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

It has been organized as follows:

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REVIEW OF EVENTS

GENERAL

Enemy initiated activity was generally light during the month as enemy forces avoided contact while resting and refitting in preparation for future offensive activity.

I CORPS

Enemy initiated activity during July was characterized by widely scattered indirect fire attacks and limited ground engagements. In the month, the enemy conducted a number of indirect fire attacks from the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone, while limiting his ground activity to company-sized attacks. On 9 July ARVN elements at three positions near Gio Linh were attacked by an unidentified enemy force resulting in 47 enemy killed. On 14 July U.S. elements at three locations near Con Thien received eight indirect fire attacks totalling 34 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. There were no casualties or damage reported. In western Quang Tri Province, light enemy activity was reported. Operation Utah Mesa terminated on 9 July. A total of 314 enemy were killed during this operation. An enemy soldier detained during Utah Mesa identified his unit as an element of the 304th NVA Division. In related activity on 19 July, 13 kilometers south-southeast of Vandergrift Combat Base, ARVN elements found 15 bunkers containing a cache of ordnance weighing 36.2 tons. Capture of this cache has probably limited the effectiveness of the enemy in that area. To the south, the Dong Ta Training Center near Phu Bai received rocket attacks on the 7th and 11th of July resulting in light casualties. Allied elements received at least four significant ground attacks, resulting in more than 90 enemy killed. In the remainder of MRTTH, documents and prisoners identified an element of the 29th NVA Regiment, one of the NVA Regiments in the A Shau Valley area. ARVN elements in the A Shau Valley received 250 rounds of 82mm mortar fire on 15 July and 30 to 50 rounds of 60mm mortar fire on 16 July.

In four enemy indirect fire attacks near An Hoa on 24 and 25 July, USMC elements received a total of 80 rounds of mixed 60 and 82mm mortar fire, resulting in light casualties.

In southern I CTZ, enemy activity was limited to scattered indirect fire attacks and limited ground probes.

The last week of July was marked by a reduction in enemy-initiated activity.

II CORPS

Enemy initiated activity during the month was characterized by limited indirect fire attacks and minor ground probes. Major enemy maneuver elements were probably engaged in refitting and retraining. In the western highlands, elements of the 24th NVA Regiment were identified in the area of the Plei Mrong Civilian
Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) Camp. A prisoner captured near the camp on 12 July stated that elements of the 24th NVA Regiment were located in Cambodia. A prisoner captured in the vicinity of Plei Mrong on 30 July identified himself as a member of the 24th NVA Regiment, and stated that his unit's mission was to interdict Route 14 in the Pleiku-Kontum border region. There were no significant attacks along Route 19 west of An Khe by elements of the 95B Regiment during the month, but elements of the unit may have been responsible for a 7 July attack against a U.S. fire support base 39 kilometers northwest of Cheo Reo that resulted in 11 enemy killed.

On 22 July a cache containing 8.6 tons of munitions was found in the Duc Lap area.

Along the coast, activity was confined to minor ground attacks and indirect fire attacks.

In the southern corps area widespread indirect fire and ground attacks occurred during the month, although most were of low intensity.

III CORPS

Elements of three divisions were identified in contacts during the month of July. The 9th VC Division sustained light casualties in ground actions during the month. On 1 July a contact with an unidentified enemy unit northeast of Tay Ninh City resulted in 44 enemy killed. The enemy force was probably an element of an NVA regiment identified in a 27 June engagement in the same area.

The 1st NVA Division sustained light casualties while continuing operations in northern Tay Ninh Province and in west-central Binh Long Province.

The 7th Division remained deployed in north-central Binh Long Province, where it was refitting, training, and planning attacks in the Loc Ninh area. A 27 July contact with an unidentified enemy force east-southeast of Dong Xoai CIDG Camp in which there were 24 enemy KIA was probably with an element of the 5th VC Division.

A prisoner captured on 10 July revealed that some forces were planning to adopt guerrilla and sapper tactics. He claimed that due to Allied operations and heavy losses incurred, two infantry units were to be converted to sapper units.

In Saigon, sapper activity diminished during the month. At the end of July, enemy units in III CTZ were probably refitting, retraining, receiving political indoctrination, and planning their next campaign.

IV CORPS

During July, enemy activity was highlighted by indications of troop movement into and throughout the CTZ. Prisoners captured on 7 July in northern Kien
Tuong Province identified an NVA infiltration group. This is the first known case of significant numbers of NVA personnel infiltrating into IV CTZ as replacements.

The most significant enemy contacts occurred in Kien Giang Province during the last two days of the month. During the contacts a total of 81 enemy, tentatively identified as elements of the 273rd VC Regiment, were killed (41 killed by air) northeast and northwest of Rach Gia City.

During July, over 3,500 VC rallied to the GVN bringing the total for the first seven months of 1969 to more than 17,500.
At approximately 1120 today, infantrymen and mechanized infantry elements of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, contacted and engaged an unknown size enemy force while sweeping an area 7 km (4 miles) northeast of Trang Bang (27 miles northwest of Saigon).

Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the ground forces were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery in addition to heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers. Other elements of the brigade moved into blocking positions and fighting continued until 1740 when the remaining enemy evaded and withdrew.

The bodies of 53 enemy soldiers were found in the battle area. Three enemy soldiers were detained. In addition, the troopers captured 24 AK-47 assault rifles, four RPG rocket-grenade launchers and one 12.7mm heavy machinegun. Twenty 107mm rockets which had been rendered unserviceable by supporting fires in the engagement were also found in the area. U.S. casualties were three killed and 14 wounded.
AIR OPERATIONS

AIR SOUTH

U.S. pilots flew 13,878 tactical air sorties in support of allied ground forces during the month of July. Air Force pilots flew 8,274 sorties, Marine Corps pilots flew 4,574 and Navy pilots flew another 1,030.

Pilots and crews were credited by forward air controllers (FACs) and friendly forces making ground sweeps with killing 464 enemy while destroying or damaging 351 waterborne supply craft, 8,973 fortifications, 11,495 bunkers. Their air-delivered ordnance also resulted in 1,056 secondary explosions, and 1,275 secondary fires.

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B-52 MISSIONS

Two-hundred and twenty-nine missions were flown during the month by Air Force B-52s. Of these missions, 168 were directed against enemy targets in the III Corps Tactical Zone, 23 in II CTZ, 32 in I CTZ, and 6 in IV CTZ.

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AIRLIFT

Military Airlift Command (Inbound-Outbound, South Vietnam)

Number of Passengers       136,147
Tons of Cargo               27,202

834th Air Division "Common Service" Airlift System (within South Vietnam)

Number of Passengers       788,014
Tons of Cargo               100,337

Medical Evacuation

Number of Patients (Outbound, South Vietnam) 4,279 (US Military)

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NAVAL OPERATIONS

NAVAL GUNFIRE SOUTH VIETNAM

Navy gunners from twenty-three Seventh Fleet warships pounded enemy targets throughout the Republic of Vietnam during July. The ships left 699 bunkers and 694 military structures damaged or destroyed. Shells from the warships also were responsible for 49 enemy killed, 82 secondary fires, 82 secondary explosions, and cuts across 74 supply routes, according to reports from air and ground spotters. Additional damage reported included 91 caves and tunnels, 69 weapons positions, 29 sampans and 1105 meters of trenchline damage or destroyed.

The most effective day of the month for Navy gunners was 19 July when they accounted for 160 enemy military structures and 77 bunkers damaged or destroyed. Other damage reported that day included seven secondary fires, one secondary explosion, and two tunnels destroyed. Navy warships also scored heavily the following day. On July 20, they destroyed or damaged 97 military structures, 40 bunkers and 30 meters of trenchline, and ignited four secondary explosions.

United States destroyers on the gunline in July were the USS Buchanan, Buck, Chevalier, James E. Kyes, Leary, Meredith, Mullinnix, Orleck, Perkins, Rowan, Rupertus, Stribling, Taussig, John W. Thomason, Henry W. Tucker, and Waddell. They were joined by the Australian destroyer HMAS Brisbane.

Also shelling enemy positions during the month were the cruisers USS Boston, Oklahoma City and St. Paul, and the inshore fire support ships USS Carronade, Clarion River and St. Francis River.

NAVAL AIR STRIKES REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

Navy pilots from the Seventh Fleet carriers USS Bon Homme Richard, Kitty Hawk, Oriskany and Ticonderoga flew 1,030 sorties, mostly in I Corps, against enemy targets in July. Enemy bunkers, military structures and supply routes were the main targets of the jets, which included A4 Skyhawks, A6 Intruders, A7 Corsairs, F4 Phantoms and F8 Crusaders. The main ordnance used in the attacks was 500 and 1,000 pound bombs, and 20mm cannon fire. The aircraft were credited with 445 enemy military structures, 252 bunkers and 17 caves or tunnels destroyed or damaged. Spotters also reported the strikes left 41 secondary fires, 27 secondary explosions, 10 enemy killed and 19 weapons positions damaged or destroyed. Additional damage included 29 supply routes interdicted, and one base camp, two sampans and 510 meters of trenchline damaged or destroyed.

The highest number of sorties flown in one day during July was 76. That came on 1 July when jets from carriers destroyed or damaged 21 military structures and eight bunkers, and left four secondary fires. The heaviest damage confirmed by spotters came on July 14. Carrier jets accounted for 69 military structures, three bunkers, two caves, two weapons positions and one sampan destroyed or damaged. The strikes caused nine secondary explosions and three secondary fires, and also interdicted 35 meters of trenchline.

High altitude bombing and radar controlled ordnance drops precluded some of the damage from being assessed during the month.

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**TOTAL TONS: 31.76**

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**TOTAL TONS: 103.12**

### FOOD STUFFS:

A total of 262.09 tons of rice and 26,555 lbs. of salt.
SUMMARY
OF
MORNING AND EVENING NEWS RELEASES

1 July (Tuesday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, six significant indirect harassing attacks were reported throughout the country. Three of these were against U.S. units or installations. Twelve other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following attacks were against U.S. units or installations:

III MAF:

301942 -- QUANG TIN PROVINCE -- An element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, in night defense 15 miles NW of Tam Ky (26 miles SSE of Da Nang) received less than 10 rounds of unreported caliber mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

II FFV:

302253 -- BINH DUYEN PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division at Dau Tieng (40 miles NW of Saigon), received 20 rounds of 82mm and 120mm mortar fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

- OPERATION UTAH MESA (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 0345 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), at a fire support base 9 miles SSW of Khe Sanh (105 miles NW of Da Nang), received rounds of 82mm mortar fire followed by a ground attack from an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force using small arms. The troopers defended with unit weapons, and were supported by U.S. Army artillery and a USAF AC-47 gunship, forcing the enemy to withdraw at 0500. The bodies of 40 NVA soldiers were found, and 15 individual and 9 crew-served weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were 5 wounded, no fatalities.

- OPERATION BOLD PURSUIT (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- Operation BOLD PURSUIT was announced today. An amphibious landing and search and clear operation on Barrier Island (20-25 miles SSE of Da Nang) it commenced 27 June 1969 when an element of the 26th Marine Regiment landed on the island. Other elements participating are the AMERICAL Division's and some from the Republic of Vietnam Regional Forces. The operation is under the control of Amphibious Ready Group "Alpha," U.S. 7th Fleet. There has been only light and scattered contact to date.

- OPERATION LARAN PLAIN (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 1445 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), operating with the AMERICAL Division, found two enemy weapons and munitions caches 28 miles SW of Tam Ky (50 miles SSW of Da Nang). They contained the following: 1,385 mixed 60mm and 82mm mortar rounds; twenty-seven 57mm recoilless rifle
rounds; thirteen 75mm recoilless rifle rounds; 10 cases SKS rifle ammunition; 78 rocket-propelled grenades; 112 individual weapons; 13 cases AK-47 ammunition; thirty-seven 122mm rocket rounds; and 3 crew-served weapons. The caches weighed 9½ tons.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE)** — At 2330 a reconnaissance element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division engaged 10 to 12 Viet Cong 11 miles east of Tan An (17 miles SSW of Saigon) with small arms fire, while receiving support from U.S. Army artillery. The enemy did not fire back, but withdrew immediately, leaving 7 of his dead. Three AK-47 rifles and 6 rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle ammunition were captured. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE)** — At 1035 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, discovered a 6,600 lb. rice cache 9 miles NE of Trang Bang (28 miles NNW of Saigon). It was evacuated for distribution to Vietnamese civilians.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NHIN PROVINCE)** — At 1040 a mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force 8 miles NE of Tay Ninh City (55 miles NNW of Saigon), and attacked them with small arms and the heavy machineguns of their armored carriers. Support came from USAF tactical air strikes, U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery, and — at 1305 — from another mechanized infantry element of the brigade. The enemy withdrew at 1345, leaving 44 of his dead, and one crew-served and 11 individual weapons. U.S. casualties were 1 killed, and one wounded.

- **SVN TAC AIR:** U.S. pilots flew 542 sorties (USAF 284, USMC 182, and USN 76), killing 4 enemy soldiers, triggering 44 secondary explosions, and igniting 67 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 365 fortifications, 255 bunkers, and 8 sampans.

- **B-52s flew 8 missions:** 8 miles SW of Loc Minh; 9 miles WSW of Loc Minh; 3, 4, and 5 miles west of Ben Het; 10 miles SE of Katum; 3 miles south of Ben Het; and 20 miles south of Da Nang.

2 July (Wednesday)

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

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NHIN PROVINCE)** — At 0800 a mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, found the bodies of 9 NVA soldiers in three graves 7 miles NE of Tay Ninh City (55 miles NW of Saigon). They had apparently been killed by small arms fire within the past 24 hours.
- **OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE)** — At 1510 an element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, received small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force 4 miles south of Duc Pho (105 miles SSE of Da Nang). They defended with unit weapons and were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships and USAF tactical air strikes. The enemy withdrew at 2030, leaving 15 of his dead, and four individual and three crew-served weapons. U.S. casualties were 4 killed and 8 wounded.

- **I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE)** — At 0735 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 3rd Infantry Division, 8 miles NW of Pleiku City (240 miles NE of Saigon), received 55 to 65 rounds of 60mm and 82mm mortar fire, resulting in light casualties and no damage.

- **SWN TAC AIR:** U.S. pilots flew 525 sorties (USAF 296, USMC 181 and USN 48), killing 20 enemy soldiers, triggering 35 secondary explosions, and igniting 39 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 423 fortifications, 410 bunkers, and 16 sampans.

- Two Army OH-6 light observation helicopters were downed by enemy ground fire in the same general area, 47 miles NW of Saigon in Tay Ninh Province. One crewmember on the first aircraft was injured, one man was killed and two wounded on the second aircraft. Both aircraft were destroyed.

- B-52s flew 10 missions: 18 miles SW of Xuan Loc; 6 miles SW of Ben Het; 5 miles SW of Ben Het; 22 miles south of Da Nang; 14 and 15 miles south of Hoi An; 16 miles SSW of Xuan Loc; 15 miles SSW of Xuan Loc; 3 miles east of Katum; and 5 miles north of Dau Tieng.

3 July (Thursday)

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

  **III MAF:**

  **021950** — **QUANG NGAI PROVINCE** — An element of the 198th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, collocated in night defensive positions with an element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 6th Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, 7 miles WNW of Quang Ngai City (70 miles SSE of Da Nang), received less than five rounds of unreported caliber mortar fire. Friendly casualties were light, no fatalities or damage.

  **021857** — **QUANG TRI PROVINCE** — A command post of the 9th Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, 11 miles SSW of Khe Sanh (100 miles NW of Da Nang) received 45 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no damage or fatalities.
030010 - QUANG NAM PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division at An Hoa (22 miles SW of Da Nang) received less than 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities. Counter-mortar fire was fired into suspected enemy sites with unknown results.

I FFV:

022235 - PLEIKU PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 4th Infantry Division 8 miles south of Pleiku City (25 miles NE of Saigon) received a number of 82mm mortar rounds. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

022400 - BINH DINH PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 173rd Airborne Brigade 2 miles north of Bong Son (300 miles NE of Saigon) received 5 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Very light casualties, no damage or fatalities.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 0725 yesterday (2 July) an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), contacted and attacked an unknown size enemy force in fortified positions 6 miles east of Phu Khuong (50 miles NNW of Saigon). They were supported U.S. Army helicopter gunships and tactical air strikes. Field artillery fire was directed onto the enemy positions throughout the night, and today (3 July) the troopers moved through the bunkers in a sweep of the area. The bodies of 32 enemy killed in the action were found. U.S. casualties were five wounded, with no fatalities.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) — At 1630 a reconnaissance element of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division engaged and exchanged small arms fire with an unknown size enemy force 8 miles SE of Ben Cat (22 miles NNW of Saigon). They were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships and field artillery. The enemy withdrew at 1840, leaving 9 of his dead. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) — At 1700 yesterday (2 July) an element of the 11th Armored cavalry Regiment, in an area 8 miles SW of Lai Khe (30 miles NNW of Saigon), found an enemy tunnel complex believed to be occupied by four enemy soldiers, two of whom rallied as Hoi Chanh. A riot control agent was put into the tunnel to force the others out, but none emerged, so the tunnels were caved-in with a tank. Today (3 July) while searching the tunnel complex, the bodies of 25 enemy soldiers were found. There were no U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE — (LONG KHANH PROVINCE) — At 1150 an element of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade received small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force 12 miles SW of Xuan Loc (27 miles ENE of Saigon). The troopers defended with unit weapons, and were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery, USAF tactical air strikes, and — at 1630 — another element of the brigade. The enemy withdrew at 1800. U.S. casualties were 9 killed, and 19 wounded. Enemy losses are unknown.

HQ MACV — (The following item was released by phone call-out at 1835) "The U.S. Command has previously stated that, if fired upon, U.S. Forces are authorized to return fire. With respect to recent operations conducted in the Ben Het area of Kontum Province, on several occasions enemy artillery positions firing at Ben Het were located across the border in Cambodia. Allied forces operating in the area immediately returned fire with artillery and tactical air strikes."
HQ MACV — The following release was made in Hawaii by CINCPAC at 030300
July 1969 Saigon time:

"Admiral John S. McCain Jr., Commander-in-Chief Pacific Command, announced
today that the first U.S. Army troops bound for Hawaii from the Republic of
Vietnam are slated to arrive at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, on July 16th.
The initial group, a small advance party, is coming from the Headquarters
Company of the 9th Infantry Division.

"Other elements of the 9th Infantry Division (-), to include the 1st
Brigade of the Division, will arrive in Hawaii throughout the month of August.
The units scheduled for arrival in Hawaii, some of which will leave elements
in the Republic of Vietnam to support the Division's 3rd Brigade, include:

Division Headquarters and support elements
Division Headquarters Company
9th Military Intelligence Detachment
9th Medical Battalion
9th Signal Battalion
9th Aviation Battalion
709th Combat Support Battalion, Division Maintenance
9th Combat Support Battalion, Division Maintenance
9th Combat Support Battalion, Division Supply and
Transportation
15th Engineer Battalion
9th Administration Company
Headquarters, Support Command
9th Military Police Company
Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery
1st Battalion, 11th Field Artillery
1st Battalion, 84th Field Artillery
1st Brigade:
Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade
2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry
3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry
4th Battalion, 39th Infantry

"All of the Division personnel scheduled for assignment in Hawaii will
travel by air except some troops of the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry who will
travel aboard ships with the battalions' equipment."

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) — At 1235 an element of the 3rd Bri-
gade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, operating 5 miles north of Ben Luc (30 miles
WSW of Saigon), engaged an estimated enemy platoon with small arms and machine-
gun fire from helicopter gunships. At an unreported time later other elements
of the brigade moved to cordon-off the area. During the afternoon, tactical
air strikes and artillery fire were brought to bear on the enemy locations. The
action continued intermittently into the evening when the enemy withdrew. The
bodies of 36 enemy soldiers were found in the battle area, and 4 individual and
2 crew-served weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were 3 killed, 4 wounded.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 0130 a reconnaissance element of the U.S. 1st Marine Division sighted a large enemy force moving on a trail 8 miles east of An Hoa, and engaged them with small arms and supporting fires from 106mm recoilless rifles, 81mm mortars, field artillery from the 11th Marine Regiment and an AC-47 gunship from the USAF 14th Special Operations Wing. The enemy broke into small groups and withdrew, leaving 12 of his dead. There were no Marine casualties.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 537 sorties (USAF 306, USMC 203, and USN 28), killing 10 enemy soldiers, triggering 35 secondary explosions, and igniting 36 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 311 fortifications, 516 bunkers, and 4 sampans.

- B-52s flew 11 missions: 5 miles north of Dau Tieng; 9 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City; 15 miles SW of An Loc; 18 miles NW of Pleiku; 17 miles NW of Pleiku City; 20 miles NE of Tay Ninh City; 21 miles NW of Tay Ninh City; 14, 15, 16, and 17 miles NW of Phuoc Binh.

4 July (Friday)

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

III MAF:

- 032225 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — An element of the 1st LAAM Battalion, U.S. 1st Marine Aircraft Wing located 10 miles NW of Da Nang received less than 5 rounds of unreported caliber mortar fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

II PFE:

- 032040 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — An element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in night defense 10 miles SW of Katum (60 miles NW of Saigon) received 30-40 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no damage.

- HQ MACV — The U.S. Air Force 421st Tactical Fighter Squadron which has been on temporary duty in the Republic of Korea has arrived and become operational at Da Nang Air Base. The 421st replaces the 174th TFS, an Air National Guard Squadron that redeployed to the United States in May.

- III MAF (DMZ) — At 2245 an element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 1st Infantry Division, located 5 miles ENE of Gio Linh (90 miles NW of Da Nang), received less than five rounds of unreported caliber rocket fire, resulting in no casualties or damage. The enemy firing site, observed as being 2000 meters inside the southern half of the DMZ and 4 miles NE of Gio Linh, was silenced by naval gunfire and ARVN artillery. Enemy losses are unknown.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 561 sorties (USAF 340, USMC 190, and USN 31), killing 15 enemy soldiers, triggering 46 secondary explosions, and igniting 72 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 340 fortifications, 507 bunkers, and 7 sampans.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 20 miles NNW of Tra Bong in Quang Tin Province, killing the three men aboard, and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 9 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh in Phuoc Long Province, killing three men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- B-52s flew four missions: 16 and 17 miles north of Phuoc Binh; 19 and 21 miles NE of Phuoc Binh.

5 July (Saturday)

- HQ MACV — During the night two significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported from throughout the country. It was against a U.S. unit. Sixteen other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following was the attack against the U.S. unit:

  1FFV:

  041800 — PLEIKU PROVINCE — An element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, located 12 miles NW of Pleiku City (245 miles NE of Saigon) received less than 10 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no damage or fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) — At 1230 an air cavalry element of the 12th Combat Aviation Group engaged an unknown size enemy force 12 miles NW of Ben Luc (27 miles WSW of Saigon) with unit weapons and aerial machine-gun fire from helicopter gunships. The enemy withdrew immediately, leaving 12 of his dead, and eight weapons (one crew-served). No U.S. casualties.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 522 sorties (USAF 312, USMC 174, and USN 36), killing 7 enemy soldiers, triggering 25 secondary explosions, and igniting 45 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 389 fortifications, 392 bunkers, and 7 sampans.

- An Air Force F-100 Supersabre was downed by enemy ground fire 40 miles SW of Saigon in Kien Hoa Province. The pilot was recovered uninjured, but the aircraft was destroyed.

- B-52s flew 13 missions: 10 and 12 miles NW of An Loc; 31 and 33 miles NE of Tay Ninh City; 10 miles west of An Loc; 9 miles SE of Katum; 29 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City; 11 miles NW of An Loc; 29 and 30 miles SE of Saigon; 19 miles NE of Tay Ninh City; 14 and 16 miles SW of Phuoc Binh.

6 July (Sunday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, 21 significant indirect fire harassing attacks
were reported throughout the country. Ten of these were against U.S. units or installations. Twenty-two other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following attacks were against U.S. forces or installations:

I FFV:

051945 — LAM DONG PROVINCE — A U.S. Army combat support unit 2 miles SW of Bao Loc (90 miles NE of Saigon) received 20 to 25 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

060130 — BINH THUAN PROVINCE — An element of I FFV's Task Force South at a landing zone 9 miles NE of Phan Thiet (110 miles NE of Saigon) received about 5 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

060130 — BINH THUAN PROVINCE — Elements of I FFV's Task Force South at a landing zone 5 miles NNE of Phan Thiet (105 miles ENE of Saigon) received less than ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire. U.S. and ARVN casualties were light. No fatalities or damage.

II FFV:

060101 — HAU NGOHIA PROVINCE — A fire support base of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, 0.6 of a mile SE of Trang Bang (26 miles NW of Saigon) received 5 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

052205 — HAU NGOHIA PROVINCE — A fire support base of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, 4 miles SW of Trang Bang (30 miles NW of Saigon) received 30 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no damage.

052355 — HINH LONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division 2½ miles north of Quan Loi (65 miles north of Saigon) received 20-30 rounds of 82mm mortar and 107mm rocket fire. Light casualties, no damage.

052019 — HINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Lai Khe (27 miles NNW of Saigon) received less than 15 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. Light casualties and damage.

052150 — HINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Lai Khe received less than 5 rounds of 107mm rocket fire, which caused light damage and no casualties.

060405 — HINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Lai Khe received less than 15 rounds of 60mm mortar fire, which caused no damage or casualties.

060330 — TAY MINH PROVINCE — The base camp of an element of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division near Tay Minh City (55 miles NE of Saigon) received less than 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. No damage or casualties.
HQ MACV — The Nationalist Chinese merchant ship WELFARE was mined at 0200 this morning on the Nha Be River 8 miles SE of Saigon. The 3,400-ton ship drifted 1½ miles downstream, careened, and sank at 0500 near the U.S. Navy base piers at Nha Be and completely clear of the Long Tau shipping channel. Several slightly injured crewmembers were evacuated by Navy river patrol boats and sampans. There were no fatalities. The WELFARE, which was carrying 2,000 short tons of rice, is the first ship to be sunk in this area since August 1966.

HQ MACV (GIA DINH PROVINCE) — At 0245 two rockets of unknown caliber impacted two miles east of the center of Saigon. One landed in the Saigon River and the other in a shallow swampy area. No damage or casualties.

TOAN TRANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 1045 a truck from the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, struck a land mine two miles SE of Trang Bang (27 miles NW of Saigon), wounding two soldiers in the truck, and killing two nearby civilians and wounding 17 others. The truck received minor damage.

TOAN TRANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) — At 1510 an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment contacted and attacked an unknown size enemy force 8 miles SE of Dau Tieng (29 miles NW of Saigon) with unit weapons, including tank fire and the heavy machineguns of their armored personnel carriers. The troopers were supported by another element of the regiment (time unreported) as well as U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery. The enemy withdrew at 1700, leaving 19 of his dead and three individual weapons. Three U.S. soldiers were killed and 32 others wounded.

TOAN TRANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 1905 a fire support base of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, 3 miles NE of Trang Bang (29 miles NW of Saigon) received less than 5 rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle fire, which caused no damage or casualties. The enemy's position was fired upon with 81mm and 107mm mortar fire, artillery fire, and U.S. Army gunships. After the action, 11 enemy dead were observed at the site.

TOAN TRANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) — At 1000 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, attacked an unknown size enemy force 9 miles SE of Dau Tieng (35 miles NW of Saigon) with unit weapons, while getting support from U.S. Army gunships and field artillery. The enemy withdrew almost immediately, leaving 18 of his dead. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN TRANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 0245 helicopter crews of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division sighted and attacked an estimated 15 enemy soldiers 3 miles SW of Tay Ninh City (55 miles NW of Saigon). One secondary explosion was triggered, and 15 enemy dead were observed after the strike.

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 470 sorties (USAF 274, USMC 172 and USN 24), killing 15 enemy soldiers, triggering 47 secondary explosions, and igniting 32 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 337 fortifications, 527 bunkers, and 20 sampans.

An Army OH-6 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 15 miles NW of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Province, wounding one man and destroying the aircraft.
B-52s flew 7 missions: 18 miles SW of Phuoc Binh; 50 miles south of Da Nang; 52 miles south of Da Nang; 15 miles NW of Tay Ninh City; 8 miles SE of Katum; 18 and 19 miles SW of Da Nang.

7 July (Monday)

RO MACV -- During the night eight significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, five of which were against U.S. units or installations. Seven other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following attacks were against U.S. units or installations:

III MAF:

061930 -- QUANG TIN PROVINCE -- An element of the Armored cavalry squadron, AMERICAL Division, located near Tam Ky (40 miles SSE of Da Nang), received less than 5 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no damage or fatalities.

062015 -- QUANG NGAI PROVINCE -- An element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, 2.5 miles east of Duc Pho (100 miles SSE of Da Nang), received 10 rounds of unreported caliber mortar fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

070129 - 070200 -- THUA THIEN PROVINCE -- The U.S. Army and Army of the Republic of Vietnam military facilities at Phu Bai (40 miles NW of Da Nang) received 20 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. ARVN casualties light, and light damage to materiel. There were no U.S. casualties.

II PFV:

062351 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Dau Tieng (40 miles NW of Saigon) received 15 rounds of 82mm mortar and 107mm rocket fire. Light casualties and materiel damage.

I PFV:

070145 -- PHU BON PROVINCE -- An element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division and a supporting artillery element, 24 miles NW of Cheo Reo (235 miles NE of Saigon) received 70 rounds of mortar and recoilless rifle fire followed by a ground attack from an unknown size enemy force using small arms and automatic weapons. The troopers defended with unit weapons, and were supported by a USAF AC-47 gunship and counter-battery artillery fire on suspected enemy firing sites. None of the enemy breached the outer perimeter. The enemy withdrew at 0200, leaving 11 of his dead. U.S. casualties were one killed and four wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 0750 members of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment found the bodies of 13 enemy soldiers 6 miles SW of An Loc (55 miles NW of Saigon). They appeared to have been killed a month ago by artillery fire. Fourteen rocket-propelled grenades were found near the bodies.

I PFV (BINH (BINH THUONG PROVINCE) -- At 0150 elements of Task Force South at the Luong Son MACV Compound 25 miles NE of Phan Thiet (120 miles ENE of
Saigon) received 40 rounds of mortar and rocket-propelled grenade fire and small arms fire followed by a ground attack from an estimated 15 enemy sappers. The troopers defended with unit weapons. An unreported number of enemy soldiers penetrated the outer defense perimeter and caused moderate damage within the camp with satchel charges and hand grenades. A USAF AC-47 gunship and field artillery supported by firing into enemy positions around the perimeter, and the enemy withdrew at 0300. The bodies of eight enemy soldiers (two of whom were in the unit perimeter) were found at first light. U.S. casualties were 6 killed and 27 wounded. Enemy items captured included two individual weapons, four RPG-2 launchers, ten satchel charges, an enemy field radio, and some grenades.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At 1430 the Vandegrift Combat Base (100 miles NW of Da Nang) received less than 10 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 1255 an armored cavalry element of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division found a 7-ton enemy rice cache two miles NW of Trang Bang (30 miles NW of Saigon). It was evacuated for later distribution to Vietnamese civilians.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 1845 an Air Force light observation aircraft drew .50 caliber machinegun fire 14 miles WNW of Ben Tre (35 miles WNW of Saigon) but was not hit. USAF tactical aircraft struck the enemy's weapon position, killing 17 and destroying eight .50 caliber machineguns.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY MINH PROVINCE) — At 1235 troopers of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division found the graves of nine enemy soldiers 8 miles south of Tay Ninh City (47 miles NW of Saigon). They apparently had been killed a few days earlier by artillery fire. Also found were 20 rounds of 60mm mortar ammunition.

- HQ MACV — It was announced that the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division will depart the Republic of Vietnam for the United States on 8 July 1969. See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENTS, in the back of this SUMMARY for the complete text of the announcement.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 483 sorties (USAF 291, USMC 181, and USN 11), killing 46 enemy soldiers, triggering 31 secondary explosions, and igniting 58 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 371 fortifications, 503 bunkers, and 10 sampans.

- An Army OH-6 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 2½ miles NW of Loc Minh in Binh Long Province, destroying the aircraft. There were no injuries.

- B-52s flew four missions: 9 miles NNE of Loc Minh; 29 miles east of Saigon in Bien Hoa Province; 18 miles SW of Da Nang; and, again, 18 miles SW of Da Nang.

8 July (Tuesday)

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

**III MAF:**

080025 — QUANG TRI PROVINCE — The Quang Tri Combat Base (85 miles NNW of Da Nang) received less than 10 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

**II PTV:**

072125 — HAU NGHIA PROVINCE — An element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division in night defense 5 miles NW of Trang Bang (27 miles NW of Saigon) received 10 rounds of 107mm rocket and 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

080615 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — A base camp of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division near Tay Ninh City (55 miles NW of Saigon) received less than five rounds of 107mm rocket fire. No casualties or damage.

- HQ MACV — It was announced that the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry of the U.S. 9th Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade redeployed from the Republic of Vietnam to the United States this morning from Tan Son Nhut Air Base. The battalion is the first unit of the 25,000 troops that will be redeployed from Vietnam by the end of August.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 1155 helicopter crewmen of the U.S. Army 12th Combat Aviation Group sighted and attacked (with aerial machinegun and rocket fire) an unknown number of enemy 4 miles NW of Cu Chi (22 miles NW of Saigon), killing 13.

- HQ MACV — At 2245 three or four rockets impacted in Saigon, two of which struck a storage building 2 miles ENE of the city's center, igniting some drummed fuel and destroying the building by fire. One Vietnamese civilian was wounded. One or two rockets landed in a swampy area 2.5 miles east of Saigon's center, causing no damage or casualties.

- OPERATION LAMAR PLAIN (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) — At 1210 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division, under the operational control of the AMERICAN Division, was ambushed by an estimated enemy company 14 miles SW of Tam Ky (50 miles south of Da Nang). The troopers exchanged small arms and automatic weapons fire with the enemy, and were supported by an Air Force AC-47 gunship, tactical air strikes, and U.S. Army artillery. The enemy withdrew at 1900, leaving two of his dead. U.S. casualties were 9 killed, and 7 wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) — At 1725 troopers of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, exchanged small arms fire with an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force 4 miles SE of Dau Tieng (35 miles NW of Saigon). During the brief fire fight, the troopers were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships. Ten dead NVA soldiers were later found, and one suspect was detained. No U.S. casualties.
- **CMAC (CHAU DOC PROVINCE)** -- During the period of time 1130 to 1640, helicopter crewmen of the U.S. Army 64th Combat Aviation Group sighted several small groups of enemy estimated to be part of an enemy company 6 miles NW of Tri Ton (120 miles WSW of Saigon) and attacked them with aerial machinegun and rocket fire, killing 15.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (Binh Duong Province)** -- At 1045 a reconnaissance element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, briefly exchanged small arms fire with an unknown size enemy force 9 miles NW of Lai Khe (35 miles NNW of Saigon). The enemy withdrew almost immediately, leaving eight of his dead, and three individual weapons. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (Long Kanh Province)** -- At 1615 a U.S. Army Special Forces reconnaissance element engaged with claymore mines an unknown size enemy force 17 miles NE of Bien Hoa City (35 miles NE of Saigon). The troopers also exchanged small arms fire, and were supported by helicopter gunships. The enemy withdrew at 1640, leaving 8 of his dead. One U.S. soldier was killed, and five were wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (Phuoc Long Province)** -- At 1640 a reconnaissance element of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged an unknown size enemy force in an exchange of small arms fire 9 miles WSW of Song Be (70 miles NNE of Saigon), and were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships. The enemy withdrew at 1810, leaving seven of his dead. One U.S. soldier was wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (Binh Duong Province)** -- At 1400 a U.S. Army helicopter of the 25th Infantry Division drew heavy automatic weapons fire 11 miles NNW of Tay Ninh City, but was not hit. U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships and USAF tactical aircraft struck the enemy position, killing seven enemy soldiers and destroying four 12.7mm machineguns.

- **USN TAC AIR**: U.S. pilots flew 485 sorties (USAF 297, USMC 160, and USN 28), killing 10 enemy soldiers, triggering 35 secondary explosions and igniting 43 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 300 fortifications, 385 bunkers, and 8 sampans.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 16 miles NNW of Saigon in Binh Duong Province, killing four persons aboard, and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 3 miles SE of An Hoa in Quang Nam Province, killing one man aboard and wounding three others. The aircraft was destroyed.

- B-52s flew 7 missions: 20 miles south of Da Nang; 6 miles NW of Tri Ton; 5 miles NW of Tri Ton; 10 miles west of Phuoc Binh; 13 miles east of Loc Ninh; 21 miles SW of Hue; and 4 miles NE of Katum.

9 July (Wednesday)

- **HQ MACV** -- During the night four significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, none of which was against a U.S. unit or installation. Included in the four was a rocket attack on Saigon. Nine other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties.
- **III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE)** — At 0905 the base camp of HQ 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, at An Hoa (22 miles SW of Da Nang) received less than five rounds of 140mm and 122mm rocket fire. Light casualties, no materiel damage.

- **III MAF (DMZ)** — At 1840 an element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 1st Infantry Division 1.3 miles WNW of Gio Linh received less than ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire which caused no damage or casualties. The enemy firing site was located 1,000 meters inside the southern edge of the Demilitarized Zone and 2.5 miles NW of Gio Linh (100 miles NW of Da Nang). A forward observer, located south of the DMZ, directed Naval gunfire onto the enemy position, causing a secondary explosion. Enemy losses are unknown.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE)** — At 1750 infantrymen of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engaged in an exchange of small arms fire with an unknown size enemy force 9 miles NE of Trang Bang (27 miles NW of Saigon). U.S. Army gunships and artillery and USAF tactical aircraft supported the troopers in the hour-long fight. Seventeen of the enemy were killed, and three individual weapons were captured. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (Binh Long Province)** — At 1000 a convoy traveling from An Loc to Quan Loi detonated a land mine and was ambushed 4 miles north of An Loc (65 miles WNW of Saigon) by an unknown number of enemy from the 7th North Vietnamese Army Division who were firing small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades. Troopers of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, escorting the convoy, defended with the heavy machineguns of their tanks and armored personnel carriers, and — at 1030 — were reinforced by other mechanized elements of the regiment. U.S. Army artillery and gunships and USAF tactical aircraft struck enemy locations and escape routes. The convoy proceeded to Quan Loi, arriving at 1245, while sporadic fighting continued. At 1600, the enemy withdrew. Twenty-two enemy dead were found, and one suspect was detained. U.S. losses were 4 killed, and 11 wounded.

- **III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE)** — At 2030 a reconnaissance element of the U.S. 1st Marine Division directed artillery fire onto an estimated 165 enemy soldiers they had sighted moving on a trail 14 miles SW of Hoi An (29 miles south of Da Nang). The bodies of 18 enemy were later observed.

- **OPERATION UTAH MESA (QUANG TRI PROVINCE)** terminated at 1800. It was a multi-battalion search and clear operation under the control of the U.S. 3rd Marine Division Task Force Hotel. The combined elements from the 9th Regiment, 3rd Marine Division and 1st Brigade, U.S. 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) participating with units from the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 1st Infantry Division operated in an area 4 miles NW of Khe Sanh. Total enemy losses for the operation: 309 killed; 7 suspects detained; 114 individual, and 31 crew-served weapons captured. U.S. casualties were 35 killed, and 178 wounded, of whom 143 were evacuated.

- **SVW TAC AIR** U.S. pilots flew 508 sorties (USAF 286, USMC 177 and USN 43), killing 26 enemy soldiers, triggering 56 secondary explosions, and igniting 63 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 276 fortifications, 438 bunkers, and 8 sampans.
- B-52s flew 7 missions: 41 and 43 miles NE of Phan Thiet; 12 miles NW of An Loc; 13 miles west of Phuoc Binh; 5 miles NW of Tri Ton; and 11 and 13 miles SE of Phuoc Binh.

10 July (Thursday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night 13 significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, four of which were against U.S. units or installations. Twenty other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following attacks were against U.S. units or installations:

I FFV:

091935 — PLEIKU PROVINCE — An element of the 1st Brigade, 4th U.S. Infantry Division 7 miles SE of Plei Mrong (245 miles NE of Saigon) received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Very light casualties, no damage or fatalities.

100329 — BINH THUAN PROVINCE — A landing zone of the U.S. Army 52nd Artillery Group 8 miles NNE of Phan Thiet (105 miles ENE of Saigon) received about 45 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

DMAC:

100025 — DINH TUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 9th Infantry Division at Dong Tam (40 miles SSW of Saigon) received less than 7 rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle and 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

100003 — DINH TUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 1st Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division 1.3 miles east of Cai Lay (45 miles SW of Saigon) received less than 5 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1205 an element of the 26th Regiment (under the operational control of the U.S. 1st Marine Division) were directed by helicopter crews to an unknown size enemy force they had sighted in bunkers 5 miles NNW of Hoi An (9 miles SSE of Da Nang). The Marines attacked the enemy force, killing ten, and capturing one individual weapon. There were no Marine casualties.

DMAC (DINH TUONG PROVINCE) — At 1555 the base camp of Hq U.S. 9th Infantry Division at Dong Tam (40 miles SW of Saigon) received less than five rounds of 107mm rocket fire. One of the rockets impacted near the out-processing center for soldiers being redeployed to the United States. Two soldiers died of fragmentation wounds from the blast, and 17 soldiers, 4 U.S. Navy personnel and one Vietnamese civilian were wounded. One of those killed and seven of the wounded were members of the 4th Battalion, 47th Infantry, which deploys to the United States Sunday (13 July). The other soldier killed and the other ten wounded were members of the 3rd Brigade, which will remain in Vietnam. The sailors were assigned to the Dong Tam Navy Support; the civilian was an employee.
Damage to facilities at Dong Tam was negligible. U.S. Army helicopter gunships attacked a suspected enemy rocket firing site with aerial machinegun fire. Enemy losses are unknown.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE)** — At 1005 elements of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment engaged in a fire fight with an unknown size enemy force 3 miles NNE of Loc Minh (80 miles NWW of Saigon). Rocket-propelled grenades used by the enemy against the cavalrymen caused no significant damage to the tracked vehicles. U.S. Army helicopter gunships and field artillery supported the action, and the enemy withdrew at 1055, leaving 6 of his dead, and two RPG-7 launchers. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE)** — At 1040 an observation helicopter of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division's armored cavalry squadron drew small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an unknown number of enemy nine miles NE of Trang Bang (27 miles NW of Saigon). The aircraft, which was not hit, directed helicopter gunships and artillery fire onto the enemy location and reported 10 enemy dead after the action. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE)** — At 1017 troopers of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, 4 miles NE of Trang Bang (29 miles NWW of Saigon), contacted an unknown size enemy force that evaded immediately. A forward air controller directed U.S. Army gunships and artillery fire onto the enemy locations. Troopers sweeping the area found the bodies of 10 enemy, and captured four individual and one crew-served weapon. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE)** — At 1100 an air cavalry element of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) contacted an unknown size enemy force 19 miles NW of Song Be (80 miles north of Saigon), and attacked with unit weapons while being supported by field artillery and USAF tactical aircraft. The enemy withdrew at an unreported time, and — while sweeping the area — the troopers found 17 enemy dead, all apparently killed by the air strikes and artillery fire. No U.S. casualties.

- **CMAC (SAIGON)** — A motor scooter rigged with 15 pounds of explosive, and parked in front of the Annapolis Bachelor Enlisted Quarters on Plantation Road in Saigon by two terrorists, exploded at 2045. Eleven U.S. servicemen were wounded, and 21 Vietnamese civilians were injured. The motor scooter, a U.S. Army bus, a taxi cab, and four motor-bikes were badly damaged. One of the terrorists, wounded by the explosion, was captured by members of the Tan Binh People's Self Defense Force. The other terrorist escaped.

- **OPERATION HERKIMER MOUNTAIN (QUANG TRI PROVINCE)** — At 1030 a reconnaissance element of the U.S. 3rd Marine Division engaged an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force in an exchange of small arms fire 6 miles west of Vandegrift Combat Base (105 miles NW of Da Nang). An aerial observer, contacted by the element, directed 1st Marine Aircraft Wing jets onto the enemy positions. On a sweep of the area, Marines found 10 NVA soldiers killed by the air strikes. No U.S. Casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE)** — At 1420 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, air-assaulted into a landing zone 17 miles west of Duc Hoa (32 miles west of Saigon), immediately received small
arms fire from an unknown size enemy force. The troopers, supported by helicopter gunships, fired back, and were later reinforced by other elements of the brigade. As the action continued, USAF tactical aircraft and U.S. Army artillery struck the enemy locations, and at 2000 the enemy withdrew. The bodies of nine enemy soldiers were later found in the area. U.S. casualties were one killed, six wounded.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 458 sorties (USAF 291, USMC 167), killing 59 enemy soldiers, triggering 25 secondary explosions, and igniting 33 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 232 fortifications, 324 bunkers, and 22 enemy sampans.

- B-52s flew 8 missions: 5 miles north of Phuoc Vinh; 25 miles NNE of Saigon; 6 miles east of Phuoc Binh; 16 miles NW of Pleiku; 10 miles SE of Katum; 19 and 17 miles NW of Tay Ninh City; and 16 miles NW of Tay Ninh City.

11 July (Friday)

- HQ MACV — During the night 14 significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, four of which were against U.S. units or installations. Seventeen other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following attacks were against U.S. forces or installations:

TIV NAF:

101907 — QUANG NGOAI PROVINCE — An element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAN Division, in night defense 16 miles SE of Quang Ngai City (75 miles SE of Da Nang), received about 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties no fatalities or damage.

II FFV:

101935 — HAU NGHIA PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 25th Infantry Division at Cu Chi (18 miles NW of Saigon) received less than 5 rounds of 107mm and 122mm rocket and 82mm mortar fire. No casualties, light damage.

101933 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — A landing zone of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 12 miles NE of Phu Khuong (55 miles NW of Saigon), received less than 15 rounds of 60mm and 80mm mortar and 107mm rocket fire. Casualties were light, with no fatalities or damage. Artillery fire and helicopter gunships engaged the suspected enemy sites with unknown results.

102036 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Dau Tieng (40 miles NW of Saigon) received less than 30 rounds of 107mm and 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 1935 helicopter crewmen of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division sighted, attacked, and killed 12 enemy soldiers five miles NE of Trang Bang (30 miles NW of Saigon). There were no U.S. casualties.
TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NHIN PROVINCE) -- At 1655 helicopter crewmen of an air cavalry element of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) observed, attacked, and killed five enemy soldiers 9 miles north of Phu Khuong (60 miles NNW of Saigon).

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NHIN PROVINCE) -- At 1555 troopers of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) found the bodies of eight enemy soldiers in graves 12 miles north of Phu Khuong (60 miles NNW of Saigon). They appeared to have been killed by artillery fire two weeks earlier.

III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) -- At 1255 two elements of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), while operating approximately 300 meters apart, both engaged unknown size enemy forces 32 miles SW of Hue (70 miles WNW of Da Nang), and exchanged small arms fire. The enemy, who were also using rocket-propelled grenades, broke contact a short while later, and withdrew. Ten NVA soldiers were killed, and three individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were 16 killed, and 21 wounded, of whom 14 were evacuated.

SVN TAC AFE: U.S. pilots flew 331 sorties (USAF 229, USMC 78, and USN 24), killing one enemy soldier, triggering 21 secondary explosions, and igniting 10 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 191 fortifications, 266 bunkers, and 20 sampans.

B-52s flew 8 missions: 7 miles west of An Loc; 20 miles WSW of An Khe; 4 miles NW of Katum; 13 miles NW of Phuoc Binh; 7 miles east of Katum; 9 miles SSE of Katum; 6 miles ESE of Phuoc Vinh; and 7 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City.

12 July (Saturday)

HQ MACV -- During the night, 11 significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, five of which were against U.S. units or installations. One of the 11 was against the city of Hue. Eleven other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following attacks were against U.S. forces or installations:

III MAF:

112220 -- THUA THIEN PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq 101st Airborne Division 10 miles NW of Phu Bai (45 miles NW of Da Nang) received less than five rounds of 122mm rocket fire. No casualties or damage.

I FFV:

111927 -- BINH THUAN PROVINCE -- A fire support base of the U.S. Army 52nd Artillery Group 4 miles north of Phan Thiet (100 miles ENE of Saigon) received less than 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties with no fatalities or damage.

112110 -- BINH THUAN PROVINCE -- The same base mentioned above received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

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DMAP:

112300 — DINH TUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 9th Infantry Division at Dong Tam (40 miles SW of Saigon) received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light damage, no casualties.

112355 — DINH TUONG PROVINCE — The same camp above received less than five rounds of an undetermined type and caliber indirect fire. No casualties or damage.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 2400 (11 July) an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, 12 miles NE of Go Dau Ha (35 miles NW of Saigon) ambushed an unknown size enemy force with claymore mines, small arms, and automatic weapons. They were also supported by an AC-47 gunship from the USAF 14th Special Operations Wing, and U.S. Army artillery. The enemy withdrew almost immediately, leaving 12 of his dead. No U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 0130 two 122mm rockets were fired at the city of Hue (50 miles NW of Da Nang). No casualties or damage.

- USARV — It was announced that the 4th Battalion, 47th Infantry, an element of the 9th Infantry Division in the Mekong Delta, will depart the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow from Bien Hoa Air Base and fly to McChord AFB, Wash., for deactivation at Ft. Lewis, Wash. See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENTS in this summary for the complete text of the release.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) — Between 1300 yesterday and 1500 today, an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, that had been inserted by river assault craft of the Vietnamese Navy into an area 6 miles SSE of Dau Tieng, ambushed two small groups of Viet Cong. Thirteen enemy were killed with small arms and automatic weapons fire, and two AK-47 rifles and 1200 pounds of rice were captured. One U.S. soldier was wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) — At 1915 troopers of the 198th Brigade, AMERICAN Division, while moving on foot to their night defense positions 8 miles NW of Quang Ngai City (65 miles SSE of Da Nang), detonated a land mine. Four soldiers were killed, and 24 were wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1540 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 8 miles NE of Phu Khuong (50 miles NW of Saigon), attacked an unknown size enemy force in bunkers. The troopers directed U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery and USAF tactical aircraft onto the enemy location. The enemy withdrew at 1600, leaving five of his dead. U.S. casualties were two killed, two wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1305 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force 6 miles NE of Tay Ninh City (55 miles NW of Saigon). Another element of the brigade maneuvered to block the enemy, and, later, a third infantry element, supported by tanks, reinforced the attack on the enemy. U.S. Air Force tactical air strikes and U.S. Army artillery were also directed onto the enemy positions. At 1730, the enemy withdrew, leaving 32 of his dead. U.S. losses were four killed, and 18 wounded.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 476 sorties (USAF 303, USMC 139, and USN 34), killing 15 enemy soldiers, triggering 41 secondary explosions, and igniting 31 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 275 fortifications, 382 bunkers, and 7 sampans.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 42 miles NE of Saigon in Long Khanh Province, wounding four men aboard, and destroying the aircraft.

- B-52s flew 6 missions: 6 and 7 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City; 30 miles SW of Hue; 9 miles SE of Katum; and 17 and 18 miles NW of Tay Ninh City.

13 July (Sunday)

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

**III MAF:**

121840 — QUANG NGAI PROVINCE — An element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAN Division in night defense 8 miles WW of Quang Nga City (70 miles ESE of Da Nang) received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

**I FFV:**

122057 — BINH THUAN PROVINCE — A fire support base of the U.S. Army 52nd Artillery Group 4 miles north of Phan Thiet (100 miles ENE of Saigon) received less than 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no damage or fatalities.

**II FFV:**

130445 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — A base camp of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division in the vicinity of Tay Ninh City (55 miles NW of Saigon) received less than ten rounds of 107mm rocket fire. Light casualties and materiel damage.

- HQ MACV — It was announced that the first major increment of Regimental Landing Team Nine of the 3rd Marine Division, consisting of approximately 2,800 men, will depart Vietnam today, tomorrow, and the following day. The main increment, the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, will depart Da Nang on 14 July. The complete text of the release is contained in the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENTS in this summary.

- OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1140 elements of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAN Division, supported by an element of armored cavalry and by helicopter gunships, attacked an unknown size enemy force 3 miles SE of Hoi An (18 miles SSE of Da Nang). At 1300 the enemy withdrew, leaving eight of his dead, and five individual weapons. U.S. casualties: 2 killed, 1 wounded,
III MAF (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) — At 1730 yesterday (12 July) an element of a Combined Action Platoon (CAP), consisting of U.S. Marine and Republic of Vietnam Popular Forces, engaged an estimated enemy squad 5 miles WNW of Tam Ky (38 miles SE of Da Nang). Artillery fire was directed onto the enemy positions, and 15 minutes after initial contact, the enemy withdrew. Five enemy were killed, and four grenades were captured. There were no friendly casualties. At 0730 today, at a point 300 meters from where the CAP had contacted the enemy yesterday, the patrol was fired on by an estimated enemy squad. The patrol defended with unit weapons, and directed aircraft of the 1st Marine Wing onto the enemy position. The enemy withdrew, leaving five of his dead. There were no friendly casualties. In the two actions, ten enemy were killed, one suspect detained, and four grenades and one individual weapon were captured. No friendly casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NHIA PROVINCE) — At 1855 a reconnaissance element of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division engaged and attacked an unknown size enemy force 13 miles west of Cu Chi (28 miles WNW of Saigon). A light fire team of U.S. Army helicopter gunships and USAF tactical aircraft supported the action. The enemy withdrew at 1930, leaving seven of his dead. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NHIN PROVINCE) — At 1900 troopers of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division engaged an unknown size enemy force in a 25-minute firefight 4 miles NE of Phu Khuong, and were supported by U.S. field artillery. Five enemy were killed. Three U.S. soldiers were wounded.

III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1150 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), operating with a reconnaissance element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 3rd Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, discovered an enemy weapons and munitions cache 14 miles NW of Ashau (70 miles WNW of Da Nang). The three-ton cache contained the following: 518 60mm mortar primers; 509 60mm mortar fuses; 460 CHICOM hand grenades; 411 60mm mortar rounds; 194 82mm mortar fuses; 450 lbs. of 7.62mm ammunition; 144 82mm mortar primers; 65 SKS rifles; 8 rifle grenades; 8 82mm mortar rounds; one 7.62mm submachinegun.

SVN TACTAIR: U.S. pilots flew 493 sorties (USAF 288, USMC 167, and USN 38), killing 5 enemy soldiers, triggering 25 secondary explosions, and igniting 24 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 316 fortifications, 381 bunkers, and 10 sampans.

An Army OH-6 was downed by enemy ground fire 20 miles SE of Da Nang in Quang Nam Province, killing three men and destroying the aircraft.

B-52s flew 7 missions: 15 and 16 miles SW of Da Nang; 15 miles NNW of Tay Minh City; 14 miles SW of Xuan Loc; 6 miles NW of Katum; 3 and 4 miles north of Tri Ton.

14 July (Monday)

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

**III MAF:**

132030 — QUANG TRI PROVINCE — A fire support base of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 5th Infantry Division (Mechanised) 10 miles SE of Quang Tri City (75 miles NW of Da Nang) received less than 5 rounds of an unknown type indirect fire. Light casualties. No fatalities or damage.

140115 — QUANG TRI PROVINCE — The Dong Ha Combat Base (90 miles NNW of Da Nang) received less than 5 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. Very light casualties. No fatalities or damage.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 1900 troopers of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, found a three-ton enemy rice cache 9 miles NE of Phu Khuong (55 miles NNW of Saigon) in 200-lb. sacks.

- **OPERATION LAMAR PLAIN (QUANG BINH PROVINCE)** — At 1020 troopers of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (AIRMOBILE), operating under the control of the AMERICAN Division, discovered the graves of ten enemy soldiers 17 miles WSW of Chu Lai (55 miles SSE of Da Nang). They appeared to have been killed five days ago by air strikes.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 1225 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), found an enemy cache 12 miles NE of Phu Khuong (60 miles NNW of Saigon), containing the following items: 15 5 gallon cans of antibiotics and blood plasma; 4 surgical kits; 4 bicycles; 3 semi-automatic rifles. Also found were some North Vietnamese Army uniforms and a small amount of hand tools.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE)** — At 1050 an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment 9 miles SE of Dau Tieng (32 miles NNW of Saigon) received rocket-propelled grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force, and they fired back with unit weapons, including machinegun and tank fire. Contact was lost immediately. In a following search, 11 enemy dead were found, and two weapons (one crew-served) were captured. Two U.S. soldiers were wounded.

- **OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG NAM PROVINCE)** — At 1415 an aerial observer reconnoitering for the 196th Brigade, AMERICAN Division, sighted 10 enemy four miles SE of Hoi An (19 miles SSE of Da Nang), and directed tactical air strikes onto the location, killing all ten.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE)** — At 1715 helicopter gunships of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged an unknown number of enemy 16 miles west of Phuoc Binh (75 miles north of Saigon), with unknown results. Later, at 1925, tactical aircraft struck the same location, and five enemy dead were observed. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE)** — At 1420 troopers of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, found a 1,500-lb. enemy weapons and munitions cache 4 miles NE of Trang Bang (29 miles NW of Saigon). They were led there by a Hoi Chanh who had helped bury the items last March. The cache contained the following items, all in excellent condition: 3,000 rounds of small
ars ammunition; 600 rounds of 12.7mm ammunition; 6 rolls of communication wire; 2 RPG-2 launchers; 1 chinese Communist machinegun; 41 individual weapons; 24 CHICOM hand grenades; 20 82mm mortar rounds; nine 25-lb. anti-tank mines; two 60mm mortar tubes; 1 French machinegun.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (GIA DINH PROVINCE)** — At 0450 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 82nd Airborne Division, 1.2 miles NE of Hoc Mon (10 miles NW of Saigon) were fired on by an estimated 10 enemy soldiers, firing rocket-propelled grenades, and AK-47 rifles. The troopers fired back with unit weapons, and contact was lost almost immediately. U.S. casualties were 4 killed, and 1 wounded. Enemy losses are unknown.

- **OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE)** — At 0800 troopers of the 198th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, engaged in an exchange of small arms fire with an estimated enemy company 4 miles SW of Duc Pho (100 miles SSE of Da Nang). At 1600, the enemy withdrew, leaving 6 of his dead, and two individual weapons. U.S. casualties were 5 killed, and 8 wounded, all of whom were evacuated.

- **III MAF (QUANG BIN PROVINCE)** — At 1130 a Combined Action Platoon (CAP), consisting of U.S. Marines and Republic of Vietnam Popular Forces, received small arms fire from an estimated enemy platoon 4 miles north of Tam Ky (35 miles SE of Da Nang). Fire from 60mm and 81mm mortars was directed onto the enemy positions, and the CAP was also supported with tactical air strikes. Seven enemy were killed, two individual and one crew-served weapons were captured. Eight of the Popular Force soldiers were wounded. No Marine casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 1030 troopers of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) contacted an unknown number of North Vietnamese Army troops in bunkers 16 miles NE of Tay Ninh City (50 miles NW of Saigon). U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery as well as USAF tactical aircraft struck the enemy positions, and the enemy withdrew quickly, leaving six of his dead. Two U.S. troopers were wounded.

- **III MAF (DMZ)** — At 0745 an element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 1st Infantry Division, 6 miles NE of Gio Linh (97 miles NNW of Da Nang) received ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire from an enemy position 100 meters inside the southern edge of the Demilitarized Zone and 2.5 miles NW of Gio Linh (100 miles NNW of Da Nang). The mortar fire caused no casualties or damage. A forward observer directed U.S. Army artillery fire onto the enemy position, silencing the mortars. Enemy losses are unknown.

- **III MAF (DMZ)** — Two incidents, closely related in time, occurred involving an element of the 3rd Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, 4 miles SSE of Con Thien (98 miles NNW of Da Nang).

1. At 0830, the element received less than 5 rounds of 122mm rocket fire from an enemy site 200 meters inside the Demilitarized Zone and 2.5 miles WSW of Con Thien (100 miles NNW of Da Nang). A forward observer directed U.S. Marine and Army artillery fire and mortar fire onto the enemy location with unknown results. No casualties or damage to U.S. forces from the rocket attack.

2. At 0900, the same element received less than 10 rounds of 122mm rocket fire, from the same enemy location as before. Again, there were no casualties or damage. Counter rocket artillery was fired with unknown results.
LONG Binh, Vietnam (USARV - IO) — It was announced that the first Army National Guard unit to depart the Republic of Vietnam as part of President Nixon's announced 25,000 man troop redeployment leaves from Bien Hoa Air Force Base tomorrow (15 July). Also announced as departing tomorrow are more elements of the 9th Infantry Division. See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDPLOYMENTS in this summary for the complete text.

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 500 sorties (USAF 303, USMC 155, and USN 42), killing one enemy soldier, triggering 54 secondary explosions, and igniting 38 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 394 fortifications, 327 bunkers, and 15 sampans.

An Army UH-1 helicopter was destroyed when an Army of the Republic of Vietnam soldier who was exiting it stepped on an enemy land mine. The accident, which occurred 6 miles SW of Tay Ninh City (46 miles NW of Saigon) in Tay Ninh Province, killed two ARVN passengers and wounded three U.S. Army crewmen.

An Army OH-6 and an Army UH-1 collided in-air while trying to avoid enemy ground fire and crashed 12 miles NE of Ben Cat (34 miles north of Saigon) in Binh Duong Province. Four men were killed, three were wounded, and both aircraft were destroyed.

An Army OH-6 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 21 miles SE of Pleiku (224 miles NNE of Saigon) in Pleiku Province, destroying the aircraft. There were no casualties.

B-52s flew 6 missions: 6 miles north of Tri Ton; 10 miles west of Katum; 9 and 10 miles west of Katum; 7 and 8 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City.

15 July Tuesday)

HQ MACV — During the night, three significant indirect fire harassing 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 were against U.S. forces or installations:

II FFV:

142118 — PHUOC LONG PROVINCE — A landing zone of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) 6 miles west of Song Be (75 miles NNE of Saigon) received less than 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

150130 — DINH TUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 9th Infantry Division at Dong Tam (40 miles SW of Saigon) received less than 5 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) — At 1030 troopers of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, found the bodies of 12 enemy in graves 4 miles SW of Duc Pho (100 miles SSE of Da Nang). Due to their condition, neither the cause or date of death could be determined.

HQ MACV — During the 24 hour period ending at 0800 today, 21 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 18 of which were against U.S. installations or units. Of the total, 3 caused damage or casualties. Total U.S. casualties were 2 wounded, no fatalities.
TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 1355 a convoy enroute to Song Be from Phuoc Vinh on Highway 14 was ambushed from both sides of the road 14 miles SSE of Song Be (65 miles NNE of Saigon) by an enemy force firing small arms and rocket-propelled grenades. A convoy security element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment engaged the enemy with unit weapons and heavy machinegun fire, while U.S. Army helicopter gunships and USAF tactical aircraft struck the enemy positions. At 1430, the enemy withdrew and the convoy proceeded to its destination without further incident. One U.S. soldier was killed, and six were wounded. Enemy losses are unknown.

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 463 sorties (USAF 288, USMC 153, and USN 22), killing 10 enemy soldiers, triggering 43 secondary explosions, and igniting 14 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 285 fortifications, 497 bunkers, and 15 enemy sampans.

An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 7 miles WNW of Phuoc Vinh in Binh Duong Province (37 miles north of Saigon), killing one man aboard and wounding two. The aircraft was destroyed.

B-52s flew 7 missions: 6 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City; 18 miles SE of Xuan Loc; 19 and 20 miles SE of Xuan Loc; 8 miles east of Katum; 7 miles east of Tam Ky.

16 July (Wednesday)

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

III MAF:

160210 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — An element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, 14 miles SSW of Da Nang received less than 5 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

160145 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — The U.S. Marine Corps air facility at Marble Mountain (3 miles SE of Da Nang) received less than 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. No casualties, light damage.

I FFV:

152030 — BINH THUAN PROVINCE — A fire support base of the U.S. Army 52nd Artillery Group 4 miles north of Phan Thiet (100 miles ENE of Saigon) received less than 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

152330 — DAR LAC PROVINCE — Members of the U.S. Army 17th Combat Aviation Group at Ban Me Thuot (160 miles NE of Saigon) received less than 25 rounds of 82mm mortar and 75mm recoilless rifle fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

HQ MACV — During the 24 hour period ending at 0800 today, 26 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 17 of which were against U.S. installations or units. Of the total, 8 caused damage or casualties. Total U.S. casualties were 1 killed, 9 wounded.
- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE)**— At 0740 an armored cavalry regiment from the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division engaged in a small arms firefight with an unknown number of enemy 5 miles SW of Ben Cat (25 miles NE of Saigon). Helicopter gunships added their support, and the enemy retreated, leaving nine of his dead, and two individual weapons. There were no U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KHANH PROVINCE)**— At 1715 an element of the U.S. 199th Light Infantry Brigade captured an enemy food cache 16 miles NE of Xuan Loc (55 miles NE of Saigon). It contained 3 tons of sugar, 4 tons of beans, and 7 tons of salt. It was evacuated for later distribution to Vietnamese civilians.

- **OPERATION HERKIMER MOUNTAIN (QUANG TRI PROVINCE)** terminated today. A multi-battalion search and clear operation involving an element of the 4th Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, it started 9 May 1969 and was centered in an area 9 miles NNE of Khe Sanh (110 miles NW of Da Nang). Enemy losses for the operation were: 137 killed, 66 suspects detained, and 40 weapons captured (six of which were crew-served). Marine casualties were: 25 killed, 219 wounded, of whom 167 were evacuated.

- **OPERATION VIRGINIA RIDGE (QUANG TRI PROVINCE)** terminated today. A multi-battalion search and clear operation involving elements of the 3rd and 9th Regiments, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, it started 1 May 1969 and was centered in an area 4 miles NW of Cam Lo (100 miles NW of Da Nang). Enemy losses for the operation were: 560 killed, 17 suspects detained, 141 individual and 34 crew-served weapons captured. U.S. Casualties were 106 killed, and 490 wounded, of whom 400 were evacuated.

- **SVN TAC AIR**: U.S. pilots flew 425 sorties (USAF 247, USMC 148, and USN 30), killing 21 enemy soldiers, triggering 30 secondary explosions, and igniting 30 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 371 fortifications, 322 bunkers, and 9 sampans.

- An Army OH-6 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 6 miles NW of Cai Lay in Dinh Tuong Province, wounding one man aboard. Minutes later, a second OH-6 landed to rescue the first crew. While taking off, it was downed by heavy automatic weapons fire, and another crewman was wounded. A third helicopter rescued both downed crews a short while later. Both of the OH-6 helicopters were destroyed.

- **B-52s flew 8 missions**: 16 and 17 miles east of Phuoc Vinh; 23 and 25 miles NW of Tam Ky; 18 miles east of Xuan Loc; 17 miles NW of Tay Ninh City; 16 miles NNW of Tay Ninh City; 26 miles NNW of Xuan Loc.

17 July (Thursday)

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

162200 — DINH TUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 9th Infantry Division at Dong Tam (40 miles SW of Saigon) received less than 5 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. No casualties, light damage.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1830 helicopter crewmen from an air cavalry element of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) were fired on, but not hit, by an estimated 14 enemy with individual weapons. The helicopter engaged the enemy with machinegun fire, and directed tactical aircraft onto their location. Ten bodies were later observed.

- OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) — At 0800 a Combined Action Platoon (CAP) consisting of U.S. Marines and Republic of Vietnam Popular Forces (PF) received small arms fire from an estimated two enemy squads in an area 5 miles north of Tam Ky (35 miles SSE of Da Nang). They fought back with unit weapons and directed artillery fire onto the enemy location. The enemy withdrew at an unreported time, leaving 13 of his dead, and 5 individual weapons. There were no U.S. or PF casualties. Two ARVN soldiers guiding the platoon were wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) — At 1215 a convoy from the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), traveling from Lai Khe to Quan Loi on highway 13, was ambushed by an unknown size element of the 1st North Vietnamese Army Division 8 miles south of An Loc (55 miles north of Saigon). Small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire came from both sides of the road, and security elements from the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 9th Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, defended with unit weapons and the heavy machinegun fire of their personnel carriers. Later, the attack against the enemy was reinforced by other elements of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and supporting engineers, as well as U.S. Army artillery fire and USAF tactical air strikes. The enemy withdrew at 1235, and the convoy proceeded to Quan Loi without further incident. Eight NVA soldiers were killed, and one suspect was detained. U.S. casualties were 9 wounded with no fatalities, and ARVN casualties were very light with no fatalities. The convoy sustained light vehicle damage.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH OFFENSIVE) — At 1600 troopers of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) found a 17.5 ton enemy rice cache 5 miles SE of Katum (65 miles NNW of Saigon) in 200-lb. bags.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) — At 1155 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 6 miles SE of Loc Ninh (70 miles north of Saigon), received an unreported number of 60mm mortar rounds. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BIEN HOA PROVINCE) — At 1400 an air cavalry element of the U.S. Army 12th Combat Aviation Group found an enemy munitions cache eight miles NE of Bien Hoa (24 miles NE of Saigon). The 1,300-lb. cache contained two-hundred 60mm mortar rounds, thirty 82mm mortar rounds, twenty-five 57mm recoilless rifle rounds, and twenty-six 75mm recoilless rifle rounds. The cache, which was in good condition, was evacuated.

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TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) — At 2015 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force 4 miles west of Tan An (22 miles SW of Saigon) in an exchange of small arms fire. U.S. Army artillery was directed onto the enemy positions, and at 2025 the enemy withdrew. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were 9 wounded, and no fatalities.

I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE) — At 1030 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division attacked an estimated 10 enemy soldiers 14 miles NW of Pleiku City (240 miles NNE of Saigon), and were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery. The enemy withdrew in 30 minutes, leaving six of his dead, and one individual weapon. No friendly casualties.

III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 2040 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division in night defense 5 miles east of Phu Loc (22 miles NNW of Da Nang) was probed by an estimated North Vietnamese Army squad, firing small arms and automatic weapons. The troopers fired back, and a flare ship illuminated the area. At 2320, the enemy withdrew, leaving 8 of his dead, and five individual and two crew-served weapons. There were no U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1305 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged an unknown size enemy force in bunkers 12 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City (45 miles NNW of Saigon). Small arms fire was exchanged with the enemy, and additional support came from U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery, and USAF tactical aircraft. The enemy withdrew at 1620, and the bodies of eight enemy were found. One U.S. soldier was wounded.

III MAF (DMZ) — At 1125 soldiers of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 1st Infantry Division 2 miles NNE of Gio Linh (95 miles NNW of Da Nang) received about 25 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from an enemy position 3 km to the NE and 1500 meters inside the Demilitarized Zone. Artillery fire was directed onto the enemy location by a forward observer. Enemy losses are unknown. No U.S. casualties at the ARVN position.

III MAF (DMZ) — An aerial observer reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone sighted a number of enemy 4 miles NW of Gio Linh (100 miles NNW of Da Nang) and 1000 meters inside the DMZ. He directed U.S. Marine Corps artillery fire onto the enemy, and reported two dead enemy after the mission.

HQ MACV — During the 24 hour period ending at 0800 today, 15 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations. Of the total, ten caused damage or casualties. There were no U.S. casualties.

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 459 sorties (USAF 265, USMC 135, and USN 59), killing 24 enemy soldiers, triggering 26 secondary explosions, and igniting 47 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 172 fortifications, 323 bunkers, and 15 sampans.

B-52s flew 6 missions: 25 miles south of Phuoc Binh; 24 miles SSE of Phuoc Binh; 5 miles SE of Katum; 10 miles east of Loc Ninh; 10 miles NW of Loc Ninh; and 29 miles ESE of Saigon.
18 July (Friday)

- HQ MACV— During the night, four significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, one of which was in the Saigon area. None of these was against a U.S. unit or installation. Six other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties.

- HQ MACV -- At 2205 four to six 122mm rockets impacted in a sparsely populated area in the 9th precinct (1.3 miles SSE of the Newport Bridge) and 3 miles from the center of Saigon. Two Vietnamese civilians were killed and two were wounded. Artillery fire was directed onto suspected firing sites with unknown results.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KHANH PROVINCE) — At 1400 an element of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade discovered an enemy food cache 22 miles north of Xuan Loc (53 miles NE of Saigon). It contained 7½ tons of beans; 1½ tons of sugar; and six 55-gallon drums of gasoline. The food was evacuated to Dinh Quan District for distribution to Vietnamese civilians.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 0920 a USAF forward air controller on a reconnaissance mission sighted six dead enemy soldiers 16 miles SW of Cu Chi (35 miles west of Saigon). They apparently had been killed 18 hours earlier by an air strike.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24 hour period ending at 0800 today, 17 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, nine of which were against U.S. units or installations. Of the total, six caused damages or casualties. U.S. casualties were 18 wounded with no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1000 mechanized infantrymen of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force 6 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City (50 miles NNW of Saigon). Small arms fire was exchanged, and the enemy was attacked with heavy machinegun fire from armored personnel carriers, with additional support coming from Army gunships and artillery. The enemy withdrew at 1410, leaving 27 of his dead. No U.S. casualties.

- OPERATION MONTGOMERY RENDEZVOUS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1500 elements of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), air-assaulted into an area 33 miles NW of Hue (70 miles WNW of Da Nang), received small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force. Accompanying helicopter gunships fired on the enemy positions, and the air assault was completed one hour later. One enemy soldier was killed, and one individual weapon was captured. U.S. casualties were 14 wounded, no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BIEN HOA OFFENSIVE) — At 1530 an element of an arm cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) found the bodies of 9 enemy soldiers in graves nine miles east of Bien Hoa City (23 miles NE of Saigon). They appeared to have been killed yesterday by artillery fire.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 463 sorties (USAF 292, USMC 127, and USN 44), killing 14 enemy soldiers, triggering 21 secondary explosions, and igniting 49 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 340 fortifications, 495 bunkers, and 10 sampans.
R-52s flew 9 missions: 10 miles NW of Loc Ninh; 29 miles ESE of Saigon; 8 miles NW of Loc Ninh; 3 miles NNE of Katum; 21 miles south of Hue; 5 miles east of Katum; 13 miles north of Tay Ninh City; 8 miles NE of Tay Ninh City; 7 miles north of Tay Ninh City.

19 July (Saturday)

- MACV -- During the night 11 significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, five of which were against U.S. units or installations. Included in the eight was a rocket attack on the city of Hue. Eighteen other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following attacks were against U.S. forces or installations:

I FFV:

182300 -- NINH THUAN PROVINCE -- An armored cavalry element of I FFV's Task Force South in night defense 4 miles SE of Phan Rang (165 miles NE of Saigon) received less than 5 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. A former enemy soldier serving as a scout for the U.S. unit was wounded. U.S. casualties were light, with no fatalities or materiel damage.

190010 -- BINH DINH PROVINCE -- The base camp of Ho 1st Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, at An Khe (260 miles NE of Saigon) received less than 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. No U.S. casualties, light damage.

II FFV:

181940 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- A landing zone of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) 22 miles NE of Tay Ninh City (55 miles NNW of Saigon) received less than 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

190115 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- A landing zone of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) 6 miles SE of Katum (65 miles NNW of Saigon) received less than 5 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. Light casualties, no damage.

III MAF:

190002 -- THUA THIEN PROVINCE -- Two 122mm rockets were fired into Hue City (50 miles NW of Da Nang), causing no casualties or damage.

190008 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- Less than five 60mm mortar rounds were fired at an element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, 8 miles south of Da Nang. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

- MACV -- During the 24 hour period ending at 0800 today, 33 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 22 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Of the total, 12 caused damage or casualties. U.S. casualties were 21 wounded, and two killed.
HQ MACV -- At 2330 two rounds of suspected 122mm rocket fire impacted 3 miles ESE of the center of Saigon in the 9th Precinct. One landed east of the Saigon River and the other landed south of the river. Two Vietnamese civilians were killed, a sampan destroyed, and a house damaged. Artillery fire was directed onto suspected enemy sites with unknown results.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1825 an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment engaged in an exchange of small arms fire with an enemy force (size unknown) 9 miles west of Lai Khe (30 miles NNW of Saigon). U.S. Army gunships attacked the enemy position, while artillery and an Air Force AC-47 gunship from the 14th Special Operations Wing supported the action. At 1950 the enemy withdrew, leaving 9 of his dead. One suspect was detained. No U.S. casualties.

III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) -- At 0940 troopers of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) engaged an estimated enemy company 6 miles NW of Duc Pho (95 miles SSE of Da Nang) in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire. Additional support came from artillery fire and helicopter gunships. Close contact was lost at 1025, and until 1130, when the enemy withdrew completely, only sporadic sniper fire took place. Enemy losses are unknown. Five U.S. soldiers were killed, and 9 wounded.

OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) -- At 1120 an element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, engaged an estimated enemy company 6 miles SW of Hue (70 miles WNW of Da Nang) in an exchange of heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire. At 1330, another element of the brigade enforced the action, and additional support came from U.S. artillery and helicopter gunships. At 1930, the enemy withdrew, leaving 11 of his dead, along with two crew-served and four individual weapons. U.S. casualties were four killed, 14 wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1715 troopers of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division directed helicopter gunships and artillery fire onto 20 enemy soldiers they had sighted 5 miles south of Dau Tieng (35 miles NNW of Saigon). An infantry element of the brigade was air-assaulted into the area at 1820, but the enemy had withdrawn, and no contact was made. Six dead enemy were found. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 1745, following U.S. Army Artillery and helicopter gunship preparatory fires, infantrymen of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, were air-assaulted into a landing zone 6 miles NE of Trang Bang (25 miles NNW of Saigon), and immediately engaged an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force. Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and fighting continued into the evening, with USAF tactical aircraft, in addition to artillery and helicopter gunships, supporting the troopers. At 1915, the enemy withdrew. In a sweep of the battle area, 47 NVA soldiers were found, and 10 suspects were detained. Also, 10 rocket-propelled grenade launchers, 17 AK-47 assault rifles, and 5-lbs. of medical supplies were captured. The weapons had been rendered unserviceable in the action. There were no U.S. casualties. The enemy unit was identified as a North Vietnamese Army element of the 9th VC Division, which is composed of 75 to 90 per cent NVA personnel.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1400 mechanized infantrymen of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, found the graves of 15 enemy soldiers 9 miles NE of Go Dau Ha (40 miles NW of Saigon). They apparently were killed two days ago by artillery.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KHANH PROVINCE) — At 1500 infantrymen of the U.S. 199th Light Infantry Brigade discovered an enemy food cache 24 miles NNE of Xuan Loc (55 miles NE of Saigon). It contained 4½ tons of beans in twenty 300-lb. bags.

- DMAC (DINH TUONG PROVINCE) — At 1125 the base camp of Hq U.S. 9th Infantry Division at Dong Tam (40 miles SW of Saigon) received less than 20 rounds of 82mm mortar and 107mm rocket fire. U.S. casualties were light, with no fatalities. One Vietnamese civilian was wounded. There was light materiel damage.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 431 sorties (USAF 260, USMC 134, and USN 37), killing 12 enemy soldiers, triggering 24 secondary explosions, and igniting 85 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 299 fortifications, 373 bunkers, and 7 enemy sampans.

- A U.S. Navy OV-10 Bronco was downed by enemy ground fire 12 miles north of Tri Ton in Chau Doc Province, killing both men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 14 miles NNE of An Khe in Binh Dinh Province, destroying the aircraft. No casualties.

- B-52s flew 7 missions: 9 miles NE of Tay Ninh City; 28 miles east of Saigon; 5 miles SE of Katum; 26 miles NE of Phuoc Vinh; 8 miles north of Loc Minh; 6 miles east of Katum; 10 miles south of An Hoa.

20 July (Sunday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, 12 significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, five of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eleven other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. Included in the 12 was a rocket attack on the city of Saigon (reported in the news summary of 19 July, above). The following were attacks on U.S. forces or installations:

I FFV:

192340 — NINH THUAN PROVINCE — The Phang Rang Air Base (170 miles ENE of Saigon) received less than 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. No casualties or damage.

II FFV:

191915 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — A landing zone of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) 22 miles NE of Tay Ninh City (55 miles NNW of Saigon) received about 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.
200617 — The Bien Hoa Air Base area (15 miles NE of Saigon) received about 35 rounds of 122mm rocket fire, killing one Vietnamese civilian. U.S. casualties and materiel damage were light, no fatalities.

192111 — HAU NGHIA PROVINCE — An element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division in night defense four miles SW of Trang Bang (30 miles NW of Saigon) received less than five rounds of 107mm rocket fire. Light casualties, no damage.

DMAC:

200240 — DINH TUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 9th Infantry Division at Dong Tam (40 miles SW of Saigon) received less than 10 rounds of 120mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

MACV — During the 24 hour period ending at 0800 today, 27 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 15 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Of the total, 12 caused damage or casualties. U.S. casualties were three killed and 13 wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 0930 a mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, received about 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire five miles NE of Tay Ninh City (55 miles NW of Saigon). U.S. Army artillery was directed onto the suspected enemy position and, while sweeping the area shortly afterwards, troopers found 11 dead enemy and captured one 82mm mortar. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1110 troopers of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) found seven dead NVA soldiers near a bunker complex 6 miles east of Phu Khuong (50 miles NNW of Saigon) that had previously been hit by USAF air strikes. They also found eight bicycles and 11 bunkers had been destroyed by the aircraft. Fifteen minutes later (at 1125) another element of the brigade, operating 1,700 meters northward, found seven more dead NVA, who had also been killed by air strikes. At 1350, the same unit found eight more dead NVA 700 meters southwest who had also been killed by strike aircraft. The time of death of the enemy was not reported.

OPERATION MONTGOMERY RENDEZVOUS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1630 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), engaged an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force 30 miles SW of Hue. An exchange of small arms followed, with the enemy also using hand grenades, and rocket-propelled grenades. The troopers were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships until the enemy withdrew at 1930. Three dead NVA were found in the battle area. U.S. casualties were two killed, 10 wounded.

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 462 sorties (USAF 290, USMC 143, and USN 29), killing 27 enemy soldiers, triggering 30 secondary explosions, and igniting 45 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 272 fortifications, 520 bunkers, and six sampans.

A USMC CH-46 was downed by enemy ground fire 26 miles south of Da Nang in Quang Nam Province, killing nine ARVN passengers and wounding eight more. One Marine crewman was also wounded.
- B-52s flew 7 missions: 3 miles NE of Katum; 11 miles south of An Hoa; 3 miles north of Katum; 15 and 16 miles NNW of Phan Thiet; 20 and 21 miles SW of An Loc.

21 July (Monday)

- HQ MACV — During the night three significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, none of which was against a U.S. unit or installation. Thirteen other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties.

- HQ MACV — During the 24 hour period ending at 0800 today, 18 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country. Four of these were directed against U.S. units or installations. Of the total number of attacks, five caused damage or casualties; however, there were no U.S. casualties and no damage reported to U.S. units or installations.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 0730 a helicopter gunship of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received heavy 12.7mm machinegun fire while reconnoitering four miles SSE of Katum (65 miles NNW of Saigon). The gunship fired back, and directed F-100's of the Air Force's 35th Tactical Fighter Wing against the enemy, killing 11 of them. No U.S. casualties.

- OPERATION RUSSELL BEACH (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) terminated today. A multi-battalion operation, it began 14 January, 1969, following a 13 January amphibious and heliborne assault in the same area named operation BOLD MARINER. Operation RUSSELL BEACH centered in an area 10 miles NE of Quang Ngai City (70 miles SE of Da Nang) and had the mission of destroying or capturing enemy forces, materiel, and installations within the operational area. Involved were elements of the AMERICAL Division's Task Force COOKSEY, operating in conjunction with elements of the Republic of Vietnam 2nd Infantry Division. Enemy losses for the operation were: 158 killed; 116 suspects detained; 55 individual, and six crew-served weapons captured. U.S. casualties were 56 killed and 268 wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) — At 1220 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, four miles south of Ben Luc, engaged in an exchange of small arms fire with an unknown size enemy force. As fighting continued, the troopers were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery and USAF tactical aircraft. At 1600, the enemy withdrew, leaving 12 of his dead, one individual, and three crew-served weapons. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities.

- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) — At 1045 a U.S. Army UH-1 helicopter reconnoitering an area 12 miles NE of An Khe (270 miles NE of Saigon) received small arms fire from 10 to 15 enemy soldiers. Army gunships and USAF tactical aircraft were directed onto the enemy troops, silencing the fire. About 15 minutes later, the enemy withdrew. Air cavalry troopers of the 17th Combat Aviation Group later found the bodies of six enemy killed in the action. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) — At 0055 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, ambushed an estimated 20 enemy four miles west of Phu Cuong (16 miles NW of Saigon) with small arms, automatic weapons,
and claymore mines. The enemy fought back with small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades. U.S. Army gunships and an AC-47 gunship of the 14th Special Operations Wing supported the troopers, and at 0115 the enemy withdrew, leaving seven of his dead. One suspect was detained. One U.S. soldier was wounded in the action.

I FFV (Binh Dinh Province) — At 1100 helicopter crewmen of the U.S. Army 17th Combat Aviation Group directed artillery fire onto an unknown size enemy force they had observed 11 miles NNW of An Khe (265 miles NE of Saigon). The bodies of ten enemy were later observed in the impact area.

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 445 sorties (USAF 273, USMC 142, and USN 30), killing 8 enemy soldiers, triggering 43 secondary explosions, and igniting 34 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 301 fortifications, 349 bunkers, and 12 enemy sampans.

B-52s flew 5 missions: 8 miles SW of Tay Ninh City; 11 and 13 miles ESE of Phuoc Vinh; 9 miles SE of Phuoc Le; 17 miles SE of Phuoc Binh.

22 July (Tuesday)

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

II FFV:

212208 — Binh Duong Province — The base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) located at Phuoc Vinh (35 miles NNE of Saigon) received about ten rounds of 107mm rocket fire. No casualties, light damage.

HQ MACV — During the 24 hour period ending at 0800 today, 11 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, four of which were against U.S. units or installations. Of the total, five attacks caused damage or casualties. There were no U.S. casualties, and materiel damage was light.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (Phuoc Long Province) — At 0130 gunships of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division on a night reconnaissance mission received heavy ground fire six miles SSE of Song Be (73 miles NNE of Saigon). The area was illuminated and artillery fire was directed onto the enemy position. After the fire mission, 12 enemy bodies were observed in the strike area. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (Hau Nghia Province) — At 0155 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, and Republic of Vietnam Regional Force troops engaged an estimated enemy platoon in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire four miles west of Cu Chi (22 miles NW of Saigon). As fighting continued, U.S. Army gunships and artillery supported the combined ground forces. At 0414, the enemy withdrew, leaving one of his dead. U.S. casualties were one killed and nine wounded. RF casualties were very light, with no fatalities.
- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 1455 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division, discovered a 7½-ton enemy rice cache five miles SE of Katum (45 miles NNW of Saigon). It was in sixty-one 250-lb. bags.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE)** — At 2130 a Ranger element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, ambushed six enemy soldiers moving in two sampans six miles NW of Tan An (22 miles SW of Saigon), killing all of them and destroying both sampans. Helicopter gunships supported during the action. There was no return of fire from the enemy. The infantrymen also captured one RPG-2 (rocket grenade launcher). No U.S. casualties.

- **III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE)** — At 1630 an element of the U.S. 9th Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, discovered an enemy bunker complex five miles SW of the Rockpile (110 miles NW of Da Nang). It consisted of 35 bunkers, four mortar pits, and three cooking huts; and contained two-hundred and twenty-one 82mm mortar rounds, seventeen 120mm mortar rounds, thirty-six 82mm recoilless gun rounds, 51 rocket-propelled grenade rounds, 500 pounds of TNT and miscellaneous small arms ammunition.

- **OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE)** — At 1030 a reconnaissance element of the 11th Brigade, U.S. AMERICAL Division, discovered five enemy bodies in freshly-dug grave three miles WSW of Duc Pho (100 miles SSE of Da Nang). They apparently were killed yesterday by artillery fire.

- **OPERATION MONTGOMERY RENDEZVOUS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE)** — At 1610 troopers of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), discovered the bodies of 12 NVA soldiers 32 miles WSW of Hue (70 miles WNW of Da Nang). They apparently were killed two months ago by small arms fire.

- **OPERATION PIPESTONE CANYON (QUANG NAM PROVINCE)** — At 1900 yesterday an element of the 1st Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, 10 miles WSW of Hoi An (20 miles south of Da Nang), engaged an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force with small arms, automatic weapons fire and 81mm mortar fire. They were also supported by 90mm tank-gun fire. Eight NVA soldiers were killed before the remaining enemy withdrew. No U.S. casualties.

- **SVN TAC AIR**: U.S. pilots flew 309 sorties (USAF 165, USMC 121 and USN 23), killing 26 enemy soldiers, triggering 13 secondary explosions, and igniting 17 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 133 fortifications, 222 bunkers, and 12 sampans.

- **B-52s flew 8 missions**: 7 and 6 miles NNW of Cam Lo; 7 miles NNW of Cam Lo; 16 and 17 miles NE of Tay Ninh City; 4 miles ENE of Katum; 5 miles west of Phuoc Vinh; 5 miles WSW of Phuoc Vinh.

23 July (Wednesday)

- **HQ MACV** — During the night, two significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, one of which was against a U.S. unit. Seven other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following attack was against a U.S. unit:
III MAF:

222200 -- QUANG NGAI PROVINCE -- An engineer element of the AMERICAL Division 4 miles SE of Duc Pho (105 miles SE of Da Nang) received less than 5 rounds of an unknown caliber mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24 hour period ending at 0800 today, eleven indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, six of which were against U.S. units or installations. Of the total, two attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one wounded with no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1000 helicopter crews of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), nine miles NE of An Loc (65 miles north of Saigon), attacked and killed five enemy soldiers they had sighted. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 0930 helicopter gunships from an element of the armored cavalry squadron of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division engaged an unknown size enemy force that they had sighted three miles SW of Duc Hoa (18 miles west of Saigon). The enemy withdrew almost immediately, leaving eight of his dead. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 0945 a mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, in armored personnel carriers, engaged an unknown size enemy force five miles NE of Tay Ninh City (55 miles NW of Saigon) in a short fight, killing five enemy. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 0825 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 2.5 miles SE of Katum (65 miles NNW of Saigon), discovered an enemy food cache consisting of eight tons of bagged rice.

- III MAF (DMZ) -- At 0225 an element of the 3rd Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, located four miles NE of Con Thien (100 miles NNW of Da Nang) received about 15 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. A forward observer directed U.S. Army artillery fire onto the enemy site, located about 1200 meters to the west and 300 meters inside the southern edge of the Demilitarized Zone, silencing the mortars. Enemy losses are unknown. There was no damage or casualties at the Marine position south of the DMZ.

- OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 0730 infantrymen of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, engaged in a short small arms fire with an unknown size enemy force 13 miles WNW of Tam Ky (30 miles south of Da Nang). The enemy withdrew, and the troopers continued to sweep, and made contact two hours later, in the same general area, with another unknown number of enemy. In the second brief engagement, seven enemy soldiers were killed. There were no U.S. casualties in either action.

- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) -- At 1800 an aerial observer directed U.S. Army artillery onto an estimated eight to ten enemy soldiers he had spotted 11 miles
NW of Bong Son (290 miles NNE of Saigon), killing eight of them. No U.S. casualties.

- **OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE)** — At 0835 an element of the 11th Brigade, U.S. AMERICAL Division, discovered an enemy tunnel complex two miles SE of Duc Pho (100 miles SSE of Da Nang), and cleared it with hand grenades. A search of the tunnel revealed 12 dead enemy. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE)** — At 0915 troopers of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment found a five-ton enemy munitions cache nine miles east of Dau Tieng (35 miles north of Saigon). It contained one-hundred and twenty 105mm howitzer rounds (U.S.), 213 RPG-2 rounds, thirty 60mm mortar rounds, 75 CHICON hand grenades, one-hundred and fifty thousand 7.62mm small arms rounds, two-thousand 12.7mm heavy machine gun rounds and 58 rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle ammunition.

- **SVN TAC AIR**: U.S. pilots flew 335 sorties (USAF 204, USMC 109, and USN 22), killing one enemy soldier, triggering 23 secondary explosions, and igniting 10 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 228 fortifications, 300 bunkers, and three enemy sampans.

- An Air Force O-2 observation aircraft was downed by enemy ground fire 14 miles west of Hue (63 miles NW of Da Nang), wounding one man aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- **B-52s** flew 8 missions: 10 and 11 miles SE of Katum; 8 miles SE of Katum; 16 miles SSE of Hue; 18 miles NW of Tay Ninh City; 16 miles SSE of Hue; 15 miles north of An Khe; 9 miles west of Loc Minh.

24 July (Thursday)

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

  **III MAF**:

  232200 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — An element of the 1st Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, 19 miles SSE of Da Nang, received less than five rounds of unreported caliber mortar fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities.

  **II FFV**:

  240005 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (AirMobile) at Phuoc Vinh (35 miles NNE of Saigon) received less than ten rounds of 107mm rocket fire. No casualties or damage.

- **HQ MACV** — During the 24 hour period ending at 0800 today, 13 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, seven of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eight caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were nine wounded with no fatalities.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 0535 an element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, in night defense two miles NW of An Hoa (22 miles SW of Da Nang) received about 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, followed by a ground probe from an unknown size enemy force firing small arms and using hand grenades. The Marines returned the fire and called in U.S. Marine artillery in support. Following the action, three dead enemy were found, and three individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were one killed, and ten wounded.

- OPERATION MONTGOMERY RENDEZVOUS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1010 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), 29 miles SW of Hue (70 miles WNW of Da Nang), discovered the bodies of 13 enemy soldiers, wrapped in ponchos. They apparently were killed three weeks ago from undeterminable causes.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1245 an element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, nine miles NE of An Hoa (13 miles SW of Da Nang) engaged an unknown size enemy force in a brief fire-fight. After the enemy withdrew, the Marines found five bodies, detained two suspects, and captured three individual weapons. No Marine casualties.

- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) — At 1440 a Ranger element of the U.S. Army 173rd Airborne Brigade ambushed nine enemy soldiers 15 miles NW of Bong Son (295 miles NE of Saigon). Following a ten-minute engagement, the remaining enemy withdrew, leaving five dead and four individual weapons. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) — At 0940 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged and killed five enemy soldiers eight miles NE of An Loc (65 miles north of Saigon), and captured two individual weapons. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) — At 2130 mechanized infantrymen of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, engaged in an exchange of small arms fire with an estimated enemy platoon four miles SW of Can Duoc (24 miles SSW of Saigon). U.S. Army artillery was directed onto the enemy location, and, shortly afterward, the enemy withdrew, leaving five of his dead. There were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1225 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 16 miles NE of Tay Ninh City, found an enemy bunker complex containing the bodies of 19 North Vietnamese Army soldiers, who had apparently been killed by air strikes. They also found a cache containing two tons of rice, 20-lbs. of TNT, 53 anti-tank mines, 84 CHICOM hand grenades, 29 claymore mines, 380 M-79 rounds, two crew-served and one individual weapon.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 430 sorties (USAF 272, USMC 122, and USN 36), killing six enemy soldiers, triggering 39 secondary explosions, and igniting 43 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 279 fortifications, 379 bunkers, and 25 enemy sampans.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 15 miles east of Moc
Hoa in Kien Tuong Province (35 miles west of Saigon), killing seven U.S. and two ARVN soldiers aboard, and destroying the aircraft.

- An Air Force F-100 Supersabre was downed by enemy ground fire four miles west of Bien Hoa (16 miles NNE of Saigon), destroying the aircraft. The pilot ejected safely.

- B-52s flew 10 missions: 14 miles north of An Khe; 24 and 25 miles NE of Phuoc Vinh; 22 and 24 miles NE of Tay Ninh City; 21 miles south of Hue; 20 miles NW of Tay Ninh City; 15 miles NNE of An Khe; 3 miles NNE of Katum; 18 miles NW of Tay Ninh City.

25 July (Friday)

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

III MAF:

241935 -- THUA THIEN PROVINCE -- An element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) in night defense 34 miles SW of Hue (75 miles WNW of Da Nang) and two miles east of the Laotian border received about 20 rounds of enemy 60mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or materiel damage.

II FFV:

250400 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- The base camp of an element of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division near Tay Ninh City (60 miles NW of Saigon) received about five rounds of 107mm rocket fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24 hour period ending at 0800 today, 17 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, eight of which were against U.S. units or installations. Six caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were 20 wounded with no fatalities.

- I FFV (DARLAC PROVINCE) -- At 1015 a UH-1 helicopter of the U.S. Army 17th Combat Aviation Group received small arms fire from an estimated five enemy 28 miles SSE of Ban Me Thuot (15 miles NE of Saigon). The crew directed helicopter gunships onto the enemy, killing all five. No U.S. casualties.

- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) -- At 0740 the crew of an observation helicopter of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, directed helicopter gunship fire onto six enemy soldiers the crew had sighted 17 miles NNW of An Khe (270 miles NNE of Saigon), killing all six. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1115 troopers of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), seven miles south of Song Be (70 miles NNE of Saigon) found the graves of 14 dead enemy soldiers. They appeared to have been dead three to five days from undeterminable causes.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) — At 2045 yesterday (24 July) an unknown size enemy force was observed near the U.S. base camp at Dau Tieng (40 miles NNW of Saigon). A mechanized infantry and armored reaction force from the U.S. 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, deployed to the area, and engaged the enemy with unit weapons, heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers and tank guns. Additional support came from U.S. Army artillery and USAF AC-47 gunships. The enemy returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons. Action continued through the night, and at 0430 this morning, the remaining enemy withdrew. The bodies of 14 enemy soldiers were found in a sweep of the battle area, and 11 individual weapons were captured. One U.S. soldier was wounded, there were no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) — At 1140 troopers of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment engaged an unknown size enemy force nine miles east of Dau Tieng (35 miles NNW of Saigon) in a fire-fight. At 1210, the enemy withdrew, leaving 12 of his dead. In addition, three enemy soldiers were detained, and one crew-served and ten individual weapons were captured. There were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) — At 1840 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, nine miles WNW of Tan An (17 miles SW of Saigon), engaged an unknown size enemy force with small arms fire. The enemy did not fire back. Helicopter gunships and artillery fire struck the enemy positions, and the enemy quickly withdrew, leaving eight bodies in the area. One individual weapon was captured. No U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (DMZ) — At 1000 a U.S. observation aircraft reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone drew automatic weapons fire from an unknown number of enemy five miles WNW of Con Thien (105 miles NW of Da Nang) and about 200 meters north of the Ben Hai River in the northern half of the DMZ. U.S. Army artillery directed onto the enemy position, silencing the automatic weapons and causing one secondary explosion. The aircraft was not hit, and there were no U.S. casualties. Enemy losses are unknown.

- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) — At 0705 an observation helicopter of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, reported 25 enemy bodies 18 miles NNE of An Khe (275 miles NNE of Saigon). They are believed to have been killed by tactical aircraft.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 399 sorties (USAF 238, USMC 141, and USN 20), killing 14 enemy soldiers, triggering 22 secondary explosions and igniting 38 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 248 fortifications, 362 bunkers, and five enemy sampans.

- B-52s flew 6 missions: 23 miles SSE of Phuoc Binh; 13 miles ENE of Phuoc Vinh; 16 miles NNE of An Khe; 18 miles WSW of Loc Minh; 14 miles NNW of Tay Ninh City; 23 miles SE of Phuoc Binh.

26 July (Saturday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, two significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, none of which was against U.S. units or