

installations. Eight other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24 hour period ending at 0800 today, 12 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, four of which were against U.S. units or installations. Of the 12, two attacks caused casualties or damage. There were no U.S. casualties.
- HQ MACV -- This morning, about 350 men of the U.S. 3rd Battalion, 34th Artillery, 9th Infantry Division, and about 200 men from the 1097th Transportation Company (Medium Boat), 9th Infantry Division, departed Bien Hoa Air Base on U.S. Air Force C-141 aircraft for McChord AFB, Wash. Both units are part of the 25,000 troops to be replaced by the end of August as previously announced by President Nixon. The units will be de-activated at Ft. Lewis, Wash.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 0815 troopers of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 11 miles SSE of Katum (58 miles NNW of Saigon) found graves containing the bodies of 19 enemy soldiers. They apparently were killed by small arms fire, three to four weeks ago.
- OPERATION MONTGOMERY RENDEZVOUS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) -- At 0500 an estimated two North Vietnamese Army platoons attacked the night defensive positions of an element of the U.S. 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), 32 miles SW of Hue (70 miles WNW of Da Nang) and about two miles east of the Laotian border. The enemy fired heavy small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades, while the troopers fought with unit weapons, and received support from artillery and a USAF AC-47 gunship of the 14th Special Operations Wing. During the action, an unknown number of enemy penetrated the perimeter but were repulsed. At 0630, the enemy withdrew, leaving 16 of his dead. U.S. casualties were eight killed, and 11 wounded.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1430 an element of the U.S. 1st Regiment, 1st Marine Division, received heavy small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force six miles east of An Hoa (20 miles south of Da Nang). The Marines attacked the enemy, and were supported by tactical air strikes and artillery. The fighting continued until 2120, when the enemy withdrew. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were six killed, and 16 wounded.
- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) -- At 1400 troopers of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, 17 miles NNE of An Khe (275 miles NNE of Saigon) found the bodies of 30 enemy soldiers in an open area. They appeared to have been killed by tactical air strikes at an undetermined earlier time.
- III MAF (DMZ) -- At 1510 a U.S. aerial observer reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone sighted an unknown number of enemy soldiers near a bunker complex four miles west of Con Thien (105 miles NW of Da Nang) and about one-half mile south of the Ben Hai River in the southern DMZ. He directed tactical air strikes onto the location, and reported two secondary explosions and the destruction of three bunkers. Enemy losses are unknown. There were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 0810 an element of the air cavalry squadron, U.S. 1st Air Cavalry Division (Airmobile), directed artillery and tactical aircraft onto an enemy supply and bunker complex they had sighted four miles ESE of Katum (65 miles NNW of Saigon). Helicopter crews reported four dead enemy, apparently killed by the aircraft, and the destruction of one-hundred 200-lb. bags of rice.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 413 sorties (USAF 252, USMC 146, and USN 15), killing five enemy soldiers, triggering 36 secondary explosions, and igniting 44 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 256 fortifications, 341 bunkers, and 14 enemy sampans.
- An Air Force C-7 Caribou apparently had engine failure while taking off from Vung Tau Air Base 40 miles SE of Saigon in Phuoc Tuy Province. It crashed and was destroyed, killing one man aboard and injuring 13. An investigation is underway.
- An Air Force OV-10 observation plane was downed by enemy ground fire 16 miles NNW of Saigon in Binh Duong Province, destroying the aircraft. No injuries to the crewmen aboard.
- An Air Force F-4 Phantom was downed by enemy ground fire 19 miles west of Chu Lai in Quang Tin Province. Neither crewman was injured, but the aircraft was destroyed.
- B-52s flew 8 missions: 23 miles SSE of Phuoc Binh; 12 miles NNW of Tay Ninh City; 3 miles east of Katum; 24 miles NE of Phuoc Vinh; 16 miles NNE of An Khe; 16 miles NW of Tay Ninh City; 13 miles north of Tay Ninh City; 19 miles NE of Tay Ninh City.

27 July (Sunday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, two significant enemy indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, neither of which was against U.S. units or installations. Seven other indirect fire attacks, considered insignificant, were reported, none of which resulted in casualties or damage. The following is a significant attack against a population center, and is included in the total of two above:

III MAF:

270015 -- THUA THIEN PROVINCE -- Two rounds of 122mm rocket fire impacted in the city of Hue, causing no damage or casualties.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 12 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, four of which resulted in casualties or damage. A total of four attacks were against U.S. forces or installations. There were no U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 0205 an element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, seven miles SW of Da Nang, engaged about ten enemy soldiers in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire, and were supported by helicopter gunships. After a brief encounter, the enemy withdrew,

leaving five of his dead. U.S. casualties were one wounded, no fatalities.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At 0830 an element of the 3rd Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force 15 miles WNW of Dong Ha (100 miles NW of Da Nang). The Marines received supporting fire from artillery and tactical aircraft. The enemy withdrew leaving nine bodies in the area and one individual weapon. U.S. Casualties were one killed.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 2045 a combined reconnaissance platoon consisting of elements of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 82nd Airborne Division and Popular Force elements, four miles NW of Hoc Mon (13 miles NNW of Saigon), was attacked by an estimated eight to ten enemy firing small arms and B-40 grenades. They fired back with small arms and automatic weapons until the enemy withdrew, leaving behind six bodies. One PF soldier was wounded. There were no U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 1120 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, six miles NE of Trang Bang, discovered an enemy cache containing 500 rounds of AK-47 ammunition and 400 sets of North Vietnamese Army uniforms.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — Two events, closely related in locale, and involving the same elements, occurred.
 1. At 1205 helicopter gunships of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Air-mobile), 19 miles SW of Song Be (57 miles NNE of Saigon), engaged an unknown size enemy force with aerial machinegun and rocket fire. The enemy withdrew almost immediately, leaving five of his dead in the strike area. There were no U.S. casualties.
 2. At 1730 the same unit sighted 60 enemy soldiers 25 miles SSE of Song Be (55 miles NNE of Saigon) and about 10 miles SE of the earlier action. They again attacked the enemy with aerial machinegun and rocket fire, and also directed U.S. Army artillery and USAF tactical aircraft onto the enemy location. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew. An observation helicopter from the squadron, reconnoitering the area after the action, reported 24 enemy soldiers killed by the aircraft and artillery fire. No U.S. casualties.
- I FFV (BINH THUAN PROVINCE) — At 1540 paratroopers of the U.S. 173rd Airborne Brigade, under I FFV's Task Force South, engaged an enemy squad with small arms and automatic weapons fire 10 miles NE of Phan Thiet (105 miles ENE of Saigon). In a short while, the enemy withdrew, leaving four of his dead, and three suspects. U.S. casualties were one wounded, no fatalities.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 0800 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, three miles NE of Trang Bang (28 miles NW of Saigon), engaged in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire with an unknown size enemy force. The troopers were supported by U.S. Army gunships and artillery fire. At 1130, the enemy withdrew, leaving 24 of his dead, and 14 AK-47 rifles, 13 of which had been rendered unserviceable by supporting fires. One 60mm mortar was also captured. There were no U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (DMZ) -- At 1815 a U.S. aerial observer reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone sighted an unknown number of enemy soldiers in an open area four miles north of Con Thien (105 miles NW of Da Nang) and about 100 meters south of the Ben Hai River in the southern half of the DMZ. He directed U.S. Army artillery fire onto the location, and reported three enemy dead after the strike. No U.S. casualties.
- DMAC (DINH TUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1445 infantrymen of the U.S. 9th Infantry Division, four miles NW of My Tho (35 miles SW of Saigon), found a 30-lb. enemy cache of medical supplies. It contained: 50 small bottles of penicillin; 100 bottles of novacaine; 10 bottles of tranquilizers; 5 bottles of blood supplement; 10 pounds of dressings; two litters; and several medical books.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 413 sorties (USAF 207, USMC 162, and USN 44), killing 14 enemy soldiers, triggering 44 secondary explosions, and igniting 53 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 252 fortifications, 316 bunkers, and 12 sampans.
- A Marine Corps CH-46 MEDEVAC helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire while taking off from a landing zone. Nine U.S. personnel, including five Marine Corps crewmen, two Marine Corps passengers, and two Navy Corpsmen, were killed. A wounded NVA soldier being evacuated was also killed. The aircraft crashed eight miles SW of An Hoa (22 miles south of Da Nang) in Quang Nam province and was destroyed.
- B-52s flew 8 missions: 18 miles NE of Tay Ninh City; 11 miles SE of Phuoc Binh; 13 miles SE of Phuoc Binh; 5 miles ESE of Katum; 7 miles west of An Loc; 23 and 24 miles NW of Pleiku City; 8 miles NW of Katum.

28 July (Monday)

- 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. Two other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties.
- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, there were 12 indirect fire attacks reported throughout the country. Four of these resulted in casualties or damage. None of the attacks was against U.S. forces or installations. There were no U.S. casualties.
- HQ MACV -- It was announced that the 9th Infantry Division's 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry will depart Bien Hoa Air Base for Hawaii on 30 July, 1969. The text of the release is contained in the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENTS in this summary.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 1120 infantrymen and mechanized infantry elements of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force four miles NE of Trang Bang (27 miles NW of Saigon) in a heavy exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire. The ground forces were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery in addition to the heavy

machineguns of their armored personnel carriers. Other elements of the brigade moved into blocking positions and fighting continued until 1740, when the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 53 enemy were found in the battle area, and three enemy soldiers were detained. In addition, the troopers captured 24 AK-47 assault rifles, four rocket-propelled grenade launchers, and one 12.7mm heavy machinegun. Twenty 107mm rockets, rendered unserviceable in the engagement, were also found in the area. U.S. casualties were three killed, and 14 wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 0335 elements of the armored cavalry squadron of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division in night defense 8 miles NE of Go Dau Ha (35 miles NNW of Saigon) received small arms, rocket-propelled grenade, and mortar fire from an estimated platoon-size enemy force. The troopers fired back with unit weapons, tank guns, and the heavy machineguns of their armored personnel carriers. The action was supported by helicopter gunships and AC-119 gunships. After thirty minutes, the enemy withdrew. Enemy losses are unknown at this time. U.S. casualties were 11 wounded, no fatalities.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1705 a mechanized element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force with small arms five miles SE of Dau Tieng (35 miles NNW of Saigon). The enemy fired rocket-propelled grenades at the U.S. positions. U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships provided supporting fires. After an hour-long engagement, the enemy withdrew, leaving seven of his dead. U.S. casualties in the action were one killed and two wounded.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- Two events, closely related in locale, and involving the 3rd Marine Regiment, occurred.

1. At 0350 an element of the 3rd Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, in night defense nine miles NW of Dong Ha (110 miles NW of Da Nang) and three miles south of the Demilitarized Zone, received heavy small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an estimated North Vietnamese Army platoon. The Marines defended with unit weapons, and were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, and a USAF AC-47 gunship from the 14th Special Operations Wing. The enemy withdrew at an unreported time, leaving one of his dead, and one individual weapon. U.S. casualties were three killed, and ten wounded.

2. At 1000 another element of the 3rd Marine Regiment engaged an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force while sweeping to the west in the same general area 13 miles NW of Dong Ha (115 miles NW of Da Nang) and 600 meters (one-half mile) south of the DMZ. Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the Marines, supported by artillery, attacked the enemy. Fighting continued until 1930, when the enemy withdrew, leaving 12 of his dead in the battle area. There were no U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) -- At 1730 elements of a U.S. Marine and Republic of Vietnam Popular Force Combined Action Platoon (CAP) directed helicopter gunships and artillery onto an estimated enemy platoon they had sighted eight miles NE of Quang Ngai City (75 miles SE of Da Nang). Seven enemy were killed, there were no friendly casualties.

- I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE) -- At 0930 an armored cavalry element from the 4th Infantry Division, while sweeping an area 19 miles NW of Pleiku City, received rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force. The cavalry troop fired back with unit weapons, including the heavy machine-guns of their armored personnel carriers, and their tank guns. Six enemy were killed, and the remaining enemy withdrew, leaving behind two individual weapons and one B-40 rocket-propelled grenade launcher. U.S. casualties were one wounded, no fatalities.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1100 helicopter gunships from the armored cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division, five miles SE of Dau Tieng (35 miles NNW of Saigon), engaged an unknown size enemy force in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire. Thirty minutes later, infantrymen from the division's 3rd Brigade reinforced the action, while other infantry elements were deployed to blocking positions. With helicopter gunships and artillery supporting the ground troops, fighting continued until 1420, when the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 10 enemy soldiers were found in the battle area. U.S. casualties were two killed and 24 wounded. The wounded included two crewmen and one medic aboard two Army medical evacuation helicopters hit by enemy fire. Neither helicopter was downed.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) -- At 1550 infantrymen from a reconnaissance element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, discovered the bodies of 13 enemy soldiers in graves four miles SE of Tan An (20 miles SSW of Saigon). They apparently were killed two days ago by artillery fire.
- I FFV (BINH THUAN PROVINCE) -- At 1615 paratroopers of the U.S. 173rd Airborne Brigade, under I FFV's Task Force South, ambushed an estimated enemy squad 13 miles north of Phan Thiet (100 miles ENE of Saigon). The enemy withdrew at 1700, and, in a sweep of the area, the troopers found six enemy dead, detained one suspect, and captured five individual weapons. No U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) -- At 0630 helicopter gunships of the AMERICAN Division, nine miles NE of Quang Ngai City (70 miles SE of Da Nang), sighted and attacked about 20 enemy soldiers, killing seven of them with aerial machinegun and rocket fire. No U.S. casualties.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 362 sorties (USAF 202, USMC 115, and USN 45), killing 24 enemy soldiers, triggering 44 secondary explosions, and igniting 39 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 236 fortifications, 219 bunkers, and 8 sampans.
- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 6 miles NE of Trang Bang in Hau Nghia Province, destroying the aircraft. There were no casualties.
- B-52s flew 8 missions: 26 miles NW of Pleiku City; 12 miles NE of Xuan Loc; 3 miles south of Katum; 11 miles NE of Xuan Loc; 23 miles NE of Phuoc Vinh; 12 miles west of Katum; 27 and 28 miles SW of Quang Ngai City.

29 July (Tuesday)

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

II FFV:

282135 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- A base camp of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Dau Tieng (40 miles NW of Saigon) received less than 40 rounds of 120mm mortar 82mm mortar, and 75mm recoilless rifle fire. U.S. casualties were light with no fatalities. Damage to the installation and materiel was also light.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 10 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations. Four of the attacks caused damage or casualties. U.S. casualties were one wounded with no fatalities.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 0900 a Republic of Vietnam Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) element engaged an unknown size enemy force while sweeping an area 15 miles WSW of Duc Hoa (30 miles west of Saigon) and about four miles SE of the Cambodian border. Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and as fighting continued into the afternoon, the CIDG troopers were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships and tactical air strikes. At 1500, elements of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, reinforced the troops in contact and engaged an estimated enemy company. Action continued until 1830, when the enemy withdrew under cover of darkness. The bodies of 63 enemy soldiers were found on the battlefield. U.S. casualties were nine killed, and 10 wounded. CIDG casualties were very light.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 1230 troopers of the 3rd Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, 14 miles WNW of Dong Ha (105 miles NW of Da Nang) and about one mile south of the Demilitarized Zone, found nine enemy bodies. Four of the enemy had apparently been killed by small arms fire, and the others by air and artillery strikes. It was estimated they had been dead three days.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 2045 a patrol from the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, four miles NE of Trang Bang (27 miles NW of Saigon), directed U.S. Army artillery fire onto ten enemy soldiers they had sighted. All ten were killed. No U.S. casualties.
- MONTGOMERY RENDEZVOUS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) -- At 1025 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) found ten enemy bodies in graves 29 miles SW of Hue (70 miles WNW of Da Nang) and approximately one mile east of the Laotian border. They appeared to have been killed two months ago by small arms fire.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1330 helicopter gunships of the air cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) sighted and engaged an unknown size enemy force 12 miles SSE of Dong Xoai (57 miles NE

of Saigon) with aerial rocket and machinegun fire. USAF tactical aircraft struck the enemy position, and at 1500 the enemy withdrew. The crews reported nine enemy dead and 15 bunkers destroyed. There were no U.S. casualties.

- HQ MACV -- U.S. forces rescued five North Vietnamese fishermen at 1800 hours from a sinking sampan, in international waters, 25 miles NE of Dong Hoi. The five were sighted in a swamped sampan, waving a white distress signal, as their craft was being blown farther from shore by strong winds. The initial recovery was made by a U.S. Air Force helicopter which dropped a 12-man life raft to the stranded fishermen. Subsequently, the destroyer U.S.S. RENSHAW arrived to rescue the fishermen who are in good condition and now in Da Nang pending disposition. The United States is seeking ways to return the fishermen to their homes in North Vietnam as expeditiously as possible, and the International Commission of the Red Cross is being notified.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) -- At 0400 a U.S. Navy SEAL team 12 miles SE of Tan An (26 miles SSW of Saigon) observed and engaged an estimated 20 enemy soldiers in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire. U.S. Navy helicopter gunships supported the ground element, and the fighting continued until 0600, when the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 10 enemy were found in the battle area, and four suspects were detained. In addition, four individual weapons were captured. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) -- At 1200 helicopter gunships of the aviation battalion of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division, 19 miles NE of Tan An (28 miles west of Saigon), sighted and engaged an unknown number of enemy with aerial machinegun and rocket fire, killing 20 of them. No U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (DMZ) -- At 0925 a combined U.S. and Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) artillery base camp one mile north of Gio Linh (95 miles NW of Da Nang) and approximately one mile south of the Demilitarized Zone received about 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from two enemy positions inside the southern half of the DMZ. One of the positions was 300 meters within the zone, and the other 600 meters within the DMZ, in an area two miles NW of Gio Linh. Artillery fire directed onto the enemy's location silenced both mortars. Enemy casualties are unknown. There were no U.S. or ARVN casualties.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 346 sorties (USAF 206, USMC 105, and USN 35), killing one enemy soldier, triggering 17 secondary explosions, and igniting 31 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 210 fortifications, 196 bunkers, and 21 sampans.
- B-52s flew 6 missions: 26 and 29 miles SW of Quang Ngai City; 10 miles east of Katum; 6 miles SW of Phuoc Vinh; 6 miles SE of Phuoc Le; 22 miles NE of Phuoc Vinh.

30 July (Wednesday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night one significant indirect fire harassing attack was reported throughout the country. It was not against a U.S. unit or installation. Eight other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 11 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations. Of the 11, two attacks caused casualties or damage. There were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1315 an OH-6 light observation helicopter of the air cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) was downed by enemy ground fire 5 miles east of Katum (68 miles NNW of Saigon) and was destroyed. Air cavalry troops were air-assaulted into the area to protect the crew of the downed aircraft, while artillery, tactical aircraft, and other helicopter gunships struck the enemy positions. The three wounded members of the downed aircraft were safely extracted, and there were no further U.S. casualties. Seven enemy bodies were counted after the action, and one crew-served weapon was captured.

- OPERATION GENEVA PARK (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) -- At 1500 a reconnaissance element of the 198th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, directed U.S. Army artillery onto six enemy they had observed moving on a trail 14 miles NW of Quang Ngai City (63 miles SSE of Da Nang). All six were killed. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) -- At 1130 helicopter crewmen of the U.S. Army 12th Combat Aviation Group, supporting an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, observed an estimated enemy squad 14 miles ENE of Tan An (13 miles SSW of Saigon), and attacked them with aerial machine-gun fire. Infantrymen sweeping the area, counted six enemy dead and detained one suspect. There was no contact on the ground between the troopers and the enemy.

- III MAF (DMZ) -- At 0850 a U.S. aerial observer reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone received heavy 12.7mm machinegun fire from a bunker complex three miles WSW of Con Thien (100 miles NNW of Da Nang) and 200 meters inside the southern edge of the DMZ. He directed U.S. Marine Corps artillery fire onto the position, causing three secondary explosions, destroying 19 bunkers, two anti-aircraft machinegun positions, and one 12.7mm machinegun. Four enemy bodies were sighted after the mission. The aircraft was not hit, and there were no U.S. casualties.

- III MAF QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 1010 a combined arms task force of infantrymen reinforced with tanks from the 1st Brigade, U.S. 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) engaged an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force 10 miles NW of Dong Ha (100 miles NW of Da Nang) and about three miles south of the Demilitarized Zone. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and sporadic fighting continued into the early afternoon with artillery and tactical aircraft supporting the ground element. At 1515 the enemy withdrew, leaving 13 of his dead and eight individual weapons in the area. U.S. casualties were three killed and 12 wounded.

- HQ MACV -- U.S. forces rescued five more North Vietnamese fishermen between 0800 and 1230 in international waters off the coast of North Vietnam. The fishermen were on three rafts adrift in an area 70 miles north of Dong Hoi and were being blown seaward in a strong wind. U.S. Navy personnel sighted the fishermen waving for help. The destroyer USS MEREDITH proceeded to the area, recovering all five. The men were reported in good condition and are being

handled in the same manner as five other North Vietnamese fishermen who were rescued by the destroyer USS RENSHAW on 29 July. The United States is seeking ways to return the ten fishermen to their homes in North Vietnam as expeditiously as possible if repatriation is desired. The Government of the Republic of Vietnam and the International Red Cross have been notified.

- HQ MACV -- The President of the United States, Richard M. Nixon, visited the Republic of Vietnam today, arriving at Tan Son Nhut Air Base at noon. Following official ceremonies at Independence Palace and a meeting with President Nguyen Van Thieu, President Nixon visited Army troops from the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, at the brigade base camp near Di An, 12 miles NW of Saigon in Bien Hoa Province. President Nixon departed the Republic from Tan Son Nhut Air Base at approximately 1730.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC TUY PROVINCE) -- At 0925 U.S. Navy helicopter gunships, 18 miles north of Vung Tau (27 miles SE of Saigon), sighted and attacked four sampans with machinegun and rocket fire, sinking all four and killing seven enemy. No U.S. casualties.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 400 sorties (USAF 245, USMC 123, and USN 32), killing 9 enemy soldiers, triggering 34 secondary explosions, and igniting 56 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 259 fortifications, 358 bunkers, and 6 enemy sampans.
- An Army AH-1 Huey Cobra helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 27 miles SE of Bac Lieu in Bac Lieu Province, destroying the aircraft and wounding one man aboard.
- B-52s flew 6 missions: 22 miles NE of Phuoc Vinh; 9 miles west of An Loc; 3 miles east of Katum; 32 miles SW of Hue; 3 miles north of Katum; 5 miles east of Katum.

31 July (Thursday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, one significant enemy indirect fire attack was reported, it was against a U.S. unit. Seven other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following attack was against U.S. forces:

II FFV:

302205 -- HAU NGHIA PROVINCE -- A fire support base of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, 6 miles NE of Trang Bang (28 miles NW of Saigon) received about 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no damage.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, nine enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations. Two of the total attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were two killed and two wounded.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1005 an armored cavalry element of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division discovered an enemy weapons cache in an

area 2.5 miles NW of Ben Cat (30 miles NNW of Saigon) containing the following items: 100 lbs. of TNT; three 60mm mortars with baseplates and accessories; one 81mm mortar tube; one 12.7mm machinegun; one RPG-7 rocket-propelled grenade launcher; 2 light machineguns; one AK-47 rifle; 4 carbines.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At 0310 a U.S. Marine CH-46 helicopter, en-route to a medical evacuation mission, was downed by enemy ground fire 3 miles WSW of Con Thien (105 miles NW of Da Nang) and 500 meters south of the Demilitarized Zone. Infantrymen of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 5th Infantry Division, deployed to the vicinity and engaged an estimated North Vietnamese Army company. Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and contact was lost at an unreported time. The troopers continued to the downed aircraft and recovered the crew. While returning to the night defensive positions from the crash site, the troopers again engaged an unknown size NVA force in the same general area. Fighting continued until an unreported later time when the enemy withdrew. In a sweep of the battle area, 17 dead NVA soldiers were found, and one crew-served and three individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were four killed (including one helicopter crewman) and 23 wounded (including two helicopter crewmen and a medic on the helicopter). Also, two former enemy soldiers, serving as scouts, were killed in the action. The CH-46 was destroyed.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) — At 1745 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, 15 miles WSW of Tra Cu (30 miles west of Saigon), engaged in a brief fire fight with an unknown size enemy force, killing five of them before the remainder withdrew. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 1830 an AH-1 gunship of the 12th Aviation Group received ground fire from an unknown number of enemy four miles east of Trang Bang (25 miles NW of Saigon). The gunship fired back with aerial machineguns and rockets. Troopers of the 25th Infantry Division later found the bodies of seven enemy in the battle area and detained one suspect. No U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At 0020 an element of the 3rd Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, 10 miles west of Dong Ha (100 miles NW of Da Nang), ambushed an unknown size enemy force with small arms and claymore mines. Six North Vietnamese Army soldiers were killed, and ten individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were six wounded with no fatalities.
- III MAF (DMZ) — At 1435 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), four miles west of Con Thien (100 miles NW of Da Nang) and about one-half mile south of the southern edge of the Demilitarized Zone, received an unreported number of 60mm mortar rounds from an enemy position to their northwest and about 700 meters inside the DMZ. Tactical aircraft and artillery fire directed onto the position silenced the mortars, and destroyed four enemy bunkers. There were no U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 2040 an element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, patrolling four miles NW of An Hoa (22 miles SW of Da Nang), sighted and engaged with small arms fire 30 enemy soldiers. Marine artillery provided support until the enemy withdrew. Five enemy bodies were

found on the battlefield, and five others were seen being dragged away by the enemy. Two 122mm rockets and three 82mm mortar rounds were captured. There were no U.S. casualties.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 432 sorties (USAF 266, USMC 122, and USN 44), killing 14 enemy soldiers, triggering 47 secondary explosions, and igniting 49 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 312 fortifications, 311 bunkers, and 9 enemy sampans.
- B-52s flew 6 missions: 7 miles NW of Katum; 20 miles NE of Tay Ninh City; 22 miles NW of Pleiku City; 8 miles west of Lai Khe; 14 miles SE of Katum; and 5 miles ESE of Katum.

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CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT

3 July

It was announced by Admiral John S. McCain, Jr., Commander-in-Chief Pacific Command, 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. It was also announced that 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 entire list of the units involved can be found on page 12 of this summary. (The above is from a MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESS, released with the NEWS RELEASE for the evening of 3 July, 1969).

4 July

It was announced that 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 Tactical Fighter Squadron, an Air National Guard Squadron, that redeployed to the United States in May. (The above was contained in the MACV COMMUNIQUE of the NEWS RELEASE for the evening of 4 July, 1969).

7 July

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. Departure ceremonies will be held for the unit by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam at Tan Son Nhut Air Base from 0930 to 1130, 8 July. The first aircraft is scheduled to depart for the United States at approximately 1140. The unit will move to Fort Lewis, Washington, for inactivation at a later date. Arrival airfield in the United States will be McChord Air Force Base Tacoma, Washington. Nine C-141 "Starlifter" aircraft of the Military Airlift Command will be utilized to move the unit. The departing battalion is commanded by Lt. Col. Peter B. Petersen, U.S. Army (Born: Chicago Illinois, Oct. 21, 1932) (Current Home Town: Arlington, Virginia). (The above is from a MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESS, released with the NEWS RELEASE for the evening of 7 July, 1969).

8 July

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 from Tan Son Nhut Air Base this morning. The battalion is the first unit of the 25,000 troops that will be redeployed from Vietnam by the end of August. (The above was contained in the MACV COMMUNIQUE of the NEWS RELEASE for the evening of 8 July, 1969).

12 July

It was announced by USARV that the 4th Battalion, 47th Infantry, an element of the 9th Infantry Division in the Mekong Delta, will depart this country tomorrow.

The 800 man plus unit will fly from Bien Hoa Air Base to McChord Air Force Base in Washington for deactivation at Fort Lewis, Wash. This second contingent of the "Old Reliables" has been in Vietnam since December 19, 1966, and since that time has distinguished itself in three major campaigns. The 2nd Brigade troopers were among those who Sunday received the Republic of Vietnam's highest combat award for valor, the Gallantry Cross with Palm. Receiving the award for the Division was Major General Harris W. Hollis, commanding general, who accepted the honor "in behalf of all 'Old Reliables,' past and present, with grateful heart." The Division, which was concurrently presented the Vietnamese Civic Action Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, is the only unit ever to receive the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross more than once. The 47th Infantry soldiers in the Mobile Riverine Force were additionally awarded the Presidential Unit Citation last week for their efforts in the Tet Counter Offensive Campaign of 1968. The Kien Hoa Province-based troopers are commanded by Major Charles L. Shaw, Columbus, Ga. (The above is from a MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESS, released with the NEWS RELEASE for the morning of 12 July, 1969).

13 July

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 on 13, 14 and 15 July. The main increment, the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines will depart Da Nang on 14 July.

Ships of the U.S. Navy's 7th Fleet will transport the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines and attached units from the 3rd Marine Division to Okinawa. As a part of Regimental Landing Team Number Nine on Okinawa, these Marines will be available to perform assigned missions as a combat ready unit.

Major elements of the attachments embarked with the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, which form a part of Regimental Landing Team Number Nine are "D" Battery and a 4.2 mortar battery of the 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines; "C" Company of the 3rd Tank Battalion; and "C" and "D" Companies of the 11th Engineer Battalion; "A" and "C" Companies of the 3rd Motor Transport Battalion and "C" Company of the 3rd Shore Party Battalion. These units along with several smaller supporting attachments comprise approximately 1,500 men of the total. The remaining 1,300 men are in the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.

From the above units an advance party consisting of approximately 100 men flew to Okinawa on 10 July to assist in logistical arrangements for the arrival of the first increment of Regimental Landing Team Number Nine.

While the majority of the loading will be accomplished at Da Nang, approximately 800 men of the supporting elements of the first increment will embark ships of the U.S. Navy's 7th Fleet at a port in northern I Corps and sail to Okinawa independently.

Approximately 350 Marines will be flown from Quang Tri to Da Nang on 13 July while the main body of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, about 1,200 men, will be flown from Quang Tri to Da Nang by U.S. Air Force C-130 aircraft on 14 July. Upon arrival at Da Nang, Vietnamese and U.S. officials will honor the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines at departure ceremonies on the afternoon of 14 July. After the ceremonies the Marines will embark aboard the USS PAUL REVERE, APA-248, and sail to Okinawa.

The 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, arrived in the Republic of Vietnam in June of 1965 when it relieved the 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines, in the Da Nang area. The 3rd Battalion 9th Marines was the first ground unit to be deployed in Vietnam.

Since its arrival in Vietnam, the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, has participated in more than 15 major campaigns. The most significant of which were PRAIRIE II, III, and IV, HICKORY, KENTUCKY, SCOTLAND, LANCASTER II, DEWEY CANYON and UTAH MESA, which was terminated 9 July 1969.

The 1st Battalion and the other battalions of the 9th Marines developed "country fair" operations in early 1966. These operations were the earliest cordon and search operations and were highly significant to the pacification program in providing a combination of military, civic and psychological warfare actions to establish and maintain government control over the populace of an operational area.

In addition to "country fair" operations the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, along with other battalions of the regiment were instrumental in the development of the "Golden Fleece" operations. These operations proved successful in providing security for the Vietnamese farmers in harvesting their rice, and played a military role in denying the enemy a source of food and income.

The 1st Battalion, 9th Marines was instrumental in capturing two Soviet-made 122mm field guns and one 5-ton tracked vehicle. They also captured or destroyed 19 enemy trucks and 26 anti-aircraft guns during operation DEWEY CANYON in January through March of 1969.

The 1st Battalion, 9th Marines was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation by the President of the United States for operations in and around the Khe Sanh area from 22 January - 31 March 1968. During this period the battalion was attached to the 26th Marine Regiment.

Earlier in Vietnam the Battalion was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation along with other units of the 3rd Marine Division for combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 8 March 1965 - 15 September 1967.

The battalion is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Culkin (born 8 Oct 1928) from Havelock, North Carolina. (The above is from a MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESS, released with the NEWS RELEASE for the morning of 13 July, 1969).

14 July

It was announced from LONG BINH, Vietnam (USARV - IO) 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 Base tomorrow (July 15). The 650th Medical Detachment, stationed at Long Binh, flies to Standiford Airport in Louisville and will be demobilized at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Following demobilization, the unit will be reconstituted in the National Guard at its home station in Birmingham.

The unit, commanded by Major James Rogers, Clayton, Alabama, was mobilized in May, 1968, and trained at Fort Campbell. The Guardsmen arrived in Vietnam August 25 last year and have operated dental clinics at Long Binh and Bearcat.

Also departing tomorrow are more elements of the 9th Infantry Division. Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 2nd Brigade, commanded by 1st Lieutenant William F. Wolffer, Jr., Babylon, N.Y.; part of the 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry, commanded by Major James H. Hamilton, Jr., Sweetwater, Alabama, and the 65th Infantry Platoon, a scout dog unit, are leaving for Fort Lewis, Washington, and deactivation.

The 9th Division units arrived in Vietnam on December 19, 1966, and have been operating in Kien Hoa Province. They were cited earlier this month by receiving the Republic of Vietnam's highest combat award for valor, the Gallantry Cross with Palm. They were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for their efforts in the Tet Counter Offensive Campaign of 1968.

The troops from the 9th Infantry Division will stage out of Dong Tam and will arrive at the east ramp at Bien Hoa AFB by CH-47. (The above is from a MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESS, released with the NEWS RELEASE of the morning of 14 July, 1969).

26 July

It was announced that this morning about 350 men of the U.S. 3rd Battalion, 34th Artillery, 9th Infantry Division, and about 200 men from the 1097th Transportation Company (Medium Boat), 9th Infantry Division, departed Bien Hoa Air Base on U.S. Air Force C-141 aircraft for McChord Air Force Base, Washington. Both units are part of the 25,000 troops to be replaced by the end of August as previously announced by President Nixon. The units will be de-activated at Fort Lewis, Washington. (The above was contained in the MACV COMMUNIQUE of the NEWS RELEASE for the evening of 26 July).

28 July

It was announced that the 9th Infantry Division's 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry will depart Bien Hoa Air Base for Hawaii on 30 July 1969. The more than 750 troopers of the unit will fly to Hickam Air Force Base Hawaii, aboard ten C-141 "Starlifter" aircraft of the U.S. Military Airlift Command. Advance parties of the unit are already in Hawaii making preparations for the unit's arrival at Schofield Barracks. The battalion, which has been operating in Dinh Tuong Province since November 1968, is the most traveled 9th Division unit in the Republic of Vietnam. Shortly after its arrival in the Republic on 3 January 1967, the unit operated under the operational control of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division in operation JUNCTION CITY which was conducted in War Zone "C." It later participated in operations in Tay Ninh Province with the U.S. 25th Infantry Division. In November 1967, the unit also operated in the Central Highlands alongside the U.S. 4th Infantry Division. The unit is commanded by Major Ronald W. Crooks of Albany, California. (The above is from a MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESS, released with the NEWS RELEASE of the evening of 28 July, 1969).

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CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

July

- 1 - General J.J. Navarro, CINCPACAF, arrives in Republic of Vietnam for three-day visit.
- Brigadier General E.T. Yates, USA, assumes duties as Director, MACV Construction Directorate.
- A mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, operating 8 miles NE of Tay Ninh City, engages an unknown size enemy force. Tactical aircraft, helicopter gunships, and field artillery support. Forty-four enemy are killed, and 12 weapons captured.
- 2-3 - An element of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), six miles east of Phu Khuong, engages an unknown size enemy force in fortified positions. Tactical aircraft and field artillery support. Thirty-two enemy are killed.
- 2-3 - An element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment discovers an enemy tunnel complex eight miles SW of Lai Khe in Binh Duong Province. Two enemy soldiers rally, and when a riot control agent is unsuccessful in emptying the tunnel, it is caved in with a tank. The bodies of 25 enemy soldiers are found 3 July in a search of the complex. No U.S. casualties.
- 5 - River Assault Flotilla One, and the 2nd Brigade, 9th Infantry Division, are awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for outstanding performance during the Tet Offensive Campaign of 1968.
- 6 - Two rockets impact two miles east of Saigon's center. No damage or casualties.
- The Nationalist Chinese-owned merchant ship WELFARE is mined on the Nha Be River, eight miles SE of Saigon, and sinks, slightly injuring several crewmen. It is the first ship to be sunk in this area since August, 1966.
- A person claiming to be a VC captain contacts a USN river patrol boat and states he has 300 VC who want to "Chieu Hoi." Arrangements are completed by 44th SZ and Border Control Center, and 231 persons cross with a total of 108 individual weapons and 14 crew-served weapons. The incident occurs in Chau Doc Province, 11 miles NW of Tri Ton.
- 8 - The 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry, 2nd Brigade, 9th Infantry Division, departs the Republic of Vietnam for the United States from Tan Son Nhut Air Base. These are the first troops to leave the country as part of the 25,000 troop reductions announced at the Midway Conference to be completed by 31 August.
- 9 - Operation UTAH MESA, a multi-battalion search and clear operation, terminates. Under the operational control of the 3rd Marine Division, the

operation was conducted in an area centered four miles NW of Khe Sanh. Enemy losses for the operation are 309 killed, seven detained, 141 individual weapons and 31 crew-served weapons captured. Friendly casualties are 35 killed, 178 wounded.

- 10 - Admiral J.C. McCain Jr., CINCPAC, arrives in the Republic of Vietnam for a two-day visit.
- 11 - GVN President Nguyen Van Thieu calls for a national vote to settle the war, and offers participation to all political parties and groups if each renounces violence and pledges to accept election results.
- 13 - Marines of the 9th Regimental Landing Team leave for Okinawa as part of the 25,000-man troop redeployment.
- 15 - The Government of Viet Nam announces that more than 1,000 dissident soldiers have rallied to the government since 25 June. The 600 KKK and 400-500 Hoa Hao who rallied piecemeal over the last three weeks have been officially accepted by the Ministry of Chieu Hoi as ralliers.
- 16 - CJCS General Wheeler and CINCPAC Admiral McCain arrive in the Republic of Vietnam for a four-day visit.
 - Operation VIRGINIA RIDGE, a search and clear operation conducted by elements of the 3rd and 9th Regiments, 3rd Marine Division, terminates. The operation began 1 May, 1969, and was centered in an area four miles WNW of Cam Lo in Quang Tri Province. Enemy losses for the operation are: 560 killed, 17 detained, 141 individual and 34 crew-served weapons captured. U.S. losses are 106 killed, 490 wounded.
 - Operation HERKIMER MOUNTAIN, a search and clear operation conducted by elements of the 4th Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, terminates. It began 9 May and was centered nine miles NNW of Khe Sanh. During the operation, 137 enemy were killed, 66 were detained, and 40 weapons (6 crew-served) were captured. U.S. losses were 25 killed, 219 wounded.
- 18 - Mechanized infantrymen of the 25th Infantry Division engage an enemy force six miles NNW of Tay Ninh City, killing 27 without suffering any casualties.
- 19 - Elements of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engage an enemy force six miles NE of Trang Bang in Hau Nghia Province, and are supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, and tactical aircraft. Forty-seven enemy are killed, ten are detained, and 27 weapons are captured, with no U.S. casualties. The enemy unit is later identified as an NVA element of the 9th VC Division.
 - Elements of the 2nd ARVN Infantry, 20 miles SW of Quang Tri, find 15 bunkers containing 680 cases of small arms ammunition and 1,950 rounds of mixed recoilless rifle, mortar, and rocket ammunition. The cache, which weighed 36.2 tons, and the bunkers are destroyed.
- 21 - Elements of the 1st ARVN Division, 16 miles SW of Quang Tri, find 118 enemy bodies in a mass grave.

- Operation RUSSELL BEACH, a clear and search operation conducted by elements of the 198th Light Infantry Brigade in Quang Ngai Province, terminates. The operation commenced 13 January, 1969. Enemy losses are: 158 killed, 211 detained, and 61 weapons (six crew-served) captured. U.S. losses are 56 killed, 268 wounded.

- 26 - A reconnaissance patrol of the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, finds the bodies of 30 enemy soldiers 16 miles NNE of An Khe in Binh Dinh Province. They were apparently killed by USAF tactical aircraft. The bodies of 25 other enemy soldiers, also killed by aircraft, had been discovered 25 July, raising to 55 the total number of enemy killed by aircraft in this general area.

- 27 - Helicopter gunships of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engage the enemy in two contacts 19 miles SW of Song Be in Phuoc Long Province, killing 29 in the engagements while suffering no losses or casualties.
 - An element of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, engages an unknown size enemy force four miles NE of Trang Bang in Hau Nghia Province. Twenty-four enemy are killed, and 15 weapons captured. No U.S. casualties.

- 28 - Infantrymen of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, engage an unknown size enemy force four miles NE of Trang Bang in Hau Nghia Province. U.S. forces are supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. Enemy losses are 53 killed, three detained, and 33 weapons (5 crew-served) captured. U.S. losses are three killed, 14 wounded.

- 29 - CIDG elements engage an enemy force 15 miles WSW of Duc Hoa in Hau Nghia Province, and are reinforced by elements of the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. Sixty-three enemy are killed, and two weapons captured. Friendly losses are 10 killed, 12 wounded.

- 29 - Helicopter gunships of the aviation battalion of the 25th Infantry Division engage and kill 20 enemy from an unknown size force 19 miles NE of Tan An in Hau Nghia Province. No U.S. casualties.
 - The destroyer USS Renshaw rescues five NVN fisherman from a sinking sampan in international waters 25 miles NE of Dong Hoi. They are taken to Da Nang pending disposition.

- 30 - President Nixon arrives in the Republic of Vietnam .
 - The destroyer USS Meredith rescues five more NVN fishermen from three rafts in international waters two miles north of Dong Hoi.

- 31 - Lieutenant General Youngcharoen assumes command of the Royal Thai Auxillary Volunteer Forces.

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REVIEW OF GROUND OPERATIONS

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>PROVINCE INITIATED</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>TAS</u>	<u>NGF</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>		<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>		<u>IN</u>	<u>CSW</u>
					<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>DET</u>		
<u>II FFV</u>										
TOAN THANG (PHASE II) IIFFV (US/FV), 1st 9th & 25th Inf Divs, 199th Lt Inf Bde/11th Armd Cav Regt, 3rd Bde, 82nd Abn Div & 1st ATF/RTAVR, 1st Cav Div (Airmobile)	III CORPS		16,772	0	1303	8354	21,446	2914	5559	1385
<u>III MAP</u>										
KENTUCKY JUMPER 101st Abn Div (Airmobile) (Bnt+)	Thua Thien 1 Mar 69		2570	409	61	400	311	921	245	54
MONTGOMERY RENDEZVOUS 101st Abn Div (Airmobile) (Bnt+)	Thua Thien 8 Jun 69		688	0	70	307	307	6	132	37
RUSSELL BEACH AMERICAL Div (Bnt+)	Quang Ngai 13 Jan 69	21 Jul 69	1447	276	56	268	158	116	55	6
FREDERICK HILL AMERICAL Div (Bnt+)	Quang Tin 18 Mar 69		1939	18	192	1164	2153	1315	341	47
IRON MOUNTAIN AMERICAL Div (Bnt+)	Quang Ngai 18 Mar 69		2952	119	171	967	1305	1112	257	49
VIRGINIA RIDGE 3rd Mar Div (Bnt+)	Quang Tri 1 May 69	16 Jul 69	1053	292	106	490	560	17	141	34
HERKIMER MOUNTAIN 3rd Mar Div (Bnt+)	Quang Tri 9 May 69	16 Jul 69	490	0	25	219	137	66	34	6
MIGHTY PLAY USMC ARG Alfa/7th Fleet	Quang Nam 10 Jul 69	20 Jul 69	—	—	3	34	31	0	10	0

REVIEW OF GROUND OPERATIONS (CONT'D)

OPERATIONS	PROVINCE INITIATED	TERM	TAF	NGF	FRIENDLY LOSSES		ENEMY LOSSES		IF	CSW
					KIA	WIA	KIA	DET		
III MAP (CONT'D)										
LAKAR FLAIN 101st Abn Div (Airmobile) (Bn+)	Quang Tin 16 May 69		1210	0	104	313	481	740	246	60
GENEVA PARK AMERICAL Div (Bn+)	Quang Ngai 18 Mar 69		3436	34	92	573	679	855	82	15
PIPESTONE CANYON 1st Mar Div (Bn+)	Quang Nam 26 May 69		1956	157	46	461	404	607	156	17
UTAH MESA 3rd Mar Div (Bn+)	Quang Tri 12 Jun 69	9 Jul 69	208	0	35	178	309	7	114	31

J U L Y C A S U A L T Y & S T R E N G T H S T A T I S T I C S

WEEK ENDING	KIA	KIA Since 1 Jan 61	KIA Since 1 Jan 69	WIA (Hosp)	WIA (nonHosp)	WIA Since 1 Jan 61	WIA Since 1 Jan 69
5 July	153	37,019	6,493	772	812	238,147	45,836
12 July	148	37,167	6,641	763	849	239,759	47,420
19 July	182	37,349	6,823	740	665	241,164	49,032
26 July	110	37,459	6,933	468	558	242,220	50,058

Yearly KIA low to date: 4 Jan 69 (101)
 Yearly KIA high to date: 1 Mar 69 (453)

WEEK ENDING	M/C/I	EN KIA	EN KIA SINCE 1 Jan 61	EN KIA SINCE 1 Jan 69
5 July	1,325	2,846	526,085	95,726
12 July	1,340	2,369	528,601	98,095
19 July	1,332	2,163	531,122	100,258
26 July	1,324	2,079	553,045	102,337

M/C/I as of 4 Jan 69: 1,251

WEEK ENDING	ARMY	MARINES	AIR FORCE	NAVY	COAST GUARD	SUB-TOTAL	FWMAF	US OFF-SHORE (USN - USCG)
3 July	361,000	81,000	60,000	36,000	500	538,500	72,000	35,700
10 July	358,500	81,000	61,000	36,000	500	537,000	71,500	35,700
17 July	360,000	78,500	61,000	35,500	500	535,500	71,500	35,700
24 July	360,500	78,500	60,500	36,000	500	536,000	71,000	35,700
31 July	361,500	79,000	60,500	35,500	500	537,000	70,500	32,600

Peak U.S. Strength April 1969: 543,400 Down from peak strength as of 31 July, 1969: @ 6,000