SIGNIFICANT GROUND OPERATIONS

SOUTHEASTERN PORTION OF DMZ, 13 SEPTEMBER

At an unreported time, elements of the U.S. 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), and the U.S. Marine 3rd Tank Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, conducted a combined sweep operation with elements of the ARVN 2nd Regiment, 1st Infantry Division against North Vietnamese Army troops occupying fortified positions in the southeastern portion of the Demilitarized Zone, 2 miles northeast of Gio Linh.

All three elements engaged an unknown size NVA force in a well dug-in bunker complex inside the DMZ. Fighting continued throughout the day until contact was lost prior to nightfall when the enemy withdrew. Throughout the action, the combined friendly troops were supported by U.S. naval gunfire, tactical airstrikes, and artillery in addition to the organic tank weapons.

The combined force killed 158 North Vietnamese Army soldiers and captured 13 individual and 5 crew-served weapons in addition to miscellaneous ammunition. U.S. casualties were 22 wounded (11 evacuated). ARVN casualties were light.

+++ GO DAU HA, 16 SEPTEMBER

On 16 September at 2300, a U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division Fire Support Base located 9 miles northeast of Go Dau Ha received an unknown number of 82mm mortar rounds followed by a ground attack.

The infantrymen returned the fire with their organic weapons and artillery. Action continued throughout the early morning of the 17th and terminated at 0630 when the enemy withdrew.

An element of the 101st Airborne Division (AM) conducting a sweep of the area found 131 enemy bodies. U.S. losses were 4 killed and 48 wounded. In addition, 4 suspects were detained and 7 individual and 5 crew-served weapons were captured.

+++ TAM KY, 24 SEPTEMBER

At 1430, a troop from the AMERICAN Division's armored cavalry squadron engaged an unknown size enemy force 4 miles southwest of Tam Ky. One armored personnel carrier was hit by an RPG rocket-grenade round during the initial contact and was moderately damaged. Contact was lost after a brief firefight. The cav troop continued sweeping the area and reestablished contact with the enemy force a short time later 1 mile west of the first engagement. Three more companies from the division were moved into the area to reinforce the unit in contact. Contact continued throughout the remainder of the day and was finally lost at 1930 when the enemy force evaded and withdrew from the area. During the 5-hour period, the AMERICAN Division troopers and supporting fires killed 92 enemy soldiers. One U.S. soldier was killed and 33 were wounded.
REVIEW OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

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

I CORPS

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

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

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

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

II CORPS

In the western highlands, there were no major engagements, as the enemy continued to avoid contact. Apparently, he was using this period to rest and refit his forces which suffered heavy casualties in late August and early September.
Lack of significant contact around Duc Lap in Quang Duc Province indicated that the 1st NVA Division also relocated to refit probably outside Vietnam. Enemy activity in these areas consisted primarily of standoff attacks. The fire support bases in the vicinity of the Ben Het CIDG Camp and the Bon Sar Pa Outpost near Duc Lap were the primary targets.

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

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

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

III CORPS

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

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

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

IV CORPS

Enemy-initiated activity during October consisted mainly of attacks-by-fire, harassments, and acts of terrorism and sabotage. Most of the enemy's effort was directed at district towns, lines of communication, and Allied installations. Attacks-by-fire against airfields decreased significantly during the first three weeks of the month and increased, along with other enemy-initiated activity, during the last week of the month. During this period the enemy continued to avoid large unit contacts. During the week of 6 October, ARVN and U.S. elements exploited 10 B-52 strikes in eastern Dinh Tuong Province resulting in over 200 VC killed. The bodies of five senior enemy staff officers (identified by documents) were among those found.
Reports on the reduction of enemy combat capabilities and a drop in morale continued to increase during the month. The most significant of these unconfirmed reports was the VC Can Tho Provincial Commissioner's reported statement that the VC/NVA situation throughout the country is tragic.

PRISONER RELEASE: Fourteen North Vietnamese Naval personnel who were captured in international waters off the Gulf of Tonkin following a Naval engagement in July 1966 were repatriated October 21, from a U.S. Naval vessel in the Gulf of Tonkin.

The 14 men were released at approximately noon, 12 miles off the coast from Vinh. They initially headed shoreward in a 30-foot fishing boat launched from the USS DUBUQUE, a landing transport dock attached to the 7th Fleet's amphibious force. There was a brief delay when the rudder of the fishing boat broke down. To assure their safety, the North Vietnamese were transferred to a motor whaleboat, which was turned over to them for the remainder of their trip.

Two helicopters accompanied the North Vietnamese and their craft from the launching site to the three-mile limit of international waters off Vinh. One of the helicopters preceded the small craft, giving directional guidance. The other followed as a further safety precaution. It was later confirmed that the prisoners landed safely in North Vietnam.

Prior to their release, the North Vietnamese seamen were interviewed by delegates of the International Committee of the Red Cross to whom they confirmed their willingness to accept repatriation.

Arrangements for this release were agreed upon, and strictly adhered to by officials of the United States and North Vietnam. Both sides gave assurances that the operation would be safe from military action.

An official U.S. spokesman said the release was intended as an action of good will in the hope that it will lead to further releases of prisoners.
CAI BE, 5 OCTOBER

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

The infantrymen discovered 90 enemy bodies in the battle area, 64 of which were determined to have been killed by the helicopter gunships. During the sweep, 8 enemy Ho Chi Minh rallies to the troopers. In addition, 2 ChiCom field telephones, 3 protective masks, 89 AK-47 assault rifles, 32 RPG-2 launchers, 28 RPG-7 launchers, 14 light machineguns, 2 complete 82mm mortars, 212.7mm heavy antiaircraft machineguns, 3 military radios, 82,000 7.62mm AK-47 small arms rounds, 110 82mm mortar rounds, & 160 grenades were captured.

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

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CON THIEN, 25 OCTOBER

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

During an offensive sweep operation 1 mile north of the southern edge of the DMZ, a company from the brigade located and engaged an estimated NVA battalion. The infantrymen were reinforced by other elements of the brigade, including a tank company, and supported by U.S. Air Force F-4s and F-100s from the 366th and 37th Tactical Fighter Wings (TFW) and Marine helicopter gunships from Marine Air Group 39. In addition, naval gunfire was provided by the USS New Jersey and USS Davis. Heavy contact continued throughout the afternoon until 1800 when the enemy withdrew leaving behind the 232 NVA dead (63 killed by air, 45 by artillery, 20 by naval gunfire and 104 by organic weapons). In a sweep of the area following the engagement, the troopers captured 242 individual weapons and 17 crew-served weapons which were left scattered on the battlefield. The crew-served weapons included 8 light machineguns, 3 complete 60mm mortars, 212.7mm heavy anti-aircraft machineguns, 1 complete 82mm mortar and 3 RPG rocket-grenade launchers.

This action was particularly significant in that the weapons captured represent the largest number ever captured from the enemy by U.S. troops on the battlefield for any single engagement of the war to date.
90 VC KILLED 167 WEAPONS CAPTURED

25 OCT DMZ

232 NVA SOLDIERS KILLED 259 WEAPONS CAPTURED
THUONG DUC CIDG CAMP, 28 SEPTEMBER

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

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

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

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

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

On 30 September the MSF entered the camp after sweeping the Dai An and Thuong Duc villages (NOTE: A U.S. major on an inspection tour of the enemy defensive positions reported equipment, weapons, sandals and parts of bodies strewn over the area.) Also during the period 28-30
185 ENEMY KILLED NEAR THUONG DUC CIDG CAMP

28 SEPTEMBER - 8 OCTOBER
2 enemy squads employing small arms and RPG (rocket propelled grenade) fire and supported by mortar fire. The Marines, supported by mortars, artillery and AC-47 gunships repulsed the attack resulting in 3 enemy killed. U.S. losses were 5 killed and 4 wounded (evacuated). Another 5th Marine element at 0915 had to abort an air assault mission 2 miles south of the camp due to heavy ground fire from the landing zone that had been prepared by suppressive artillery at 0800. At 1500, a company from the 5th Marines, while on an offensive sweep 4 miles east-northeast of the camp received small arms, RPG and 60mm mortar fire from an estimated enemy platoon. The Marines supported by tactical airstrikes killed 30 enemy soldiers while suffering 12 wounded (evacuated).

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

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

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

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

Intelligence estimates for the general area placed the total enemy strength within roughly a 16 mile radius of the camp at approximately two NVA/VC regiments. The largest size enemy force involved in actual contacts during the period 28 September through 8 October was placed at one battalion in the attack against the RF/PF outposts on 28 September.

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September as a result of the NVA attacks against the villages around the CIDG camp, 42 civilians were killed, 97 were wounded, and an unknown number were abducted. In addition 296 homes were destroyed leaving 1500 people homeless.

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

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

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

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

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

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

On 7 October at 0405, an element of the 5th Marines in night defensive positions 4 miles east-northeast of the camp was probed by an estimated
REVIEW OF EVENTS
NOVEMBER 1968

GENERAL: Action during the month was light to moderate with the major actions in I and III Corps tactical zones. The move of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) from the northern provinces into III Corps was significant as the enemy maintained large forces in the Cambodia border-III Corps area including the possibility of an additional division having joined the 5th, 7th and 9th NVA Divisions.

I CORPS

During the month enemy activity increased from that of October. Allied positions south of the DMZ received attacks-by-fire from within and south of the DMZ. The enemy increased his troop movement and preparation of fortifications within the eastern DMZ and continued his interdiction of the Cua Viet River LOC. In the DMZ area there were no significant ground contacts. In Quang Tri and Thua Thien, major enemy units remained in remote base areas and avoided contact. A PW indicated that cadre, troops, and wounded personnel were to be returned to the mountain areas for a reorganization of forces. In southern I Corps, enemy activity increased significantly, climaxing in coordinated attacks-by-fire and ground probes throughout central and southern I CTZ, on the night of 16 November. A main assault against Da Nang by the 38th Regiment, reportedly scheduled for 19 November, was probably preempted by the failure of two enemy ground attacks during the early morning hours of 17 November. An element of an NVA regiment failed in an attack 11 kilometers southwest of Da Nang and a 36th NVA regiment assault against Dien Ban Town and District Headquarters, nine kilometers west-northwest of Hoi An, was repulsed by ARVN troops. The 36th NVA Regiment suffered 305 killed when it attacked Dien Ban District Town in Quang Nam Province.

In Quang Tin Province, the 2nd NVA Division remained in its base area; it was not involved in significant activity.

PWS located elements of the 3rd NVA Division in Quang Ngai Province. One NVA regiment of the division reportedly received 300 replacements in October, possibly in preparation for future offensive action.

II CORPS

In the western highlands, enemy-initiated activity was light during the first part of the month. It consisted primarily of stand-off attacks directed against Fire Support Base 29, in the vicinity of Ben Het, Kontum Province, in the first half of the month. Enemy-initiated activity was highest from 12 to 15 November, particularly in Pleiku Province where targets in the areas of Pleiku City, Plei Djereng, and Duc Co were hit with a series of stand-off attacks and ground probes. Documents captured on 12 November, northeast of Ban Me Thuot, indicated that the enemy may be planning an offensive by Local Force units in Darlac Province. The documents stated that the offensive will be nation-wide and designed
to lead to the establishment of a coalition government.

In coastal II CTZ the first half of the month was characterized by the familiar pattern of harassment, attacks-by-fire, and interdiction of lines of communication. Enemy-initiated activity, particularly in Binh Dinh Province, increased significantly during the last half of the month. The increased activity, which began with a series of ground attacks directed against Popular Force and Regional Force outposts on 17 November, appears to relate to documents captured on 6 November, seven kilometers northeast of Phu Cat. The documents, dated 29 October and 2 November 1968, were addressed to the VC Local Force units in Binh Dinh Province. They discussed offensive operations and political activities following the bombing halt. The VC units were instructed to carry out plans prepared for the "climaxing" phase, with emphasis to be placed on attacking Highway 1 and Allied installations. These documents, coupled with documents regarding November-December offensives, captured in Pleiku and Darlac Provinces, suggest that a CTZ-wide offensive may be mounted before the end of the year.

In Khanh Hoa Province, the ROKA sweep operation (Bak Ma 9) terminated on 4 November resulting in a total of 382 enemy killed. In southern II Corps, activity remained relatively light with VC units conducting attacks against villages and installations as well as interdicting lines of communication, primarily in an effort to disrupt the Accelerated Pacification Campaign.

### III CORPS

There was an increase in enemy activity during the month, primarily as a reaction to Allied operations in and near the VC base areas. The majority of these contacts took place in those portions of Binh Long and Tay Ninh Provinces which are contiguous to Cambodia.

In Tay Ninh Province, on 14 November, an NVA regiment attacked a Fire Support Base near Katum. There were 287 enemy killed by ARVN Rangers and supporting fires. The 7th NVA Division and 9th VC Division were identified through contact in their normal areas of operation. In addition to the 7th, 5th, and 9th Divisions, there were unconfirmed reports of another enemy division in the Corps area at the beginning of the month.

In the remaining portion of the outer periphery of III CTZ, the enemy continued to avoid major engagements. There was an increase in enemy logistical and supply activity, especially in Phuoc Long Province. PWS indicated that the same forces were located in the vicinity of Ba Thu, Cambodia, conducting supply activities and receiving replacements.

There have been various reports of the enemy's intention to attack Saigon in late December or early January. The attack plans are believed
related to the progress of the Paris peace talks.

IV CORPS

In IV CTZ enemy-initiated activity during November increased over that of October. It consisted mainly of attacks—by—fire, harassments, and acts of terrorism directed against district towns and Allied installations. Limited ground probes of isolated outposts also increased. However, the enemy again continued to avoid large unit contacts.

On 1, 3, and 23 November, My Tho City received more than 85 rounds of mixed mortar fire.

On 4 November, Delta Blackhawk operations in Kien Hoa Province uncovered two enemy caches containing over seven tons of arms and ammunition. In the Seven Mountains area of Chau Doc Province, 44th Special Zone elements conducted an operation from 17 to 29 November to exploit B-52 strikes. The operation resulted in 83 enemy killed and 459 detained.

On 1 and 10 November, enemy water-mining incidents in Kien Giang, An Xuyen, and Dinh Tuong Provinces caused damage to 11 Allied vessels.

The VC have intensified their extortion efforts throughout the Delta. A captured VC infrastructure member stated that the 1968 extortion rate is twice that of 1967. Other reports indicate that the VC have imprisoned some Vietnamese who have failed to meet the demanded amounts. In November, 1,332 enemy Hoi Chanhs rallied in the Corps area. This is the highest number since March 1967.

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SIGNIFICANT GROUND OPERATIONS

ACTION NEAR TAY NINH CITY

On 25 November, elements of the U.S. Army's 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), while conducting a search and clear operation, engaged an estimated enemy company in an area 21 miles north-northwest of Tay Ninh City. Contact was lost at 0830 and regained at 0900 with an estimated 25 enemy located in a nearby treeline. U.S. Air Force tactical aircraft and U.S. Army artillery, helicopter gunships and aerial rocket artillery (ARA) supported the friendly forces. Contact was lost again at 1030. During the 3½-hour battle, 138 enemy were killed, 6 suspects detained, 40 weapons and a small munitions and equipment cache captured. U.S. losses were 5 killed and 13 wounded.

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ACTION NEAR LOC NINH

At approximately 1110 hours, 29 November, a mechanized infantry element of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division, under operational control of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged an estimated North Vietnamese Army battalion while sweeping an area 5 miles northeast of Loc Ninh. The enemy directed small arms, automatic weapons and RPG rocket-grenade fire from fortified positions against the troopers who returned fire with organic weapons including heavy .50 caliber machineguns mounted on their armored personnel carriers.

Action continued into the early afternoon with U.S. Army helicopter gunships, artillery and U.S. Air Force F-100's and F-4's from the 31st and 12th Tactical Fighter Wings (TFW) supporting the infantrymen. Contact was lost at approximately 1530 when the enemy evaded and withdrew.

The bodies of 78 NVA soldiers were found in the battle area following the engagement. U.S. casualties were 7 killed and 16 wounded.

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REVIEW OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

General: Action increased during the month compared with enemy initiated activity in November. There were indications that the enemy was preparing for major offensive action in mid-December, primarily in III Corps, but he was probably temporarily pre-empted by losses inflicted during allied sweep operations and other interdiction efforts.

I CORPS

During the month, enemy activity increased from that of November. Friendly positions south of the DMZ in the Rockpile area received harassing mortar and rocket attacks from within and south of the DMZ. In the eastern DMZ, aerial and ground observers reported several sightings of enemy in groups as large as 30 men.

In Qui Nhon and Thua Thien Provinces, the enemy increased his harassing attacks on population centers and Allied positions. On 4 December, the Phong Dien District Headquarters, and Nhi Vien Orphanage received an estimated 50 rounds of 82mm mortar and rocket propelled grenade fire. POWs and ralliers stated that the enemy planned to attack Hue in the near future.

In southern I Corps, the enemy increased his attacks by fire, harassing attacks, and ground assaults on Allied installations. The air facilities at Da Nang and Chu Lai were attacked by rockets twice during the month. On 18 December, the enemy conducted 3 harassing attacks within Tam Ky City, resulting in minor friendly casualties. In Quang Nam Province, Operation MEADE RIVER terminated on 9 December, with cumulative results of more than 1,000 enemy killed. As a result of this successful cordon operation, major elements of the 36th NVA Regiment were considered to be temporarily combat ineffective. During the period 23-26 December, the enemy suffered an additional 350 killed to ARVN units in contact near An Hoa. The enemy unit was identified as a Regiment of the 2nd NVA Division. An additional 70 enemy were killed just north of An Hoa on 31 December.

In Quang Ngai Province, POWs and documents indicated that elements of the 3rd NVA Division were preparing for offensive activity.

II CORPS

Enemy activity was generally at a low level in the western highlands during the month. The enemy primarily maintained a presence in the Western Highlands by standoff attacks, which included the use of 122mm rockets against Kontum City on 22 December, and against Pleiku City early on 23 December. Elements of the 95B NVA Regiment were probably responsible for attacks by fire against Camp Radcliff at An Khe on 18 and 23 December, and against a U.S. base camp 10 km west of An Khe on 23 December.
Activity in Daklak Province was highlighted by attacks by fire against the Ban Me Thuot City Airfield on 3 occasions during the month.

Reports continued to indicate enemy plans to attack the Duc Lap Civil Irregular Defense Group Camp in Quang Duc Province; however, the several small contacts in the area were probably only a reflection of the continuing enemy use of his Cambodian base area for infiltration and logistics activity.

Documents captured in Binh Dinh Province revealed enemy plans for a large scale attack against Qui Nhon as a part of the Winter-Spring Campaign. However, Korean Army units inflicted heavy losses on enemy units in Binh Dinh Province during the month, significantly reducing the enemy's capability to conduct major offensive activity.

On 1 December, also in Binh Dinh Province, Korean Army forces killed or captured the battalion commander and 4 company commanders of a Local Force Battalion, 2 company commanders of one Sapper Battalion, and 2 officers from another Sapper Battalion. These personnel were enroute to a meeting to discuss future offensive plans. On 2 December, Korean Army elements killed more than 90 members of the Local Force Battalion which lost its battalion commander and 4 company commanders the previous day. In II Corps, captured documents, PW statements, and other reports provided indications that a regiment of the 5th NVA Division had returned from a period of refitting in Cambodia and was preparing for offensive activities.

In the remainder of II Corps, enemy activity continued to consist of attacks against isolated outposts, and interdiction of lines of communication, primarily in an enemy effort to disrupt the Revolutionary Development Program.

III CORPS

In III Corps Tactical Zone, the enemy commenced repositioning of his divisional forces in anticipation of coordinated offensive operations. Continued enemy infiltration of men and supplies was evidenced by contacts in the northern and northeastern part of the Corps.

To the west, in Binh Long and northeastern Tay Ninh Provinces, numerous attacks by fire on allied fire support bases and landing zones were apparently conducted to screen the southward redeployment of enemy forces. A regiment of the 5th VC Division, was identified in southwest Phuoc Long Province. The 7th NVA Division was engaged, in the Cambodian border, Tay Ninh, Binh Long Province area.

During the month, the 9th VC Division moved regimental elements in western Tay Ninh Province. The 272nd Regiment, 9th Division lost 103 killed in southern Tay Ninh Province, and an element of the 271st Regiment, 9th Division, was engaged in southwest Tay Ninh Province.
In southeast III Corps, elements of the 274th VC Regiment were noted in contact in central and south-central Bien Hoa Province. Enemy forces in III Corps generally attempted to avoid major engagements while repositioning their forces. There were indications that an offensive was planned for 17 December following repositioning, however, friendly sweep operations inflicted casualties on many of his units causing a delay to his plans.

IV CORPS

In IV Corps, enemy initiated activity decreased slightly from that of November. However, the night of 5–6 December saw 44 enemy initiated incidents, the highest total since 22 August. Attacks on hamlets and cadre groups involved in the Government of Vietnam’s Accelerated Pacification Campaign increased, indicating VC concern over their widening loss of popular support. Allied operations in and near the enemy’s main staging areas may have preempted the major attacks predicted for December by agents, ralliers, and captured documents.

Operations on 1 and 10 December near Cai Lay, in Dinh Tuong Province, resulted in 129 enemy killed. In Kien Phong Province, 151 enemy were killed during 2 operations. In Vinh Binh Province, a total of 197 enemy were killed in 3 operations, and in the U-Minh Forest, ARVN elements conducted operations resulting in 183 enemy killed.

Three caches, located in the U-Minh forest, contained over 4 tons of munitions, 42 radios, a 10 ton printing press, and 2 tons of newsprint.

Naval operations in Chuong Thien Province, resulted in 55 enemy killed and a large amount of arms, ammunition and other materiel and foodstuffs captured or destroyed, including over 26 tons of rice.

Also relating to serious losses among enemy IV Corps, are the increasing number of VC rallying to the Government of Vietnam. There were 1,991 Hoi Chanhs in December, the highest monthly total since March 1967.
HOI AN, 8 DECEMBER

At 1630, elements of the 26th Marine Regimental Landing Team, 5th and 7th Regiments, 1st Marine Division, and an ARVN armored personnel carrier troop, while tightening the cordon in an area 9 miles west-northwest of Hoi An made contact with an unknown size enemy force in bunker complexes and a treeline. The enemy force was supported by organic weapons including mortars, while artillery and helicopter gunships supported the friendly elements in contact. Action continued until 1915 when the remaining enemy avoided contact under cover of darkness. Ninety-one enemy soldiers were killed in the 3-hour battle while U.S. losses were 16 killed and 37 wounded. In addition, one suspect was detained and 15 individual weapons were captured. ARVN casualties were light with no fatalities.

The above action occurred in Operation MEADE RIVER, a multi-battalion search and clear operation in Quang Nam Province which commenced on 20 November, and terminated on 9 December. During the 20-day operation, Marines from the 1st Marine Division and supporting tactical air strikes, artillery and helicopter gunships killed 841 enemy soldiers (712 NVA), detained 2,710 suspects, and captured 164 individual and 15 crew-served weapons. Initial reports indicated that major elements of the independent, North Vietnamese Army, 36th Regiment, were trapped within the highly effective cordon and suffered heavy casualties which temporarily rendered the Regiment combat ineffective. The 36th North Vietnamese Army Regiment has operated in the northern provinces of South Vietnam for almost eight months following infiltration into South Vietnam earlier in the year.

U.S. losses were 107 killed and 523 wounded in Operation MEADE RIVER.

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AN HOA, 18 DECEMBER

At approximately 0900, a company from the U.S. Army's 196th Light Infantry Brigade, AMERICAL Division, while conducting a combat sweep in an area 6 miles southeast of An Hoa, observed an estimated reinforced enemy company carrying packs and rifles. The infantrymen, supported by tactical airstrikes and helicopter gunships, attacked the enemy force and action continued throughout the morning and afternoon until 1800 when contact was lost. During a sweep of the battle area, 103 enemy bodies were found. U.S. casualties were 3 wounded (minor), with no fatalities.

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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS
JANUARY 1968

1 Jan (Monday)

US Military strength in RVN is 486,000, other FWMAF forces total 60,000.

HQ MACV (CMD). - US/FWMAF curtailed offensive opns fr 1800 31 Dec - 0600 2 Jan 1968. As of 1500 today, 43 incidents rept (16 significant). Results: 15 US wounded, 1 CIDG killed, 8 CIDG wounded. 16 EK.

NVN. Recon msns flown over NVN. USMC & USAF pilots obs numerous convoys moving S. Trks not atkd. USN pilots rept over 200 trks, 130 rr cars & 100 barges fr N Than Hoa & S Vinh. None atkd.

2 Jan (Tuesday)


NVN. US pilots flew 142 msns NVN (USN 64, USAF 44 USHC 34) USN pilots dest or dam over 80 cars, 70 watercraft & 30 trks & dropped 2 spans rr brg & dam 4 other brgs. USAF pilots dam 12 sup & stor struc, dest or dam 8 barges & silenced 6 gun pos. USN F-8 downed to unk causes, pilots resuced.

BADGER TOOTH. Term. (III MAF)

II FFV. (Tay Ninh Prov) - 3d Bde, 25th Inf Div Base camp, recd another atk. Hel lt fire teams, tac air & arty sptd. 382 EK/23 US. En elms identified as 271st & 272d VC Main Force Regt.

Official acft loss figures: (fxd-wg) NVN 776 RVN 219 (hel) NVN 3 RVN 455

3 Jan (Wednesday)

NVN. US pilots flew 106 msns NVN (USAF 49 USMC 35 USN 22. USN pilots hit Hung Yen boatyd 51 km SE Hanoi; made 2 direct hits Hai Duong rr/hwy brg 34 km NWNW Haiphong; dam Kien An hwy brg 3 km SW Haiphong. USAF pilots claimed downing 2 MIG-17s vic Hanoi. Other AF pilots hit Trung Quan rr yd 11 km NE Hanoi; interdicted rrwy Keo afld 95 km BNE Hanoi & hit Lang Dang rr 103 km NE Hanoi. USMC pilots hit Hoa Binh army bks 48km SW Hanoi. USN A-4 downed by grd fire, pilot MIA. USAF F-105 downed to MIG-21, pilot MIA.

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WHEELER/HULLOWA. (Quang Nam Prov) - AMERICAL DIV sams engaged 3d/21st Regts 2d NVA Div 17 Km SSE An Hoa. En atkd LZ "Leslie" & "Ross" wave formations & mort fire. 3 other pos atkd same time. 196 BK/17 US. AUDURN. Term. Final results: 37 BK/5US.

MERSHING. (Binh Dinh Prov) 2d Bde, 1st Cav Div cont opn Dau Trac Lake area 20 km SE Bong Son. After tac air strike, units swept area 2 Jan battle. Lt & sporadic contact made during sweep. Results 2-day battle: 79 BK/6 US.

B-52s struck NVN (15 km NW Gic Linh), Quang Nam Prov (20 Km SW Da Nang) & Tay Ninh Prov (90 km SV Saigon).

4 Jan (Thursday)
NVN. US pilots flew 135 msns NVN (USN 46 USAF 46 USMC 43). USN pilots hit Hanoi rr/hwy brg 5 km N Hanoi; hit Phu Thi ferry 19 km SSE Hanoi; Haiphong hwy by-pass ferry dest & rept direct hits Yen Ha transshipment point 53 km NE Thanh Hoa. USAF pilots hwy dam Ha Gia rr by-pass brg 32 km N Hanoi; hit Lang Son rr/hwy brg 128 km NE Hanoi. USMC pilots hit Xinh Yen army bks, Vinh cave stor area & rept seed explo Som Tra rr yd 131 km NW Hanoi.

5 Jan (Friday)
NVN. US pilots flew 104 msns NVN (USAF 59 USMC 27 USN 18). USAF pilots dest Lang Son rr brg 131 km NE Hanoi; cratered Kep airfd 60 km NE Hanoi. USN pilots rpt numerous seed explo Thanh Hoa transshipment point & hit Thanh Hoa rr yd 3 km SW Thanh Hoa. 2 USAF F-105s domed over NVN, pilots MIA.

PARGO. (Binh Long/Phuoc Long Prov) - Announced. Initiated 22 Dec.

6 Jan (Saturday)
NVN. US pilots flew 144 msns NVN (USAF 61 USMC 42 USN 41). USAF pilots hit Bac Giang rr yd 45 km NE Hanoi & 30 rr cars near Lang Giai rr yd 120 km NE Hanoi. USN pilots dest or dam 4 locomotives, 34 rr cars & 36 watercraft near Thanh Hoa. USMC pilots hit Co Trai rr/hwy brg, Phu Ly rr by-pass brg & Kep Ha airfd.

III NAF. (Thua Thien Prov) - En atkd Allied pos in & near Phu Loc 24 km ESE Phu Bai. En atkd w/hwy mort, SA, AW & grd atks. Arty & hel gunships sptd. Fire ret. 91 BK/15 US. NVN AF cas rept lt.

SANTA FE I. Term. Final results: 86 BK/2 US.

7 Jan (Sunday)
NVN. US pilots flew 81 msns NVN (USAF 40 USMC 29 USN 12). USAF pilots hit Kep airfd 60 km NE Hanoi. USN pilots hit hwy brg 26 km SE Vinh & rr brg 16 km SSW Thanh Hoa. USMC pilots hit army bks 70 km NW Hanoi.
WHEELER/HALL. (Quang Tin Prov) - 2 AMERICAN Div cos engaged unk size en force w/SA & AW fire. En used hvy mort & RR fire. Arty & gunship sptd. UH-1 hit by grd fire while on grd making re-sup msn. Acft dest. 147 EK/8 US days action.

ICTZ Estimated en co atcks Phu Loc district HQ in Thua Thien Province (Enemy: 91 KIA, 13 I/W, three C's wpns; friendly: 16 US KIA, ten ARVN KIA, seven PF KIA, one civ killed, 68 US WIA, nine ARVN WIA, Two PF WIA, one civ wounded).

B-52s struck IMZ (9 km NNE Con Thien), Kontum Prov (26 km WSW Dak To & twice Tay Ninh Prov (both 95 km NW Saigon).

8 Jan (Monday)
NVN. US pilots flew 76 msns NVN (USAF 34 USMC 31 USN 11).
USMC pilots set off 2 secd explo Cat Bi afd 5 km SE Haiphong. USAF pilots hit Thal Nguyen rd yd 56 km N Hanoi.

III MAF. (Thua Thien Prov) - Mar CH-53 hel downed. 41 killed.

KLAMATH FALLS. Term. Final results: 156 EK/28 US.

9 Jan (Tuesday)
NVN. US pilots flew 85 msns NVN (USAF 45 USMC 23 USN 17).
USAF pilots hit Kep afd 60 km NE Hanoi & Yen Bai afd & stor area 125 km NE Hanoi. USN pilots cratered rwny Haiphongs Cat Bi Afd.

Official acft loss figures: (fxd-wg) NVN 784 RVN 222
                     (Hel) NVN 8 RVN 465

10 Jan (Wednesday)
NVN. US pilots flew 75 msns NVN (USAF 37 USMC 27 USN 11).
USAF pilots hit Cao Nung rd siding 89 km NE Hanoi. USMC pilots hit Hoa Binh bks 48 km SW Hanoi. USAF F-4 downed by grd fire, crew MIA.

SARATOGA. (Hau Nghia Prov) - 25th Inf Div elms engaged en force making abortive attempt to overrun bn CP 39 km NW Saigon. Arty, tac air sptd. 103 EK/5 US. 28 US WIA. UH-1 downed by grd fire during action. 2 US KIA, 2 WIA. Hel dest.
11 Jan (Thursday)
NVN. US pilots flew 82 msns NVN (USAF 47 USMC 27 USN 8). 
USAF pilots hit Yen Bai rr yd 122 km NW Hanoi. USN pilots 
hit Can Pha mining region 48 km ENE Haiphong, dest steam shovel 
& hvy dam trk. USMC pilots hit Phu Ly bypass brg & a rr yd 
130 km NW Hanoi.

AKRON V. (Bien Hoa Prov) - Initiated by multi-bn force 1st 
Bde, 9th Inf Div & 2d&7th bns RAR 47 km E Saigon.

B-52s struck DMZ (6 km NNW Con Thien), Tay Ninh Prov twice (4km 
SW & 7 km E Bo Tuc ) & Kontum Prov (60 km NNE Dak To).

12 Jan (Friday)
NVN. US pilots flew 91 msns NVN (USAF 43 USN 29 USMC 19). 
USMC pilots hit Yen Bai afd & a stor area 125 km NW Hanoi.

13 Jan (Saturday)
NVN. US pilots flew 98 msns NVN (USAF 45 USMC 37 USN 16). 
USAF pilots hit Hoa Lac afd. USMC pilots hit Co Trai rr/hwy 
brg 32 km S Hanoi, Hoa Binh mil installation 50 km SW Hanoi 
& My Trach hwy ferry 19 km S Thanh Hoa.

AKRON V. (Bien Hoa Prov) - Announced. Initiated by multi-bn 
force 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div & 2d&7th bns RAR 47 km E Saigon, 
New Zealand troops attached to RAR found 2 en caches during 
sweep msns: 1,000 lbs rice & r tons salt.

14 Jan (Sunday)
NVN. US pilots flew 83 msns NVN (USAF 41 USMC 26 USN 16). 
USAF pilots hit Yen Bai afd 125 km NW Hanoi. F-105 downed 
by MIG-21 NW Hanoi. Pilots MIA.

15 Jan (Monday)
NVN. US pilots flew 121 msns NVN (USAF 61 USMC 33 USN 27). 
USAF pilots hit Thai Nguyen fabrication plant 60 km N Hanoi. 
USN pilots hit Nam Dinh rr yd, Dong Phuong Thuong rr siding 
& Chau Cau bks area.

MUSCATINE. (Quang Ngai Prov) - Announced. Initiated 19 Dec 
15 km N Quang Ngai City by 11th & 198th Lt Inf Bde of AMERICAL 
Div.

16 Jan (Tuesday)
NVN. US pilots flew 117 msns NVN (USN 40 USMC 39 USAF 38). 
USN pilots hit Da Chong Barge repair facility 61 km ENE 
Haiphong & dropped Thuc Hoa hwy/bypass brgs 77 km SSW Haiphong. 
USAF pilots dest 1 mile track No Trang rr yd 62 km NNE Hanoi & 
hit Som Bai bks area 69 km NW Hanoi. USMC pilots hit Hoa Binh 
imstal 50 km SW Hanoi. USAF F-4 downed by grd fire, crew 
rescued. AF F-4 downed unk causes, 1 crew rescued, 1 MIA.
Official aircraft loss figures: (fxd-wg) NVN 786 RVN 224
(hel) NVN 9 RVN 482

17 Jan (Wednesday)
NVN. US pilots flew 82 msns NVN (USAF 35 USMC 30 USN 17). USMC pilots hit Hon Gai ferry complex 32 km NE Haiphong & rr yd 30 km S Hanoi. USAF pilots hit rr bypass brg 21 km NW Vihn. USAF pilots dam 3 barges 1.6 km N Dong Hoi & hit 2 AA pcs 10 km S Dong Hoi.

MUSCATINE. (Quang Ngai Prov) - AMERICAN Div units engaged en force 17 km NNE Quang Ngai City. USA hel gunships sptd. 198th Ist Inf Bde co inserted into area set up blocking pos. Made contact w/en. En employed SA fire. Fire ret. 80 EK/2 US WIA.

18 Jan (Thursday)
NVN. US pilots flew 112 msns NVN (USAF 47 USN 34 USHC 31). USAF pilots hit Bac Giang TPP 45 km NE Hanoi & Kep Ha afd. USAF pilots dropped center span Dong Phong Thuong rr bypass brg & cratered both approaches by Anh hwy brg 85 km NNW Hanoi. MiG-17 downed by AF F-4. 2AF F-4s downed unk causes, crew WIA.


CORONADO IX. (Dinh Tuong Prov) - Term. Final results: 259 EK/35 US.

CORONADO X. (Kien Hoa Prov) - Initiated by USN TF 117 & USA 9th Inf Div, 66 km SSW Saigon.

19 Jan (Friday)
NVN. US pilots flew 126 msns NVN (USAF 48 USN 46 USMC 32). USN pilots dest Thi Long rr brg & rr bypass brg 32 km S Thanh Hoa & downed northern & center spans Dong Phong Thuong hwy brg 19 km NNE Thanh Hoa. USN AF pilots hvy dam 50-trk convoy, 10-15 rr cars 15-56 km NNE Thanh Hoa.

BYRD. (Binh Thuan Prov) - Term. Final results: 849 EK/34 US KIA.

NABESUAN. (Binh Hoa Prov) - Announced. Initiated 21 Oct 67 by Royal Thai Army Volunteer Regt 32 km ESE Saigon.

20 Jan (Saturday)
NVN. US pilots flew 94 msns NVN (USMC 37 USAF 29 USN 28). USN pilots hit Hon Gai Tpp 43 km ENE Haiphong. USAF pilots hit CAO Nung rr siding 89 km NE Hanoi & Yen Bai afd 125 km NW Hanoi.
OSCEOIA. Term. Final results: 76 EK/17 US.

III HAF. (Quang Tri Prov) - PF plt made contact est 150-200 en w/SA & AV fire exchanged. ARVN reinf & 14TRAC force fr 3d Mar Div reinf units in contact. USA arty sptd. 50 EK/2 US. 17 US WIA medevac. ARVN cas lt.

LANCASTER. Term Final results: 46 EK/22 US.

CORONADO X. (Kien Hoa Prov) - Announced. Initiated 18 Jan 66 km SSW Saigon by USN TF 117 & USA 2d Bde, 9th Inf Div forces.

21 Jan (Sunday)

NVN. US pilot flew 100 msns NVN (USAF 39 USN 33 USMC 28). USN pilots cratered both approaches hwy ferry 64 km NW Vinh. USAF pilots hit Yen Bai afld 125 km NW Hanoi. Other AF pilots dest or dam 42-27 watercraft during day.

SARATOGA. (Binh Duong Prov) - 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div elms vic Lai Khe made contact w/en force 37 km NNW Saigon. USA hel gunships & arty sptd grd forces. 63 EK/1 US KIA, 8 WIA medevac, 7 lt WIA treated - ret to duty.

FARGO. (Binh Long Prov) - Term. Final results: 49 EK/6 US KIA.

AKRON V. (Bien Hoa Prov) - Term. Final results: 47 EK/4 US KIA.

22 Jan (Monday)

NVN. US pilots flew 75 msns NVN (USAF 37 USN 21 USMC 17). USN pilots hit Hai Duong rr yd 37 km NNW Haiphong & Nam Dinh rr yd 72 km SW Haiphong.

23 Jan (Tuesday)


PERSHING. (Binh Dinh Prov) - 2nd Bde, 1st Cav Div (Airrinh) made contact en force 5 km E Phu My. En in open area near Hwy 8. USA hel gunships & arty & USAF tac air sptd. 128 EK 8-hr battle. 4 US KIA & 19 WIA medevac.

Official acft loss figures: (fxd-wg) NVN 792 RVN 226
(hel) NVN 9 RVN 498

24 Jan (Wednesday)

NVN. US pilots flew 59 msns NVN (USN 31 USMC 16 USAF 12). USN pilots hvy dam rr siding 24 km SSW Thanh Hoa.

I FFV. (Binh Dinh Prov) - Action, 10 km SSE Phu Cat involving CRUDD & 2nd Bde, 1st Cav Div (Airrinh) elms in past 2 days have resulted 179 EK. Contact cont.

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25 Jan (Thursday)
NVN. US pilots flew 69 msns NVN (USMC 26 USAF 22 USN 21). Strikes limited to Panhandle region. Pilots rep't 18-23 trks, 7 watercraft & 4 struc dest or dam & 6 sec'd explo, 2 fires. USN A-4 downed by grdfire. Pilot rescued.

I FFV. (Binh Dinh Prov) - Contact cont fr 24 Jan 10 km SSW Phu Cat. CHUH forces & 2d Bde, 1st Cav Div (Airmbl) units engaged en force, identified as 9th Bn, 18th NVAR. Action cont during day. 61 EK. Total since 22 Jan: 240 EK 3-day action.

26 Jan (Friday)
NVN. US pilots flew 60 msns NVN (USN 24 USAF 20 USMC 16). Pilots limited strikes to Panhandle region. 12 watercraft dest or dam.

27 Jan (Saturday)
NVN. US pilots flew 65 msns NVN (USAF 33 USN 17 USMC 15). USAF pilots hit Hoa Lac afd 32 km W Hanoi & dam approach, 1 abutment & dropped 2 spans hwy brg 6 km S Dong Hoi. USN pilots hit Vinh Loc rr/hwy brg 59 km SSW Thanh Hoa & hwy dam transshipment point 56 km SW Haiphong. Pilots rep't 47 watercraft, 17 struc, 1 lgtr & 10 rd segments dest or dam & 5 watercraft h'y dam.


SAN ANGELO. Announced. Initiated 16 Jan by 101st Abn Div's 1st Bde in Phuoc Long/Quang Due Provs.

28 Jan (Sunday)
NVN. US pilots flew 90 msns NVN (USAF 39 USN 32 USMC 19). USAF pilots hit Thanh Hoa rr/hwy brg 3 km N Thanh Hoa. USN pilots hit Vinh transshipment point & hwy brg 3 km S Vinh rep't hwy dam or dest, & 5 watercraft h'y dam.

29 Jan (Monday)
NVN. US pilots flew 90 msns NVN (USAF 58 USMC 18 USN 14). USN pilots cratered rwy 3 places Vinh afd 8 km N of city. USAF pilots dest or dam 52 barges, 7 rr cars, & 31 trks Mu Gia Pass & Dong Hoi regions.

Hq MACV. (CIN) - US & FWMUF curtailed offensive opns at 1800H in RVN w/exception of I Corps, & NVN w/exception of area up to Vinh. (Announced to last for 36hrs to 31 Jan 0600hrs)

30 Jan (Tuesday)
HQ MACV. (CIN) - TET truce cancelled 0930 by Gov't RVN. US & FWMUF ended their defensive posture after repeated violations of the truce by NVNA & VC forces in RVN. However, truce still remains in effect N of Vinh in NVN - no air strikes will be conducted there.
HQ MACV. (CIV) - As of 1500, there were 40 incidents reported by US & FVMAF occurring before the term of truce at 0930H. 15 considered significant & in which case occurred. 18 US KIA, 41 WIA, 50 BK & 8 DET.

RVN. En atkd major cities, airfields & Military Installations throughout RVN. Atks incl: (III MAF) Da Nang AB, Marble Mountain Afld, & I Corps Hq.; (I FFV) Ban Me Thuot, Pleiku, Tan Canh, Kontum, Qui Nhon, Tuy Hoa, Ninh Hoa, Nha Trang cities. Khanh Hoa Sub-sector Hq.; (II FFV) none, (IV Corps) none.

31 Jan (Wednesday)
RVN. En atkd major cities, afields & Military Installations.

RVN. En cs fr 1800H 29 Jan - 2400H 31 Jan are 4, 959 KIA & 1,862 DET. FRD cs same period are 535 KIA & 1,698 WIA. Breakdown of FRD cs: US 232 KIA/929 WIA: ARVN 300 KIA/747 WIA: FVMAF 3 KIA/22 WIA.
CRONIOLOGY OF EVENTS
FEBRUARY 1968

1 Feb (Thursday)
HQ MACV. From 1800H 29 Jan - 1 Feb over 10,000 NVA & VC KIA.
Allied cas: 917 KIA (US 281; ARVN 632; FWMAF 4), 2,817 WIA (US
1,195; ARVN 1,588; FWMAF 34).

NVA. US pilots flew 70 missions NVA (USAF 42 USMC 16 USN 22).
Pilots hit targets in handle area. USAF pilots repult 52 sup craft,
19 struct dest or dam.

I FFV. (Pleiku Prov) - 23 SW Pleiku city 1140H, Tan An defended by
RF/FF elms recd intense mortar & grd atk fr unk size en force. Reaction
force reenforced; tac air, arty & gunship sptd. 208 EK & 203 DET/1 PF
WIA.

II FFV. (Binh Duong Prov) - 4 km NE Phu Cuong, 0945H, elms 1st Bde,
1st Inf Div made contact w/unk size en force. Hel gunships sptd. En
broke contact 1830H. 197 EK/5 frd KIA. 6 km SW Phu Cuong, 1400H, Air
Gunships fired on unk size en force. 93 EK/1 frd WIA.

 III FFV. - 1830H, elms VN Mar Bn engaged en force 3 km N Tan Son Nhut AB,
cas unk. Activity throughout Saigon & Cholon area characterized by
small lightly armed en bands engaged in sniper activities as they were
forced to break up into small groups by US & ARVN forces sweeping area.

IV CORPS. Light contact rept throughout Corps area, mainly in Kien Hoa,
Vinh Long & Kien Tuong Prov

B-52s struck twice Thua Thien Prov (both 13 km NW Khe Sanh).

2 Feb (Friday)
HQ MACV. Cas rept fr 1800H, 29 Jan - 2400H, 2 Feb: 12,704 EK;
3,57; en DET: 1,814 NW & 515 CSW capt; 983 frd KIA (318 US; 661 ARVN;
4 FWMAF) & 3,483 frd WIA (1,639 US; 1,792 ARVN; 52 FWMAF). Ratio of
en to frd KIA: 12.9 to 1.

NVA. US pilots flew 69 missions NVA (USAF 36 USMC 29 USN 4).
USAF pilots struck army bks 69 km WW& another army bks area 88
km NW of the city.

III NAF. Fighting cont at Hue w/VNAF tac air strikes conducted on en
strong points in Hue-Citadel compound. Grd fighting hvy throughout
day. House to house sweeps conducted during day. At 2230H, only nor-
thern portion Citadel complex occupied by en forces & over 300 EK by
Allied air & grd units.
I FFV. At 2400H Kontum City rept quiet w/only sporadic light sniper fire at afld. Sporadic actions cont at Phan Thiet.

II FFV. At 2400H last night SA fire recd at N gate at TSN AB. At 0100H base security & ARVN reinf repelled en fire. Cas not rept. At 0400H mort & RPG atk occurred on US sup co depot vic dock area in Saigon. US & ARVN forces reacting forcing en fr area. Dam & cas unk. Thu Duc National Police dist hc ceme under lt mort & SA atk. En driven off by National Police. Cas unk & no rept of dam.

IV CORPS. Est 2 en bns atkd arty posi N Ben Tre City 1930H. En repulsed 2330H w/AC-47s sptg defenders. Light sniper fire still rept in city. My Tho rept quiet w/lt sporadic sniper fire occurring. En atkd cities of Vinh Loi, Vinh Long, Cao Lanh but were repulsed & lt sporadic sniper fire cont.

CMD. Fighting sporadic throughout the day. Between 0900 & 1700H US elms engaged est en reinf bn. Hel gunships & tac air sptd units in contact 5 km NE TSN. En attempting escape along Saigon River to NE & being engaged by ARVN force.

B-52s struck three times vic Khe Sanh (12km ESE, 5 km SE & 21 km NW).

3 Feb (Saturday)

HQ MACV. Cas rept fr 1800H, 29 Jan-2400H, 23 Feb: En cas: 14,997 KIA; 4,156 DET; 3,055 IW & 646 CBW capt; Frd cas: 1,116 KIA (367 US; 738 ARVN; 11 FWMAF); 4,171 WIA (2,063 US; 2,059 ARVN; 79 FWMAF).

NVN, US pilots flew 61 msns YNV (USAF 31 USMC 26 USN 4). USAF pilots hit army bks 104 km NW Hanoi, no BDA.

III MAF. Hue, fighting cont. NE & SE portions Citadel remain occupied w/why contact cont. Est 2 en cos fleeing over SW wall at noontime. Results thus far: 514 EK.

II FFV. Contact term w/in city Phan Thiet w/only occasional harassing SA & mort fire are being recd. In Dalat, only sporadic sniper fire has been recd in the town. No contact w/en has been rept. Afld now secured. The cities of Ban Me Thout and Pleiku rept as quiet w/no contact w/en forces.

IV CORPS. All cities rept quiet, w/only light sporadic sniper fire occasionally.

B-52s struck 3 times vic Khe Sanh (6 km NE, 10 km W & 10 km NWW)
4 Feb (Sunday)

HQ MACV. Gas fr 1800H, 29 Jan - 2400H, 4 Feb: 16,976 Ek; 4,131 DET; 4,230 IN & CSW capt; 1,677 Allied KIA (471 US; 993 ARVN; 13 FWAF); 6,075 WIA (2,744 US; 3,229 ARVN; 102 FWAF).


III MAF. Hue fighting cont. Marine co recd fire fr built-up area. Marines atkd & killed 15 en w/1 US KIA & 2 WIA (medevaced).

B-52s struck 5 times vic Khe Sanh (4 km NE, 5 km ENE, 14 km S & 14 km W).

JGS launches Operation TRAN HUNG DAO, a 33-day search-and-destroy operation to eliminate enemy opposition in Saigon, involving five ARVN Abn Bns, five VNMC Bns and five Rgr Bns. (Losses: En: 1,666 KIA, 1,861 DET, 701 WIA, 129 C/W; Frd: 216 KIA, 605 WIA, 1 KIA, 20 C/W, 52 C/W).

5 Feb (Monday)

HQ MACV. Gas fr 1800H, 29 Jan - 2400H, 5 Feb: 21,330 Ek/1,729 Allied KIA (546 US; 1,169 ARVN; 14 FWAF); 7,185 Allied WIA (3,084 US; 3,995 ARVN; 106 FWAF).

NVN. US pilots flew 72 runs NVN (USAF 28 USMC 27 USN 17). Poor weather limited BDA as pilots hit aflds, stor areas, wnpn pos & lines of communication N of DMZ & in Panhandle. USAF F-4 claimed MiG-21 down. F-105 downed to MiG-21 NW Hanoi.

III MAF. (Quang Nam Prov) - 0418, 1st ARVN Regt made contact en force 11 km S Da Nang. USA hel gunships & arty sptd. 1st Mar Div moved into blocking pos. Arty, tac air & gunship fire directed onto en pos. En broke contact 2000H. 187 Ek/6 US KIA & 14 WIA (medevac). ARVN cas rep't.

B-52s struck 3 times vic Khe Sanh (7 km SE, 10 km SW & 13 km WNW).

6 Feb (Tuesday)

HQ MACV. Gas results fr 1800H, 29 Jan - 2400H, 6 Feb: 22,748 Ek; 4,914 DET; 5,107 IN & 790 CSW capt; 1,768 Allied KIA (614 US; 1,130 ARVN; 24 FWAF); 7,358 WIA (3,408 US; 3,821 ARVN; 129 FWAF).

SCOTLAND. (Quang Tri Prov) - 1840H, Lang Vei SF camp & Khe Sanh base attd by en mort & arty fire of unk cal & type. Action cont.

III MAF. (Thua Thien Prov) - Fighting cont in Hue w/small pocket resistance along wall in extreme SW corner Citadel.

JEB STUART. (Quang Tri/Thua Thien Prov) - Announced. Initiated 22 Jan by 1st Cav Div (Airml) & 101st Abn Div. Since beginning, 570 EK, 15 DET & 70 IW & 19 CSW capt. US cas: 23 KIA & 144 WIA.

B-52s struck 12 km NW Khe sanh.

7 Feb (Wednesday)
HQ MACV. Cum results since 1800, 29 Jan-2400, 7 Feb are: 24,662 EK, 4,996 DET; 5,572 IW & 872 CSW capt; 2,043 Allied KIA (703 US; 1,303 ARVN; 37 FMAF); 8,376 WIA (3,729 US; 4,493 ARVN; 154 FMAF).

NVN. US pilots flew 83 msns NVN (USAF 46, USMC 25, USN 12).
Pilots struck targets above the DMZ, but BDA unavailable.

III MAF. Fighting cont in Hue. Marines rept capt 5 pockets en & sweep ops cont. Thus far 2,036 EK in & around Hue, 46 DET & 508 IW & 68 CSW capt.

SCOTLAND. Action cont fr 1840H 6 Feb Lang Vei SF camp & Khe Sanh base area. Main base cont rec arty & rkt fire throughout night causng 1047H. Afd Khe Sanh cratered but fully operational. 1030H Lang Vei SF camp recd hvy grd atk by unk size en force sptd by 9 armored vehicles (Soviet Model PT-76 tanks), hvy arty & mort fire. Hvy contact ensued w/continual arty & tac air spt. AC obs en employing flamethrowers. Hvy contact cont vic Lang Vei till 1100H when it was evacuated by defenders. No cas or materl dam assessment rept. First employment of tanks in SVN by enemy.

HOPTAC. Term. Final results: 273 EK/40 US.

B-52s trcck 3 times vic khe Sanh (7 km NNW, 8 km NW & 11 km NW).

8 Feb (Thursday)
HQ MACV. Cum results since 1800H, 29 Jan - 2400H, 8 Feb are:
26,621 EK; 4,872 DET; 6,232 IW & 1,003 CSW capt; 2,295 Allied KIA (810 US; 4,995 ARVN; 227 FMAF).

NVN. US pilots flew 63 msns NVN (USAF 32, USMC 25, USN 6).
Strikes ranged fr Hanoi to DMZ hitting Phuc Yen alfd, stor areas, rr sidings & wpns pos & water traffic.
SCOTLAND. 40 Fr 3rd Mar Div obs 4 en tanks 10 km SW Khe Sanh. Tac air directed against tanks. 2 rept disabled. At same time, 20 vehicles obs 14 km WSW Khe Sanh. Tac air strikes left at least 2 trucks burning.

III MAF. (Quang Nam Prov) - 1300H, elms 198th Lt Inf Bde, responded atk by 200-300 en on CAP location 6 km S Da Nang. 2 more cos fr 198th inserted in to area 1400H S of en force. At 1500H, USMC elms of 1st Mar Div moved to make contact w/en force fr North. Another co 198th Lt Inf Bde inserted 1800H to reinf. Arty, hel gunship & tac air mens sptd grd troops. Contact lost at dark. 152 EK/15 US KIA, 57 WIA (medevac) & 6 lt WIA treated - ret to duty.

SCOTLAND. (Quang Tri Prov) - 3 km NNW Khe Sanh, elms 3rd Mar Div recd unkntDlber 60mm mort & RPG rds followed by grd atk. En repulse. 124 EK/21 US KIA & 27 WIA.


I FFV. ARVN 23rd Ranger Bn completed sweep Dalat City, encountered only lt sporadic resistance during day. City declared clear by ARVN forces.

B-52s struck 3 times Khe Sanh area (twice 14 km WNW & once 13 km SW)

9 Feb (Friday)

HQ MACV. Cum results since 1800H, 29 Jan - 2400H, 9 Feb are:
27,705EK; 5,019 DET; 6,298 IW & 1,063 GSW capt; 2,707 Allied KIA (920 US; 1,733 ARVN; 54 FWMAF); 11,519 WIA (4,561 US; 6,721 ARVN; 237 FWMAF).

NVN. US pilots flew 84 mens NVN (USAF 32 USMC 30 USN 22)
USN pilots hit Cat Bi afld 6 km SE Haiphong & USAF pilots hit Kep afld 61 km NE Hanoi.

II FFV. Elms 25th Inf Div reinf by Cav units & sptd by USAF tac air & US hel gunships engaged en force 16 km NNW Saigon in two separate engagements. 278 EK/3 US KIA & 30 WIA.

WHEELER/WALLOWA. AMERICAL Div elms recd fire fr est 300 en sptd by mortar 10 km SW Hoi An. Unit sptd by hel gunships & 2 more cos reinf during afternoon. Contact term just before dark. 173 EK/12 US KIA, 12 WIA (medevaced) & 31 lt WIA treated - ret to duty.
III MAF. In Hue, Mar forces cleared southwestern part of city w/in 200 meters Song Phu Cam. Contact still cont.

SAN ANGELO. Term. Final results: 63 EK/12 US.

HAVERFORD. Announced. Initiated 13 Jan by elms 199th Lt Inf Bde Gia Dinh/Long An Prov. Term 2 Feb w/final results: 33 EK/8 US.

B-52s struck: 4 times Khe Sanh area (twice 9 km NW, once 7 km NW & 12 km E).

10 Feb (Saturday)

NVN. US pilots flew 76 msns NVN (USMC 35 USAF 34 USN 7).

USN pilots hit a radio communications receiver station 16 km S Hanoi (1st time). USAF pilots hit Phuc Yen afld & Thai Nguyen TTP around Hanoi.

III MAF. (Thua Thien Prov) - In Hue 1430H, in southeastern portion city, USMC elms came under SA & AW fire fr unk size en force. Fire ret & Mars secured area. 11 known EK/2 US WIA (medevaced).

PERSHING. (Binh Dinh Prov) - Opn term 19 Jan. Final results: 5,401 EK/600 US KIA.

II FFV. (Long An Prov) - Tan An City recd en atk fr unk size force 0300H incl 250 rds mixed 60 & 82mm mort fire. Followed by grd atk against city & hq USA 3rd Bde, 9th Inf Div. Fd forces spdt by USA arty & hel gunships & AC-47s. Contact term 0600H. 123 EK/4 US KIA & 11 WIA. ARVN cas rep't 1t. 25 civ killed & 200 wounded.

SARATOGA. Elms 25th Inf Div in conj w/US grd Cav elms made contact w/unk size en force 3 km NE Hoc Mon, 17 km NW Saigon. US forces spdt by arty & hel lt fire teams. USAF tec air strikes directed on en pos. Contact lost 1900H. 105 EK/5 US KIA & 31 WIA.

11 Feb (Sunday)

NVN. US pilots flew 75msns NVN (USAF 39 USN 20 USMC 16).

USN pilots hit kep afld 60 km NE Hanoi, Yen Bai afld 125 km NW Hanoi & dest 30-40 ft barge, trk, 7 mil struc Panhandle region. USN pilots dest or dam several trks scattered locations Panhandle.

III FFV. Bien Hoa AB recd 10-20 rds 122 mm rkt fire 0001H. Lt fire team employed on suspected launch site rept 1 fire & 2 secd explo. 1 US KIA & 36 WIA. En cas unk.

B-52s struck 5 times Vic Khe Sanh (8 km S & SW, 6 km W, 12 km NW & 9 km WNw).
12 Feb (Monday)
NVN. US pilots flew 64 men NVN (USAF 40, USMC 18, USN 6).
USAF F-4 crew downed MIG-21 N Hanoi w/air-to-air missile. USN pilots
hit Ninh Binh rr yd.

MUSCATINE. Elms AMERICAN Div engaged unk size en force 10km NE
Quang "gai City. Artillery & hel gunships sptd frd troops throughout con-
tact. En employed 60 & 82 mm mort, 50 cal mg & anti-tank wpns against
atkng Inf. 78 EK/1 US KIA & 4 WIA.

B-52s struck 5 times vic Khe Sanh (8 & 9 km NW, 3 km E, 4 km S SW &
9 km SW).

13 Feb (Tuesday)
NVN. US pilots flew 67 men NVN (USAF 31, USMC 27, USN 9).
USN pilots hit Kien An afd 10km SW Haiphong & cut rnwy Bai Thuong
afld 35 km NW Thanh Hoa. USAF pilots radar bombed Vinh afd. USAF
F-4 crews downed 2 MIG-17s NW Hanoi.

CORONADO X. Term. Final results: 344 EK/12 US KIA.

B-52s struck once vic Khe Sanh & twice vic Saigon (16 & 17 km NNW.)

14 Feb (Wednesday)
NVN. US pilots flew 95 men NVN (USAF 54, USMC 24, USN 17).
USAF pilots hit Canal des Rapides rr/hwy brg, Thai Nguyen TPP, Phuc
Yen & Hoa Loc afdls. USN pilots hit Cat Bi afd & Port Redon boat
facility 19 km NNE Haiphong. USMC pilots hit Kep afd. USAF F-105
& USN F-8 downed by grd fire, pilots MIA.

SARATOGA. Elms 25th Inf Div engaged unk size en force 8 km SE Cu
Chi fr 0830H - 1830H. Grd units sptd by hel lt fire teams, arty
& tac air. 91 EK/4 US KIA & 48 WIA. In same area, elms 3rd Bde,
25th Inf Div engaged unk size en force 1035H. Artillery sptd Inf in contact.
7 EK/9 US WIA. Results 2 fights: 98 EK/4 US KIA & 57 WIA.

CORONADO XI. Initiated by 9th Inf Div 4km SSW Can Tho.

B-52s struck 5 times vic Khe Sanh (4 & 7 km SE, 11 km S, 5 km NB &
10 km NNW).

15 Feb (Thursday)
NVN. US pilots flew 85 men NVN (USAF 61, USMC 15, USN 9).
USN pilots dam Kien An afd. USAF pilots hit Kep afd, cut rds N of
Vinh & hit other lines of communication Panhandle area. USN F-4
& USAF F-4 downed to unk causes & grd fire (respectively), crews MIA.

B-52s struck 7 times vic Khe Sanh (twice 5 km S, 11 km S, 5 km SW,
twice 14 km SSE & 46 km SSE).
16 Feb (Friday)

**NVN.** US pilots flew 62 msns NVN (USAF 31 USMC 22 USN 9).

USAF pilots rep'd hit 5 end main runwy Hac Lac afld. USN pilots hit Uang Bi TTP, no BDA. 

**KENTUCKY.** 3 en tanks sighted northern part DMZ, 7 km N Con Thien, taken under fire w/unk results.

**III KAF.** No change activity in Hue as allied forces continue clearing ops in citadel. En still holds southern half w/wall & all S wall.

**CORONADO XI.** Announced. Initiated 14 Feb, 4 km SSW Can Tho by 2nd Sde, 9th Inf Div multi-bn

B-52s struck 4 times vic Khe Sanh (3 km SSE, 4 km SE, 11 km NNW & 14 km NW).

17 Feb (Saturday)

**NVN.** US pilots flew 77 msns NVN (USAF 38 USMC 29 USN 10)

USAF pilots hit Phuc Yen afld & USN pilots hit Cam Pha transformer station. USMC pilots hit Vinh afld.

**I PF.** En made wide-scale atks on mili installations. Kontum City afld rec'd 50 rds mort fire. PF OP 11km W Kontum City rec'd mort & grd atk. Hel gunships & AC-47s sptd. No results rep'd. OP 16km S Phu Cat, Binh Dinh Prov, rec'd mort atk. 9 areas Quang Duc Prov struck by mort fire; 4 areas vic Gia Nghia, 2 areas vic Nhon Co, & 3 areas vic Duc Lap. No results rep'd. Di Linh Dist Hq, Lam Dong Prov, rec'd mort & AW atk. CIDG OP, Tuyen Sue Prov, 8 km S Da Lat rec'd mort & SA fire. No results rep'd. Power plant 23 km SE Da Lat rec'd mort atk. No results rep'd. Phan Thiet, Binh Thuan Prov, rec'd 1st grd probes & mort atks fr est en bn E of city. Hel gunships, AC-47s & NGP sptd. No results rep'd.

**II FFV.** (Hau Nghia Prov) - 35 km W Saigon, forward air controller 9th Inf Div located 100 en sampans. During 6 hr action, 79 sampans dest & 23 sec expl expl rep't.

**MANCHESTER.** Term. Final results: 456 EK/37 US.

B-52s struck 5 times vic Khe Sanh (twice 7 km N, 9 km SW, 10 km NW & 19 km SSW)

18 Feb (Sunday)

**NVN.** US pilots flew 79 msns NVN (USAF 38 USMC 22 USN 22).

USN pilots cut runwy Cat Vi afld & hit revetment area Bai Thuong afld. USMC pilots hit Phuc Yen afld & USAF pilots hit Yen Bai afld.

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Province towns & Cities throughout SVN & mil installations were hit by en mort & rkt fire during early morning hrs.

II FFV. Phan Thiet recd grd atk during which en employed mort in spt 0230H. Est en bn atkd city & by 0915H en helf 1/5 city. Est 500 prisoners released fr jail. VC capt provincial hospital. ARVN, RF/PC CIDG & US Abn elms atkg en to eject then fr city. Jail retaken & unk number prisoners receopt. 2330H, contact reduced to light & sporadic actions. 102 FK/ 2 US civ KIA.

CMD. (Gia Dinh Prov) - TSN recd 1st rkt atk during conflict. 0100H, Ab atkd by est 100 rds 122mm rkt fire. 8 Rds import MACV HQ compound. Mat dam lt. US cas at TSN, 1 KIA, 19 WIA (medevaced) & 11 lt WIA treated - ret to duty.

19 Feb (Monday)


JEB STUART. Co fr 2nd Bde, 101st Abn Div found 3 mass graves containing 110 NVA soldiers 10 km E Quang Tri City. 1st Cav Div elms made contact w/en force 6 km NE Quang tri City. Arty & tac air sptd. 51 FK/2 US KIA & 7 WIA (medevaced).

CMD. TSN cont to rec sporadic incoming rds 122 mm rkt fire. 1 USAF airman rept WIA. Mat dam rept lt. 0600H, civ air terminal recd direct 122mm rkt hit. 1 US KIA & 35 WIA.

B-52s struck 4 times vic Khe Sanh (4 km S, 5 km SW, 7 km SW & 14 km NW).

20 Feb (Tuesday)

NVN. US pilots flew 55 msns NVN (USMC 29 USAF 18 USN 8 ). Pilots hit targets Panhandle area, no BDA due poor weather.

II FFV. (Gia Dinh Prov) - 1115H, 1st Inf Div elms engaged en force w/hvy contact. USA arty, hel gunships & USAF tac air sptd engagement 10 km NE Saigon. 123 FK/15 US KIA & 11 WIA.

B-52s struck 4 times vic Khe Sanh (6&9 km SW, 6 km NW, & 14 km W)

21 Feb (Wednesday)

NVN. US pilots flew 54 msns NVN (USAF 23 USMC 22 USN 9). Poor weather plagues pilots as they hit trk & water traffic near Dong Hoi, a power plant at Ban Thach & mil installation SW Hanoi.

II FFV. (Gia Dinh prov) - 11 km W Saigon, elm 25th Inf Div Cav spdn made contact w/unk size en force. Cav deployed& engaged en force w/organic wpns fire. USA arty & hel gunships & USAF tac air sptd. 1810H, cvy gunships fr 1st Aviation Bde, operating in spt 25th Inf Div, obs 50-60 en in open area. Chopper crews killed 30. Total day's results: 128 FK/3 US KIA & 21 WIA.
II FFV. (Gia Dinh Prov) - B-52s attacked 3 times vic Khe Sanh (twice 9 km SE, 10 & 11 km SW).

B-52s struck 5 times vic Khe Sanh (twice 9 km SE, 10 & 11 km SW).

22 Feb (Thursday)

JEB STJAKT. Contact cont for 21 Feb. After initial attack, Cav troops cont to sweep area & made mod-hvy contact through the day. Cum results: 163 EK/12 US KIA & 12 WIA.

B-52s struck 5 times vic Khe Sanh (11 & 18 km S, 8 km E, 9 km NE & 11 km NW)

23 Feb (Friday)
NVN. US pilots flew 60 missions (USMC 27 USAAF 26 USN 7). Pilots cont bomb targets in Panhandle area.

III MAF. In Hue, elms 3rd Bde, 1st Armd Cav Regt, sweeping toward SW corner citadel fr pos approx 2 km SW city, advanced to w/in 600 meters citadel's wall. Cav units encountered lt resistance frn during sweep & killed 10. 1 US KIA & 44 WIA during actions. Cum results in Hue fighting since 2400, 31 Jan are: 7K by US 1,548 & 109 DET. (ON BACKGROUND) EK by ARVN is 2,625 & 54 DET. (END BACKGROUND) US KIA same period are: 119 KIA & 96 WIA.

MUSCATINE. Elms AMERICAN Div 11th Lt Inf Bde engaged en force 10 km NE Quang Ngai City. AW & SA fire exchanged. Tac air std grd troops. Contact lost 1900H. 68 EK/2 US KIA & 13 WIA (medevaced)

B-52s struck 4 times vic Khe Sanh (10 & 14 km NW, 8 km SW & 10 km W)

24 Feb (Saturday)
NVN. US pilots flew 68 missions (USMC 32 USAAF 27 USN 9). USN pilots hit Hanoi port facility on Red River 3 km SE Hanoi for 1st time. USAF pilots hit Kep airfield 45 km NE Hanoi. USMC pilots hit Hanoi rail station 5 km W Bac Mai airfield.

III MAF. Hue Palace grds were recaptured by Black Panther Co of 1st ARVN Div. Frd forces now control river bank S Palace & extending W.

YELLOWSTONE. Term. Final results: 1,254 EK/135 US.

Unknown number of enemy attacks TSN with 26 rds of 122 mm rkt. Loser 15 killed (11 civ), 32 w (9 civ)
25 Feb (Sunday)  
NVN. US pilots flew 59 msns NVN (USMC 31 USAF 23 USN 5).  
USN pilots hit Haiphong rr yd & Bai Thuong afdl.

III MAF. In Hue, NVN & USMC elms conducted sweep of Imperial Palace grds. Discovered numerous graves which contained total 140 NVA bodies.

B-52s struck 3 times vic Khe Sanh (5 km W, 12 km NW & 15 km SW)

26 Feb (Monday)  
NVN. US pilots flew 62 msns NVN (USMC 33 USAF 21 USN 8).  
Pilots struck in-and around DMZ area, but poor weather prevented BDA.

GMD. (Gia Dinh Prov) - TSN AB recd few rds 122mm rkt fire. Mat Dam repit it.

CORONADO XI. Co fr 2nd Bde, 9th Inf Div air-asslted into hot LZ & engaged est reinf co. Same time, bn fr 2nd Bde moved to S of area of contact in USN TF 117 river craft. 1245H, co landed fr river craft to W & 1455H another co air-asslted to the E. Engagement cont throughout day. Hvy SA & AW fire exchanged at 1600H. Arty & tac air sptd units in contact. 57 BK/26 US KIA & 51 WIA.

B-52s struck 4 times vic Khe Sanh (10 & 13 NW, 5 km W & 10 km WNW)

27 Feb (Tuesday)  
NVN. US pilots flew 92 msns NVN (USAF 38 USMC 32 USN 22).  
USN pilots hit Haiphong rr yd & touched off seed explo at Uong Bi TPP. Other pilots hit targets in Panhandle area.

WHEELER/WALLOWA. Grd cav elms w/AMERICAN Div contact unk size en force 4 km W Tam Ky. While conducting sweep of area, cav men became hvy engaged w/en in 4-hr battle. 179 BK/2 US KIA & 14 WIA (medevaced).

MACARTHUR. At 0800H, 25th Inf Div elms in night pos hit by en mort atk fr SW. At 1030H en initiated grd atk fr same direction. USA hel gunships, arty & USAF tac air struck atkg en forces. Hvy contact continued until 1930H. 69 BK.

B-52s struck 7 times Khe Sanh vic (4 & 14 km WNW, 2 km NE, 3 km SW, 5 km SE, 9 km W, 10 km S)

28 Feb (Wednesday)  
NVN. US pilots flew 70 msns NVN (USMC 32 USAF 30 USN 8).  
USAF pilots dest 20 30-ft barges S of Dong Hoi. USAF F-105 downed by grd fire in Panhandle. Pilot rescued.
III M.A.F. (Quang Tri Prov) - USMC CH-46 on combat mission 17 km NE of Khe Sanh rec'd heavy AW fire shortly after noon & crashed. 22 US pers killed.

CMY. (Gia Dinh Prov) - Early this morning, several 122mm rkt rounds hit TSN AB. No pers cas. Mat dam negligible.

B-52s struck 10 km W of Khe Sanh.

III M.A.F. (Quang tin Prov) - 3rd Bde, 82nd Abn Div, totaling 4,000 men arrived VN. Bde began its move to VN based on 24-hr warning order.

III MAF. (Quang ngai Prov) - 27th Marine Regimental Landing Team, totaling 4,500 men arrived VN. Regt began its move to VN on 15 Feb.

24 Feb (Thursday)

NVI. UC pilots flew 76 missions NVN (USMC 20 USAF 28 USN 18). USAF pilots hit Hanoi motor vehicle maintenance area 7 km W of Hanoi. 1st time. USN pilots hit Ben Thach PF.

Osn Napoleon began 5 Nov in Quang Tri combines with Opn Saline began 30 Jan 68 in Quang Tri to form Opn Napoleon/Saline.

NAVFORV. (Quang Ngai Prov) - 1541H, unidentified trawler sighted by USN Market Time ptl & tracked to point 25 miles off coast VN. USCG Cutter ANDRESCOOGIN closed & challenged trawler as it came into VN waters.

NAVFORV. (Khanh Hoa Prov) - 171H, unidentified trawler sighted 30 miles E of Nha Trang heading W toward coast VN. Ship approached coast, was challenged & refused to answer. Cont con course toward beach. USN Swift Boats & VN Navy ptl craft closed on vessel.

NAVFORV. (An Xuyen Prov) - 2059H, unidentified trawler sighted by USN Market Time units in vic mouth Bo De River. Units tracking vessel.

B-52s struck 6 times vic Khe Sanh (6 & 40 km ESE, 4 km E, 11 km NW, 5 km SSE & 20 km NW).

NRF-RVN. 7th Flt cruiser was fired on while sptg grd troops III MAF area. Hostile fire came fr en shore btry on Cap Lay. Ship not hit. Another cruiser dest 5 fort 11 km SSE Gio Linh. 7th Flt DQ dest 6 en emplacements & started numerous fires en site 9 km SSE Gio Linh.

PATRIK - Initiated by Bn+ force 3rd Bde, 4th Inf Div Binh Dinh + Quang Ngai Provinces.

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1 Mar (Friday)


SALINE. 11th Mar Div sweeping area 7 km NE Dong Ha engaged unk size en force. 1st contact made 0645H w/sporadic contact throughout day. Contact lost 2000H. 81 EK/22 US KIA & 87 WIA.

I FFV. Nha Trang, change command ceremony: LTG W.B. Rosson relinquished command Hq I FFV to MG W.R. Peers, Deputy CG. LTG Rosson will assume temp pos of Deputy to Gen Abrams at MACV Forward. MG Peers will serve as Acting CG, I FFV. LTG Rosson commanded I FFV since 1 Aug 67.

NAVFOl1V. (Quang Ngai Prov) - Trawler obs on 29 Feb made run for beach 0120H. Taken under fire after refusing to answer challenge. Trawler beached in surf 8 km SE Duc Pho. USA hel gunships took ship under fire 0210H & co AMERICAL Div inserted into area. Trawler attempted to employ self-dest equip & initially 25% successful. En completed self-dest 0235H.

NAVFCRV. (An Xuyen Prov) - Unidentified trawler obs 29 Feb' taken under fire by USCG Cutter WINONA when refused to reply challenge 0145H. Trawler hig w/5" rd fr WINONA's main gun, & 2 seed explo obs blowing ship apart. WINONA hit by fire fr trawler. No dam or cas rept.

NAVFCRV. (Khanh Hoa Prov) - Unidentified trawler sighted & challenged on 29 Feb taken under fire by US/VNN ptl boats 0040H. AC-47s also engaged trawler. Trawler turned N & forced into cove 20 km NNE Nha Trang. At 0230H Swift boats hit trawler w/5 81mm mort rds & ship blew up

COBURG. Term. Final results: 180EK/19 US.

II FFV. (Gia Dinh Prov) - TSN hit w/several 122mm rkts. Pers cas lt, mat dam insignificant.

B-52s struck 9 times KSGB area (4 times 6 km W, & once 4 km W, 16 km NW, 2 km NE, 1 km N & 3 km SSE), twice vic Saigon (35 km NW & 45 km E) & 18 km NNE A Shau.
2 Mar (Saturday)

NVN. US pilots flew 62 missions NVN (USAF 26 USMC 20 USN 14).
USN dropped several 550-lb bombs after strike Uong Bi TPP; also hit
Haiphong rr/rwy brg. Other pilots hit targets Panhandle.

3 Mar (Sunday)

NVN. US pilots flew 68 missions NVN (USAF 35 USMC 19 USN 14).
USN pilots hit Hanoi port facilities. USAF pilots destroyed
34 barges & sup boats vic Dong Hoi.

KENTUCKY. Elms 3rd Mar Div engaged unk size en force 1310H
4 km NE Con Thien. Contact lost 1650H. 132 EK/1 US KIA &
3 WIA. Same time another elm 3rd Mar Div engaged unk size
en force 2 km E 1st action. Artillery directed into en pos.
21 EK/1 US KIA & 5 WIA. Day's results: 153 EK/2US KIA &
6 WIA.

4 Mar (Monday)

NVN. US pilots flew 71 missions NVN (USAF 42 USMC 19 USN 10).
USAF hit boat yard (Ha Dong) 10 km SW Hanoi 1st time. Other
strikes were in Panhandle.

I FFV. (Phu Yen Prov) - ARVN elms in Tuy Hoa atkd by unk
no en. En w/drew & atkd again 1000H. Elms 173rd Lt Inf Bde
reinf ARVN units & engaged en force. Contact maintained
until 1845H. US units rep 137 EK/5 US KIA & 16 WIA (med-
evaced). ON BACKGROUND - ARVN elms in contact until 2030H.
69 EK/ARVN cas it. END BACKGROUND Gun totals: 206 EK,
16 DET.

III MAF. US installations rec'd en atks: Thua Thien Prov,
CF 1st Cav Div (Aircraft) rec'd unk number 82 mm mort rds 0230H;
Quang Nan Prov, NAR compounds 7 km SSW Da Nang rec'd
8 rds unk cal rkt fire fr 0100 - 0200H; Quang Nan Prov, NAR
tanks & NAR arty unit in close proximity 4 km NW Da Nang
rec'd more than 20 rds 122mm rkt fire, 0100H; Quang Nan Prov,
Elms NAR Compounds recieved more than 5 rds unk cal rkt fire,
0200H; Quang Ngai Prov, NACV compound Quang
Ngai rec'd unk 6 rds elms & mort fire, 0200H.

I FFV. US installations rec'd en atks: Kontum Prov, base
camp 4th Inf Div rec'd atk 0130 - 0200H of 10 rds 82mm mort
fire. All impacted outside perimeter; Kontum afd rec'd rec'd
more than 15 rds 122mm rkt fire 0100 - 0200H; Pleiku Prov, Camp
Enari, 4th Inf Div's base camp, rec'd more than 10 rds 122mm
rkt fire 0100 - 0200H 1st dam rwy, & closed for time.

CROWNADO XI. Terra. Final results: 264 EK/39 US.

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B-52s struck 6 times KSCB area (7 & 9 km NW, 3 km SE, 3 km NE, 7 km NW & 7 km SW), 36 km NW A Shau, & twice vic Saigon (45 km E & 75 km SE).

5 Mar (Tuesday)


KENTUCKY. 1600H, AC fr 3rd Mar Div sighted 2-tracked vehicles N Ben Hair River, directed arty msn on vehicles. AC survey of area, revealed vehicles were wooden decoys.

II FFV. 25th Inf Div base camp Cu Chi recd less than 40 rds 82mm mort fire & several 122mm rkt rds 2200H. Cas lt. Lt dam to acft. (Fol recd less than 20 rds direction fr Saigon): Go Dau Ha, 58 km NW; Ba Dong, 66 km NNE; Xuan Loc, 66 km ENE; Phuoc Vinh, 66 km NNE; An loc, 110 km NNE; Phu Loi, 25 km N; LZ Sicily, 47 km NNE; LZ Normandy, 45 km N; Long Binh, 30 km NE.

6 Mar (Wednesday)

NVN. US pilots flew 83 msn NVN (USAF 49 USN 19 USMC 15). USN pilots hit Hanoi port facilities, Bai Thuong afd, Van Dien btry plant, Hai Duong rr yd & Uong Bi TPP. USN pilots hit Phuc Yen afd & Dong Hoi afd.

KENTUCKY. (Quang Tri Prov) - 3rd Mar Div 5 km NE Con Thien, 1115H, contact en force unk size. Arty & tac air sptd Mar. Contact lost 1730H. 81 EK/14 US KIA & 29 WIA (medevaced).

III MAF. (Quang Tri Prov) - 1600H, USAF C-123 hit by grd fire crashed KSCB area. 44 pass (43USMC & 1 USN) & 4 USAF crewmembers aboard killed.

7 Mar (Thursday)


III MAF. Elms ARVN troops & 3rd Mar Div engaged est en bn approx 3 km NE Dong Ha, 1200H. Allied forces sptd by tac air & arty msn. Contact term 1900H. 164 EK/16US KIA, 83 WIA (medevaced) & 30 WIA treated - ret to duty. ARVN cas lt.

II FFV. TRUONG CONG DINH. Initiated by 9th Inf Div 8 km SE Cai Lay, Dinh Tuong Prov.

8 Mar (Friday)

NVN. US pilots flew 57 msn NVN (USAF 38 USN 11 USMC 8). USN pilots hit Vinh afd. Other strikes Panhandle area.
VALLEY FORGE. Initiated by multi-bn force 199th Lt Inf Bde 45 km NW Saigon in Dien Hoa/Long Khanh Prov.

III CORPS - TRUC GONG DINH. 7th ARVN Inf Div joined U.S. 9th Inf Div in opn.

9 Mar (Saturday)

WHEELER/WALLOMS. MERICAL Div elms made contact w/unk size on force 1015H, lvy engagement & cont until afternoon. Tac air, arty & hel gunships spdt grd forces. Contact lost 1930H. 129 EK/10 US WIA (medevaced), 8 WIA treated - ret to duty.

10 Mar (Sunday)
NVN. US pilots flew 76 mins NVN (USAF 35 USN 24 USMC 17). USN pilots bkg Haiphong hwy brg, Ban Thach power plant, Bai Thuong afld. USAF pilots hit Thai Nguyen rr yd.


SARATOGA. Term. Final results: 3863 EK/382 US KIA.

ENTERPRISE. Term. Final results: 2107 EK/253 US KIA.

11 Mar (Monday)
NVN. US pilots flew 76 mins NVN (USAF 35 USN 32 USMC 9). USN pilots hit Hanoi radio communications receiving station, Thanh Hoa TFF, Cam Pha transformer station. USAF pilots hit Ha Dong army bks area & Yen Bai afld. USAF F-4 downed unk causes, crew KIA.

WHEELER/WALLOMS. MERICAL Div forces engaged on force w/ organic wpns fire 1100H, 22 km W Tan Ky. Inf spdt by tac air until contact term 1800H. 78 EK/2 US KIA, 15 WIA (medevaced) & 14 WIA treated - ret to duty.


VALLEY FORGE. Announced. Initiated 8 Mar.

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12 Mar (Tuesday)
NVN. US pilots flew 76 msns NVN (USAF 35 USN 25 USMC 16).
USAF pilots hit Kep afd & boat const yd. USN pilots hig Haiphong rr yd, Kien An hwy ferry.

PROVCOFSV. (Thua Thien Prov) - Elms 1st Cav Div (Airmbl) engaged en force 1025H, 18 km SW Quang Tri Prov throughout day. 59 EK/1 US KIA & 20 WIA.

Official acft Loss figures: (fixd-wg) NVN 809 RVN 238
(hel) NVN 9 RVN 584

13 Mar (Wednesday)
NVN. US pilots flew 94 msns NVN (USAF 44 USN 32 USMC 18).
USN pilots hit Haiphong rr/hwy brg, Kien An hwy brg, Kien An afd, Cat Bi afd, Uong Bi TPP, Cam Pha mil bks & Ninh Giang transshipment point. USAF pilots hit Chuc Son Army bks & Lang Giai rr yd. USMC pilots cont strikes Panhandle.

WORTH. Initiated by bn sized force 1st Mar Div & USA cav sqdn Quang Nam Prov.

14 Mar (Thursday)
NVN. US pilots flew 86 msns NVN (USAF 34 USN 29 USMC 23).
USN pilots hig Haiphong rr/hwy brg, Uong Bi TPP & POL areas Haiphong area. USAF pilots hit Dong Hoi afd, cutting rwy 2 places & Thai Nguyen TPP.

III MAF. (Quang Nam Prov) - Mar recon pti fr 1st Mar Div obs approx 500 NVA troops 6 km NE An Hoa, 1900H. Pti directed arty mins & tac air on en pos. 101 EK/no US cas.

FORD. Initiated Thua Thien Prov by bn force 1st & 3rd Mar Div.

15 Mar (Friday)
NVN. US pilots flew 100 msns NVN (USN 39 USAF 35 USMC 26).
USN pilots hit Do Son radio communications station, Dong Trieu army bks, Hon Gai bks area, Hon Gai TPP, Van Dien btry plant, Kien An afd & Cam Pha Pol stor area & transformer station. USAF pilots hit Yen Bai afd.

QUYET THANG. Troop fr 11th Armd Cav Regt made contact w/est en bn 1005H, 9 km SW Cu Chi. Tac air, arty & hel gunships sptd grd troops. 1355H, elms 25th Inf Div reinf cav & 2 units engaged en until 1930H when contact term. 81 EK/21 US WIA. Other elms 25th Inf Div discovered en grave approx 8 km NE Duc Hoa, containing 18 en bodies.

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16 Mar (Saturday)


**MUSCATINE.** Elms AMERICAL Div, 11th Lt Inf Bde made contact w/en force unk size 9 km NE Quang Ngai City. Inf sptd by USA hel gunships & arty. Sporadic contact cont until 1500H when contact lost. 128 EK/2US KIA, 4 WIA (medevaced) & 6 lt WIA treated - ret to dy.

**QUYET THANG OFFENSIVE.** (Hau Nghia Prov) - Elms 51st ARVN Ranger Bn sptd by USA 11th Armed Cav Regt made joint atk on est reinf en co 4 mi NE Duc Hoi (26 km NW Saigon). ARVN & US force sptd by USAF tac air & USA arty & hel gunships. 135 EK/no US cas & ARVN cas ret it.

**VALLEY FORCES.** Initiated by 101st Abn Div mult-bn force Binh Duong Prov.

17 Mar (Sunday)

**KENTUCKY.** Initiated by 173rd Abn Bde bn-size force in Binh Duong Prov.

**VALLEY FORCES.** Term. Final results: 27 EK/1 US KIA.

18 Mar (Monday)

**NAPOLEON/SALINE.** Co 3rd Mar Div sptd by arty, hel gunships & tac air made contact w/en force unk size in well-prepared pos. En fired 40 rds 140mm rks on frd pos as co atkd. Air strikes directed onto en pos 1410H. 1440H Mar assaulted en pos. Contact term unk time. 67 EK/12 US KIA & 24 WIA (medevaced).
19 Mar (Tuesday)

NVN. US pilots flew 82 msns NVN (USN 35 USAF 31 USMC 16).
USN pilots hit Uong Bi TIP, Hon Dinh rr yd. USAF pilots hit Dong Hoi afld.

Official acft loss figures: (fxd-wg) NVN 812 RVN 240
(Hel) NVN 9 RVN 594

20 Mar (Wednesday)

NVN. US pilots flew 119 msns NVN (USAF 63 USN 38 USMC 18).
USN pilots hit Hon Gai TIP & rept dest or dam 55 trks & 49 sup boats NVN. USAF pilots hit Phuc Yen afld & rept dest or dam 65 trks & setting off 15 lg fires & 11 seed explo NVN.

III MAF. (Quang Tin Prov) - Cav & troop co fr 11th Lt Inf Bde made contact w/en force unk size 6 km SE Hoi An. Inf/cav force atkd en 1800H. Sptd by arty fire. Contact term 1905H 64 EK/8 US WIA.

FCRD. Term. Final results: 145 EK/14 US KIA.

QUIET THING OFFENSIVE. (Hau Nghia Prov) - 2 troops fr 11th Armd Cav Regt & elms ARVN 25th Inf Div made contact 1140H w/ est en bn 9 km NNE Duc Hoa. Bn 25th Div immediately reinf units in contact. Arty, hel gunships & tac air sptd. Contact term 1920H. 142 EK/1 US KIA & 7 ARVN KIA. 5 US & 16 ARVN WIA.

21 Mar (Thursday)

NVN. US pilots flew 108 msns NVN (USN 47 USAF 44 USMC 17).
USN pilots hit Bai Thuong afld, interdicting rwy & taxiwy also rept dest or dam 50 trks heading S Rts 1A, 116 & 151. USAF pilots hit Lang Dang rr yd, Dong Cuong rr siding & Som Tra rr yd.

WHEELER/WALLOWA. AMERICAN unit fr 198th Lt Inf Bde made contact w/en force 7 km S Hoi An. Organic wpns fire exchanged & cav troop reinf Inf. Contact term w/112 EK/18 US WIA.


KITTEN HAWK. Term. Final results: 193 EK/69 US KIA.

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22 Mar (Friday)
NVN. US pilots flew 87 msns NVN (USAF 44 USN 22 USMC 21). USN pilots hit Uong Bi TPF. USAF pilots hit Long Giai rr yd.

23 Mar (Saturday)
NVN. US pilots flew 93 msns NVN (USAF 35 USN 32 USMC 26). USN pilots hit Ha Dong ml bks area, & Cat Bi & Bai Thuong afdls. Other pilots hit Panhandle area.

HARRISBURG. Term. Final Results: 18 EK/7 US MIA.

24 Mar (Sunday)
NVN. US pilots flew 89 msns NVN (USN 36 USAF 34 USMC 19). USN pilots hit Kinh No rr ye, POL stor area NNW Haiphong & Bai Thuong afdl. USAF pilots hit Ha Dong army bks.

QUIET THANG OFFENSIVE. (Hau Nghia Prov) - 2 cos lst Bde, 25th Inf Div on recon-in-force, sptd by armor, contacted unk size en force 0900H, 10 km NE Trang Bang. AW & SA fire exchanged & armor sptd w/90mm fire. Another co inf & troop of armor reinf 1100H. Art'y, hel gunships & tac air sptd. Contact term. 64 EK/11 US KIA & 36 WIA.

25 Mar (Monday)
NVN. US pilots flew 68 msns NVN (USAF 33 USN 18 USMC17). USN pilots hit Hai Duong chemical plant rept lg secd explo, dam Nam Dinh rr yd & hit Ban Thach PP. USAF F-11s flew 1st time NVN.

JEB STUART. 2 cos lst Cav Div (Airmbl) engaged elms en regt 0925H 7 km SW Dong Ha. SA & AW fire exchanged. Hal gunships sptd. Contact term 1900H. 66 EK/13 US KIA & 26 WIA.

WORTH. Announced. Initiated 13 Mar by bn sized force lst Mar Div & USA cav sqdn Quang Nam Prov.


26 Mar (Tuesday)
NVN. US pilots flew 82 msns NVN (USAF 37 USMC 27 USN 18). USN pilots hit Cat Bi afdl, caused secd explo Hai Duong chemical plant & rept direct hits Yen Vien rr yd & Nam Dinh TPF. USAF pilots hit Yen Bai & Dong Hoi afdls.

MACARTHUR. 0330H, est 2 or 3 en bns atkd fire spt base lst Bde, 4th Inf Div, 31 km W Kontum City w/SA, AW, B-40 rkts, 60 mm mort & flame throwers. Part en force penetrated western portion base's perimeter. 2 lst Bde cos ret fire while 1 co counter-atkd at penetration & perimeter restored 0730H. 2 other cos air-lifted into contact area & set up blocking pos. USI arty & USAF tac air hit en pos during atk. 135 EK/19 US KIA & 51 WIA.

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JEB STUART. Term. Final results: 167 EK/27 US KIA.

27 Mar (Wednesday)
NVN. US pilots flew 95 mns NVN (USAF 37 USMC, 31 USN 27). USAF pilots hit Lang Giai rr yd, Son Tra rr yd & Ky Dong rr spur. USN pilots hit Kien An afd, Ha Dong Army bks, Cam Pha POL stor area & Vinh afd. USAF F-4 downed by grd fire, crew MIA.

QUYET THANG OFFENSIVE. (Hau Nghia Prov) - Contact cont fr 26 Mar 7 km NE Thang Bang. Actions cont throughout day until 1630H when contact term. 99 EK/2 US KIA & 38 WIA.

28 Mar (Thursday)

JEB STUART. Term. Final results: 3,288 EK/290 US KIA.

29 Mar (Friday)
NVN. US pilots flew 106 mns NVN (USAF 57 USMC 33 USN 16). USAF pilots rept possible downing MIG-21 & other pilots hit Ha Dong army bks. USN pilots hit Hon Gai TPP & rept seed explo Cam Pha transformer station.

JEB STUART. Term. Final results: 1,561 EK/204 US KIA.

30 Mar (Saturday)

SCOTLAND. 0730H, reinf co-size ptl 5th Mar Div left KSCB to search en out to S. 0830H, ptl engaged est en bn, 1.5 km S KSCB. SA, AW & mort fire exchanged w/Mar sptd by arty. Contact term 0930H & ptl ret KSCB noon. 115 EK/9 US KIA & 42 WIA (medevaced) & 29 WIA, treated ret to dy.

31 Mar (Sunday)
NVN. US pilots flew 95 mns NVN (USAF 43 USMC 37 USN 15). USN pilots hit Cat Bi afd, Hanoi radio receiver station & Cam Pha Mining area.

JEB STUART. Term. Final results: 1,561 EK/204 US KIA.

SCOTLAND. Term. Final results: 1,561 EK/204 US KIA.

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