OPERA TIONS SUMMARY - 18 February 1965

1. (BR 65 31) Binh Dinh. Delayed reports of Wednesday's air strikes indicate that 25 Viet Cong were killed during a strike 29 miles northeast of Xai Xihon. Returning pilots claimed 30 structures destroyed. Strikes in support of a ground operation in the Mekong Delta destroyed 15 structures five miles southwest of Vinh Long. (XS 01 27) Vinh Long, 170820H.

2. (BT 28 31) Quang Tin 181005H. Eleven Viet Cong were killed during a VNAF strike against an insurgent camp 28 miles southeast of Da Nang. Fifty structures were destroyed 25 miles directly south of Da Nang by four Vietnamese Air Force A-1Es. (BT 02 31) A forward air controlled strike in Pleiku province destroyed 22 structures 33 miles northeast of Pleiku. (BR 35 69) Another 20 structures were destroyed and 25 oxen were killed by air during a strike against an insurgent column 30 miles northwest of Xai Xihon. (BR 63 60) Binh Dinh.

3. (XS 30 55) Dien Dong, 161430H. Four "Skyraiders", bombing and strafing a Viet Cong camp 12 miles northwest of Ny Tho, destroyed 16 structures and damaged 15. Another 18 insurgents structures were destroyed and 12 damaged during a morning forward air controlled strike 30 miles southeast of Bach Gia. (BR 49 70) Chuong Thien, 180755H.

4. (XR 18 65) Da Nuyen, 181705H. Sixteen structures were destroyed and 15 sampans sunk as four A-1Es hit an enemy camp 13 miles north of Soi Trang. Three VNAF fighter bombers, returning from a close air support mission in support of a Regional Force ground operation, were diverted to the coast 34 miles southeast of Ny Tho where they bombed and strafed a Viet Cong concentration. Their FAC-directed strike destroyed six structures. (XR 82 93) Kien Hoa, 180945H. Five structures were destroyed at the site of the ground operation 27 miles southeast of Can Tho. (XR 54 70) Chuong Thien, 181335H.

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5. (AT 99 60) quang nam, 17024OH. An attack against defenders of a railroad marshalling yard 27 miles south of da nang was broken off after a C-123 flareship dropped 71 flares to illuminate the area. A Viet cong counterattack against government ground forces was broken off when a vnaF C-47 flareship dropped 68 flares 23 miles northeast of soc Trang. (xR 4186) 172217H. A VC force estimated at 300 massed for an attack against can tho, (WS 8609) was dispersed by Regional forces supported by A-1E fighter bombers during the night of 16-17 February. A C-123 flareship dropped 69 flares during a ground attack against an insurgent camp 16 miles northwest of Qui nhon. (BR 90 47) Binh Dinh. 172215H.

6. VNAF C-47s flew 31 sorties transporting 9½ tons of cargo and 121 passengers. VNAF helicopters flew four sorties. USAF C-47s flew 12 air resupply sorties, delivering 7½ tons of supplies and 128 passengers. USAF transports, in 197 sorties, transported 389.6 tons of supplies and 124 passengers. Special forces aircraft, flying 22 sorties, supplied outposts with 64.7 tons of materiel. They transported 55 passengers.

1. (XS 80 95) 192130H Binh Dien. At 9:30 p.m., a USAF C-123 was dispatched to light up an area just south of Tan Son Nhut Airfield where a Viet Cong concentration was suspected. The aircraft dropped 72 flares during the next hour before it was diverted to fly airborne alert in the local area. A little later at 11:40 p.m., a small guerrilla band attacked an outpost in the Tan Son Nhut-Saigon area on the northwest outskirts of Saigon. A C-123 was required to drop only nine flares to force the communist to call off the assault. Still later, at 12:20 a.m., a group of guerrillas launched an attack on an outpost northwest of Soc Trang (WR 81 07). The C-123 flareship dropped 29 flares before the communist gave up and retreated to the jungle. This same flare ship was then diverted to another outpost attack northeast of Vinh Long (XS 19 43), where an additional 36 flares were required to break up the assault. Continuing their night raids, VC forces also attempted to overrun an outpost southwest of Da Nang (AT 91 24). This attack was halted when a C-123 appeared over the target and dropped 33 flares. In the meantime at 11:45 a strong guerrilla assault force launched a determined attack at an outpost on the northeast outskirts of Saigon. A flareship responded within ten minutes but radio contact was lost with the ground after three flares were dropped.

2. (WR 14 97) 192120H Thoi Bien. In other night action, a VNAF C-47 flew to the aid of an outpost under heavy guerrilla attack southeast of Ca Mau. A total of 108 flares were expended before the stubborn Viet Cong broke off the attack. At about the same time, another outpost northeast of Can Tho came under siege. A C-47 was over the area within minutes and dropped 22 flares,

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forcing the communist to withdraw.

3. (Ca 28 23) 201127H Van Minh. In daytime action, interdiction strikes took a heavy toll on the Viet Cong. Two A-1Hs, after supporting an ARVN ground operation southeast of Tuy Hoa, were later directed to a guerrilla strong hold in the area. With the help of a forward air controller, these aircraft demolished 45 enemy-occupied structures. The pilots reported seeing at least 40 bodies in the debris. Another pair of A-1Hs struck a VC compound in the mountainous country northwest of Qui Nhon (BR 24 65) and destroyed ten structures. Two more supported the ARV. Dan Chi 121 operation southwest of Can Tho and caught ten VC in their gunsights during the action.

4. (WR 07 41) 201515H Khanh An. Four A-1Es, guided by a forward air controller, attacked a guerrilla settlement on the waterway northwest of Ca Mau and destroyed 14 buildings and badly damaged six others. Seven sampans were also sunk during this strike. At 5:05 p.m., four more A-1Es hit a Viet Cong concentration southwest of Can Tho near the village of Ap Phuong An and demolished 47 enemy structures. Six more were damaged beyond repair. Other strikes in the Ca Mau peninsula resulted in 123 VC buildings destroyed, 20 damaged and six sampans sunk. Pilots report that another 12 guerrillas were killed by air strikes.

5. Mission breakdown was as follows: Airborne alert 32/ Air cover 16/ Armed reconnaissance 8/ Close air support 6/ Interdiction 144/ Escort aircraft 7/ Escort convoy 2/ Defoliation 1/ Combat support liaison 56/ Combat observation 5/ Flare 9/ Forward air control 32/ Psychological warfare 6/ Photo reconnaissance 28/ Search and rescue 26/ Air land resupply 243/ Airborne resupply 2/ others 9/ Total operational combat missions 670/.

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OPERATIONS SUMMARY 21 February 1965

1. (BR 92 72) Binh Dinh. A delayed report of a mission last Feb 9 against a heavy concentration of insurgent troops by fighter bombers indicates that 33 Viet Cong were killed 39 miles north of Quan Nhơn.

2. (XS 58 87) Long An, 211125h. Four A-1/L pilots returning from a raid against a Viet Cong force 12 miles southwest of Tan Son Nhut reported destruction of 35 structures. An earlier strike in the same general area, (XS 53 89), 14 miles southwest of Tan Son Nhut, had destroyed nine of the enemy's structures.

3. (XS 26 56) Dinh Tuong, 211425h. A forward air controlled strike against an insurgent camp 15 miles west of Ly Tho destroyed 39 Communist structures. A late afternoon strike by VNAF A-1/Ls on a nearby camp destroyed ten structures 18 miles southwest of Vinh Long. (XS 34 14) Vinh Binh, 211715h. Mid-morning forward air controlled strikes in the Kekong Delta 32 miles east of Soc Trang destroyed 27 structures. There were two secondary explosions following the strikes indicating that munitions had been stored in the structures. (XR 66 69) Vinh Binh, 211045h-1055h.

4. (US 78 02) Binh Dinh, 211440h. VNAF fighter bombers supporting a Regional Forces attack on a Viet Cong camp destroyed 20 structures 37 miles south of Quang Ngai. Two VNAF A-1/Ls, in a forward air controlled strike against an insurgent camp 12 miles west of Pleiku destroyed six structures. (LA 03 49) Pleiku 210900h.

5. (XS 58 85) Long An 202355h. An outpost attack 12 miles southwest of Tan Son Nhut was broken off when a C-123 flareship dropped 93 flares. The same aircraft was diverted to the scene of a district headquarters attack 22 miles northeast of Vung Tau where it dropped 30 flares before the attack was broken off. (YS 65 68) Phuoc Tuy, 210205h. The C-123 was then diverted to the scene of another outpost attack.
attack 15 miles east of Tay Dinh and dropped 88 flares. A C-47 crew then relieved the C-123 crew and dropped an additional 60 flares before the attack was broken off. (AT 49 47) Tay Dinh, 210335H.

6. (V.i 98 67) An Luyen, 210350H. A district headquarters attack 27 miles south of Ca Kau was supported by a C-123 flareship which dropped 27 flares in little more than a half hour before being diverted to the scene of an outpost attack 23 miles east of Soc Tran. (AT 48 68) Khanh Hung, 210525H. This attack was broken off after 14 flares were dropped.

7. (WS 41 00) Rach Gia, 210420H. An outpost attack 16 miles east southeast of Rach Gia was broken off when a C-123 dropped 68 flares. (WS 68 30) Vinh Long. A C-47 flareship and two V.A.F A-1Hs supported the defenders of an outpost ten miles north of Can Tho. The C-47 dropped 99 flares. Results of the fighter bomber strikes could not be assessed because of darkness. The attack was broken off at dawn.

8. A mission summary detailing transport sorties is not available.


10. The intelligence summary indicates a sharp increase in night time activities such as outpost and district headquarters attacks. These will be reported in detail tomorrow as they appear on the Daily Aircraft Activities Report.
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OPERATIONS SUMMARY 22 February 1965

1. (ET 07 33) Quang Tin. A late report filed on a VNAF mission strike against an insurgent camp on 21 February indicates that 20 structures were destroyed 20 miles south of Da Nang. (Ct 25 33) Phu Yen. A strike by two A-1Hs seven miles south of Tuy Hoa on 19 February killed ten VC and destroyed 40 of the enemy's structures.

2. (MR 51 77) Vinh Binh, 221337H. Two successive air strikes by eight A-1Es and A-1Hs 25 miles east of Soc Trang killed 40 Viet Cong, destroyed 30 structures and damaged ten. The strikes were directed by forward air controllers.

3. (XS 55 91) Long An, 221555H. Twenty Viet Cong were killed and four structures and two sampans were destroyed 12 miles southwest of Tan Son Nhat air field. (MR 60 34) Binh Duong, 220935H. Five Communist insurgents were killed by two VNAF A-1Es. StrikEs 20 miles northwest of Tan Son Nhat.

4. (MR 10 42) An Xuyen, 221510H. A forward air controlled strike by four A-1Es fighter bombers 15 miles north of Ca Mau destroyed 53 Viet Cong structures. (MR 30 08) 221120H. Three VNAF "Skyraiders" destroyed 20 structures seven miles east of Ca Mau.

5. (XS 68 08) Kien Hoa, 221635H. Four A-1Hs, in a FAC-directed strike in the Klong Delta 25 miles southeast of My Tho, destroyed 20 structures and a sampan, and damaged four structures. (XS 32 45) 221720H. Twenty structures were destroyed during an early evening VNAF strike by three A-1Hs against a Viet Cong camp ten miles west of My Tho.

6. (XT 57 34) Tay Ninh, 212250H. A C-123 helicopter dropped 78 flares on an outpost under Viet Cong attack 21 miles northwest of Tan Son Nhat air field. The attack was broken off. At 220130H the aircraft was diverted to the site of another outpost under Viet Cong attack 11 miles west of Can Tho (XS 66 12) Phong Dinh. Forty-seven flares were dropped but the outpost was overrun by the insurgent attackers.

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7. (XS 78 66) Long An, 212330H. A C-123 crew dropped 78 flares on an outpost under attack 19 miles south of Tan Son Nhut before the attack was broken off. At 220040H the aircraft was diverted to the scene of another outpost attack 17 miles southeast of Rach Gia to relieve a V.NAF C-47 which in 4½ hours had dropped 119 flares. The C-47 was supported by two A-1Hs. The C-123 crew dropped 85 flares to support the outpost defenders. The VNAF A-1Hs were relieved by two A-1E fighter bombers at 220335H. The attack was broken off.

8. (WR 17 39) Kien Giang, 212020H. A V.NAF C-47 flareship and two fighter bombers supported outpost defenders being attacked by Viet Cong 14 miles north of Ca hau. In slightly more than four hours the C-47 crew dropped 106 flares when it was relieved by a C-123 flareship and another C-47. The two relieving crews dropped 116 flares before the attack was broken off.

9. (XR 50 77) Vinh Binh, 220230H. A C-47 crew and a C-123 crew dropped 128 flares on an outpost under VC attack 25 miles northeast of Soc Trang before the attack was broken off.

10. (BR 39 44) Binh Dinh, 212225H & 220250H. Two attacks on an outpost 33 miles east of Pleiku were broken off when two C-123s dropped 17 flares. (BR 01 27) Dong Tin, 222215H. An outpost attack 27 miles south of Da Nang was broken off after a C-123 crew dropped 11 flares. Flares expended - 724.
12. Mission summary: VNAF C-47s flew 24 sorties transporting 4.2 tons of cargo and 43 passengers. VNAF helicopters flew 72 sorties transporting 800 kilograms of cargo and 36 passengers. USAF C-47s flew 12 air resupply sorties transporting 3.3 tons of cargo and 162 passengers.

13. Mission breakdown: airborne alert 14/ air cover 6/ close air 14/ interdiction
112/ escort aircraft 2/ escort convoy 1/ combat observation 13/ combat support liaison
34/ flare 12/ forward air control 16/ psychological warfare 3/ photo reconnaissance
26/ visual reconnaissance 21/ armed reconnaissance 4/ air landed resupply 125/ airborne resupply 2/ search and rescue 4/ total missions 363.

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OPERATIONS SUMMARY 23 February 1965

1. (BR 28 48) Pleiku, a delayed report of an air strike against a Viet Cong camp 27 miles east of Pleiku indicates that 30 structures were destroyed on 22 February. Other delayed reports for the same day's air action list 22 structures destroyed 41 miles north of Qui Nhon, (BR 90 96) Binh Dinh, 12 destroyed 14 miles north of Qui Nhon, (CR 04 48) Binh Dinh, and ten destroyed along the coast 34 miles east of Soc Trang, (XR 70 64) Vinh Long.

2. (BT 05 27) Quang Tin, 231655H. Two VNAF fighter bomber pilots, returning from a forward air controlled strike against a Viet Cong column 27 miles south of Da Nang, claimed 15 unconfirmed Viet Cong killed by air action. Results of several other air strikes in the same area throughout the day could not be assessed because of heavy tree cover.

3. (DU 01 51) Darlac, 231538H. Two VNAF pilots, after completing a mission in support of Vung Ro operation 12 miles southeast of Tuy Hoa (CR 31 29) Phu Yen, were diverted to a Viet Cong camp 29 miles northeast of Ban Lie Thuot where they leveled ten of the enemy's structures with their bombs and 20mm cannon fire.

4. (XT 47 04) Hau Nghia, 231221H. Two 2-story structures and 15 others were destroyed and ten damaged 16 miles west of Tan Son Nhut air field. A bridge being used by the Viet Cong was damaged 17 miles northeast of Tay Ninh, (XT 46 70) Tay Ninh, 231600H.

5. (XS 50 11) Kien Hau, 231025H. Fifteen structures were destroyed and one was damaged 17 miles south of My Tho. (XS 27 43) Dinh Tuong, 231644H. Fifteen structures were destroyed 12 miles northeast of Vinh Long.

6. (WR 23 38) Chuong Thien, 231500H-1508H. Two successive mid-afternoon strikes by eight "Skyraiders" 12 miles north of Ca Mau destroyed 21 structures. Shortly before noon three VNAF A-1Hs had destroyed seven structures 15 miles north of Ca Mau. (WR 19 41) Chuong Thien, 231130H.
7. (3R 71 09) Vinh Long, 23110H. Five Viet Cong structures were destroyed in a strike against an insurgent camp 35 miles east of Soc Trang. (3R 52 54) Kien Giang, 231800. Two structures concealing Viet Cong attacking an outpost 40 miles northwest of Rach Gia were destroyed by A-10s supporting outpost defenders.

8. (3R 47 64) Chuong Thien, 221935H. Two outposts under sustained Viet Cong attack 30 miles southeast of Rach Gia were supported by a C-47 flareship which dropped 125 flares and a C-123 which dropped 99 flares, and by two A-10 fighter bombers. The attack was broken off shortly after midnight. At 230030H the C-13 was diverted to the scene of a district headquarters under attack 15 miles east southeast of Rach Gia (3R 34 95) Kien Giang, where it rendezvoused with two VNAF A-10s. The C-123 dropped 10 flares to light the area for the strafing fighter bomber pilots. The attack was broken off.

9. (3R 24 74) Kien Giang, 222315H. An outpost under attack 19 miles southeast of Rach Gia was supported by a C-123 flareship which dropped 76 flares in slightly less than two hours. Two hours earlier, 222050H, a VNAF C-47 had been vectored to the scene of a nearby outpost under Viet Cong attack. (3R 26 75). The crew dropped 47 flares before this attack was broken off. The C-47 was then diverted to the scene of a district headquarters being attacked 16 miles southeast of Rach Gia. (3R 34 89) 222318H. The crew dropped 78 flares to enable defenders to successfully fight off the attacking insurgents.

10. (3R 17 39) Chuong Thien, 230508H. An outpost under attack 14 miles north of Can Bau was supported by a C-47 flareship which dropped 48 flares. Results of this attack have not been reported.

11. (3R 08 30) Vinh Long, 230418H. A pre-dawn attack on an outpost ten miles north of Can Tho was broken off after a C-123 crew dropped 74 flares. (3R 43 65) Vinh Long, 222055H. A sustained Viet Cong attack on a district headquarters 20 miles east of Soc Trang in the Mekong Delta region was broken off after a VNAF C-47 dropped 125 flares.
12. (BA 84 93) Vinh Diem, 22023h. A determined Viet Cong attack against a government outpost 40 miles north of Vui Phon was broken off after a C-123 crew dropped 107 flares to furnish light for the outpost defenders. Flares expended during the night - 797.

13. Mission summary: VNAF C-47s flew 26 sorties transporting 1.8 tons of cargo and 74 passengers. VNAF helicopters flew 33 sorties and transported two passengers.

USAF C-47s flew 12 air resupply missions transporting three tons of cargo and 175 passengers. USAF transports, in the past three days, flew 458 sorties transporting 886 tons of cargo and 263 passengers. Special Forces transports flew 107 sorties and air dropped 41.2 tons of supplies.


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OPERATIONS SUMMARY 24 February 1965

1. (XS 55 91) Long An, The Luong Hoa sector B-2 agent reported today that four fighter bombers had destroyed 20 structures and two sampans during a strike on a Viet Cong stronghold on 22 February. Returning pilots had claimed four structures and two sampans destroyed.

2. (BR 31 44) Binh Dinh, 241525H-1555H. Eight F-100 "Supersabres" and eight B-57 jet bombers provided air cover for an emergency helicopter evacuation of a U.S. advisor, 60 ARVN Rangers assigned to the 22d battalion and 159 other personnel from a Viet Cong besieged area in the highlands 39 miles east of Pleiku.

3. Area bounded by (XS 86 75, 88 74, 94 82 and 95 77) Binh Tay, 240715H-1200H. Twelve B-57 bombers pounded the Phuoc Tuy Free Strike Zone for the fourth consecutive day. The area lies approximately 28 miles northeast of Vung Tau. The target area lies in a heavily wooded section, and results could not accurately be assessed; two secondary explosions were reported by returning pilots.

4. (XT 25 57) Tay Ninh, 240840H. Four B-57s struck a Viet Cong concentration in a heavily wooded area four miles northeast of Tay Ninh. Results of the strike were concealed by the dense foliage.

5. (WR 07 41) Kien Giang, 241105H. A-1E and A-1H fighter bombers returning from close air support missions in a combined Regional Forces and VNAF Dan Chi 122 operation 12 miles north of Can Hau struck at nearby Viet Cong camps and destroyed 18 structures and two sampans. One secondary explosion was reported following the air strikes.


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7. (XS 30 55) Dinh Tuong, 241315H. Four A-1H fighter bombers, in a forward air controlled strike 12 miles northwest of My Tho, destroyed 14 structures and damaged ten.

8. (XS 30 26 and 32 28) Vinh Binh, 241825H and 1900H. Six machine gun nests were destroyed during an A-1H air strike against a Viet Cong ground force and a subsequent attack on an outpost 14 miles east of Vinh Long.

9. (WR 17 39) Chuong Thien, 231955H-240130H. Two VNAF C-47s dropped 149 flares on an outpost under sustained Viet Cong attack 14 miles north of Ca Mau. The ground defenders were supported by two VNAF fighter bombers which bombed and strafed the attacking Viet Cong.

10. (WR 21 84) Kien Giang, 241925H. A VNAF C-47 flareship and two A-1Hs supported defenders of an outpost under attack 13 miles south of Rach Gia. The C-47 crew dropped 111 flares before the attack was broken off.

11. (YS 03 95) Gia Dinh, 242040H. A VNAF C-47 dropped 51 flares on an outpost under attack seven miles east of Saigon. Another C-47 dropped five flares during an attack on an outpost four miles south of Saigon. (XS 88 82) 242210H. Both attacks were broken off.

12. (XS 61 35) Kien Hoa, 240140H. A USAF C-123 flareship and two fighter bombers supported defenders of an outpost under heavy Viet Cong attack eight miles southeast of My Tho. The flareship dropped 201 flares before the attack was broken off.

13. (YS 66 49) Vinh Long, 232210H. A VNAF C-47 and two A-1Hs supported outpost defenders under attack 24 miles northeast of Ca M Tho. The C-47 crew dropped 112 flares before the attack was broken off.

14. (YS 14 50 and 16 50) Hung Sat, 240200H. A C-123 crew dropped 94 flares on two watch towers under Viet Cong attack on the coast line eight miles west of Vung Tau before the attacks were broken off.

15. (VS 53 55) Kien Giang, 240130H. Defenders of a Special Forces camp under Viet Cong attack 40 miles northwest of Rach Gia were supported by two fighter bombers and a VNAF C-47. The C-47 crew dropped 80 flares and the attack was broken off.
16. (KR 52 67) Vinh Hinh, 240205H. Eighty-eight flares were dropped from a C-123 on an outpost under attack 25 miles east of Soc Trang. The attack was broken off. Flares expended during nighttime attacks - 891.

17. Mission summary: USAF C-47s flew 17 sorties transporting 5.2 tons of cargo and 107 passengers. USAF helicopters flew 13 sorties and carried one passenger. USAF C-47s, in 16 air resupply sorties, carried 6.8 tons of cargo and 164 passengers. USAF transports flew 140 sorties transporting 372.9 tons of cargo and 115 passengers. Special Forces aircraft flew 27 sorties and delivered 76 passengers and 70.3 tons of cargo.


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OPERATIONS SUMMARY 25 February 1965

1. (YS 74 92, 71 90, 72 91, 74 92) Phuoc Tuy, 251305H-1605H. Twelve B-57 "Canberra" jet bombers struck at enemy concentrations and gun emplacements yesterday 26 miles northeast of Vung Tau. Heavy tree cover made assessment of strike results impossible, but ground fire directed toward the first bombers over the targets had stopped by the time the last flight made it's bombing and strafing run.

2. (WR 82 79) Chuong Thien, 251460H. Four A-1E fighter bombers, in a forward air controlled strike against a Viet Cong camp, destroyed 44 structures and two sampans 17 miles northwest of Soc Trang. A nearby mid-morning strike resulted in the destruction of 28 structures. (WR 77 86) Chuong Thien, 251005H.

3. (YS 90 74) Dinh Tuuy, 250655H. Two A-1Es struck at an insurgent camp along the coast 35 miles east northeast of Vung Tau destroying 15 structures and damaging 40.

4. (XT 87 48) Dinh Duong, 250922H. Three A-1Es destroyed six structures 20 miles north of Bien Hoa. After escorting a convoy through Viet Cong infested territory northwest of Bien Hoa, four "Skyraiders" attacked enemy positions 20 miles northwest of Bien Hoa and destroyed two ammunition storage sheds.

5. (WQ 15 74) An Xuyen, 251726H. A late afternoon forward air controlled strike by four "Skyraiders" against a Viet Cong camp 20 miles south of Ca Mau destroyed four structures and a sampan.

6. (XS 58 85) Long An, 251610H. Two A-1Es destroyed 10 Viet Cong structures and damaged five 13 miles southwest of Tah Son Nhut Airfield.

7. (XS 64 46) Dinh Tuong, 250800H-1605H. Eleven VNAF fighter bombers, in four separate flights throughout the day, flew air cover for a ground forces operation, Tien Giang 7, nine miles east of My Tho. Air cover sorties were flown without incident. The first flight of three aircraft, after completing it's support mission, was diverted to strike at a Viet Cong concentration near the coast 31 miles east of Soc Trang. Pilots reported damaging four structures.

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8. (XR 10 99) Vinh Long, 242120H. A USAF C-123 flareship and three VNAF fighter bombers went to the aid of an outpost and a New Life Hamlet under Viet Cong attack 14 miles east southeast of Can Tho in the Mekong Delta. The C-123 crew dropped 139 flares before the attack was broken off. Later the next day, 251500H, three VNAF A-1Hs returned to the area and destroyed six nearby structures.

9. (XS 89 79, 78 78) Gia Dinh, 242155H. Simultaneous attacks against an outpost and two tank farms four and six miles southwest of Saigon respectively were broken off when two C-123 flareships dropped 29 flares on each location.

10. (WR 66 59) Chuong Thien, 250025H. An attack against an outpost 22 miles west of Soc Trang was broken off when a C-123 crew dropped 25 flares on the outpost.

11. (XT 82 48) Binh Duong. An U.S. Army advisor to RVN ground forces operating in the III Corps 21 miles north of Bien Hoa confirmed by body count that a 14 February strike by A-1Hs resulted in 15 Viet Cong killed. (BS 87 02) Binh Dinh. A forward air controller directing a flight of four A-1Hs in support of a ground forces operation 38 miles southwest of Quang Ngai on 21 February estimated that 10 Viet Cong were killed by air action.


13. Mission summary: VNAF C-47s flew 32 sorties transporting 117 passengers and 2.3 tons of cargo. VNAF helicopters flew 19 sorties and carried two passengers. USAF C-47s flew 13 sorties and carried 13 passengers. USAF transports flew 167 sorties transporting 241.3 tons of cargo and 193 passengers. Special Forces aircraft flew 28 sorties transporting 65.6 tons of supplies to outpost areas.