15 Aug 1968 French ARVN at Phu Bai, Thua Thien Prov is redesignated as XXIV Corps.

22 Aug 1968 After a two month lull, enemy 122mm rockets hit Saigon. Ten fell in downtown area, six in Cholon, three along the docks (17 civs killed, 69 civs wounded). National Assembly building roof is hit, moderate damage.

23 Aug 1968 CIDG camp, 32 miles NNW of Gia Nghia, Quang Duc Province and 5 miles from Cambodian border. (Enemy: 776 KIA; FRD: 116 KIA [US]).

26 Aug 1968 The 101st Air Cav Div and the 1st Air Cav Div are redesignated as the 101st Air Div (A1) and the 1st Cav Div (AM).

30 Aug 1968 Prisoners at U.S. Army Long Binh prison stockade riot. One prisoner is killed, 59 prisoners and four guards injured. Heavy damage is done to stockade. Ten large buildings are burned. Prisoner population is 719 military, one civilian).

3 Sep 1968 VC terrorists explode a grenade in front of USAID HQ on Le Van Duyet Street in downtown Saigon, wounding 7 civilians. Another grenade wounds 8 civilians in Saigon dock area.

8 Sep 1968 ARVN BG Truong Quang An, Commander 23d Div and 4 US are killed when their helicopter is shot down near Duc Lap, Quang Duc Province.

9 Sep 1968 VC terrorists set off a 75lb. charge at GVN Information Office in Saigon's VI Precinct at 2030, destroying the building and killing 9 civilians and wounding 55.

13 Sep 1968 MG Keith L. Ware, CG 1st Inf Div is killed along with 7 other US in a helicopter crash near Loc Ninh, Binh Long Province. MG Ware becomes fourth US general killed in the war.

14 Sep 1968 ARVN uncover large ammo cache 13 km NE of Quang Loi, Phuoc Long Province: 2,742 RPG rounds, 336 grenades, 547, 760 AKA-47 rounds, 1,701 mortar rounds, 1,969 lbs. CHICOM TNT.

15 Sep 1968 46th ARVN Regt, operating south of Saigon in Can Gio Duc District, Long An Province, finds CHICOM three bank x four tube (total 12) 107mm (barrage) rocket launcher.

21 Sep 1968 Elements of 9th Marines find 164 enemy KIA in graves NW of the Rockpile, Quang Tri Prov, apparently KPA.

23 Sep 1968 MACV announces Allied forces in the past two weeks in the DMZ have captured 920 I/W, some 15,000 mortar rounds, 5,500 lbs. TNT over 1,500 miscellaneous rocket rounds and over 1,000,000 S/A rounds.
25 Sep 1968 RCEFV marks three years of combat in RVN.

28 Sep 1968 Enemy terrorists explode a 1-2-1b. TNT charge in parking area adjacent to Cholon (COFAT) PX, Saigon during normally busy Saturday afternoon shopping period. 3 vehicles damaged, no personnel injured.

29 Sep 1968 USS NEW JERSEY arrives off Da Nang, Quang Nam Province.

30 Sep 1968 USS NEW JERSEY commences combat operations in the vicinity of the I/E, firing 20 rounds of 16"/50. First battleship action since July, 1953.

30 Sep 1968 ADM Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr. relieves RADM Kenneth L. Veth as COMNAVFORV/CINAVADGRP at ceremonies on board USS Garrett County (LST-786) in Saigon.

2 Oct 1968 An Army CH-47 collides with a USAF C-7A "Caribou" just after takeoff from Camp Evans, 60 miles NW of Da Nang, Thua Thien Province; both crews and all passengers (24) are killed.

5 Oct 1968 Gen Duc Duong Van "Big" Minh returns to Saigon after nearly four years of exile in Bangkok.

6 Oct 1968 USN SEALs and a VN force overrun enemy PW camp on Con Coc Island, 77 miles SW of Saigon, freeing 23 PWs, killing one VC.

11 Oct 1968 MACV changes curfew in I-IV and parts of V Precinct, Saigon to 2200-0600, vice 2100-0600. VII-IX and parts of IV Precinct remain with 2100-0700 curfew. Curfew in Gia Dinh north of Saigon is 2200-0600, Thu To is 2100-0700.

16 Oct 1968 American Independent Party Vice-Presidential Candidate Gen Curtis LeMay, USAF (Ret) arrives in RVN for four-day private "fact-finding" visit.

21 Oct 1968 In a surprise move MACV announces "C" Day - the conversion of all current series 641 MPC. First mass currency conversion since the introduction of MPC into Vietnam in August, 1965. §20 MPC note is introduced.

21 Oct 1968 In Operation MIGHTY KANZUSE Seventh Fleet's USS DUBUQUE (LPA-6) transports 14 NVN sailors from Da Nang to a point 12 miles off Vinh, NVN, where FN group is released in a motor whaleboat. Operation is carried off with concurrence of NVN authorities. HMAS PERTH and USS BAUSELL escort USS DUBUQUE. NVN guaranteed a combat stand-down in the area, as did USG when arrangements were made in Vientiane, Laos. Fourteen are last of a group of 19 who were captured during a NVN PT attack on USN destroyers on 1 July 1966.
24 Oct 1967 MACV announces that weekly US casualty figure for the 7 days ending 19 Oct 100 KIA, the lowest figure in 14 months. 12 August 67 when 22 US were KIA, was previous low.

27 Oct 1967 1st Cav Div (A) directs 1st Cav Div to relocate from northern II Corps to northern Tay Hinh Prov III Corps, in Opn LIBERTY CANYON. Movement is by air and 7th Flt amphibious shipping. Movement starts 20 Oct and division move completed to Tay Hinh Province in 1st week of November.

29 Oct 1967 President Johnson announces appointment of MACV Dep for CORDS Robert J. Komer as American Ambassador to Turkey. William E. Colby, Deputy Asst for CORDS will replace AID Komer.

31 Oct 1967 Between 2125 and 2130 eight rockets (122m and 107m) impact in city of Saigon. Four were duds and didn't explode on impact.

1 Nov 1967 Five enemy rockets hit Tan Son Nhut Air Base, causing light damage. First rocket attack on TSN since June. Six rockets hit the southern portion of Saigon; one hitting a Catholic Church on Khanh Hoi Island, killing 21 VN civilians and wounding 64.

1 Nov 1968 President Johnson orders a complete cessation of air, ground, and naval bombardment of North Vietnam to begin today (announcement was made on 31 October in Washington) effective as of 2100hrs local.

1 Nov 1968 At 0322H three enemy mines detonate between the pontoon and hull on the starboard side of USS Westchester County (LST-1167), a MDMRF support ship, killing 25 (24US, IVNN). Ship was severely damaged, but flooding was controlled.

3 Nov 1968 Operation JEB STUART III terminates with the following results: (EN: 2,114 KIA, 261 DET, 60 RET, 1,228 I/W, 133 G/S; FRD: 232 KIA, 1,568 WIA, 2 MIA).

6 Nov 1968 Captured documents indicate that 90% of the 9th Bn, 16B NVA Regt, suffered from malaria since moving to B-3 Front.


13 Nov 1968 Elm of C/1/5 USMC participating in Opn HENDERSON HILL discover cache containing 57 tons of rice and misc equipment.

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30 Nov 1968 William E. Colby, Deputy to COMUSMACV for CORDS, given rank of Ambassador.

30 Nov 1968 The GVN releases 140 VC prisoners in simultaneous ceremonies held in Saigon, Pleiku, and Da Nang. All prisoners choose to remain in SVN.

1 Dec 1968 US military strength in RVN is 538,000.

2 Dec 1968 GVN announces it will observe 24-hour Christmas Truce, commencing at 1800, 24 Dec.

7 Dec 1968 C/1/5 (USMC) finds cache in Quang Nam Province of 50-70 tons of rice and 2,000,000 NVN Piasters.

24 Dec 1968 NLF announced 72-hour ceasefire commences at 0100. This was not observed by RVN, US and other FWMF.

24 Dec 1968 RVN announced 24-hour ceasefire commences at 1800. FW forces will also observe this ceasefire.

25 Dec 1968 GVN/US/FW ceasefire terminates at 1800. 133 violations of ceasefire by enemy noted during 24 hour period.

25 Dec 1968 Representatives of CG II FFV meet with NLF representatives in Tay Ninh Province for discussing release of American prisoners. NLF had broadcast its intention to release POW's over NLF clandestine radio. Prisoners were not released on this date. (Release was made on 1 Jan 1969).

31 Dec 1968 By the end of the year the average strength of the Free World Military Forces assisting the Republic of Vietnam totaled over 600,000. (US 538,000, Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, Philippines and China 66,000).

31 Dec 1968 At end of year, US casualties since 1 January 1961 are KIA: 30,614, WIA: 99,787 hospital care required, MIA 1,251 (includes captured).

31 Dec 1968 Major James N. Rowe, USA escapes from VC in IV Corps, captured 22 Oct 1963.
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