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This release has been prepared to present a review of significant events occurring in this command during December 1969.

It has been organized as follows:

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REVIEW OF EVENTS
December 1969

GENERAL

Enemy-initiated activity during the month was relatively light except for an increase in indirect fire attacks on the night of 2-3 December. Enemy forces continued preparations for increased offensive activity, reportedly to occur in the time frame of the Tet lunar new year.

I CORPS

Enemy-initiated activity throughout I CTZ during the month of December was characterized by the scattered attacks-by-fire and limited ground contacts.

On 15 December, ARVN elements operating north of Gio Linh contacted an unidentified NVA force resulting in 20 enemy killed and the capture of 600 60mm and 82mm mortar rounds and four 122mm rockets. Visual reconnaissance and intelligence reports indicated that enemy forces increased their logistical activity along the Quang Tri/Laos border and Route 9 area.

Allied forces operating in eastern Quang Nam Province captured a total of approximately 60 tons of enemy rice. Documents and prisoners identified a newly-infiltrated NVA sapper battalion currently operating in south-central Quang Nam Province. A prisoner's statements reveal the possible augmentation of VC district forces with regular NVA personnel.

A captured enemy document indicated that enemy forces were possibly preparing a large scale offensive which will probably peak during Tet of 1970.

II CORPS

Enemy-initiated activity in II CTZ during December was limited in scope and intensity. Major enemy forces of the B-3 Front ended their activity around the Bu Prang and Duc Lap Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) Camps and probably returned to border base areas. During the campaign, enemy forces lost over 1,500 personnel KIA.

In eastern II Corps, a Hoi Chanh stated that the enemy Winter-Spring Campaign is planned to be conducted through 19 May, and will include coordinated attacks on selected urban areas and Allied installations with exact timing established by a continuing assessment of the world and local situation. Additional elements of the 3rd NVA Division were identified in Binh Dinh Province during the month.

Prisoners and documents confirmed the existence of an NVA sapper battalion in Binh Thuan Province. Prisoners from a local force battalion and a main force battalion revealed that increased emphasis is being placed on sapper tactics in southern II Corps.
III CORPS

During the month of December, enemy-initiated activity in III CTZ was characterized by low intensity attacks-by-fire and limited ground probes. Elements of three divisions were identified in contacts during the month in the northern three provinces of III CTZ. The 9th VC Division was deployed in War Zone "C." The 7th NVA Division was deployed in the northern Binh Long and northwestern Phuoc Long Province border area. Elements of one NVA regiment from the division were identified by captured documents following a 27 December contact northwest of Loc Ninh which resulted in 80 enemy killed. Prisoners and documents captured following two 15 December contacts southeast of Bu Dop, which resulted in 56 enemy killed, identified elements of another NVA regiment.

The 5th VC Division remained deployed in an area from the Cambodian Border north of Bu Dop to central Phuoc Long Province. Elements of one regiment were probably involved in four contacts on 11 and 12 December northeast of Song Be, in which 93 enemy were killed. Enemy activity around Saigon was characterized by scattered, low intensity attacks-by-fire. Documents captured northwest of Can Giuoc indicated that the Government of Vietnam's pacification program is affecting the enemy and emphasized the enemy's attempt to regain control over the population as outlined in COSVN Resolution #9.

In Saigon, terrorist activity increased, with 13 incidents being reported. At the end of December, major enemy units in III CTZ were engaging in logistical activities and attempting to remain out of contact.

IV CORPS

During December the enemy initiated Phase II of his Winter-Spring Campaign in the Delta with 43 attacks-by-fire and four ground assaults during the night of 2 December. NVA elements suffered 160 KIA during a 3 December attack on the Long Khot district town, 19 kilometers northwest of Moc Hoa in Kien Tuong Province. A prisoner captured following the attack identified his unit as the 88th NVA Regiment. The prisoner provided the first confirmation on the regiment's relocation from III CTZ.

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AIR OPERATIONS

AIR SOUTH

U.S. Air Force pilots flew 5,507 tactical air sorties in support of allied ground forces. Marine Corps pilots flew 2,053 sorties and Navy pilots flew another 123 for a total of 7,683 air sorties during the month.

Pilots and crews were credited by forward air controllers (FACs) and friendly forces making ground sweeps with killing 343 enemy while destroying or damaging 211 waterborne supply craft, 3,827 fortifications, and 7,341 bunkers. Their air-delivered ordnance also resulted in 552 secondary explosions, and 625 secondary fires.

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B-52 MISSIONS

One hundred and eighty missions were flown during the month by Air Force B-52s. Of these missions, 119 were directed against enemy targets in III Corps Tactical Zone, 29 in II CTZ, 27 in I CTZ and 5 in IV CTZ.

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AILRIFT

Military Airlift Command (Inbound & Outbound, South Vietnam)

| Number of Passengers Processed | 112,115 |
| Tons of Cargo                  | 22,908  |

334th Air Division "Common Service" Airlift System (Within South Vietnam)

| Number of Passengers Processed | 703,051 |
| Tons of Cargo                  | 115,406 |

Medical Evacuation

Number of Patients (Outbound, South Vietnam) 2,903 (US Military)

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NAVAL OPERATIONS

NAVAL GUNFIRE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

Seventeen U.S. Seventh Fleet warships shelled enemy targets throughout the Republic of Vietnam during December. The ships' guns left 604 enemy bunkers and 208 enemy military structures damaged or destroyed.

Naval gunfire was also responsible for 53 secondary explosions, 93 secondary fires, 5,150 meters of supply route interdicted, and 23 enemy soldiers killed. Damage reported by air and ground spotters also included ten weapons positions, 29 caves, 11 sampans and 13 base camps destroyed or damaged.

The Seventh Fleet gunners scored heaviest on December 1 when they accounted for 50 enemy bunkers and eight military structures damaged or destroyed. Other damage reported that day included 500 meters of supply route interdicted, three base camps destroyed, and four secondary and three secondary fires ignited.

Another effective day came December 30, as U.S. and allied warships destroyed or damaged 25 enemy bunkers, nine military structures, two base camps, two caves and two weapons positions. Additionally, they interdicted 1,200 meters of supply route and ignited 28 secondary fires and 12 secondary explosions.

Destroyers on the gunline in December were the USS Henry W. Tucker, Albert David, Henry B. Wilson, Alfred A. Cunningham, Mansfield, Theodore E. Chandler, O'Brien, Turner Joy, Blue, and the Australian destroyer HMAS Vendetta. The cruiser Oklahoma City, the Coast Guard cutters Chase, Klamath, Dallas, Taney, Hamilton, and the inshore gunfire support ship St. Francis River also fired.

NAVAL AIR STRIKES REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

Navy pilots from the Seventh Fleet aircraft carriers USS Hancock, Ranger, Constellation, Coral Sea, and Carrier Air Wing 21 flew 91 attack sorties against enemy targets in the I Corps Tactical Zone of the Republic of Vietnam during the month of December.

The jets, F-4 Phantoms, A-4 Skyhawks, and A-7 Corsairs, used 500-pound bombs during the strikes.
### ENEMY MATERIEL LOSSES
(CAPTURED/DESTROYED)

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TOTAL TONS: 32.67

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TOTAL TONS: 29.08

### FOOD STUFFS:

A total of 207.78 tons of rice and 21.62 tons of salt.
SUMMARY
OF
MORNING AND EVENING NEWS RELEASES

1 December (Monday)

- Hq MACV — During the night, one significant indirect fire attack was reported throughout the country. It was against a U.S. unit. Five other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attack was against U.S. forces:

I FFV:

302320 — DALAC PROVINCE — A U.S. Army combat support unit at Ban Me Thuot Airfield (165 miles NE of Saigon) received about 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

- Hq MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today 13 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, three of which were against U.S. units or installations. Five of the 13 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities.

- III MAF (DMZ) — At 1000 a U.S. aerial observer reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone sighted an estimated platoon to company size North Vietnamese Army force near the south bank of the Ben Hai River in an area four miles NW of Con Thien in the southern half of the DMZ. U.S. Army artillery fire was placed onto the location, causing one secondary explosion and destroying three bunkers. An unknown number of enemy were seen crossing the river to the north side. A few minutes later, the observation aircraft received small arms fire from a point 300 meters to the northeast on the north bank of the Ben Hai River in the northern half of the DMZ. The aircraft was hit by the enemy fire and sustained light damage. U.S. Army artillery fire was directed onto the location, silencing the enemy fire. There were no U.S. casualties and the aircraft returned safely. Enemy losses are unknown.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 0900 an element of the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, observed 43 enemy with packs and weapons seven miles SE of An Hoa (26 miles south of Da Nang). The enemy were engaged with artillery fire and 15 enemy were reported killed. Later, at 1400, a reconnaissance element of the 1st Marine Division observed 15 enemy soldiers seven miles NE of An Hoa (16 miles SW of Da Nang) and directed artillery fire onto the location, killing seven of the enemy. There were no U.S. casualties in either action.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) — At 1850 a U.S. Army Ranger element from the 3rd Brigade, 9th Infantry Division, engaged an estimated 20 enemy soldiers four miles south of Tan An (28 miles SW of Saigon), killing five and detaining one enemy suspect before the action ended at 2000. No U.S. casualties.
- I FFV (KHANH HOA PROVINCE) — At 2335 a U.S. Army combat support unit compound eight miles NNW of Cam Ranh Bay received about 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, followed by a sapper attack by an unknown size enemy force. An unknown number of enemy personnel penetrated the perimeter during the action. Security personnel engaged the enemy with unit weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships. At 0030 the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were three wounded, no fatalities. Material damage was light. In addition, 15 enemy satchel charges were found inside the perimeter.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 276 sorties (USAF 203, and USMC 73), killing 11 enemy soldiers, triggering 21 secondary explosions, igniting 21 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 131 fortifications, 330 bunkers and two sampans.

- B-52's flew 6 missions: 8 miles NW of Phuoc Binh; 12 miles east of Katum; 8 miles NNW of Cam Lo; 7 miles NNW of Cam Lo; 2 miles east of Bu Prang CIDG Camp; 3 miles NE of Bu Prang CIDG Camp.

2 December (Tuesday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, six significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, one of which was against a U.S. installation. Nineteen other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following attacks were against U.S. forces:

II FFV:

- 020240 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) near Phuoc Vinh (35 miles NNE of Saigon) received about 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties and damage.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 30 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations. Twelve of the 30 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were seven killed and 19 wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 1450 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), engaged an unknown size enemy force 10 miles NW of Phuoc Binh (85 miles north of Saigon) and eight miles from the Cambodian border. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the enemy used rocket-grenades. The troopers were supported by USAF AC-47 and AC-119 gunships from the 14th Special Operations Wing, helicopter gunships and artillery. At 1900 the enemy withdrew, leaving 17 of his dead. U.S. casualties were four killed and eight wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NHINH PROVINCE) — At 1915 a patrol from an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force eight miles NE of Go Dau Ha (32 miles NW of Saigon). Small arms
fire was exchanged and the enemy used hand grenades. The infantrymen were supported by helicopter gunships. In about 25 minutes the enemy withdrew, leaving behind nine of his dead and six AK-47 rifles. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE)** — At 0400 an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment engaged an unknown number of enemy soldiers who detonated a trip flare near the unit's night positions two miles SW of Bu Dop (87 miles north of Saigon) and three miles from the Cambodian border. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the enemy employed rocket-grenades. In about five minutes the enemy withdrew, leaving seven of his dead in the battle area. U.S. casualties were two killed and six wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 0930 a mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, while on a search of an artillery impact area 12 miles east of Tay Ninh City (43 miles NW of Saigon) found 17 enemy bodies, apparently killed by the artillery fire about 12 hours earlier.

- **III MAF (QUANG TIN PROVINCE)** — At 0900 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, received less than five rounds of mortar fire, small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown size enemy force 14 miles NW of Tam Ky (31 miles south of Da Nang). The troopers returned fire with their unit weapons, and were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. At 1200 the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were two killed and two wounded.

- **SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 268 sorties (USAF 188, USMC 72, and USN 8), killing two enemy soldiers, triggering 18 secondary explosions, and igniting 25 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 95 fortifications, 217 bunkers and 10 sampans.**

- **B-52's flew 4 missions: 19 miles NW of Song Be; 8 and 9 miles NNW of the Due Lap CIDG Camp.**

3 December (Wednesday)

- **HQ MACV** — During the night, 24 significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, eight of which were against U.S. units or installations. Twenty other indirect fire attacks were reported, none of which caused casualties or damage. The following attacks were against U.S. forces:

**III MAF:**

- **O30110 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE** — An element of the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, in night defense seven miles SSW of Hoi An (18 miles south of Da Nang) received about five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.
030130 — BINH THUAN PROVINCE — A U.S. Task Force South artillery fire support base nine miles north of Phan Thiet (100 miles ENE of Saigon) received less than 10 rounds of 62mm mortar fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities.

022245 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — In three attacks, two before midnight and one after, the base camp of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, at Dau Tieng (40 miles NW of Saigon) received 40-60 rounds of 120mm mortar fire and about ten 107mm rockets. U.S. casualties were light with no fatalities. Light damage.

022000 — TAY BINH PROVINCE — The base camp of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division near Tay Ninh City (55 miles NW of Saigon) received less than five 107mm rockets. No casualties or damage.

022115 — BINH LONG PROVINCE — The base camp of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) at Quan Loi (63 miles north of Saigon) received less than five 122mm rockets. No casualties or damage.

021945 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Lai Khe (30 miles north of Saigon) received about five 107mm rockets. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 62 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, of which 16 were against U.S. units or installations. Twenty-three of the 62 attacks caused damage or casualties. U.S. casualties were one killed and 16 wounded. The majority of the 62 attacks were in II, III and IV Corps Tactical Zones with no similar significant increase in enemy indirect fire attacks reported in I Corps.

III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At 1920 helicopter gunship crewmen from the air cavalry squadron of the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) observed ten North Vietnamese Army soldiers on a trail nine miles south of Khe Sanh (105 miles WW of Da Nang) and two miles from the Laotian border. The enemy were engaged with aerial machinegun and rocket fire and eight dead NVA were sighted in the strike area following the engagement. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 1820 helicopter gunship crewmen from the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) observed an unknown number of enemy soldiers in an open area 17 miles NW of Phuoc Binh (63 miles north of Saigon) and three miles from the Cambodian border. The enemy were engaged with aerial machinegun and rocket fire, and at an unreported time the contact was lost. The bodies of 22 enemy soldiers were counted in the strike area. No U.S. casualties.
- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE)** — At 1825 a light observation helicopter from the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, received small arms fire from an unknown number of enemy soldiers 10 miles ESE of Tan An (23 miles SSW of Saigon). Infantrymen from the Brigade moved to the area and engaged an unknown number of enemy soldiers. Five were killed in a brief contact. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE)** — At 1445 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), engaged an unknown size enemy force with small arms fire two miles SW of Bu Dop (83 miles north of Saigon) and three miles from the Cambodian border. There was no return fire and the enemy withdrew. The bodies of five enemy soldiers were found in the battle area, along with two AK-47 rifles and four packs. No U.S. casualties.

- **HQ MACV** — In the Delta Province of Kien Tuong an estimated North Vietnamese Army battalion attacked the Tuyen Minh District town located some 300 meters from the Cambodian border. The town was defended by Republic of Vietnam Regional and Popular Force troops. During the attack the enemy employed about 200 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, in addition to automatic weapons and rocket-grenade fire. The defenders returned fire with unit weapons and were supported by U.S. Air Force tactical aircraft, an AC-119 gunship and U.S. Army helicopter gunships from the 164th Combat Aviation Group. The RF troops repulsed several enemy assaults. Contact was lost about four hours later, however, the Regional and Popular Forces troops, reinforced with Civilian Irregular Defense Group personnel, pursued the enemy and reestablished contact later in the morning. Fighting continued until late afternoon when the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 160 enemy soldiers were found in the battle area and one enemy soldier was detained. More than 100 of the enemy were killed in the night attack. In addition, 48 individual weapons, six light machineguns, three RPG-2 rocket-grenade launchers, 300 hand grenades, over 200 pounds of TNT, four gas masks, one pair of binoculars and a quantity of miscellaneous munitions and equipment were captured. During the morning action, an OH-6 light observation helicopter was hit by enemy ground fire and crashed in the area, wounding both crewmen. The aircraft was destroyed. RVNAF casualties were light and ten Vietnamese civilians were reported killed in the attack.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 12 miles NW of Moc Hoa in Kien Tuong Province, wounding two men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- **SWN TAC AIR** — U.S. pilots flew 239 sorties (USAF 192, USMC 36, and USN 11), killing 13 enemy soldiers, triggering 21 secondary explosions, and igniting 23 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 100 fortifications, 146 bunkers and 15 sampans.

- B-52's flew 8 missions: 6, 8, and 9 miles NW of Duc Lap CIDG Camp; 3 miles north of Bu Prang CIDG Camp; 6 and 7 miles SW of Katum; 5 miles SW and 8 miles WSW of Duc Lap CIDG Camp.
4 December (Thursday)

- Hq MACV — During the night, eight significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations. Ten other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following attacks were against U.S. forces:

II FFV:

031830 — PHUOC LONG PROVINCE — A fire support base occupied by an element of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Air mobile), and located four miles SW of Song Be (73 miles NNE of Saigon) received about 15-20 rounds of undetermined caliber rocket fire resulting in light U.S. casualties with no fatalities and light material damage. Helicopter gunships from the division struck the suspected firing positions with aerial machinegun and rocket fire causing two secondary explosions. The strike area was illuminated with aerial searchlights and the bodies of ten enemy soldiers were observed in the vicinity.

040030 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — The base camp of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, near Tay Ninh City (55 miles NW of Saigon), received about 25 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. No casualties or damage.

- Hq MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 24 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, nine of which were against U.S. units or installations. Seven of the 24 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were eight wounded, no fatalities.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1700 a reconnaissance element of the U.S. 1st Marine Division sighted nine enemy soldiers four miles NW of An Hoa (20 miles SW of Da Nang) and directed artillery fire onto them, killing six. No U.S. casualties.

- DMAC (AN XUYEN PROVINCE) — At 1410 U.S. Navy River Patrol Boats (PBR's) operating on a river 25 miles south of Ca Mau (170 miles SW of Saigon) received enemy small arms fire and automatic weapons fire from both sides of the banks of the river. The crewmen fired back with unit weapons and contact was lost at an unreported time. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were two killed and five wounded. Republic of Vietnam Navy casualties were very light with no fatalities. No damage to the PBR's.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1300 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, was air-assaulted into an area near an enemy location struck earlier by USAF tactical aircraft 16 miles west of Tay Ninh City (67 miles NW of Saigon) and one-half mile from the Cambodian border. In a search of the vicinity, the infantrymen found ten dead enemy soldiers and captured three SKS rifles. An enemy camp was discovered nearby in which the troopers found four tons of rice, six ox carts, four bicycles, two huts, 73 rounds of 60mm mortar ammunition and 19 CHICOM hand grenades. The base camp was destroyed. No U.S. casualties.
- HQ MACV — It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that the 405th Security Detachment at Phu Loi will inactivate in the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow as part of Phase II Redeployment. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT for the complete text of the release).

- HQ MACV — It was announced by CONNAVFORV that the first elements of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Four (NMCB4) will depart I Corps, beginning tomorrow, and redeploy from the Republic of Vietnam as part of Phase II Redeployment. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT for the complete text of the release).

- An Army UH-1 Huey helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire five miles NE of Lac Tanh in Binh Tuy Province, killing two crewmen aboard and wounding three others. The aircraft was destroyed.

- An Army UH-1 Huey helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 15 miles north of Chau Doc in Chau Doc Province, wounding four crewmen aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- SWN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 283 sorties (USAF 194, USMC 75, and USN 14), killing 21 enemy soldiers, triggering 15 secondary explosions, and igniting 21 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 152 fortifications, 241 bunkers, and 20 sampans.

- B-52's flew 8 missions: 5 and 6 miles SE and 6 miles ESE of Du Prang CIDG Camp; 5 miles east of Du Prang CIDG Camp; 6, 8, and 9 miles SW of Duc Lap CIDG Camp; and 8 miles WSW of Duc Lap (CIDG Camp).

5 December (Friday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, seven significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, one of which was against a U.S. installation. Seven other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attack was against U.S. forces:

**II FFV:**

042055 — TAY NHINH PROVINCE — The base camp of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, near Tay Ninh City (55 miles NW of Saigon) received about 10 rounds of unknown caliber and type indirect fire. No casualties or damage.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 24 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, eight of which were against U.S. units or installations. Seven of the 24 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one wounded, no fatalities.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1730 a reconnaissance element of the 1st Marine Division observed 40 enemy soldiers with packs and rifles moving southwest in column three miles NW of An Hoa (20 miles SW of Da Nang) and directed artillery fire onto them, killing 20. No U.S. casualties.
III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1400 a reconnaissance element of the 1st Marine Division observed seven enemy soldiers with packs and weapons in an area two miles north of An Hoa (20 miles SW of Da Nang) and directed artillery fire onto them, killing five. No U.S. casualties.

III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — Two events occurred, both in the same general area, and both involving the 1st Marine Division:

1. At 1530 an element of the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, discovered two tons of rice in an enemy cache 14 miles SE of An Hoa (21 miles south of Da Nang). The rice was evacuated for distribution to Vietnamese civilians.

2. At 1800 and 1825 elements of the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, discovered six tons of rice in two separate enemy caches three and four miles NW of An Hoa (20 miles SW of Da Nang). Two tons were evacuated for distribution and the remainder was destroyed.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1630 an element of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged an unknown number of enemy 18 miles NE of Tay Ninh City (55 miles NNW of Saigon) and 13 miles from the Cambodian border. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. Contact was lost briefly at 1800, but another element of the division's 1st Brigade reinforced a few minutes later and reestablished contact with an unknown size force in the same general area. At 1900 the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 20 of his dead. U.S. casualties were three wounded with no fatalities.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 0030 helicopter gunships from an element of the 1st Cavalry Division received small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force 25 miles NE of Tay Ninh City (63 miles NNW of Saigon) and five miles from the Cambodian border. The area was illuminated with aerial searchlights and the enemy was engaged with machineguns and rockets. The bodies of 15 enemy soldiers were sighted in the strike area. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 1100 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), engaged an unknown size enemy force 15 miles west of Phuoc Binh (77 miles north of Saigon) and seven miles from the Cambodian border. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. At 1130 the enemy withdrew, leaving seven of his dead. U.S. casualties were two killed and two wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BIEN HOA PROVINCE) — At 1100 an element of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade engaged an estimated enemy platoon 22 miles SE of Bien Hoa (28 miles east of Saigon). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the enemy employed rocket-grenades. The infantrymen were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. At 1130 the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were two killed and four wounded.
- **Hq MACV** — Three enemy soldiers, one VC and two NVA, who deserted their units and rallied to the Republic of Vietnam in I Corps during August and September recently provided information concerning indications that a more stringent policy is being implemented with regard to desertions from enemy units. An NVA soldier who rallied on 30 August identified himself as a North Vietnamese Army Private from the 3rd NVA Division. He is 17 years old and was born in Ha Tay Province of North Vietnam. He infiltrated the Republic of Vietnam in March of 1969. The private stated that a number of men from his battalion deserted in North Vietnam while moving south and that ten soldiers who attempted to desert were shot by the unit's officers. Another soldier, who also rallied in August, identified himself as a private from a different element of the 3rd NVA Division. He is 32 years old and was born in Ha Tay Province, North Vietnam. He stated that he infiltrated the Republic of Vietnam in April, 1969, and that his unit was placed under guard while enroute from North Vietnam until reaching Laos because 35 men had deserted. A 16-year-old guerilla who rallied on 19 September of this year stated that in Thua Thien Province in early September he saw the bodies of two soldiers who had deserted from their unit and were recaptured by a sapper battalion. The sapper battalion commander ordered them shot when they refused to return to their unit. He further stated that NVA cadre have increased their supervision to combat desertions while on operations in base areas and on food gathering missions. This system was implemented during August in the NVA regiment in central I Corps by detailed additional personnel to watch the soldiers following thirty desertions from the unit in May, June, and July of 1969. These are the first reports received in I Corps concerning the execution of NVA deserters.

- **SVN TAC AIR:** U.S. pilots flew 255 sorties (USAF 176, USMC 76, and USN 3), killing 42 enemy soldiers, triggering 18 secondary explosions and igniting 27 fires. They also destroyed or captured 165 fortifications, 223 bunkers and 20 sampans.

- B-52's flew 4 missions: 10 miles NNW of Phuoc Vinh City; and 15, 18, and 19 miles NNW of Phuoc Binh.

6 December (Saturday)

- **Hq MACV** — During the night, 16 significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eighteen other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

**III MAF:**

OS1915 — QUANG TIN PROVINCE — An AMERICAL Division artillery unit located 12 miles WSW of Tam Ky (40 miles south of Da Nang) received less than five rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities or damage.
II FFV:

051830 — BINH LONG PROVINCE — The base camp of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) at Quan Loi (63 miles north of Saigon) received about five 107mm rockets. Very light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 47 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, seven of which were against U.S. units or installations. Thirteen of the 47 attacks caused damage or casualties. U.S. casualties were two killed and three wounded.

OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) — At 1030 an element of the 198th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force 22 miles SW of Tan Ky (50 miles south of Da Nang). The enemy employed small arms, automatic weapons and mortars. The infantrymen returned fire with unit weapons and were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. One enemy soldier was killed. U.S. casualties were two killed and four wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — Two events occurred, both involving the 1st Cavalry Division, and both in the same general area:

1. At 0915 an element of the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), and Republic of Vietnam Civilian Irregular Defense Group troops engaged an unknown size enemy force 28 miles NE of Tay Ninh City (60 miles NNW of Saigon) and eight miles from the Cambodian border. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the combined U.S. and CIDG ground force was supported by artillery, helicopter gunships and USAF F-100's from the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing. In about 20 minutes the enemy withdrew, leaving 45 of his dead behind. In addition, 12 individual weapons, one 60mm mortar and one 12.7mm heavy machinegun were captured. Seventy rounds of 60mm mortar ammunition were destroyed. CIDG casualties were light. U.S. casualties were three wounded, no fatalities.

2. Later in the morning, at 1100, another element of the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), engaged an unknown size enemy force six miles to the south of the earlier contact. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and in a short while the enemy withdrew. The troopers pursued and reestablished contact with an unknown size enemy force at 1515. Helicopter gunships and artillery supported the troopers until 1600, when contact was again lost. Eight dead enemy were found and seven individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were one killed and one wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KHANH PROVINCE) — At 1300 an element of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade, 13 miles NW of Xuan Loc (32 miles NE of Saigon), found ten enemy bodies. They appeared to have been killed two hours earlier by USAF tactical aircraft.

An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 11 miles south of Dak To in Kontum Province, killing 11 personnel aboard (5 U.S., 5 ARVN and one VC detainee) and destroying the aircraft. Those killed included Colonel Lien, Commander of 24th Special Tactical Zone and Colonel George L. Miller, U.S. Army, Armor, Senior Advisor to Colonel Lien.
SVM TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 327 sorties (USAF 228, USMC 95 and USN 4), killing 23 enemy soldiers, triggering 33 secondary explosions and igniting 36 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 206 fortifications, 362 bunkers and 11 sampans.

B-52's flew 7 missions: 19, 20 and 21 miles NNW and 20 miles NW of Phuoc Binh; 10 miles NW of Phuoc Binh; and 7 and 8 miles SW of Duc Lap CIDG Camp.

7 December (Sunday)

HQ MACV — During the night, 10 significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, six of which were against U.S. units or installations. Twenty-seven other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

III NAP:

070130 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — The U.S. Marine Air Facility at Marble Mountain, two miles east of Da Nang, received less than 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. No casualties, light damage.

070330 — QUANG TRI PROVINCE — The U.S. Naval Support Activity Compound at Cua Viet, 90 miles NW of Da Nang, received about five rounds of 140mm rocket fire. No casualties or damage.

I PPV:

070035 — BINH THUAN PROVINCE — A U.S. Army Task Force South artillery fire support base six miles north of Phan Thiet (100 miles ENE of Saigon) received about five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

070345 — BINH THUAN PROVINCE — A U.S. Army Task Force South artillery fire support base six miles north of Phan Thiet (100 miles ENE of Saigon) received about 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

070430 — KHANH HOA PROVINCE — The Cam Ranh Air Base (195 miles ENE of Saigon) received about five rounds of unknown type and caliber indirect fire. No casualties or damage.

II PPV:

070630 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — The base camp of the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) near Tay Ninh City (55 miles NW of Saigon) received less than five 107mm rockets. No casualties or damage.
- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 44 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 12 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Nine of the 44 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were eight wounded, no fatalities.

- OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) — At 1830 an element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, ambushed an eight-man VC rice-carrying detail 11 miles SW of Quang Ngai (75 miles south of Da Nang), killing six of them. One individual weapon and 80 pounds of rice were captured. No U.S. casualties.

- III MAP (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) — At 1755 an element of the 198th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, nine miles west of Tam Ky (37 miles south of Da Nang), received about five rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — Two events occurred, both involving elements of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), and both in the same general area:

1. At 1545 helicopter crewmen from an element of the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) observed an unknown number of enemy soldiers four miles NE of Bu Dop (90 miles north of Saigon) and one-half mile from the Cambodian border. The enemy were engaged with aerial machinegun and rocket fire. Nine dead enemy were counted following the brief action. No U.S. casualties.

2. At 1715 other helicopters from the squadron, reconnoitering the same area, received 12.7mm anti-aircraft machinegun fire from an unknown size enemy force. The crewmen fired back with aerial machineguns and rockets, killing 13 of the enemy. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NHINH PROVINCE) — At 1525 an element of the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), engaged 25-30 enemy soldiers with small arms and were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships and USAF F-4's and F-100's from the 12th and 35th Tactical Fighter Wings 12 miles SE of Katun (60 miles NWW of Saigon) and eight miles from the Cambodian border. The enemy returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons. At 1540 the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 19 of his dead. One 30 caliber machinegun (enemy) was destroyed in the action. U.S. casualties were four wounded, no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NHINH PROVINCE) — At 0150 a UH-1 helicopter from the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received small arms fire and automatic weapons fire from an unknown number of enemy soldiers 30 miles north of Tay Nhinh City (80 miles NWW of Saigon) and one mile from the Cambodian border. The enemy soldiers were engaged with aerial machineguns. In addition, artillery and USAF tactical aircraft were directed onto the enemy location. The battle area was illuminated and 10 dead enemy were sighted. No U.S. casualties.
TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 1730 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), received 12.7mm heavy machinegun and rocket-grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force eight miles NW of Phuoc Binh (78 miles NNE of Saigon) and 12 miles from the Cambodian border. The troopers fired back with unit weapons and were supported by artillery and USAF F-100's from the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing. In about 20 minutes the enemy withdrew, leaving six of his dead in the battle area. One individual weapon was captured. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) — At 1210 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), received antitank fire from an unknown size enemy force six miles NE of Loc Ninh (78 miles north of Saigon). The troopers fired back with unit weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships. The enemy withdrew almost immediately, leaving five of his dead, one individual weapon, and one rocket-grenade launcher in the area. U.S. casualties were one killed and four wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 1740 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), engaged an unknown size enemy force nine miles SW of Ba Dop (81 miles north of Saigon) and three miles from the Cambodian border. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. At 1825 the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were one killed and four wounded.

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 293 sorties (USAF 194, USMC 99), killing three enemy soldiers, triggering 29 secondary explosions, and igniting 31 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 138 fortifications, 183 bunkers, and five sampans.

B-52's flew 7 missions: 6 miles NW and 6 miles NWW of Tri Ton; 10 and 11 miles NW of Phuoc Vinh; 9 and 10 miles NNE of Loc Ninh.

8 December (Monday)

HQ MACV — During the night, eight significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, six of which were against U.S. units or installations. Twenty other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following were significant attacks against U.S. forces.

II FFV:

071945 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of HQ 1st Infantry Division at Lai Khe, 30 miles north of Saigon, received less than five 122mm rockets. No casualties or damage.

072050 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of HQ 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) near Phuoc Vinh, 36 miles NNE of Saigon, received less than five rounds of 122mm rocket fire. No casualties or damage.
072210 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, at Dau Tieng, 42 miles NW of Saigon, received about 15 rounds of 122mm rocket fire and less than five rounds of 107mm rocket fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities. Light material damage.

072245 — BINH LONG PROVINCE — The base camp of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment near Quan Loi, 62 miles north of Saigon, received about 25 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. No casualties or damage.

081015 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — The base camp of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, near Tay Ninh City, 55 miles NW of Saigon, received 15-20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. No casualties or damage.

080450 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, at Dau Tieng, 42 miles NW of Saigon, received less than 10 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. No casualties or damage.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 45 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 13 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eight of the 45 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were two killed and six wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1245 a reconnaissance element of the 1st Marine Division observed 21 enemy soldiers with a mortar tube near a bunker complex four miles NW of An Hoa (18 miles SW of Da Nang). U.S. Marine artillery was directed onto the location, killing 13 enemy soldiers and destroying two bunkers. No U.S. casualties.

- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) — At 2215 a U.S. Army support unit 3/4-ton truck, traveling south six miles WNW of Qui Nhon (270 miles NE of Saigon), was ambushed by an estimated enemy platoon firing small arms and automatic weapons. The troopers fired back with unit weapons and Republic of Vietnam Popular Forces troops reinforced the action at an unreported time. U.S. Army artillery supported the ground elements until 2345 when the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were six wounded, no fatalities. There were no PF casualties. The truck was moderately damaged.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 0820 an element of the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), engaged an estimated 30-25 enemy soldiers nine miles SE of Katum (60 miles NNW of Saigon) and eight miles from the Cambodian border. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the enemy used rocket-grenades. The troopers were supported by artillery and USAF tactical aircraft. At 1020 the enemy withdrew, leaving 23 of his dead and three crew-served weapons in the area. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1820 helicopter gunship crewmen from an element of the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) observed an unknown number of enemy 22 miles north of Tay Ninh City (70 miles NNW of Saigon) and eight miles from the Cambodian border. The enemy soldiers were engaged with aerial machineguns and rockets, and ten dead enemy soldiers were counted following the action. No U.S. casualties.
- **SWN TAC AIR**: U.S. pilots flew 210 sorties (USAF 157, USMC 53), killing 13 enemy soldiers, triggering three secondary explosions, and igniting nine fires. They also destroyed or damaged 107 fortifications, 230 bunkers and 15 sampans.

- B-52's flew 7 missions: 11 and 12 miles NE of Loc Minh; 19 and 20 miles NW of Song Be; 9 miles SW of Katum; 6 and 7 miles WNW of Duc Lap CIDG camp.

9 December (Tuesday)

- **HQ MACV** — During the night, 10 significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations. Thirteen other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. locations:

  **II FFV**:

  090130 — **NHIN DUCONG PROVINCE** — The base camp of Hq 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) near Phuoc Vinh (36 miles NNE of Saigon) received five 122mm rockets. No casualties or damage.

  090040 — **TAY NHIN PROVINCE** — The MACV CORDS Compound at Tay Ninh City (55 miles NW of Saigon) received about 10 rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle fire. Light damage, no casualties.

- **HQ MACV** — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 29 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, five of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eleven of the 29 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were two wounded with no fatalities.

- **III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE)** — At 1100 a patrol from an element of the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, observed five enemy soldiers hiding in a treeline two miles north of An Hoi (18 miles SW of Da Nang). The enemy surrendered their five individual weapons without a fight and were detained. No U.S. casualties.

- **I FFV (BINH THUAN PROVINCE)** — At 1600 a U.S. Army Ranger element from Task Force South observed 50 North Vietnamese Army soldiers 21 miles NE of Phan Thiet (110 miles ENE of Saigon). The enemy were engaged with automatic weapons. The enemy returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons. As the fighting continued, infantrymen and air cavalry troops from the Task Force were air-assaulted into the area and they engaged the enemy. The ground elements were supported by helicopter gunships and a USAF AC-119 gunship from the 14th Special Operations Wing. At 1915 the enemy withdrew, leaving 30 of his dead and one individual weapon in the area. One enemy suspect was detained. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 1300 an element of the armored cavalry squadron of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division received small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force eight miles NE of Trang Bang (28 miles NW of Saigon). The troopers returned fire with unit weapons, including tank guns and heavy machineguns, and were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, and USAF F-100's from the 3rd and 35th Tactical Fighter Wings. At 1800 the enemy withdrew, leaving 13 of his dead in the battle area. U.S. casualties were four wounded, no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 0940 a patrol from an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), engaged an estimated 10-15 enemy soldiers 15 miles WNW of Phuoc Binh (79 miles north of Saigon) and seven miles from the Cambodian border. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the enemy used rocket-grenades. The troopers were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery fire until 1010, when the enemy withdrew, leaving 13 of his dead in the area. U.S. casualties were four wounded, no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 0910 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), engaged an estimated enemy squad eight miles NW of Phuoc Binh (79 miles NNE of Saigon) and 12 miles from the Cambodian border. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. Fighting continued until 1500 when the enemy withdrew, leaving eight of his dead in the battle area. U.S. casualties were one killed and six wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KHANH PROVINCE) — At 1600, Rangers and a reconnaissance element from the U.S. 199th Light Infantry Brigade discovered a significant enemy weapons and munitions cache 20 miles NE of Xuan Loc (37 miles NE of Saigon). The cache was found in an enemy bunker complex and contained 136 rounds of 82mm mortar ammunition, 40 RPG-2 rocket grenade rounds, and 12 RPG-7 rocket-grenade launchers. The items were in good condition, and weighed about 1,600 pounds.

- HQ MACV — In ceremonies at Cat Lo near Saigon today the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter POINT ELLIS was turned over to the Navy of the Republic of Vietnam. The U.S. Coast Guardsmen from the POINT ELLIS will either replace crew members aboard other cutters, who are completing their tours in the Republic of Vietnam, or will be reassigned to Coast Guard repair facilities within the Republic. The POINT ELLIS is the sixth U.S. Coast Guard craft to be turned over to the Republic of Vietnam Navy.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 215 sorties (USAF 172, USMC 43), killing ten enemy soldiers, triggering 12 secondary explosions, and igniting 12 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 43 fortifications, 204 bunkers, and one sampan.

- B-52's flew 5 missions: 6 and 9 miles east of Bear Cat; 8 miles NE of Tri Tam; 11 and 12 miles WNW of Duc Pho.
10 December (Wednesday)

- **HQ MACV** — During the night, three significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, none of which were against U.S. units or installations. Nine other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage.

- **HQ MACV** — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 18 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations. Four of the 18 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities.

- **OPERATION GENEVA PARK (QUANG TIN PROVINCE)** — At 0100 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, in night positions nine miles WNW of Chu Lai (48 miles SSE of Da Nang), received a ground probe by an unknown number of enemy soldiers. The enemy threw hand grenades and the troopers returned fire with automatic weapons and were supported by artillery fire. In a short while, the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were one killed and five wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE)** — At 1725 helicopter gunships from the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged six enemy soldiers four miles NE of Bu Dop (90 miles NNE of Saigon) and two miles from the Cambodian border. There was no return fire, and all six enemy were killed. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BHINH DUONG PROVINCE)** — At 1930 a patrol from an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, received small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force near the Binh Duong-Hau Nghia Province border, 10 miles SW of Lai Khe (25 miles NW of Saigon). The infantrymen returned fire with unit weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. In about one hour the enemy withdrew, leaving six of his dead in the battle area. There were no U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NHIN PROVINCE)** — At 0015 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, observed an unknown number of enemy soldiers near their night positions 13 miles NW of Tay Minh City (66 miles NW of Saigon) and six miles east of the Cambodian border. The infantrymen engaged the enemy with unit weapons and were supported by artillery fire. There was no enemy return fire in the brief action. At first light, the bodies of six enemy soldiers killed in the night action were found, and one wounded enemy soldier was detained. In addition, three rocket-grenade launchers, two AK-47 rifles, 43 hand grenades, eight satchel charges, 13 rocket-grenade rounds, and one radio were captured. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BHINH LONG PROVINCE)** — At 1310 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), engaged an estimated enemy squad with small arms fire 12 miles NE of Loc Minh (81 miles north of Saigon) and three miles from the Cambodian border. Helicopter gunships and artillery
supported the action until the enemy withdrew at 1340. The bodies of two enemy soldiers were found in the strike area. U.S. casualties were four wounded, no fatalities.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE)** — At 1310 an element from the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), nine miles NW of Phuoc Binh (80 miles NNE of Saigon), discovered 11 dead enemy soldiers, apparently killed by artillery fire within the past 12 hours. The troopers also captured five individual weapons and one crew-served weapon. No U.S. casualties.

- **HQ MACV** — Two Army aviators, former prisoners of the enemy, returned to United States control shortly after noon today. Warrant Officer Michael T. Peterson, 21, Redmond, Wash., and Sergeant Vernon C. Shepard, 21, Akron, Ohio, walked into the command post of the 45th Infantry Regiment, Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) near Duc Lap. They were then transported to the 71st Evacuation Hospital near Pleiku for initial medical examination. Both men were assigned to Troop B, 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry when they were shot down by hostile fire in Quang Duc Province on 2 November. The two suffered wounds in the action but were in good condition when admitted to the 24th Evacuation Hospital in Long Binh at noon today. The two individuals are reported to have been released by the enemy.

- **SYN TAC AIR:** U.S. pilots flew 255 sorties (USAF 158, USMC 85, and USN 12), killing six enemy soldiers, triggering 10 secondary explosions, and igniting four fires. They also destroyed or damaged 75 fortifications, 212 bunkers, and 14 sampans.

- B-52's flew 7 missions: 9 and 10 miles SW of Katum; 8 and 9 miles SSW of Katum; 11, 12, and 14 miles east of Katum.

11 December (Thursday)

- **HQ MACV** — During the night, ten significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eighteen other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

**III MAF:**

110040 — **QUANG NAM PROVINCE** — The Da Nang Air Base received less than five rounds of 140mm rocket fire. No casualties, light damage. Counterrocket fire was directed at suspected enemy firing position, causing five secondary explosions.

**II PVV:**

101900 — **BIEN HOA PROVINCE** — The U.S. Army installation at Long Binh (16 miles NE of Saigon) received about ten rounds of 107mm rocket fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.
- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 34 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, six of which were against U.S. units or installations. Ten of the 34 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were four wounded, no fatalities.

- III MAP (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — Two events occurred, both involving the same unit and in the same area:

  1. At 1235 an element of the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, nine miles SW of Hoi An (23 miles SSE of Da Nang), observed an unknown size enemy force moving west to east. The Marines engaged the enemy with unit weapons and were supported by artillery and F-4’s from the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. At 1700 the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 35 of his dead. No U.S. casualties.

  2. At 1250 another element of the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, eight miles SW of Hoi An (20 miles south of Da Nang), observed an unknown size enemy force moving from west to east. The enemy were engaged with unit weapons and tactical aircraft. At 1700 the enemy withdrew. Six enemy soldiers were killed, no U.S. casualties.

- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) — At 0730 an element of the 173rd Airborne Brigade engaged an unknown size enemy force with small arms and automatic weapons 15 miles NNE of Bong Son (325 miles NE of Saigon). At 0930 contact was lost. Nine enemy soldiers were killed, one enemy soldier detained, and an unknown number of hand grenades, medical supplies and documents were captured. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BIEN HOA PROVINCE) — At 1600 an element of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade engaged an unknown size enemy force 22 miles SE of Bien Hoa (30 miles east of Saigon). The enemy employed small arms and automatic weapons fire and the infantrymen returned fire with unit weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. In about 20 minutes the enemy withdrew, leaving three of his dead. U.S. casualties were one killed and two wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGRIA PROVINCE) — At 0005 a patrol from an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, received small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force two miles north of Hiep Hoa (28 miles NW of Saigon) and seven miles from the Cambodian border. The infantrymen returned fire with unit weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. In a few minutes the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were 18 wounded, with no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1530 an element of the armored battalion of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division discovered the bodies of 16 enemy soldiers eight miles NE of Tay Ninh City (55 miles NW of Saigon). The enemy apparently had been killed by small arms fire and air strikes within the past two days.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1310 troopers from an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), discovered the bodies of nine enemy soldiers 18 miles NE of Tay Ninh City (55 miles NNW of Saigon). The enemy apparently had been killed by USAF F-4's from the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing which had struck the area earlier.

- DMAC (KHIEN TUONG PROVINCE) — At 0120 U.S. Navy River Patrol boats (PBR's) operating on a river nine miles NW of Moc Hoa (60 miles west of Saigon) and one-half mile from the Cambodian border received rocket-grenade fire from an unknown number of enemy soldiers. The PBR crewmen returned fire with unit weapons and were supported by U.S. Navy OV-10 aircraft and helicopter gunships. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were two killed and two wounded. Republic of Vietnam Navy casualties were very light with no fatalities. No reported materiel damage.

- HQ MACV — It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that the remaining units of the 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, will depart the Republic tomorrow as part of Phase II Redeployment. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT for the complete text of the release).

- HQ MACV — It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that the 45th Public Information Detachment at Phu Loi will inactivate in the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow as part of Phase II Redeployment. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT for the complete text of the release).

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 253 sorties (USAF 178, USMC 74, and USN 3), killing 44 enemy soldiers, triggering 18 secondary explosions, and igniting 17 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 135 fortifications, 296 bunkers, and two sampans.

- B-52's flew 4 missions: 9 miles WNW of An Loc; 19 and 21 miles NW of Song Be; and 8 miles NNE of Loc Ninh.

12 December (Friday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, five significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, three of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eleven other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following were significant attacks against U.S. forces:

II FFV:

111840 — BINH LONG PROVINCE — The base camp of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division at Quan Loi (62 miles north of Saigon), received less than five 122mm rockets. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

112310 — HAU NGHIA PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 25th Infantry Division at Cu Chi (18 miles NW of Saigon) received less than five rounds of 107mm rocket fire. No casualties or damage.
- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 21 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, six of which were against U.S. units or installations. Seven of the 21 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1835 a reconnaissance element of the 1st Marine Division observed 23 enemy soldiers, wearing green uniforms and carrying packs and weapons, moving east in an area six miles east of Hoi An (25 miles south of Da Nang). Artillery fire directed onto the location killed 12 of the enemy. No U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1120 an element of the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, six miles SE of An Hoa (27 miles SSW of Da Nang) found the bodies of 11 North Vietnamese Army soldiers. They had been killed earlier by artillery fire.

- I FFV (Binh Thuan Province) — At 1200 a U.S. Army mechanized infantry element from Task Force South engaged three enemy soldiers 21 miles NNE of Phan Thiet (110 miles ENE of Saigon) in a brief exchange of fire, killing all three and capturing two individual weapons. U.S. casualties were one killed and one wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — Three events occurred, all involving the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and all in the same area:

1. At 1030 yesterday (11 December), an element of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged an unknown size enemy force nine miles NE of Phuoc Binh (85 miles NNE of Saigon) and 14 miles from the Cambodian border. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, and USAF A-37's from the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew, leaving 36 of his dead in the area. No U.S. casualties.

2. Later, at about 2110 last night, helicopter gunships from the Division received heavy small arms fire and 12.7mm machinegun fire from an unknown size enemy force one mile northeast of the earlier action. The area was illuminated and the enemy fire was returned with organic aerial machineguns. Artillery fire was also directed onto the location. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew, leaving 23 of his dead. No U.S. casualties.

3. Between 0130 and 0310 this morning helicopter gunships from the Division again received ground fire from the same vicinity. The enemy fire was returned with unit weapons and a Republic of Vietnam Air Force AC-47 gunship also engaged the enemy position. The area was illuminated and the bodies of 11 enemy soldiers were observed. No friendly casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) — At 0745 a U.S. Army Ranger element from the 3rd Brigade, 9th Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force four miles SSB of Tan An (25 miles SSW of Saigon). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the infantry elements of the brigade
moved to the area and reinforced the action. The troopers were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery, and fighting continued until 1805 when the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 20 enemy soldiers were found in the battle area and one suspect was detained. In addition, five individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were one killed and two wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE)** — At 1505 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, 10 miles west of Chon Than (47 miles NNW of Saigon), engaged an unknown size enemy force. Small arms fire was exchanged and the infantrymen were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, and USAF tactical aircraft. At 1745 the enemy withdrew, leaving eight of his dead and three individual weapons in the area. U.S. casualties were one wounded, no fatalities.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 0200 helicopter gunships from the 1st Cavalry Division engaged an unknown number of enemy with unit weapons eight miles SE of Katum (60 miles NNE of Saigon) and eight miles from the Cambodian border. The bodies of five enemy soldiers were observed in the impact area. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE)** — Three events occurred, all involving the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, and all in the same general area:

1. At 1510 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, was air-assaulted into an area two miles NW of Hiep Hoa (28 miles NW of Saigon) and six miles from the Cambodian border. The infantrymen immediately received fire from an unknown size enemy force. The enemy fire was returned with unit weapons and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. Fighting continued 2030 when the enemy withdrew, leaving five dead and one individual and one crew-served weapon. U.S. casualties were one killed and four wounded.

2. At 1910 a patrol from an element of the brigade received small arms fire and hand grenades from an unknown number of enemy four miles north of Hiep Hoa (27 miles NW of Saigon) and eight miles from the Cambodian border. The infantrymen returned fire with unit weapons and were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. At 2110 the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were one killed and four wounded.

3. At 2000 another patrol from the 3rd Brigade received small arms and automatic weapons fire while operating in the same general area, five miles north of Hiep Hoa. The troopers fired back with unit weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. In about 45 minutes the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were four killed and one wounded.

- **II FFV (BIEN HOA PROVINCE)** — At 0625 Bien Hoa Air Base, 15 miles NE of Saigon, received less than ten rounds of 122mm rocket fire. Light damage, no casualties. (This attack was included in the total number of significant attacks reported during the night 11-12 December).
- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire six miles NE of Phuoc Binh in Phuoc Long Province (82 miles NE of Saigon), killing one man aboard and wounding another. The aircraft was destroyed.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 206 sorties (USAF 156, USMC 50, and USN 2), triggering 11 secondary explosions, igniting 15 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 111 fortifications, 238 bunkers and three sampans.

- B-52's flew 8 missions: 11 and 1/2 miles SSW of Khe Sanh; 6 miles WNW of Duc Lap CIDG Camp; 24 miles south of Phu Vinh; 9 and 11 miles SW of Katum; 11 miles south and 10 miles SSE of Khe Sanh.

13 December (Saturday)

- MACV — During the night, ten significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, three of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eight other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

  III MAF:

  122035 — QUANG BINH PROVINCE — An element of the 198th Brigade, AMERICAN Division, in night defense 12 miles SW of Tam Ky (45 miles SSE of Da Nang) received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no damage.

  121830 — BINH DINH PROVINCE — The base camp of the 173rd Airborne Brigade near Bong Son (300 miles NE of Saigon) received about five rounds of 60mm mortar fire. No casualties or damage.

  121910 — BINH DINH PROVINCE — Camp Radcliff, occupied by elements of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division, at An Khe, 260 miles NE of Saigon, received less than ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire. No casualties or damage.

- MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 26 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, three of which were against U.S. units or installations. Ten of the 21 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one killed and nine wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) — At 1120 a helicopter from the armored cavalry squadron of the AMERICAN Division received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown number of enemy soldiers five miles NE of Quang Ngai City (85 miles SE of Da Nang). Helicopter gunships engaged the enemy location with machineguns, and artillery fire was also directed onto the location. A short while later air cavalry troopers from the squadron were air-assaulted into the vicinity and engaged an unknown size enemy force. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and another element of the squadron, in tanks and armored personnel carriers, reinforced the action at an unreported time. At 1745 the enemy withdrew, leaving 53 of his dead, ten
individual weapons and 16 hand grenades in the battle area. U.S. casualties were three wounded, no fatalities.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1820 a reconnaissance element of the 1st Marine Division nine miles east of An Hoa (17 miles south of Da Nang) observed 60 enemy in green uniforms with packs and weapons moving east on a trail. The reconnaissance element directed artillery fire onto the enemy, killing 16 of them. No U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1810 a forward observer with an element of the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, observed 20-30 armed enemy soldiers in green uniforms moving south on a trail four miles SE of An Hoa (25 miles SSE of Da Nang). The enemy were engaged with artillery and recoilless rifle fire, killing six of them. No U.S. casualties.

- OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) — At 1420 an element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force four miles NW of Duc Pho (95 miles SSE of Da Nang). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and in a few minutes the enemy withdrew, leaving five of his dead in the area. In addition, five suspects were detained, and three individual weapons were captured. One U.S. soldier was wounded. No fatalities.

- OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) — At 1800 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, and Republic of Vietnam Popular Force troops received heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown size enemy force 14 miles NW of Tam Ky (27 miles south of Da Nang). The combined U.S. and PF ground troops returned fire with unit weapons and at 1935 the enemy withdrew with unknown casualties. U.S. casualties were 15 wounded with no fatalities. PF casualties were light, with no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — Three events occurred, all involving the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and all in the same general area.

  1. At 1600 yesterday (12 December) gunships from the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received small arms fire from an unknown number of enemy soldiers 14 miles NE of Phuoc Binh (90 miles NNE of Saigon). The gunships fired back with aerial weapons and directed artillery fire onto the location. Eleven enemy were killed by the air and artillery strikes.

  2. At 1755 gunships from another element of the air cavalry squadron of the division engaged five enemy soldiers 17 miles east of Phuoc Binh (87 miles NNE of Saigon), killing all of them with aerial machineguns and rockets.

  3. At 0330 today (13 December) at approximately the same location as the 1600 contact, helicopter gunships from the division received small arms fire from seven enemy positions. The area was illuminated with aerial searchlights and the helicopter gunships returned fire with unit weapons, killing 12 of the enemy. There were no U.S. casualties in any of the above three actions.
- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 1130 an element of the armored cavalry squadron of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division, 10 miles NE of Go Dau Ha (80 miles NNW of Saigon), found ten dead enemy, apparently killed within the past 48 hours by air strikes.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE)** — At 2250 helicopter gunships from the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged an unknown number of enemy soldiers with unit weapons thirteen miles NE of Phuoc Binh (33 miles NW of Saigon) and nine miles from the Cambodian border. The enemy returned fire with small arms and 12.7mm heavy machinegun fire. During the fighting, the area was illuminated with aerial searchlights. The action was supported by U.S. artillery and contact was lost when the enemy evaded further observation. Six enemy soldiers were killed. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 1815 helicopter gunship crewmen from an element of the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) observed an unknown number of enemy soldiers 18 miles north of Tay Ninh City (70 miles NW of Saigon) and eight miles from the Cambodian border. The enemy were engaged with aerial machineguns and five enemy soldiers were killed in the brief engagement. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BIEN HOA PROVINCE)** — At 1740 helicopter helicopter gunship crewmen from the U.S. Army 12th Combat Aviation Group observed an unknown number of enemy soldiers 10 miles NE of Bien Hoa (27 miles NE of Saigon). The enemy were engaged with aerial machineguns and rockets, causing one secondary explosion. The bodies of five enemy soldiers were sighted in the vicinity following the action. No U.S. casualties.

- An UH-1 Huey helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire six miles east of A Luoi in Thua Thien Province, wounding four men aboard, and destroying the aircraft.

- **SYN TAC AIR**: U.S. pilots flew 242 sorties (USAF 158, USMC 80 and USN 4), killing 15 enemy soldiers, triggering 14 secondary explosions, and igniting 16 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 172 fortifications, 312 bunkers, and six sampans.

- **B-52's flew 2 missions**: 6 miles NNE of Xuan Loc; and 11 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh.

14 December (Sunday)

- **HQ MACV** — During the night, seven significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, none of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eight other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage.

- **HQ MACV** — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 20 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, three of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eight of the 20 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were five wounded, no fatalities.
III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1400 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), received small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-grenade fire from an estimated North Vietnamese Army platoon occupying fortified positions 23 miles west of Hue (75 miles NW of Da Nang). The troopers returned fire with unit weapons and were supported by artillery fire. At 1445 the enemy withdrew, leaving two dead and one individual and one crew-served weapon in the area. U.S. casualties were two killed and seven wounded.

OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) — At 1335 an element of the armored cavalry squadron, AMERICAL Division, in tanks and armored personnel carriers 13 miles NW of Tam Ky (30 miles south of Da Nang) received heavy small arms, recoilless rifle, and rocket-grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force. The armored cavalry troops fired back with unit weapons. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were five wounded, no fatalities. Material damage was very light.

I FFV (BINH THUAN PROVINCE) — Two events occurred, both in the same general area:

1. At 1135 a reconnaissance element from a mechanized infantry unit of Task Force South received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an estimated enemy company while operating 12 miles NNE of Phan Thiet (105 miles ENE of Saigon). The troopers returned fire with unit weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships. At 1440 the enemy withdrew, leaving seven dead in the battle area. Also, seven suspects were detained, five individual and three crew-served weapons were captured. No U.S. casualties.

2. At 1530 an aerial observer in a light observation aircraft sighted eight enemy soldiers in the same general area one-half mile east of the earlier contact. The enemy fired at the aircraft with small arms and automatic weapons. A short while later, a mechanized infantry and armored cavalry element moved to the area in tanks and armored personnel carriers and engaged an unknown size enemy force. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships. At 1920 the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 13 of his dead, eight individual weapons and two radios. No U.S. casualties.

I FFV (KONTUM PROVINCE) — At 1425 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, engaged an estimated enemy squad eight miles SW of Kontum City (260 miles NNE of Saigon) near the Pleiku-Kontum Province border area. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the infantrymen were supported by artillery fire. In a short while, the enemy withdrew, leaving behind five dead and two individual weapons. No U.S. casualties.

I FFV (DINH THUAN PROVINCE) — At 0945 the enemy fired less than five 107mm rockets into the air base at Phan Rang (170 miles ENE of Saigon). No casualties and no damage.
- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE)** -- At 1300 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force 12 miles east of Tan An (20 miles SSW of Saigon). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the infantrymen were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships and USAF tactical aircraft. As fighting continued, other elements of the brigade and Republic of Vietnam Regional Force troops moved to the area and reinforced the action. At 1645 the enemy withdrew, leaving 19 of his dead in the battle area. In addition, one crew served and seven individual weapons were captured, along with a small quantity of miscellaneous munitions. U.S. casualties were one killed and three wounded. There were no RF casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** -- At 1135 an element of the armored battalion, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, discovered a small enemy munitions cache six miles NE of Tay Ninh City (55 miles NNW of Saigon). The troopers received small arms, automatic weapons, and mortar fire from an unknown size enemy force in the vicinity. The enemy fire was returned with unit weapons, and the armored element was supported by artillery, helicopter gunships and USAF F-100's and F-4's from the 3rd, 35th and 12th Tactical Fighter Wings. At 1250 the enemy withdrew, leaving ten dead. Also, 50 pounds of TNT and a small quantity of miscellaneous munitions were captured. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE)** -- At 1045 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engaged an unknown number of enemy occupying bunkers eight miles west of Lai Rhe (30 miles NNW of Saigon). At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew. Nine dead enemy soldiers were found, and one enemy soldier was detained. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE)** -- At 1130 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), nine miles SW of Phuoc Binh (70 miles NNE of Saigon), engaged an estimated 10 enemy with small arms, and were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. At 1220 contact was lost. Seven enemy were killed and one individual weapon was captured. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE)** -- At 0510 a patrol from an element of the armored cavalry squadron of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division engaged seven enemy soldiers two miles NNE of Trang Bang (28 miles NW of Saigon). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and in about five minutes the enemy withdrew, leaving five of his dead and one individual weapon in the area. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE)** -- At 1900 a U.S. Army Ranger element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, engaged an estimated six enemy soldiers six miles NW of Tan An (25 miles SW of Saigon). Small arms fire was exchanged and helicopter gunships supported the Rangers. The enemy withdrew in about ten minutes, leaving five of his dead. There were no U.S. casualties.
II FFV (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 1045 a fire support base occupied by an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 15 miles NW of Phuoc Binh (8½ miles north of Saigon) and four miles from the Cambodian border, received about five rounds of 60mm mortar fire. U.S. casualties were light, with no fatalities. No material damage.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 1410 troopers from an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), discovered a significant enemy weapons and munitions cache nine miles NW of Song Be (83 miles NNE of Saigon) and eight miles from the Cambodian border. The cache, weighing about four tons, contained the following items: 50 CHICOM sub-machineguns; three AK-47 rifles; two automatic rifles; five SKS carbines; one carbine; one portable flamethrower; one RPG-2 rocket-grenade launcher; one CHICOM light machinegun; 86,640 small arms rounds; 449-60mm mortar rounds; 269-RPG-2 rocket-grenades; 242-RPG-2 propellant charges; 600-60mm mortar charges; 450-60mm mortar fuses; 67 RPG-7 rocket-grenades; 51 RPG-7 propellant charges; one CHICOM claymore-type mine. All items were in good condition.

HQ MACV — It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that the 551st Combat Support Company at Long Giao and the 553rd Combat Support Company at Long Binh were inactivated in the Republic of Vietnam today as part of the Phase II Redeployment. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT for the complete text of the release).

HQ MACV — The 4th Special Operations Squadron based at Phan Rang Air Base and equipped with AC-47 "Spooky" gunships will be inactivated on December 15, 1969. The 4th is the only remaining USAF AC-47 unit in the Republic of Vietnam. One of the assigned aircraft will be transferred to the Vietnamese Air Force with the remainder being redeployed. The approximately 290 members of the squadron will be reassigned to other units in SEA or returned to the United States in accordance with normal personnel policies. The 4th SOS, a unit of the 14th Special Operations Wing, was deployed to Vietnam in November of 1965 and pioneered in the development of tactics and employment of transport aircraft equipped with side-firing high-speed mini-guns. During four years of service in Vietnam, 4th SOS AC-47's flew almost exclusively at night and provided close air support 3,926 times in the successful defense of strategic hamlets and outposts. In addition, the AC-47's regularly provided illumination and firepower cover for medical evacuations, patrol extractions and night convoys and supplemented tactical air strikes in operations against the enemy. Since the unit's arrival in-country, crews of the 4th have participated in virtually every major battle — including Dak To, Khe Sanh, Hue, Kontum, A Shau and An Khe. The 4th SOS has been credited with killing more than 5,300 enemy soldiers. Colonel Adam W. Swigler, Jr., of Panama City, Fla., is currently commander of the 4th SOS. The unit has earned three Air Force Outstanding Unit awards while assigned to the Republic of Vietnam. The last presentation included the "V" for Valor device. This inactivation is not a part of Phase II Redeployment.
- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 19 miles ESE of Saigon, destroying the aircraft. There were no casualties.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 241 sorties (USAF 174, USMC 63, and USN 4), killing 15 enemy soldiers, triggering 38 secondary explosions, and igniting five fires. They also destroyed or damaged 105 fortifications, and 298 bunkers.

- B-52's flew 6 missions: 5 and 6 miles NW of Cam Lo; 11 miles ENE of Phuoc Binh; 13 and 14 miles NW of Phu Cat; and 11 miles west of Katum.

15 December (Monday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, three significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, none of which were against U.S. units or installations. Twelve other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 21 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, of which five were against U.S. units or installations. Three of the 21 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were nine wounded, with no fatalities.

- III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1835 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), received rocket-grenade, small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown size enemy force 23 miles west of Hue (75 miles NW of Da Nang). The troopers returned fire with unit weapons and were supported by artillery fire. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were one killed and ten wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At 0945 an element of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), six miles SW of Con Thien and two miles south of the Demilitarized Zone received less than five rounds of 60mm mortar fire resulting in light U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 0820 a combined force consisting of an element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 9th Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, and an element of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment engaged an estimated enemy company two miles SE of Bu Dop (86 miles north of Saigon) and five miles from the Cambodian border. Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the enemy employed rocket-grenades. A short while later, other armored cavalry troops from the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, in tanks and armored personnel carriers, moved into the area and reinforced the units in contact. The U.S. and ARVN ground elements were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, and USAF tactical aircraft. At 0930 the enemy withdrew, leaving 51 of his dead in the area. In addition, 15 individual weapons and seven crew-served weapons (including two 60mm mortars and two light machineguns) were captured. U.S. casualties were four killed and 18 wounded. ARVN casualties were light.
TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1300 an element of the armored battalion of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division received small arms fire from an unknown number of enemy soldiers eight miles NE of Tay Ninh City (56 miles NW of Saigon). The troopers returned fire with unit weapons on their armored vehicles and were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery and USAF tactical aircraft. In about 30 minutes the enemy withdrew, leaving 15 of his dead. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 1545 helicopter gunship crewmen from the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged an unknown number of enemy soldiers 25 miles SE of Phuoc Linh (73 miles NE of Saigon). The enemy were engaged with aerial machinegun fire with unknown results. A short while later, air cavalry troopers from the unit were air-assaulted into the vicinity and engaged one enemy soldier in the brief contact. In a search of the area the bodies of 11 enemy soldiers were found and three enemy soldiers were detained. The enemy soldiers rallied to the Republic of Vietnam under the Chieu Hoi Program. In addition, four bicycles and 600 pounds of rice were found. No U.S. casualties.

II FFV (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) — At 0820 the enemy fired about five 122mm rockets into the base camp of the headquarters of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) near Phuoc Vinh (35 miles NNE of Saigon). No casualties or damage.

HQ MACV — The Phase II Redeployment, which began on 21 September, 1969, was completed today. During the period, a total of 28 major and separate Marine Corps, Army and Navy units redeployed from the Republic of Vietnam and 44 separate Army and Air Force units were inactivated within the republic. Additionally, other units and headquarters underwent a reduction in the number of authorized personnel spaces which involved personnel from all four services. The major ground combat units to depart the country were the 3rd Marine Division from I Corps and the U.S. Army 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division from III Corps Tactical Zone. The phase II Redeployment reduced the authorized strength level for U.S. forces in the Republic from 524,500 to 484,000.

HQ MACV — President Nixon announced today the additional 50,000 man reduction in the authorized strength in the Republic of Vietnam. The new authorized troop ceiling will be 434,000, effective 15 April 1970.

HQ MACV — U.S. Air Force activities at Binh Thuy Air Base will be significantly reduced during the next 90 days. The headquarters of the 22nd Tactical Air Support Squadron will be relocated within the Republic of Vietnam and the 632nd Combat Support Group will be inactivated and replaced by a combat support squadron. The growing capability of the Republic of Vietnam Air Force in the IV Corps Tactical Zone area has enabled the VNAF to take over operational and support functions formerly performed by U.S. Air Force units. Some USAF personnel will remain at Binh Thuy as advisors to VNAF units and to assist the VNAF in maintaining essential services. The parent organization at Binh Thuy is the VNAF's 74th Tactical Wing, with USAF units in a tenant status. VNAF operations from the base include AC-47 gunships, fighter-bombers and helicopter troop-assault aircraft, flying in support of Vietnamese ground forces who have the prime responsibility for security of the IV Corps region. This inactivation is not a part of the Phase II Redeployment.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 178 sorties (USAF 146, USMC 29 and USN 3), triggering 12 secondary explosions, and igniting 14 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 102 fortifications, 285 bunkers and two sampans.

- B-52's flew 3 missions: 6, 7 and 8 miles NNW of Duc Lap CIDG Camp.

16 December (Tuesday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, five significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. installations or units. Fourteen other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following were significant attacks against U.S. forces:

**I FFV:**

152200 — LAM DONG PROVINCE — A U.S. Army combat support unit located three miles SW of Bao Loc (95 miles NE of Saigon) received about 10 rounds of unknown caliber indirect fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities.

**II FFV:**

152245 — PHUOC TUY PROVINCE — The U.S. Naval support Activity Compound five miles NE of Vung Tau City (40 miles SE of Saigon) received five 122mm rockets. Two Vietnamese civilians were killed. There were light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. No materiel damage.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 32 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, of which eight were against U.S. units or installations. Ten of the 32 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one killed and 11 wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 0945 an element of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force four miles NNW of An Hoe (18 miles SW of Da Nang). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and contact was lost a short while later. In a continued search of the area, the Marines again engaged an unknown size enemy force. Fighting continued until 1030 when the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 20 of his dead, and three individual weapons. In addition, 28 suspects were detained. Marine casualties were six wounded, no fatalities.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1420 an element of the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, observed nine enemy soldiers with packs and weapons three miles NNE of An Hoe (18 miles SSW of Da Nang) and directed artillery fire on them, killing seven enemy soldiers. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) — At 1330 a former enemy soldier who rallied to the Republic of Vietnam led a mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, to an enemy ammunition cache 11 miles west of Lai Khe (32 miles NNW of Saigon). The half-ton cache contained 170 RPG-2 rocket-grenades with booster charges, and 180 blasting caps.
- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 12 miles SE of Phuoc Binh in Phuoc Long Province, wounding three men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army AH-1 Cobra was downed by enemy ground fire 17 miles NE of Phu Loc in Chuong Thien Province, wounding two men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 172 sorties (USAF 148, USMC 16, and USN 8), killing four enemy soldiers, triggering 16 secondary explosions, and igniting six fires. They also destroyed or damaged 49 enemy fortifications and 199 bunkers.

- B-52's flew 8 missions: 15, 16, 17, and 18 miles NNW of Phuoc Binh; 5 miles NW of Phuoc Binh; and 19, 20, and 21 miles NW of Phuoc Binh.

17 December (Wednesday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, two significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, neither of which was against U.S. units or installations. One of the significant attacks was against Saigon. Nine other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 17 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, three of which were against U.S. units or installations. Two of the 17 attacks caused casualties or damage. No U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1430 an observer from the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, sighted ten enemy soldiers running south along the river six miles north of An Hoa (17 miles SW of Da Nang). Artillery fire was directed onto the enemy, killing five. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1305 an element of the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged an unknown size enemy force 18 miles NE of Tay Ninh City (53 miles NNW of Saigon). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery and USAF A-37's and F-100's from the 3rd and 35th Tactical Fighter Wings. About 15 minutes later the enemy withdrew, leaving 17 of his dead in the area. U.S. casualties were two wounded no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1700 helicopter gunship crewmen from the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) observed 15-20 enemy soldiers 20 miles NE of Tay Ninh City (55 miles NNW of Saigon). The enemy were engaged with aerial machinegun fire and the bodies of 15 enemy soldiers were observed in the area. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 2330 helicopters of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown number of enemy 28 miles SE of Phuoc Binh (70 miles NE of Saigon). The enemy were engaged with aerial machinegun fire and the area was illuminated, showing eight dead enemy. No U.S. casualties.
TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 0850 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, one mile NNW of Ben Tre (24 miles NW of Saigon), engaged an unknown size enemy force. Small arms fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships. The enemy withdrew almost immediately, leaving behind five of his dead and two individual weapons. U.S. casualties were one killed and two wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) — At 0155 a mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, six miles SE of Dau Tieng (34 miles NW of Saigon), received small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force. The troopers fired back with unit weapons, including heavy machineguns, and were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. At 0250 the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were eight wounded with no fatalities.

CMAC (SAIGON) — At 0045 the enemy fired one 122mm rocket into the city of Saigon. It impacted in the 3rd Precinct 500 meters SW of the center of the city, destroying one home and damaging two others. Four Vietnamese civilians were wounded in the indiscriminate attack. Artillery fire was directed onto the suspected enemy firing positions, six miles to the ENE with unknown results.

An Army AH-1 Huey Cobra was downed by enemy ground fire four miles south of Lai Khe in Binh Duong Province, wounding two men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 194 sorties (USAF 171, USMC 10, and USN 13), killing five enemy soldiers, triggering eight secondary explosions, and igniting eight fires. They also destroyed or damaged 135 fortifications, and 194 bunkers.

B-52's flew 7 missions: 17 and 19 miles NNW of Phuoc Binh; 17 and 20 miles NNW of Phuoc Binh; 12 miles NE of Phuoc Binh; 18 and 19 miles WNW of the Rock Pile.

18 December (Thursday)

HQ MACV — During the night, four significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. installations. Fourteen other indirect fire attacks, considered insignificant, were reported, none of which resulted in casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

II PPV:

172345 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — The base camp of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, near Tay Ninh City, 55 miles NW of Saigon, received about five 122mm rockets. Light damage, no casualties.

180030 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — In a second attack, the Tay Ninh base
camp received about 50 rounds of 120mm mortar fire. Light U.S. casualties, no fatalities. One former enemy soldier, serving as a scout, was killed in the mortar attack. Materiel damage was light to moderate.

HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 29 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, eight of which were against U.S. units or installations. Seven of the 29 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were 11 wounded, no fatalities.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1450 a mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, received small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force nine miles NE of Go Dau Ha (36 miles NW of Saigon). The troopers returned fire with unit weapons, including heavy machineguns, and were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, and USAF A-37's and F-100's from the 3rd and 35th Tactical Fighter Wings. At 1730 the enemy withdrew, leaving 14 of his dead in the battle area. U.S. casualties were two killed and six wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1230 helicopter gunships from the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received small arms fire from an unknown number of enemy soldiers nine miles SE of Katum (62 miles NW of Saigon) and eight miles from the Cambodian border. The gunships returned fire with unit weapons and were supported by artillery. Contact was lost immediately as the enemy withdrew, leaving five of his dead. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KHANH PROVINCE) — At 0750 an element of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade nine miles west of Xuan Loc (30 miles east of Saigon) engaged an estimated six enemy soldiers. Artillery and mortar fire supported the infantrymen. Contact was lost about five minutes later. Two enemy soldiers were killed and two individual weapons captured. U.S. casualties were one killed and seven wounded.

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 225 sorties (USAF 189, USMC 34, and USN 2), killing one enemy soldier, triggering 15 secondary explosions, igniting six fires. They also destroyed or damaged 96 fortifications, 158 bunkers, and three sampans.

B-52's flew 5 missions: 16 miles NW of Phuoc Binh; 9 miles SE of Katum; 7 miles NNE of Xuan Loc; and 5 and 6 miles north of Tri Ton.

19 December (Friday)

HQ MACV -- During the night, six significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. forces. Four other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

II FFV:

181915 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 1st Infantry Division at Lai Rhe (28 miles north of Saigon) received about five rounds of 107mm rocket fire. No casualties or damage.
190230 — GIA DINH PROVINCE — Less than five 122mm rockets impacted in Tan Son Nhut Air Base two miles NW of the center of Saigon. U.S. casualties were light with no fatalities. Vietnamese casualties were light. Light damage was reported.

HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 15 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations. Five of the 15 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were five wounded, no fatalities.

III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 2020 an element of the 1st Regiment, 1st Marine Division, engaged six enemy soldiers with unit weapons eight miles north of An Hoa (10 miles SSW of Da Nang). In a brief action, five enemy soldiers were killed and two backpacks were captured. No U.S. casualties.

III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1440 an element of the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, six miles NNE of An Hoa (16 miles SW of Da Nang) engaged an unknown size enemy force with small arms fire. Seven NVA were killed, four enemy soldiers were detained, and one individual weapon was captured. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 0930 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), engaged an unknown size enemy force seven miles SW of Bu Dop (77 miles north of Saigon) and seven miles from the Cambodian border. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, and USAF F-100's from the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing. In about 15 minutes the enemy withdrew, leaving 14 of his dead. U.S. casualties were one killed and one wounded.

An Army AH-1 Huey Cobra was downed by enemy ground fire 12 miles west of An Loc in Binh Long Province, killing two men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 230 sorties (USAF 179, USMC 49, USN 2), killing 21 enemy soldiers, triggering eight secondary explosions, and igniting 20 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 96 fortifications, 190 bunkers and 14 sampans.

B-52's flew 2 missions: 7 and 8 miles SW of Katum.

20 December (Saturday)

HQ MACV — During the night, five significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eight other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:
191835 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, at Dau Tieng (41 miles NNW of Saigon), received less than five rounds of 107mm rocket fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

192310 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) near Phuoc Vinh (36 miles north of Saigon) received 10-15 rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 19 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations. Six of the 19 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were four wounded, no fatalities.

OPERATION GENEVA PARK (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) — At 1730 an element of the 198th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force 15 miles WNW of Quang Ngai City (65 miles SSE of Da Nang). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the fighting continued for two hours before the enemy withdrew, leaving 12 of his dead in the battle area. Five individual weapons, two field telephones, 15 CHICOM hand grenades, 10 rounds of 60mm mortar ammunition and 50 pounds of rice were captured. U.S. casualties were three wounded (two evacuated) with no fatalities.

III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1930 a reconnaissance team from the 1st Marine Division observed 12 enemy soldiers six miles east of An Hoa (20 miles south of Da Nang), and directed artillery fire onto them, killing all five. No U.S. casualties.

III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At 2350 an element of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) received small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-grenade fire from an estimated North Vietnamese Army platoon six miles NE of Dong Ha, near the north bank of the Cua Viet River and five miles south of the Demilitarized Zone. The troopers returned fire with unit weapons, and a short while later, helicopter gunships and a U.S. Navy river patrol boat (PBHR) moved to the area and engaged the enemy in support of the ground force. The gunships received ground fire from the enemy during the action. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were 19 wounded (13 evacuated) with no fatalities.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 1100 helicopter gunships from the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received small arms and heavy machinegun fire from an unknown size enemy force 12 miles SE of Phuoc Binh (75 miles NNE of Saigon). The crewmen returned the fire with unit weapons and directed artillery fire and air strikes by U.S. Air Force F-100's from the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing onto the enemy location. Contact was lost at about 1130. The bodies of nine enemy soldiers were observed in the strike area and 15 bunkers were destroyed. No U.S. casualties. Later, at about 1410, other helicopter crewmen from the same unit, one mile southeast of the earlier action, sighted the bodies of five enemy
soldiers in the vicinity of an area engaged by USAF tactical aircraft earlier in the day. Two enemy soldiers, also sighted near the bodies, were engaged with aerial machinegun and rocket fire. Both were killed. No U.S. casualties.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 277 sorties (USAF 174, USMC 93 and USN 10), killing 12 enemy soldiers, triggering 14 secondary explosions, and igniting 15 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 201 fortifications, 271 bunkers, and 11 sampans.

- B-52's flew 4 missions: 17 miles NW of A Luoi; 14 miles SW of Katum; 11 miles SE of Katum; and 11 miles SE of Khe Sanh.

21 December (Sunday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, three significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, one of which was against a U.S. installation. Ten other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attack was against U.S. forces:

II FFV:

202300 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) near Phuoc Vinh, 35 miles north of Saigon, received less than ten rounds of 122mm rocket fire. No casualties, light damage.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 16 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, one of which was against U.S. forces. Three of the 13 attacks caused casualties or damage. There were no U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 0010 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) ambushed an unknown size NVA force in an area 12 miles WNW of Hue. Small arms fire was exchanged and the remaining enemy withdrew a short while later. The troopers killed three North Vietnamese Army soldiers in the brief action and detained three others. Two individual weapons were also captured. One U.S. soldier was wounded. There were no fatalities.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1220 a 2½-ton truck from the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, was transporting Marines on Route 4, six miles north of An Hoa (18 miles SW of Da Nang) when struck by a command-detonated mine. The mine was estimated to have contained about 50 pounds of explosives. It destroyed the truck, killing two Marines and wounding 15 others.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) — At 0830 an aerial observer from the II FFV 23rd Artillery Group engaged an unknown size enemy force with artillery fire three miles NNW of Quan Loi (67 miles north of Saigon), killing 15 enemy soldiers. No U.S. casualties.
- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KHANH PROVINCE)** -- At 1955 an element of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade engaged an unknown size enemy force 23 miles NNE of Xuan Loc (57 miles ENE of Saigon). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by artillery and a USAF AC-119 gunship. At 2130 the enemy withdrew, leaving behind seven of his dead and four individual weapons. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE)** -- At 1140 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 11 miles SW of Song Be (70 miles NNE of Saigon), engaged six enemy soldiers with small arms fire, killing five of them and capturing one 9mm pistol in the brief action. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE)** -- At 2155 a patrol from an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, engaged an estimated enemy platoon 10 miles ESE of Tan An (24 miles SSW of Saigon). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the infantrymen were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, and a USAF AC-119 gunship. Fighting continued for about two hours until the enemy withdrew, leaving five of his dead. U.S. casualties were one wounded, no fatalities.

- An **Army OH-6 light observation helicopter** was downed by enemy ground fire 20 miles NW of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Province, wounding three men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- An **Army UH-1 Huey helicopter** was downed by enemy ground fire in Quang Tri Province 13 miles WNW of Dong Ha in Quang Tri Province, killing eight men aboard, wounding two others, and destroying the aircraft.

- **SVN TAC AIR**: U.S. pilots flew 269 sorties (USAF 182, and USMC 87), killing seven enemy soldiers, triggering 15 secondary explosions and igniting 13 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 288 bunkers, 196 fortifications, one automatic weapons position, and five sampans.

- **B-52's flew 6 missions**: 23 and 24 miles north of Xuan Loc; 7, 8, and 9 miles NNE of Loc Minh; and 9 miles NNE of Loc Minh.

22 December (Monday)

- **HQ MACV** -- During the night, three significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, none of which was against U.S. forces. Six other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage.

- **HQ MACV** -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 16 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, three of which were against U.S. forces. Five of the 16 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one wounded, no fatalities.
- III MAF (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) — Two events occurred, both involving the same unit and both in the same locale:

1. At 1715 an element of the 198th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, 16 miles SW of Tam Ky (47 miles south of Da Nang), observed nine enemy soldiers. Artillery was directed onto the location and the bodies of 13 enemy soldiers were observed lying in the strike area. No U.S. casualties.

   b. At 1030 the same element, while operating one mile to the northeast of the first location, found eleven graves with bodies of enemy soldiers in them. The enemy soldiers had been killed by artillery fire less than a week earlier.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1910 a reconnaissance element from the 1st Marine Division observed 51 enemy soldiers with packs and weapons moving east on a trail six miles east of An Hoa (23 miles south of Da Nang). Artillery engaged the enemy and 10 enemy soldiers were reported killed. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 1700 helicopter gunships from the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged seven enemy soldiers with unit weapons nine miles NE of Duc Phong (87 miles NE of Saigon). All seven enemy soldiers were reported killed by the aerial machinegun fire. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BIEN HOA PROVINCE) — At 1545 an element of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade engaged an estimated enemy company while operating in an area 15 miles ENE of Bien Hoa (30 miles NE of Saigon). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the infantrymen were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. At 1610 the enemy withdrew, leaving two of his dead in the area. U.S. casualties were three wounded, no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 2130 an unknown number of enemy fired rocket-grenades at an element of the armored cavalry squadron of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division in night positions 18 miles ESE of Tay Ninh City (35 miles NW of Saigon). The troopers returned fire with unit weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. The enemy withdrew almost immediately with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were five wounded, no fatalities.

- An Army AH-1 Huey Cobra was downed by enemy ground fire four miles ENE of Bu Dop in Phuoc Long Province, killing two men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 328 sorties (USAF 210, USMC 105 and USN 3), killing ten enemy soldiers, triggering 42 secondary explosions, and igniting 45 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 185 fortifications, 271 bunkers, and 11 sampans.
- B-52's flew 8 missions: 21, 22, and 23 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh; 14 miles NW of Phuoc Binh; 8, 9, 12, and 14 miles NW of An Loc.

23 December (Tuesday)

- MACV -- During the night, three significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, one of which was against a U.S. unit. Nine other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attack was against U.S. forces:

II FFV:

230630 -- PHUOC LONG PROVINCE -- An element of the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), at a fire support base three miles SW of Phuoc Binh (75 miles NNE of Saigon), received 20-30 rounds of mixed 122mm rocket and undetermined caliber indirect fire. Light U.S. casualties and damage.

- MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 20 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, seven of which were against U.S. units or installations. Three of the 20 attacks caused damage or casualties. U.S. casualties were one killed and three wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1855 a reconnaissance element of the 1st Marine Division observed 22 enemy soldiers six miles east of An Hoa (19 miles south of Da Nang). The enemy soldiers were engaged with artillery fire resulting in 13 enemy soldiers reported killed. No U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1410 an element of the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, observed 13 enemy soldiers with weapons moving east in an area nine miles SE of An Hoa (27 miles south of Da Nang). The enemy were engaged with artillery fire resulting in ten enemy soldiers reported killed. The remaining enemy evaded further observation. No U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1500 an element of the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, observed 10-15 enemy soldiers with packs and weapons six miles north of An Hoa (17 miles SW of Da Nang) and directed artillery fire onto the location, killing nine of the enemy. No U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 2025 an element of the 1st Regiment, 1st Marine Division, ambushed 40 armed enemy soldiers moving west on a trail 11 miles NE of An Hoa (11 miles SW of Da Nang). The Marines used small arms and automatic weapons and were supported by artillery and a USAF AC-119 gunship from the 14th Special Operations Wing. The enemy returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons. In about 15 minutes the enemy withdrew, leaving seven of his dead and one individual weapon in the battle area. U.S. casualties were one wounded, no fatalities.
- III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1040 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), engaged 15-20 enemy soldiers with unit weapons 21 miles west of Hue (74 miles WNW of Da Nang) and were supported by helicopter gunships. In about an hour the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were six wounded, no fatalities.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 2220 an unknown type and size terrorist explosive charge was detonated in a Catholic church six miles SW of Hoi An (16 miles south of Da Nang) during religious services. Initial reports indicate that 55 Vietnamese civilians were wounded in the explosion. An unknown number of the civilians were given emergency treatment and evacuated to the U.S. Naval Support Activity Hospital near Da Nang and to the medical battalion hospital at the 1st Marine Division.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) — At 1930 a reconnaissance element from the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, consisting of Republic of Vietnam and U.S. troops, received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown size enemy force two miles SSE of Ben Luc (14 miles SW of Saigon). The troopers fired back with unit weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, and a USAF AC-119 gunship from the 14th Special Operations Wing. Fighting continued until 2300, when the enemy withdrew, leaving ten of his dead. No friendly casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) — At 1225 helicopter gunships in support of an element of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, engaged five enemy soldiers 10 miles SE of Trang Bang (23 miles NNW of Saigon) near the Binh Duong-Hau Nghia Province border. Five enemy soldiers were killed by the aerial machinegun fire. No U.S. casualties.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 310 sorties (USAF 224, USMC 86), killing two enemy soldiers, triggering 31 secondary explosions, and igniting 43 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 118 fortifications, 256 bunkers, and eight sampans.

- B-52's flew 4 missions: 6, 12, and 14 miles east of Khatum; and 14 miles WNW of Xuan Loc.

24 December (Wednesday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, six significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eight other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attack was against U.S. forces:

II FFV:

232200 — PHUOC LONG PROVINCE — A fire support base occupied by elements of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), three miles SW of Phuoc Binh (75 miles NNE of Saigon) received 30-50 rounds of mixed 82mm and 120mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no damage.
- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 22 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, five of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eleven of the 22 attacks caused damage or casualties. U.S. casualties were four killed, 11 wounded.

- III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 0755 an element of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), 19 miles SE of Phu Bai (22 miles NW of Da Nang) received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown size enemy force. The troopers returned fire with unit weapons and were supported by artillery. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were one killed and eight wounded.

- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) — At 1530 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, was engaged by an unknown size enemy force 13 miles NNW of Bong Son (312 miles NNE of Saigon). Small arms fire was exchanged and the infantrymen were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. Contact was lost about ten minutes later when the enemy withdrew, leaving behind two dead and one individual weapon. U.S. casualties were one killed and three wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) — At 0745 an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment under operational control of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged an estimated enemy company with unit weapons 11 miles SW of Loc Ninh (75 miles north of Saigon). The action was supported by artillery and F-4's from the 31st Tactical Fighter Wing. Thirty enemy soldiers were killed and 14 bunkers were destroyed. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 0800 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, and Republic of Vietnam Regional Force troops, received a command detonated mine while operating seven miles east of Trang Bang (24 miles NW of Saigon). U.S. casualties were four killed and five wounded. Regional force casualties were very light with no fatalities. Two enemy suspects were detained. After the incident, wires and detonators were found in the vicinity.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 212 sorties (USAF 152, and USMC 60), killing six enemy soldiers, triggering eight secondary explosions and igniting 14 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 97 fortifications, 232 bunkers and 15 sampans.

- B-52's flew 8 missions: 16 miles NW of A Loui; 9 miles SE of Khe Sanh; 9 and 11 miles WSW of Katum; 10 and 12 miles SW of Katum; and 17 and 16 miles NW of Phu Cat.

25 December (Thursday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, four significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country. Four other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. None of the eight attacks were against U.S. forces. These eight indirect fire attacks are included in the total number of incidents reported since 1800 last evening, 24 December, 1969.
HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 this morning, eight enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, of which none were against U.S. units or installations. Four of the eight attacks resulted in casualties or damage. There were no U.S. casualties. Of the overnight attacks, six occurred after 1800 yesterday (24 December). Four of the six resulted in casualties or damage. None of the six were against U.S. forces. These attacks were included in the total number of reported enemy initiated incidents since the suspension of combat operations.

HQ MACV -- U.S., Republic of Vietnam, and other Free World Forces suspended combat operations from 1800 24 December to 1800 25 December. During that period 116 enemy initiated incidents were reported by all forces of which 62 were considered significant (those incidents in which casualties occurred). As a result of the significant incidents, U.S. casualties were three wounded with no fatalities. Republic of Vietnam casualties were light. There were light Free World Forces casualties reported. Enemy losses were 101 killed and 13 detained. In addition, 34 enemy individual weapons were captured. The following are additional significant incidents involving U.S. forces not previously reported:

III MFB

251400 -- THUA THIEN PROVINCE -- A helicopter gunship from the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), on a reconnaissance mission, received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown number of enemy soldiers 14 miles west of Hue (66 miles NW of Da Nang). The enemy fire was returned with aerial machineguns. The helicopter landed and the troopers from the brigade searched the area. Six dead enemy soldiers were found and one enemy soldier was detained. One U.S. soldier was wounded, there were no fatalities.

242015 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- Marines from the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, at an observation post three miles north of An Hoa (19 miles SW of Da Nang) observed six armed enemy walking toward their positions. The enemy sighted the Marines and both opened fire simultaneously. The enemy withdrew in five minutes, leaving three of his dead. One enemy soldier was detained and one individual weapon was captured. No U.S. casualties.

242045 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- Marines from an element of the 1st Regiment, 1st Marine Division, at an observation post 10 miles NE of An Hoa (11 miles SSW of Da Nang) observed 60 enemy soldiers moving east. The enemy sighted the Marines and engaged the outpost with small arms and automatic weapons fire. The Marines fired back with unit weapons. A short while later other Marines from the unit reinforced the element in contact and engaged the enemy. The Marines were supported by artillery. At 2110 the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 14 enemy soldiers were found in the battle area and three enemy soldiers were detained. In addition, seven individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were one wounded, no fatalities.