were killed. To the south in Phuoc Tuy Province on the 12th, RVN Marines engaged an enemy force north-northeast of Phuoc Le in Operation PADDINGTON. During a four-hour battle 40 enemy were killed. RVNMC casualties were light.

IV CORPS

U.S. forces in IV Corps reported light scattered contacts. The MACV compounds at Rach Gia in Kien Giang Province, and Cao Lanh in Kien Phong Province were attacked with mortar fire on 3 and 4 July respectively. In Operation HOPIAC on 24 July, Dong Tam base camp in Ding Tuong Province, was hit with 4 rounds of enemy mortar fire. 7 to 10 rounds hit in the hospital area, wounding 17 U.S. soldiers working in the hospital complex. Operation CORONADO was terminated 25 July in Dinh Tuong Province and CORONADO II initiated the 28th, by the U.S. 9th Infantry Division and the Navy's Task Force 117. The ARVN Operation Song Than 63 and Cuu Long 64/SD were conducted in conjunction with CORONADO II in Dinh Tuong Province. Light to scattered contact had been reported in the operations.

NAVAL OPERATIONS

Seventh Fleet ships on SEA DRAGON patrols off the coast of North Vietnam continued to hit enemy lines of communication, storage areas and coastal defense positions. Several U.S. ships were engaged by enemy shore fire during the month, one destroyer recorded minor shell fragment damage. There were no personnel casualties during the engagements.

Navy jet pilots and Seventh Fleet ships struck the Ben Thuy TPP 3 km south-southeast of Vinh on 24 July. USN jets damaged the boiler house, cooling towers and four AA sites. The cruiser St. PAUL, accompanied by the destroyers BLUE and BARNEY, reported two secondary explosions in the TPP, and three watercraft destroyed. As the three ships left the area they received enemy shore fire. Fire was returned, silencing the batteries.

The destroyer AULT was hit by enemy shore fire 24 km north of Dong Hoi on the 30th. There were no casualties, and only superficial shell fragment damage to the ship's bridge.

On Yankee Station on the 29th, 240 km north-northeast of Dong Ha, there was a fire and explosions aboard the carrier USS FORRESTAL. Fuel from a ruptured aircraft fuel tank ignited on the carrier's deck just prior to a morning launch. As the fire spread to other aircraft and into

the hanger deck and adjacent spaces, bombs and rockets exploded. All fires were under control by 2030H, and extinguished shortly after midnight. 134 navymen were killed and 64 injured. 25 aircraft were destroyed or jettisoned.

In naval gunfire support missions along the coast of the Republic, Seventh Fleet U.S. Navy and Australian ships shelled enemy bivouac areas, supply and infiltration routes, fortified positions and troop concentrations in support of allied ground forces. Seventh Fleet ships accounted for more than 400 enemy emplacements and fortified positions destroyed or damaged. More than 40 secondary explosions were reported.

U.S. Navy GAME WARDEN units continued the surveillance of the inland waterways of the Mekong Delta and Rung Sat Special Zone during the month, interdicting enemy infiltration attempts. On the 10th, in Vinh Long Province on the Mekong River east of Sa Dec, two PBRs observed 10 enemy sampans. The PBRs received enemy fire from the sampans and shore positions simultaneously. During a short engagement the PBRs killed six enemy and destroyed or damaged nine sampans and four structures with two secondary explosions reported. There were no U.S. casualties. On 30 July near the mouth of the Ham Luong River in Kien Hoa Province, USN armed helicopters hit an enemy ammunition and fuel storage area. The USS HUNTERDON COUNTY hit the area with 40mm gunfire. During the attack, one large and a series of small secondary explosions were set-off. Thirteen storage buildings were destroyed or damaged. There were no friendly casualties.

In MARKET TIME patrols along the coast of South Vietnam on 11 July, U.S. Navy and Coast Guard surface units observed a 120-foot steel-hulled trawler in international waters 40 km east-southeast of Da Nang. The trawler, displaying no flag or name, was taken under surveillance. On the 14th, the trawler entered Vietnamese coastal waters northeast of Quang Ngai City and was challenged. The challenge was ignored and a USN Swift boat was fired on. MARKET TIME units converged and engaged the trawler. Early on the morning of the 18th, the trawler was run aground near Cape Batangan, 18 km northeast of Quang Ngai City, the pilot house was afire and two secondary explosions were reported. ROK Marines boarded the trawler and captured more than 1,500 weapons. The trawler was towed to Chu Lai by the MARKET TIME forces and an inventory was conducted. Machine guns, rocket launchers, rifles, nearly six million rounds of ammunition and 5,000 pounds of TNT were taken from the trawler. This is the second enemy trawler to be captured by MARKET TIME forces. Other trawlers were destroyed on 16 February 1965, 10 May 1966, 1 January 1967 and 14 March 1967. One trawler was captured on 20 June 1966, and two trawlers were turned back on 23 and 31 December 1965.

AIR OPERATIONS

In air operations over North Vietnam, U.S. pilots concentrated on railroads and rail support facilities, lines of communication, storage areas and thermal power plants. Over 500 trucks, more than 440 water-

craft and 430 railroad cars and over 175 AA sites were destroyed or damaged during the month. Rail and highway segments were cut in more than 200 locations.

U.S. pilots flew more than 3,800 missions over the North (USAF 2,280 USN 925 USMC 614). Three MIGs were shot down by U.S. pilots and two others were probably downed. No U.S. aircraft were lost to MIGs.

On 6 July, USAF jets hit Thai Nguyen TPP and railroad yards. The main generator hall at the TPP was destroyed.

On the 8th, USN jets struck Ban Yen army barracks and missile storage area, damaging support buildings and reporting numerous secondary explosions throughout the area.

USN jet pilots hit the Loi Dong and Hai Phong POL storage areas 6 km northwest and 13 km southwest of Hai Phong on the 9th. Secondary explosions with heavy smoke were reported in both areas.

USAF pilots struck the Thai Hop military barracks area on the 13th, triggering numerous secondary explosions and destroying two AA sites. USN pilots hit Don Son POL storage area.

The Thanh Hoa railroad ferry complex was hit by USN jets on the 14th with 15 railroad cars, 3 watercraft and 2 AA sites reported destroyed.

USN jet pilots downed three MIG-17s with one MIG probably downed on 21 July during strikes against Ta Xa POL storage area 44 km north-northwest of Hai Phong. USAF pilots engaged eight MIGs on the 19th. No U.S. aircraft were lost in the engagements.

Air Force pilots reported 20 to 25 railroad cars destroyed or damaged in a strike against the Mo Trang railroad yard on 18 July. USN pilots hit Thi Liet POL storage area, reporting multiple secondary explosions with smoke to 7,000 feet.

Navy pilots and Seventh Fleet ships hit the Ben Thuy TPP 3 km south-southeast of Vinh on the 24th (details in NAVAL OPERATIONS).

Air Force jets pilots encountered two MIG-21s about 59 km west of Hanoi on 27 July. One of the MIGs was probably downed by the F-4s. No U.S. aircraft were lost in the engagement.

On the 28th, USAF jets struck Son Tay army barracks west of Hanoi, destroying or damaging 30 support buildings. USN jets hit Loi Dong storage area, destroying one large building and damaging many smaller buildings.

As of 31 July, U.S. pilots had downed 80 MIG aircraft (USAF 61 USN 19). Twenty U.S. aircraft have been lost to MIGs.

AIR SOUTH

U.S. strike pilots flew over 15,100 tactical air sorties in support of allied ground forces in the Republic (USAF 9,715 USMC 5,430). Air Force and Marine Corps pilots killed 615 enemy during July, and destroyed or damaged more than 7,200 enemy fortified positions, emplacements, artillery, mortar and automatic weapons sites. More than 550 secondary explosions and over 300 fires were reported.

Air Force B-52 crews flew more than 90 missions during the month, hitting enemy troop concentrations, base camps, fortifications, infiltration routes and storage areas. Six missions were flown on 5 and 6 July against enemy concentrations in the A Shau Valley. Earlier air strikes had caused landslides blocking major infiltration routes in the valley and creating chokepoints which resulted in enemy troop and vehicle build-ups.

On 6 July, two B-52s enroute to targets in South Vietnam collided in mid-air southeast of Saigon and crashed into the South China Sea. Seven crewmen were rescued. Six crewmen were lost, including Major General William J. Crumm.

On the 8th, a B-52 making an emergency landing at Da Nang Air Base with two engines out and an electrical failure, ran off the end of the runway and crashed. Of the six-man crew, only the tailgunner survived.

On the 26th, B-52 crews flew two missions against targets north of the DMZ, 11 and 14 km north of Con Thien and 22 km west of the Gulf of Tonkin.

Air Force troop-cargo carrier crews transported over 316,800 passengers and more than 65,400 tons of cargo while flying nearly 33,400 sorties in the Republic.

During July, U.S. Army aviation units flew nearly 453,000 combat support, combat surveillance and transportation sorties in support of allied forces in the Republic.

Gunship crews flew more than 54,100 direct fire and Firefly sorties, killing 1,206 enemy. Slick troop-carriers flew over 244,000 sorties. Army helicopters carried over 625,000 passengers and troops, and more than 55,600 tons of equipment and supplies in support of allied forces.

Army fixed-wing aircraft flew more than 29,000 sorties, providing reconnaissance, aerial observation and cargo and passenger movement sorties in support of allied forces. Fixed-wing aircraft carried more than 15,000 passengers and nearly 400 tons of cargo during July.

Marine Corps helicopter crews flew more than 41,500 tactical helicopter sorties in support of Free World Forces in the Republic. More than 60,000 troops and over 6,500 tons of cargo were carried.

MONTHLY CHRONOLOGY 1 July - 31 July 1967

1 July (Saturday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 145 msns NVN (USAF 89 USN 44 USMC 12). BDA included, as dest or dam: 80 RR cars, 4 RR yds, 3 RR sidings, 9 AAA sites, 3 storage areas, 1 SAM site, 2 bridges, 35 RR & rd segments. 40 secondary explosions, 95 fires.
- CALHOUN. Term. Final results: 24 EK/6 US.
- MALHEUR II. 17 EK.
- PERSHING. 2 km SW Phu My, en atkd 1st Cav Div & ARVN elms in LZ w/20 rds mort fire. 4 US WIA. Lt ARVN cas. 14 km NE Bong Son, 1st Cav Div elm atkd w/mort fire in LZ followed by ground atk by en co. No cas reported.
- ENTERPRISE. 30 EK/1 US.
- COOPAROO. Announced. Term. Initiated 22 Jun in Phuoc Tuy Prov by 7th Bn RAR 1st ATF.
- RANG DONG. 14 EK.
- US strike pilots flew 435 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 322 USMC 113. AC-47s flew 20 sorties. USAF killed 10 en. BDA included, as dest or dam: 188 fort posns.
- USA gunships killed 37 en.
- USMC pilots flew 1507 tac hel sorties (150 gunship).
- B-52s struck Quang Tri & Kontum Provs.
- GAME WARDEN. Kien Hoa Prov 6 km NE Truc Giang, USN helo killed 10 en, dest 8 sampans, dam 2 in restricted area. No frd cas.
- NGF-RVN. 7th Flt DD dest 47 emplacements, dam 44, started several fires 38 km SSE Da Nang.

2 July (Sunday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 114 msns NVN (USAF 69 USN 37 USMC 8). BDA included, as dest or dam: 18 watercraft, 4 storage areas, 1 POL area, 4 AAA sites, 1 SAM site, 21 RR & rd segments. 42 secondary explosions, 131 fires. 2 USAF F-105s downed, pilots rescued. USN A-4 downed, pilot MIA.
- CIMARRON. Term. Final results: 245 EK/38 US.

2 July (Continued)

- BUFFALO. Initiated in Quang Tri Prov by bde-sized 3rd Mar Div force. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ km NE Con Thien 9th Mar elms engaged NVA multi-bn 90th Regt 324B Div. USMC cos reinf, sptd by air, NGF, arty & AC-47s. En employed flame throwers. 1 USMC co atkd w/150 rds mort fire while medivac WIAs. 148 EK/78 US w/170 WIA 6 MIA.
- BEACON TORCH. Term. Final results: 94 EK/12 US.
- PERSHING. NE Bong Son at 0140H-0200H, en atkd 1st Cav Div unit w/5 rds mort fire & ground aslt. Arty & AC-47s sptd. 3 US WIA. En cas unk. NNE Bong Son, 1055H-1930H, 1st Bde 1st Cav Div (Airmbl) co hvy contact w/2 en cos in fort posns. 2 US cos reinf, 3rd co into blocking posns. Sptd by AC-47s air & arty strikes. 75 EK/19 US.
- I FFV. Khanh Hoa Prov NE Ninh Hoa, en cmd det large mine under US 5-ton truck on hwy 1. 1 US KIA, mod ROK cas.
- ENTERPRISE. NE Tan An 9th Inf Div elm located wpns cache: 29 IW, one 60mm mort, 10 bxs SA ammo, ten 20-inch mines, 1 radio. Day's results: 24 EK/2 US.
- US strike pilots flew 499 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 319 USMC 182). Ac-47s flew 21 sorties. BDA included 55 EK by USMC pilots, & as dest or dam: 156 posns, 26 sampans. 21 secondary explosions.
- USA gunships killed 39 en.
- B-52s stuck Quang Tri, Kontum & Long Khanh Provs.

3 July (Monday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 75 msns NVN (ASAF 52 USN 19 USMC 4). USAF hit Thai Nguyen & Thai Hop mil bks areas. BDA included, as dest or dam: 19 RR cars, 12 truck vans, 2 RR yds, 2 RR sidings, 1 storage area, 2 mil bks areas, 4 AAA sites.
- BUFFALO. 4 km N Con Thien, USMC 105mm arty killed 75 en.
- III MAF. Quang Tri Prov at Dong Ha, en atkd w/120 rds 140mm rkt fire. 4 US WIA. Lt dam installations & equip.
- III MAF. Quang Nam Prov 8 km N An Hoa at 2355H, en atkd 5th Mar co CP w/mort fire & ground atks. Contact cont.
- PERSHING. 27 EK.

3 July (Continued)

- CMD. 1097 Tran Hung Dao st, Saigon, unk pers threw hand grenade. 2 US minor frag wounds.
- IV CTZ. Kien Giang Prov NW Rach Gia, en atkd MACV compound w/mort fire. Lt ARVN cas. No US cas.
- US strike pilots flew 539 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 320 USMC 219). AC-47s flew 26 sorties. BDA included, as dest or dam: 162 fort posns, 26 sampans. 13 secondary explosions.
- USA gunship FT sank 148 sampans on Trung Giang River in Quang Tri Prov, killed 12 en & dest 13 posns in spt TF OREGON. Gunships sank total 163 sampans.
- B-52s struck 4 times Quang Tri Prov, once Tay Ninh Prov.

4 July (Tuesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 115 msns NVN (USAF 82 USN 25 USMC 8). USN hit Kep airfld (9th USN atk), hvy dam taxiway & runway, dam spt bldgs; SAM site 50 km SE Hanoi, 2 secondary explosions, 2 SAMs running uncontrolled on ground. BDA included, as dest or dam: 26-32 RR cars, 19 watercraft, 1 RR yd, 3 RR sidings.
- NGF-NVN. DD STODDERT hit RR yd 40 km S Thanh Hoa. DD MANSFIELD sptd w/suppression fire on 2 coastal defense posns.
- III MAF. Quang Nam Prov N An Hoa, contact cont from 2355H 3 Jul, contact term 0330H. 39 EK/13 US.
- BUFFALO. 0115H-1645H, en atkd Con Thien (6), Gio Ling (1) & Dong Ha (1) base areas 8 times w/rds rkt, arty & mort fire. Con Thien recd 3 ground probs. Mort, arty & AC-47s sptd. 15 US KIA 51 WIA.
- PERSHING. 14 EK/3 US.
- CORONADO. 15 EK.
- RANG DONG. 28 EK/1 US. ARVN cas lt.
- IV CTZ. Kien Phong Prov at Cao Lanh, en atkd MACV compound w/mort & RR fire & ground atk. Fire ret, w/AC-47 sptg. 2 US WIA, 1 PI civ WIA, ARVN cas lt.
- US strike pilots flew 498 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 300 USMC 198). AC-47s flew 19 sorties. USMC killed 16 en. BDA in-

4 July (Continued)

cluded, as dest or dam: 199 posns, 26 sampans. 24 secondary explosions, 15 fires.

- USA gunships killed 51 en (30 EK in spt ARVN S Saigon).
- USMC pilots flew 1758 tac hel sorties.
- B-52s struck Quang Ngai Prov (twice) & Long Khanh Prov.
- NCF-RVN. DD MORTON dam 6 posns just S DMZ. DD BUSH dest 3 posns in Binh Thuan Prov.

5 July (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 107 msns NVN (USAF 72 USN 28 USMC 7). USN hit Don Son POL area 21 km NNW Haiphong. Numerous secondary explosions & fireballs w/smoke to 13,000 ft. BDA included, as dest or dam: 37 RR cars, 14 trucks, 4 RR yds, 1 RR siding, 1 storage area, 36 spt bldgs, 3 bridges, 4 AAA sites, 3 USAF F-105s, 1 F-4 downed, pilots MIA.
- BUFFALO. 0202H-1810H, en atkd Con Thien (1) & Dong Ha (3) base areas 4 times w/245 rds rkt, arty & mort fire. 7 US KIA 54 WIA. Day's results: 11 EK.
- ELLIOT. Initiated in Quang Nam Prov by 7th Mar bn.
- CORONADO. 13 EK.
- KOLE KOLE. Announced. Initiated 14 May in Hau Nghia Prov by 2d Bde 25th Inf Div units 10 km W Duc Hoa. Day's results: 27 EK.
- US strike pilots flew 499 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 323 USMC 176). AC-47s flew 25 sorties. BDA included, as dest or dam: 198 posns, 41 sampans. 20 secondary explosions, 11 fires.
- USA gunships killed 46 en, dest 30 posns, sank 61 sampans.
- B-52s struck Long Khanh Prov & 3 times Thua Thien Prov.
- NCF-RVN. DD MORTON silenced arty posn vic DMZ.

6 July (Thursday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 102 msns (USAF 71 USN 25 USMC 6). USAF hit Thai Nguyen TPP, dest generator hall. BDA included, as dest or dam: 10 trucks, 3 RR yds, 1 RR siding, 1

6 July (Continued)

- storage area, 1 dredge, 1 truck park, 1 bridge, 1 bridge approach, 6 AAA sites, 12 RR & rd segments. 31 secondary explosions, 70 fires. USMC A-4 downed, pilot rescued.
- NCF-NVN. DDs STODDERT & MANSFIELD dam or dest 2 coastal defense posns Hon Me Island. 7th Flt DD dest or dam 9 watercraft 12 km SE Dong Hoi.
 - BUFFALO. 4 km SSE Con Thien, en atkd 3d Mar bn w/40 rds mort fire and ground probe. Mort & arty sptd. 14 EK/1 US. 3 km S Con Thien, 3d Mar co engaged en force. En used rkt & mort fire. US arty & tanks sptd. 5 EK/1 US. 2 1/2 km NE Con Thien, 9th Mar bn engaged 400 en in day-long battle using all sptg arms. 155 EK/3 US.
 - ELLIOT. Term.
 - MALHEUR II. 15 EK.
 - II FFV. Phuoc Long Prov NNE Saigon, FAC obs 10-15 en, directed air strikes. 10 EK.
 - CMD. Gia Dinh Prov, MP ptl found TNT charge on FOL pipeline under Binh Loi Bridge. 1 blasting cap blown. EOD disarmed charge.
 - IV CTZ. Go Cong Prov, USA & USN Riverine TAOR opn term. Final results: 31 EK. No frd cas.
 - US strike pilots flew 465 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 303 USMC 162). AC-47s flew 19 sorties. USAF killed 20 en. BDA included, as dest or dam: 172 posns, 6 rkt sites, 23 sampans. 31 secondary explosions, 18 fires.
 - USA gunships killed 48 en, dest 58 posns, sank 31 sampans.
 - B-52s. Two B-52s collided 80 km SE Saigon & crashed into S China Sea. 7 crewmen rescued. Other B-52s struck Thua Thien Prov (5 times), Kontum & Long Khanh Provs.

7 July (Friday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 145 msns NVN (USAF 88 USN 48 USMC 9). USAF hit Kep airfld, cratered runway, 1 secondary explosion. BDA included, as dest or dam: 4 RR yds, 3 RR sidings, 2 FOL areas, 6 storage bldgs, 2 bridges, 11 AAA sites, 1 SAM site, 13 RR & rd segments, 1 truck park. 55 secondary explosions, 75 fires.

7 July (Continued)

- NGF-NVN. Cruiser PROVIDENCE silenced en arty posn N part DMZ. DD MORTON hit en concentrations & arty posns DMZ. 2 secondary explosions.
- BEARCLAW. Announced. Initiated 3 Jul in Quang Tri Prov by USMC BLT hel aslt into area 3 km ESE Con Thien. 7th Flt ships sptd. S&D sweeps in BUFFALO TAOR. To OPCON III MAF.
- BEAVER TRACK. Announced. Initiated 4 July in Quang Tri Prov by USMC BLT hel aslt into area 3 km NE Cam Lo. 7th Flt ships sptd. S&D sweeps in BUFFALO TAOR. To OPCON III MAF.
- BUFFALO. 3 km NNE Con Thien at 0615H; AO obs large en group & called arty & air strikes. 200 EK. At 0750H, same area, 9th Mar co obs 200 en & engaged w/SA & AW fire w/ arty spt. 150 EK. 3 km S Con Thien at 1050H, USMC tank bn elms obs en force & engaged w/air spt. 16 EK. No frd cas in 3 actions. Con Thien, 0745H-1345H, en atkd w/12 rds arty fire (first confirmed use of 152mm arty). Direct hit on 9th Mar bn CP, 9 US KIA 21 WIA. Total cas arty atk: 14 KIA 25 WIA.
- BARKING SANDS. NW Phu Cuong, 1st Bde 25th Inf Div co engaged en force. En employed mort & RPG fire. US sptd by gunships, mort & arty. 5 US KIA 24 WIA. En cas unk.
- US strike pilots flew 483 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 303 USMC 180). AC-47s flew 19 sorties. BDA included as dest or dam: 177 posns, 1 AAA site. 22 secondary explosions, 24 fires.
- USA gunships killed 30 en, dest 62 posns, sank 27 sampans.
- B-52s struck twice Thua Thien Prov, once Long Khanh Prov.

8 July (Saturday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 97 msns NVN (USAF 81 USN 12 USMC 4). USN hit Ban Yen army bks & missile storage area 22 km SE Hanoi, hvy dam bks & spt bldgs w/multiple secondary explosions & fires. USAF & USMC hit wpns posns, logistics routes & traffic & storage areas S Panhandle. BDA included, as dest or dam: 19 trucks 8 RR cars, 4 arty posns, 10 AAA sites, 3 SAM sites, 1 RR yd, 1 POL area, 1 truck park, 10 RR & rd segments. 13 secondary explosions, 47 fires.
- BUFFALO. 4 km SSW Con Thien, 1000H-1530H, 3d Mar co engaged en force in fort posns. Air & arty strikes called. 11 posns dest 1 secondary explosion. 4 EK/2 US. 25 US WIA. 1300H, USMC w/air & arty spt re-engaged en force. En withdrew. Total cas: 39 EK/2 US. 29 US WIA. 6 km SSW Con Thien, 1500H-1800H, an

8 July (Continued)

other 3d Mar co engaged 200-250 en vic Hill 94. USMC plat. moving to reinf recd mort & hvy AW fire. En broke contact. 45 EK/1 US. 41 US WIA. Con Thien, en atkd 9th Mar bn CP w/30 rds hvy arty fire. Counter-btry fired w/unk results. 1 US KIA 14 WIA. Dong Ha, en atkd airfield w/7 rds arty fire. 1 US WIA. Lt dam airfld, acft, equip. Gio Ling, en atkd w/19 rds arty fire. Counter-btry ret. No dam or cas reptd.

- I FFV. Ninh Thuan Prov, POL line from beach to airbase at Phan Rang dam by explosion 2400H w/fire.
- US strike pilots flew 529 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 313 USMC 218). AC-47s flew 16 sorties. USAF killed 15 en. BDA included, as dest or dam: 152 posns, 26 sampans. 29 secondary explosions.
- USA gunships killed 37 en, dest 32 posns.
- B-52s struck twice Phuoc Tuy Prov & once Thua Thien Prov, Quang Nam Prov, Da Nang AB, B-52 w/electrical failure & 2 engines out attempted emergency landing. Ran off S end runway adjacent to minefield & burned. 5 crew killed, 1 survivor.

9 July (Sunday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 137 msns NVN (USAF 91 USN 27 USMC 19). USN hit Loi Dong POL area 6 km NW Haiphong & Haiphong POL area 13 km SW. Loi Dong, secondary w/fireball, hvy smoke both targets. USAF & USMC hit Panhandle. BDA included, as dest or dam: 1 RR yd, 18 trucks, 2 truck convoys, 1 storage area, 8 AAA sites, 2 SAM sites, 84 secondary explosions, 78 fires.
- NGF-NVN. Cruiser BOSTON hit arty posn & ammo storage area N portion DMZ, dest 7 storage bldgs, dam 3, silenced arty posn, 2 secondary explosions, 1 fire. 7th Flt ship hit SAM site 6 km E Vinh & boat repair facility, several fires reported at SAM site.
- BUFFALO. Con Thien, en atkd w/3 rds arty fire. 4 US WIA. SSW Con Thien, en atkd 3d Mar unit w/9 rds RR fire. 8 US WIA.
- CHOCTAW. Term. Final results: 160 EK/18 US.
- I FFV. Ninh Thuan Prov (continued from 8 Jul), POL line from beach to airbase at Phan Rang dam by explosion and fire 2400H 8 Jul. At 0120H, 9 Jul, gren det against line causing minor dam. No cas, fire or fuel loss.
- DIAMOND HEAD. 49 EK/18 US.

9 July (Continued)

- CMD. Corner Tran Hung Dao & Dong Khanh vic Capital BEQ, claymore det at BEQ from across street, followed by scattered SA sniper fire. 14 US WIA. 4 VN civ killed, 19 wounded.
- US strike pilots flew 471 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 284 USMC 187). BDA included 12 EK, & as dest or dam: 187 posns, 15 sampans. 13 secondary explosions.
- B-52s struck twice in Phu Yen Prov & once Phuoc Tuy Prov.
- NGF-RVN. DD WALKER dest or dam 19 posns 56 km SSE Quang Ngai City.

10 July (Monday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 138 msn NVN (USAF 81 USN 42 USMC 15). USN hit My Xa POL area 43 km NW Haiphong, numerous secondary explosions. USAF hit Phu Tho army bks, dest 3 bldgs. BDA included as dest or dam: 14 trucks, 8 RR cars, 7 watercraft, 1 POL area, 1 storage area, 2 bridges, 1 bridge approach, 3 storage bldgs, 3 AAA sites, 7 RR segments. 72 secondary explosions, 120 fires.
- NGF-NVN. Cruiser St PAUL hit RR siding, storage area & bridge approach 27 km NNW Vinh, several fires reported. Then hit 2 coastal btrys, 2 secondary explosions. Earlier in day, St PAUL and DDs WARE & STODDERT were engaged by en shore fire. Fire was ret, 1 secondary explosion. No dam or cas to ship.
- BUFFALO. Dong Ha airfld, en atkd w/18-20 rds arty or rkt fire. 12 US WIA. Lt dam.
- FREMONT. Initiated in Thua Thien Prov by 4th Mar.
- MALHEUR II. NW Duc Pho, 1st Bde 101st Abn Div recon ptl engaged en force. Contact cont.
- III MAF. Quang Tin Prov NW Tam Ky, 5th Mar ptl engaged en force. Mar plat reinf, w/air & gunship spt. 14 EK/3 US.
- GREELEY. SW New Dak To, 173d Abn Bde multi-co force engaged en force in fort posns. 6 EK/26 US.
- BARKING SANDS. 11 EK/2 US.
- II FFV. Dinh Tuong Prov W My Tho, ARVN intelligence reported en concentration. Arty msn fired. 50 EK.

10 July (Continued)

- US strike pilots flew 517 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 318 USMC 199). BDA included 14 EK, as dest or dam: 386 posns, 18 sampans. 30 secondary explosions.
- USA gunships killed 18 en.
- B-52s struck twice in Pleiku Prov, twice in Phuoc Tuy Prov & once in Quang Nam Prov.
- NGF-RVN. DD WALKER dest or dam 50 posns 20 km SSE Quang Ngai City.

11 July (Tuesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 137 mns NVN (USAF 88 USN 34 USMC 15). USN hit Tram Bang POL area 96 km SSW Vinh, several fires started. USN pilots obs 5 MIGs, no engagements. US pilots concentrated on lines of communication & storage areas. BDA included, as dest or dam: 53 watercraft, 33 trucks, 1 RR yd & 1 RR siding, 1 storage area, 1 POL area, 8 AAA sites, 2 bridges, 10 rd segments. 48 secondary explosions, 54 fires.
- NGF-NVN. DD MANSFIELD fired on truck convoy 77 km NNW Dong Hoi as DD HOLLISTER fired shore btry suppression fire. DD MORTON silenced 2 arty sites in N part DMZ & dest 2 storage bldgs, dam 1 in S part DMZ.
- MALHEUR. NW Duc Pho, contact cont from 10 Jul, term 0700H. 1 EK/2 US. Day's results: 11 EK/2 US.
- CORONADO. Long An Prov S Saigon, USA & USN Riverine force atkd while making landing. Landing ramp lowered, en det claymore & atkd w/RR & AW fire. Fire ret. 6 USN 3 USA WIA. 25 km S Saigon, 2d Bde 9th Inf Div elms engaged en plat. 20 EK. 1930H, vic 25 km S Saigon, 9th Inf Div co recd 1 RPG rkt rd. 1 US KIA 4 WIA. Day's results: 26 EK/1 US.
- HOPTAC. 50 EK
- II FFV. Binh Long Prov ENE An Loc, en atkd 1st Bde 1st Inf Div airfld security bn w/mort, AW & SA fire. AC-47s, gunships & air strikes sptd. 4 US KIA 17 WIA.
- US strike pilots flew 536 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 348 USMC 188). BDA included as dest or dam: 136 posns. 20 secondary explosions.
- USA gunships killed 24 en, dest 30 posns.

11 July (Continued)

- B-52s struck Pleiku & Thua Thien Provs.
- MARKET TIME. 40 km FSE, off coast of Da Nang, 1125H, ptl obs 120-ft olive green steel-hulled trawler w/no flag or name. Trawler under surveillance in international waters.
- GAME WARDEN. Ba Xuyen Prov NE Soc Trang, USN PBR atkd by en RR fire. USN LFT & mort fire sptd. 3 EK/2 US. 4 US WIA.
- Official acft loss figures: (fxd-wg) NVN 605 RVN 191
(hel) NVN 6 RVN 337
- NGF-RVN. DD WALKER dest or dam 6 posns 17 km NNE Quang Ngai City. Another DD dest or dam 2 caves 18 km SSE Bong Son.

12 July (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 134 msns NVN (USAF 88 USN 29 USMC 17). USAF hit Hoa Lac airfld, dest or dam numerous spt bldgs, 2 AA sites & cratered runway. BDA included as dest or dam: 17 watercraft, 14 RR cars, 8 trucks, 2 RR sidings, 1 RR yd, 1 POL area, 6 AAA sites, 3 bridges, 1 SAM site, 1 military bks area, 23 RR & rd segments. 69 secondary explosions, 62 fires. USN A-4 downed by ground fire, pilot rescued.
- NGF-NVN. DD MORTON dest 3 en posns S part DMZ. Cruiser St. PAUL & DDs STODDERT & WARE atkd by en shore fire 44 km S Thanh Hoa. Fire ret, 3 secondary explosions. DD HOLLISTER hit shore btrys 28 km MNW Dong Hoi, 2 secondary explosions. No cas or dam to ships.
- FREMONT. 13 EK.
- MALHEUR II. 11 EK.
- FRANCIS MARION. Pleiku Prov S Duc Co, 2d Bde 4th Inf Div co ret from ground follow-up or B-52 raid engaged en bn. 2 US cos reinf. Air & arty strikes sptd. 110 EK/44 US.
- PERSHING. 17 EK.
- I FFV. Phu Yen Prov 5 km SSE Tuy Hoa at 0120H, explosions & fire in POL drum storage area. Cause unk. No cas, lt dam to facility.
- CORONADO. 12 EK/6 US.
- PADDINGTON. Announced. Initiated 10 Jul in Phuoc Tuy Prov by 1st ATF, USA 1st Bde 9th Inf Div, 11th Armd Cav Regt &

12 July (Continued)

RVNMC Bde. 31 km NNE Phuoc Le, RVNMC bn engaged en force. 11th Armd Cav Regt troop reinf. Arty, LFTs & air sptd. 40 EK, 6 IW, 7 CSW. RVNMC cas lt.

- US strike pilots flew 507 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 328 USMC 179). BDA included 10 EK, & as dest or dam: 273 posns, 5 arty posns, 3 AW posns, 14 sampans. 14 secondary explosions & 8 fires. USAF F-100 downed by ground fire S Saigon, pilot MIA.
- USA gunships killed 34 en, dest 70 posns, sank 61 sampans.
- USMC pilots flew 1198 tac hel sorties.
- B-52s struck Quang Nam & Binh Dinh Provs.
- MARKET TIME. Trawler under surveillance in international waters.

13 July (Thursday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 170 msns NVN (USAF 97 USN 58 USMC 17). USAF hit Thai Hop military bks, secondary explosion, 2 AAA sites silenced. USN hit Don Son POL area. NVN village burst into flames when SAM hit village. BDA included, as dest or dam: 30 trucks, 2 POL areas, 2 AAA sites, 2 bridges, 1 ferry complex, 2 SAM sites, 15 rd segments. 77 secondary explosions. No dam or cas to ship.
- RANG DONG. 15 EK.
- PADDINGTON. NE Binh Gia, en atkd USA FSB w/20-25 rds mort fire. Counter-mort ret w/LFT spt. 9 US WIA.
- II FFV. Hau Nghia Prov at Cu Chi, en atkd w/16 rds mort fire. Counter-mort ret. 15 US WIA.
- BARKING SANDS. Binh Long Prov NW Phu Cuong, en atkd 1st Bde 25th Inf Div co w/10 rds RPG fire. 1 US KIA 10 WIA.
- US strike pilots flew 515 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 314 USMC 201). USAF A-1 downed by ground fire vic Khe Sanh. VNAF hel rescued pilot. Hel took 5 hits in rescue. No cas reported aboard hel. BDA included 19 EK, & as dest or dam: 161 posns, 3 wpns posns, 13 secondary explosions.
- B-52s struck 3 times DMZ & once Tay Ninh Prov.
- NCF-RVN. DD hit en fort posns 27 km NNW Hue, dest 11 posns.

13 July (Continued)

2 secondary explosions, 3 fires. DD WALKER dest or dam 56 posns 9.6 km ESE Quang Ngai City.

- MARKET TIME. Trawler under surveillance in international waters.

14 July (Friday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 94 msns NVN (USAF 42 USN 37 USMC 15). USN hit Thanh Hoa RR ferry complex, dam 15 RR cars, 2 watercraft dest, 1 dam, dam 3 AAA sites. BDA included as dest or dam: 19 watercraft, 14 trucks, 2 truck convoys, 1 truck park, 2 RR sidings, 63 secondary explosions, 106 fires. USN A-4 downed by ground fire, pilot MIA.
- NGF-NVN. Cruiser BOSTON dest 10 barges, dam 7 vic Thanh Hoa.
- BUFFALO. Term. Final results: 1290 EK/159 US.
- MALHEUR II. 10 EK.
- HICKORY II. Initiated in Quang Tri Prov by 3d Mar Div.
- FRANCIS MARTON. 32 EK.
- CORONADO. 65 EK.
- PADDINGTON. NE Binh Gia, 9th Inf Div AO obs en bn, 2 tac air strikes called. 13 EK.
- US strike pilots flew 512 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 325 USMC 187). BDA included 31 EK, & as dest or dam: 75 posns.
- USA gunships killed 36 en, sank 131 sampans, dest 63 posns.
- B-52s struck Pleiku, Bien Hoa, Tay Ninh & Thua Thien Provs.
- MARKET TIME. (Continued from 11-13 Jul). 120-ft steel-hulled trawler challenged vic 18 km NE Quang Ngai City when entered RVN waters. Challenge ignored, trawler fired on Swift boat. MARKET TIME units engaged w/ROK arty, gunship & AC-47 spt. Contact continued.
- NGF-RVN. DD WALKER dest 38 posns, dam 67 in storage area 38 km SSE Quang Ngai City.

15 July (Saturday)

- NVN. Us pilots flew 102 msns NVN (USAF 70 USN 21 USMC 11). pilots concentrated on lines of communication. BDA includ-

15 July (Continued)

- ed, as dest or dam: 64 RR cars, 1 locomotive, 26 watercraft, 20 trucks, 3 truck parks, 1 truck convoy, 1 RR siding, 7 AAA sites, 3 bridges, 21 rd segments. 52 secondary explosions, 87 fires. USN A-4 & A-1 downed by ground fire, 1 pilot MIA, 1 rescued.
- NGF-RVN. DD BIGELOW hit POL area & watercraft vic 13 km NNW Dong Hoi, 6 watercraft dest, 12 dam, POL area dam. DD hit storage area 75 km NNE Vinh, several secondary explosions. DD MORTON silenced 2 arty posns N part DMZ, 2 secondary explosions at 3d posn.
 - III MAF. Quang Nam Prov at Da Nang AB, 0025H, en atkd w/est 50 rds 122mm rkt fire. Counter-btry fired 0026H. AC-47s sptd. 0200H, arty & air strikes hit escape routes. 11 acft dest, 31 dam, W runway cratered (operational at 0930H). 8 USAF KIA, 128 WIA (40 hosp), 35 USMC WIA. Hvy dam bomb storage area, mod dam airfld, 1t dam to bldgs & equip. 3d rkt atk on Da Nang (Other atks 27 Feb 67 & 15 Mar 67)
 - HICKORY II. Announced. ESE Gio Linh, USMC AMTRAC bn engaged en fore, recd hvy fire in aslt of en posns. 25 EK/1 US.
 - MALHEUR II. 10 EK.
 - TF OREGON. S Duc Pho 25th Inf Div co engaged en force in fort posns. US aslt posns. Arty sptd. 28 EK.
 - GREELEY. 16 EK.
 - PADDINGTON. 13 EK.
 - BARKING SANDS. Hau Nghia Prov, 25th Inf Div co found cache: two 100-volt generators, 30 rds 2,7-in rkt, 1 ton rice & assorted equip.
 - US strike pilots flew 498 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 326 USMC 172). BDA included 22 EK, & as dest or dam: 316 posns, 18 wpsn posns, 18 sampans. 15 secondary explosions, 30 fires.
 - USA gunships killed 17 en, dest 16 sampans.
 - B-52s struck Pleiku & Thua Thien Prov.
 - MARKET TIME. (Continued from 11-14 July). Trawler aground 0041H, vic Cape Batangan 18 km NE Quang Ngai City. Pilot house afire, 2 secondary explosions.

17 July (Continued)

- USA 9th Inf Div LFT killed 12 en. Other USA gunships killed 20 en, sank 134 sampans (71 in Quang Tin Prov).
- B-52s struck Pleiku, Kien Hoa, Quang Ngai & Bien Hoa Provs.

18 July (Tuesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 133 msns NVN (USAF 68 USN 28 USMC 37). USN hit Thi Liet POL area 16 km NNW Haiphong, multiple secondary explosions w/smoke to 7000 ft. USAF hit Mo Trang RR yd, dest or dam 20-25 RR cars. BDA included as dest or dam: 20-25 RR cars, 1 RR yd, 1 POL area, 1 SAM launcher & van, 3 SAMs, 5 watercraft, 4 trucks, 9 AA sites, 3 wpns posns, 2 spt bldgs, 1 bridge, 4 fort posns. USAF F-4 downed by ground fire, 2-man crew rescued.
- FREMONT. WNW Hue, USMC 2½-ton truck det unk type explosive device. 14 US WIA.
- TF OREGON. 42 EK/1 US.
- III MAF. Quang Tri Prov ESE Gio Linh, en atkd USMC AMTRAC bn w/10 rds 140mm rkt fire. Counter-btry fired by LVTH-6s. 8 US WIA.
- I FFV. Pleiku Prov, Pleiky City, 0545H, frag gren exploded in US AP armory. 1 US killed, 10 wounded.
- II FFV. Binh Duong Prov W Dau Tieng, 25th Inf Div Cav troop engaged en force. LFTs, air & arty sptd. 10 US WIA.
- US strike pilots flew 486 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 317 USMC 169). BDA included as dest or dam: 169 posns, 18 sampans, 1 boat. 14 secondary explosions.
- USA gunships killed 14 en.
- B-52s struck Quang Nam & Thua Thien Provs.
- NGF-RVN. DD WALKER dest 15 en posns 22 km SSE Quang Ngai City. DD MORTON silenced 2 mort posns S part DMZ.
- Official acft loss figures: (fxd-wg) NVN 615 RVN 195
(hel) NVN 6 RVN 338

19 July (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 142 mens NVN (USAF 78 USN 34 USMC 30). USN hit My Xa POL area, dest 3 bunkers, secondary explosion

19 July (Continued)

w/many fires in area. BDA included as dest or dam: 29 watercraft, 44 RR cars, 20 trucks, 1 RR yd, 3 POL areas, 1 bks area, 6 AAA sites, 3 SAM vans, 5 storage bldgs, 1 arty posn, 3 bunkers. 7 secondary explosions. USAF F-4s engaged 8 MIG-17s, no acft losses.

- III MAF. ROKMC. Quang Ngai Prov N Quang Ngai City at 2d Bde ROKMC sqd ambush ptl engaged en co. 33 EK. No frd cas.
- MALHEUR II. WSW Duc Pho, 1st Bde 101st Abn Div found VC prison compound & hosp complex w/22 pers (19 men 3 women). All in poor physical condition. Evac to 1st Bde 101st Abn Div for med treatment. Day's results: 12 EK.
- PERSHING. 12 EK.
- US strike pilots flew 475 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 329 USMC 146). BDA included 10 EK, & as dest or dam: 133 posns, 16 sampans, 4 trucks, 4 wpns posns. 25 secondary explosions & 25 fires.
- USA gunships killed 9 en, sank 18 sampans.
- B-52s struck Thua Thien & Quang Tri Provs.

20 July (Thursday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 116 msns NVN (USAF 79 USN 10 USMC 27). BDA included, as dest or dam: 1 non-operational airfld, 50 watercraft, 21 trucks, 3 POL areas, 6 pieces construction equip, 9 AA sites. 37 secondary explosions, 61 fires.
- BEAR CHAIN. Initiated.
- TF OREGON. 36 EK.
- III MAF. Quang Tri Prov, Gio Linh, en atkd w/9 rds arty fire. No dam or cas.
- GRELLEY. 13 EK.
- CORONADO. 17 EK/1 US.
- US strike pilots flew 508 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 337 USMC 171). BDA included 23 EK, & as dest or dam: 219 posns, 12 sampans, 4 wpns posns, 1 truck. 34 secondary explosions.
- USA gunships killed 15 en.
- B-52s struck Tay Ninh, Kontum & Thua Thien Provs.

21 July (Friday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 110 msns NVN (USAF 59 USN 24 USMC 27). USN F-8s downed 3 MIG-17s, 1 probable. Pilots concentrated on lines of communication, POL & storage areas. BDA included, as dest or dam: 11 watercraft, 15 RR cars, 6 trucks, 3 RR yds, 1 POL area, 2 bridges, 1 bks area, 8 AA sites. 13 secondary explosions, 23 fires.
- NGF-NVN. DD STODDERT dest 1 watercraft, dam 7 on beach vic 68 km NNW Dong Hoi. Cruiser ST. PAUL dam hwy bridge 37 km NNW Vinh.
- KINGFISHER. Announced. Initiated 16 Jul by multi-bn 3d Mar Div force in Quang Tri Prov. NE Kh Sanh, 3d Mar plat engaged en force. Plat recd 120 rds mort fire. Multi-co 3d Mar force reinf. 24 EK/9 US.
- ARDMORE. Announced. Initiated 17 Jul by multi-bn 26th Mar force in Quang Tri Prov.
- BEACON GUIDE. Initiated.
- BEAR CHAIN. SE Quang Tri City, en atkd 3d Mar c w/RR, 60/80mm mort & RPG-2 fire. NGF & arty sptd. 9 EK/ 2 US. 1845H, co recd 4 rds mort fire, 19 US WIA. 8 km SE 1st incidents, another 3d Mar co engaged en plat. Arty & mort sptd. 5 US KIA. En cas unk.
- I FFV. ROKFV. Phu Yen Prov NW Tuy Hoa, ROK 26th Inf Regt multi-plat force engaged en force. 47 EK. No frd cas.
- EMPORIA. Long Khanh Prov N Xuan Loc, 11th Armd Cav Reg troop engaged en bn (VC 275th Regt) along Rte 20. Cav troop moved to reinf. 93 EK/15 US.
- II FFV. Tay Ninh Prov, 30 km SE Tay Ninh City, 2200H, 7 rds 81mm mort fire hit VN civ house. 3 VN civ killed 4 wounded.
- US strike pilots flew 439 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 273 USMC 166). BDA included 16 EK, & as dest or dam: 226 posns, 18 sampans, 6 trucks, 5 wpns posns. 18 secondary explosions & 22 fires.
- USA gunships killed 36 en.
- B-52s struck three times Thua Thien Prov.

22 July (Saturday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 97 msns NVN (USAF 54 USN 21 USMC 22).

22 July (Continued)

BDA included, as dest or dam: 28 trucks, 9 watercraft, 8 RR cars, 1 storage area, 1 military bks area, 4 bks bldgs, 3 AA sites. 25 secondary explosions, 30 fires.

- EMPORIA. Announced. Initiated 21 Jul in Long Khanh Prov by 9th Inf Div & 11th Armd Cav Regt units.
- RANG DONG. 17 EK.
- KOLE KOLE. W Cu Chi, 20-man en force fired on 2d Bde 25th Inf Div co. US maneuvered, DET 15 (9 armd, 6 unarmd). 1 US WIA.
- US strike pilots flew 447 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 295 USMC 152). BDA included, as dest or dam: 293 posns, 13 sampans. 14 secondary explosions.
- USA gunships killed 19 en.
- B-52s struck Thua Thien, Binh Dinh & Bien Hoa Provs.

23 July (Sunday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 120 msns NVN (USAF 78 USN 19 USMC 23). USN hit Ben Thuy TPP 3 km SSE Vinh, dam boiler house, cooling towers, 4 AA sites. USMC hit Thai Nguyen TPP. USAF hit lines of communication. BDA included, as dest or dam: 75 trucks, 24 RR cars, 14 watercraft, 5 AA sites.
- KINGFISHER. SE Dong Ha, 3d Mar co found est 30 claymore adjacent & parallel to Rt 9. Mines dest in place.
- MALHEUR II. 10 EK.
- FREMONT. NW Hue, explosion killed 1 USMC, wounded 14. Suspected 250 lb bomb det as mine.
- FRANCIS MARION. Pleiku Prov SSE Duc Co, multi-co 4th Inf Div force engaged multi-co NVA force. 124 EK/20 US.
- HONG KIL DONG. Announced. Initiated 9 Jul in Phu Yen Prov by ROK 9th & Cap Inf Div units.
- US strike pilots flew 487 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 303 USMC 184). BDA included 41 EK, & as dest or dam: 416 posns, 30 sampans. 14 secondary explosions.
- USA gunships killed 14 en.
- B-52s struck Thua Thien, An Xuyen & Tay Ninh Provs.

23 July (Continued)

- GAME WARDEN. Vinh Long Prov E Sa Dec on Mekong River, 2 USN PBRs obs 10 en sampans. PBRs recd fire from sampans & shore. Fire ret. 6 EK, 2 secondary explosions, dest or dam 9 sampans & 4 structures. No frd cas.

24 July (Monday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 144 msns NVN (USAF 69 USN 50 USMC 25). USN hit Ben Thuy TPP 3 km SSE Vinh. BDA included, as dest or dam: 22 watercraft, 17 trucks, 13 bridges, 24 rd segments. 43 secondary explosions, 53 fires.
- NGF-NVN. Cruiser St. PAUL sptd by DDs BARNEY & BLUE hit Ben Thuy TPP 3 km SSE Vinh. BARNEY & BLUE fired suppression msns in spt. DDs recd shore fire while leaving area. Fire ret silencing btrys. No dam or cas to ships. NGF cause 2 secondary explosions at TPP & 3 watercraft dest in vic. DD STODDERT dam ferry supply barge & dest 5 watercraft 31 km NNE Dong Hoi.
- KINGFISHER. 3 km N Con Thien (1200 meters from DMZ) USMC recon ptl engaged est 18 en. USMC called arty msns. 18 EK.
- TF OREGON. Quang Ngai Prov NW Duc Pho, 3d Bde 25th Inf Div elm engaged est 40 en. 13 EK.
- III MAF. Quang Nam Prov 43 km S Da Nang, O355H, en atkd 5th Mar co w/mort fire. Counter-mort ret. 1 US KIA, 17 WIA.
- FRANCIS MARION. 24 EK.
- KOLE KOLE. 11 EK.
- HOPTAC. SW My Tho, en atkd Dong Tam base w/14 rds mort fire. 7-10 rds hit hosp area. 17 US WIA. Lt equip & installation dam.
- ENTERPRISE. 49 EK.
- US strike pilots flew 464 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 285 USMC 179). BDA included 33 EK, & as dest or dam: 188 posns. 18 secondary explosions.
- USA gunships killed 17 en, dest 62 posns & 45 sampans.
- B-52s struck Thua Thien, Pleiku & Long Khanh Provs.

25 July (Tuesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 126 msns NVN (USAF 68 USN 31 USMC 27).

25 July (Continued)

BDA included, as dest or dam: 21 watercraft, 5 RR cars, 18 trucks, 7 AA sites. 33 secondary explosions, 63 fires. USAF F-4 downed to unk causes, 2-man crew MIA. USN A-4 downed by ground fire, pilot MIA.

- MALHEUR II. 12 EK/1 US.
- TF OREGON. 8 EK/2 US.
- PERSHING. 11 EK/1 US.
- FRANCIS MARION. 12 EK/1 US.
- HONG KIL DONG. 10 EK.
- CORONADO. Term. Final results: 478 EK/40 US.
- US strike pilots flew 499 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 316 USMC 183). BDA included 43 EK, & as dest or dam: 432 posns. 17 secondary explosions, 16 fires.
- USA gunships killed 17 en, dest 27 posns.
- B-52s struck Thua Thien (twice) & Pleiku Provs.
- Official acft loss figures: (fxd-wg) NVN 623 RVN 195
(hel) NVN 7 RVN 347

26 July (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 135 msns NVN (USAF 68 USN 38 USMC 29). BDA included, as dest or dam: 17 watercraft, 5 RR cars, 13 trucks, 21 rd segments, 4 AA sites. 18 secondary explosions & 68 fires. USAF F-4 downed to unk causes, 2-man crew MIA.
- NCF-NVN. Cruiser St. PAUL hit Ben Thuy TPP SE Vinh. Later, 39 km S Thanh Hoa, St. PAUL dam RR spur, & 26 km SE Thanh Hoa, dam storage caves.
- III MAF. En atkd Dong Ha base w/5 rds arty fire. 3 US WIA.
- BEAR CHAIN. Term.
- SOUTHPORT. Announced. Term. Initiated 22 Jul by 1st ATF units in Phuoc Tuy Prov. 2 EK. No frd cas.
- US strike pilots flew 470 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 308 USMC 162). BDA included 28 EK, & as dest or dam: 221 posns.

26 July (Continued)

- USA gunships dest 24 posns.
- B-52s struck twice N of DMZ (11 & 14 km N Con Thien, 22 km W Gulf of Tonkin).
- NGF-DMZ. DD MORTON hit en posns N part DMZ: hit 3 arty posns; dest or dam 5 emplacements.

27 July (Thursday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 150 msns NVN (USAF 67 USN 49 USMC 34). USAF F-4s encountered 2 MIG-21s, probably downed 1. No US acft lost or dam. BDA included, as dest or dam: 67 watercraft, 35 trucks, 3 AA sites. 30 secondary explosions, 89 fires.
- KINGFISHER. Vic Con Thien, USMC units recd 46 rds en arty & mort fire in 3 atks. 2 US KIA, 12 WIA.
- MALHEUR II. 34 EK.
- HONG KIL DONG. NW Tuy Hoa, Cap ROK Inf Div co engaged en force. 32 EK, 24 IW 2 CSW seized. No frd cas.
- FRANCIS MARION. 20 EK.
- RANG DONG. Bien Hoa Prov SW Bear Cat, 199th Lt Inf Bde co sptg ARVN Opn found 10-ft en sampan w/6 IW, 142 rds 60mm mort, 224 gren, 220 lbs TNT, 134 detonators, 2000 ft wire & 2000 rds assorted SA ammo.
- II FFV. Binh Duong Prov NNE Saigon, en atkd Phuoc Vinh base camp & airfld w/137 rds 122mm rkt & 82mm mort fire. 2 EK/12 US. 72 US WIA. S&D opn located 122mm rkt posns 7 km NW. Lt equip & material dam.
- US strike pilots flew 522 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 345 USMC 177). BDA included 42 EK, & as dest or dam: 176 posns, 22 sampans. 9 secondary explosions.
- B-52s struck Thua Thien, Pleiku & Long Khanh Provs.
- NGF. DD MORTON hit en posns in DMZ: dest 2 posns, dam 9; dest 2 sampans, dam 1 in Ben Hai River; hit 2 rkt sites.

28 July (Friday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 157 msns NVN (USAF 92 USN 38 USMC 27). USAF hit Son Tay army bks 36 km W Hanoi, dest or dam 30 bldgs,

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2 secondary explosions. USN hit Loi Dong storage area. BDA included, as dest or dam: 18 trucks, 16 AA sites, 1 SAM site. 20 secondary explosions, 101 fires.

- NGF-NVN. Cruiser St. PAUL hit Than Gia & Huu Lap military areas vic 57 km NE Vinh. En shore btrys atkd. 1 btry dest, 2 dam, 2 secondary explosions. No dam or cas to ship. DD BARNEY hit coastal btrys 60 km S Thanh Hoa, 3 secondary explosions.
- KINGFISHER. 3 km NW Con Thien, 0827H, 9th Mar elms entered S half of DMZ on S&D en arty & mort posns S Ben Hai River.
- US strike pilots flew 469 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 315 USMC 154). BDA included 51 EK, & as dest or dam: 245 posns, 49 sampans. 23 secondary explosions.
- USA gunships killed 32 en.
- B-52s struck Thua Thien & Kontum Provs.

29 July (Saturday)

- 7TH FLT. Gulf of Tonkin 240 km NNE Dong Ha, 1100H, aboard carrier USS FORRESTAL: fuel from ruptured acft tank ignited on flight deck just prior a.m. launch. Fire spread to acft on deck & to hanger deck & adjacent spaces. Bombs & rkts on acft detonated. Hosp ship USS REPOSE, cruiser ST. PAUL & numerous 7th Flt ships assisting. Flight deck fire out at 1215H, all fires under control at 2030H. 25 acft dest, 31 dam. Pers cas: 129 killed, 64 injured, 7 missing.
- NVN. US pilots flew 117 msns NVN (USAF 80 USN 6 USMC 31). USAF hit Trai Thon bks area, dest or dam 6 bldgs. USN hit Loi Dong bks area, dest 5 bldgs, dam 5, dam 3 AA sites.
- NGF. DD MORTON dest 5 en posns, dam 3, hvy dam storage area & set-off secondary explosions vic: S of DMZ to N boundary DMZ.
- ARDMORE. 10 EK.
- KINGFISHER. S part DMZ 5 km NNW Con Thien, 9th Mar elms hvy contact w/en force. Other Mar elms reinf. 40 EK/23 US.
- HONG KIL DONG. 18 EK.
- II FFV. Binh Duong Prov: 23 km N Saigon, en atkd USA Aviation Bde base camp at Phu Loi w/200 rds 122mm rkt & 82mm mort fire. 2 US KIA, 28 WIA. 46 Km N Saigon, en atkd 2d Bde 1st Inf Div base camp at Lam Khe w/68 rds 122mm rkt & 82mm mort fire. 1 US KIA, 3 WIA. Lt dam reptd both camps.

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- US strike pilots flew 476 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 323 USMC 153). BDA included 17 EK, & as dest or dam: 134 posns, 37 sampans. 45 secondary explosions, 20 fires.
- USA gunships flew sorties, killed 24 en, dest or dam 22 posns.
- USMC pilots flew 1290 tac hel sorties (245 gunship).
- B-52s struck Thua Thien (twice) & Kontum Provs.

30 July (Sunday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 90 msns NVN (USAF 60 USN 10 USMC 20). USN hit: Bac Giang transshipment area & Mong Duong transformer station. USAF hit missile transporter 40 km SSE Dong Hoi.
- NCF-NVN. DD AULT atkd by shore fire 24 km N Dong Hoi. Several superficial shrapnel holes in superstructure reported. No maj dam, no prd cas.
- KINGFISHER. 9th Mar units completed DMZ sweeps N Con Thien & left DMZ 1200H. NNW Con Thien, AO directed airstrikes, 10 EK.
- III MAF. Quang Nam Prov SW Hoi An, 5th Mar ptl engaged 25-30 en. 14 EK. No frd cas.
- HONG KIL DONG. 20 EK.
- II FFV. ROKFV. Khanh Hoa Prov SW Ninh Hoa, 9th ROK Inf Div units engaged en force. 18 EK.
- CORONADO II. 13 EK.
- US strike pilots flew 465 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 300 USMC 165). BDA included 21 EK, & as dest or dam: 169 posns.
- USA gunships killed 19 en.
- USMC pilots flew 223 gunship sorties.
- B-52s struck Thua Thien, Binh Duong & Kontum Provs.
- GAME WARDEN. Kien Hoa Prov 90 km S Saigon vic mouth Ham Luong River, USN gunships hit en ammo & fuel storage area. Large secondary explosion w/fire. USS HUNTERDOM COUNTY fired 40mm on target, set-off series secondary explosions. 13 storage bldgs dest or dam. No frd cas.
- NCF. DD WALKER dest or dam 8 posns 17 km NE Quang Ngai City. DD MORTON dest or dam 21 posns, 5 sampans & hit 4 arty posns in DMZ.

31 July (Monday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 136 msns NVN (USAF 74 USN 33 USMC 29). BDA included, as dest or dam: 17 watercraft, 13 RR cars, 7 trucks. 16 secondary explosions, 31 fires. USN F-8 downed by ground fire, pilot MIA. USAF F-4 downed to unk causes, pilot MIA.
- KINGFISHER. SW Con Thien, en atkd 9th Mar br CP w/40 rds 82mm mort fire. Counter-mort fire ret. 9 US WIA. Camp Carroll, security guard obs children in trash dump & investigated. Children planting explosive device. 16 DET.
- TF OREGON. 14 EK.
- BEACON GUIDE. Term.
- CORONADO II. Announced. Initiated 28 Jul in Dinh Tuong Prov by 2d Bde 9th Inf Div & USN TF 117 Riverine units.
- US strike pilots flew 468 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 306 USMC 162). BDA included, as dest or dam: 592 posns, 31 sampans. 13 secondary explosions, 14 fires.
- USA gunships killed 34 en, dest 56 posns, 54 sampans.
- USMC hel pilots flew 291 gunship sorties.
- B-52s struck Binh Dinh & Quang Nam Provs.
- NGF. DD SUMNER dest or dam 12 posns 33 km SE Quang Tri City. DD WALKER dest or dam 4 posns 15 km SSE Quang Ngai City.

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OPERATION	PROVINCE INITIATED	TERM				FRIENDLY LOSSES			ENEMY LOSSES			
			AIR	NGF		KIA	WIA	MIA	EK	DET	IW	CSW
<u>III MAF:</u>												
CROCKETT 26thMar(Bn+)	Quang Tri 13 May	16 Jul 1196		0	52	255	0	206	5	23	3	
CHOCTAW 4thMar(Bn)	Thua Thien 22 May	9 Jul 278		0	18	153	0	160	216	33	1	
CIMARRON 3dMarDiv(Bde)	Quang Tri 1 Jun	2 Jul 1046	245		38	470	0	245	176	58	10	
MALHEUR II 1stBde 101stAbnDiv(Bn+)	Quang Ngai 8 Jun		690	30	29	258	0	471	59	139	8	
BEACON TORCH 3dMarBLT(Bn)	Quang Nam 18 Jun	2 Jul 34	19		12	74	0	94	31	2	0	
CALHOUN 1stMarDiv(Bn+)	Quang Nam 25 Jun	1 Jul 43	1		6	39	0	24	34	5	1	
BUFFALO 3dMarDiv(Bde)	Quang Tri 2 Jul	14 Jul 943	389		159	885	1	1290	15	79	21	
ELLIOT 1st/7thMar (Bn+)	Quang Nam 5 Jul	6 Jul 0	0		1	7	0	0	1	0	0	
FREMONT 4thMar(Bn+)	Thua Thien 10 Jul		83	0	5	109	0	45	63	56	14	
HICKORY II 3dMarDiv(Bn+)	Quang Tri 14 Jul	17 Jul 181	40		4	99	0	57	0	16	3	

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OPERATION	PROVINCE INITIATED	TERM	FRIENDLY LOSSES						ENEMY LOSSES			
			AIR	NGF	KIA	WIA	MIA	EK	DET	IW	CSW	
KINGFISHER 3dMarDiv(Bn+)	Quang Tri 16 Jul		926	398	41	355	0	159	27	14	1	
ARDMORE 26thMar(Bn+)	Quang Tri 17 Jul		248	0	8	28	0	26	3	3	1	
BEAR CHAIN 3dMarBLT(Bn)	Quang Tri 20 Jul	26 Jul	0	0	7	52	0	9	0	6	1	
BEACON GUIDE 3dMarBLT(Bn)	Thua Thien 21 Jul		38	99	0	5	0	0	21	0	0	

I FORCE:

BYRD 1stCavDiv(Airmbl)(Bn)	Ninh Thuan 25 Aug 1966		923	60	17	204	0	655	821	219	5
PERSHING 1stCavDiv(Airmbl) 25thInfDiv(Bde)	Binh Dinh/Quang Ngai 12 Feb		4358	2202	395	1733	0	2603	8790	670	59
FRANCIS MARION 4thInfDiv/3dBde 25th InfDiv(Bde)	Kontum/Pleiku 6 Apr		3423	0	173	740	0	1061	765	240	48
GREELEY 173dAbnBde(Bn+)	Kontum 17 Jun		600	0	125	197	0	189	17	86	16
HONG KIL DONG Cap/9thROKInfDiv(Regt)	Phu Yen 9 Jul		140	0	<u>L</u> <u>I</u> <u>G</u> <u>H</u> <u>T</u>		408	140	201		75

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OPERATION	PROVINCE INITIATED	TERM	AIR	NGF	FRIENDLY LOSSES			ENEMY LOSSES					
					KIA	WIA	MIA	EK	DET	IW	CSW		
II FORCE:													
RANG DONG ARVN/199thLtInfBde(Bn+)	Long An/Gia Dinh 1 Dec		1191	0	<u>L</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>T</u>	1040	2516	347	3
LAN SON 67 3dBde 1stInfDiv(Bn+)	Binh Duong/Bien Hoa 8 Feb		793	0	17	288	0	68	1522	74		4	
ENTERPRISE 9thInfDiv(Bn+)	Long An 14 Feb		734	0	151	621	0	1157	174	155		7	
KITTYHAWK 11thArmoredCavRegt(Bn)	Long Khanh 19 Mar		121	0	30	85	0	44	27	6		1	
KOLE KOLE 2dBde 25thInfDiv(Bn+)	Hau Nghia 14 May		425	0	51	261	0	302	323	102		4	
BARKING SANDS 1stBde 25thInfDiv(Bn+)	Binh Duong/Hau Nghia 18 May		601	0	31	268	0	106	8165	34		1	
DIAMOND HEAD 3dBde 4thInfDiv/25th InfDiv(Bn+)	Binh Duong 18 May		676	0	29	188	0	42	187	24		1	
HOPTAC 3dBde 9thInfDiv(Bn)	Dinh Tuong 1 Jun		17	0	5	59	0	79	11	0		0	
CORONADO 2dBde 9thInfDiv(Bn+)	Dinh Tuong 1 Jun	25 Jul	78	0	40	173	0	478	526	52		5	

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OPERATION	PROVINCE INITIATED	TERM	AIR	NGF	FRIENDLY LOSSES			ENEMY LOSSES					
					KIA	WIA	MIA	EK	DET	IW	CSW		
COOPAROC 2d/7thBnRAR 1stATF(Bn+)	Phuoc Tuy 22 Jun	1 Jul	48	0	<u>L</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>T</u>	1	0	2	0
PADDINGTON RVNMC/1stATF/9thInfDiv 11thArmdCavRegt(Bn+)	Phuoc Tuy 10 Jul	16 Jul	196	0	<u>L</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>T</u>	92	0	9	7
EMPORIA 11thArmdCavRegt(Bn+)	Long Khanh 21 Jul		27	0	15	73	0			100	2	30	1
SOUTHFORT 1stATF(Bn+)	Phuoc Tuy 22 Jul	26 Jul	0	0	<u>N</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>		2	5	0	0

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