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

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REVIEW OF EVENTS

GENERAL

During the first week of June, the enemy conducted a high point consisting of a number of coordinated, widespread indirect fire attacks throughout the country and some ground attacks. In the most significant ground action, 399 enemy soldiers were killed in two abortive attacks against a U.S. 25th Infantry Division fire support base in Tay Ninh Province. Activity throughout the remainder of the month decreased and was generally light.

I CORPS

Enemy-initiated activity remained relatively light during June, with the only apparent coordinated activity occurring on 6 and 7 June in Quang Nam province. On those dates, Da Nang City experienced seven terrorist and three indirect fire attacks, while enemy ground attacks occurred at five locations in the An Hoa area. In the remainder of I CTZ, indirect fire attacks and enemy-initiated ground attacks were at a normal level. In the northern two provinces, enemy activity was characterized by 15 indirect fire attacks from the southern half of the DMZ. Also, the enemy launched six ground attacks on 17 June in the Gio Linh area. In these contacts the enemy suffered 160 killed and 10 detained. The prisoners identified their units as elements of an NVA regiment and an independent sapper battalion. In western Quang Tri Province, NVA elements significantly increased their activity. Friendly elements received at least 10 ground attacks, resulting in more than 220 NVA killed.

To the south, the enemy conducted significant sapper attacks against Fire Support Bases Berchtesgaden, Currahee, and Tomahawk on 14, 16, and 19 June, respectively. Prisoners identified the enemy forces as elements of the 29th and two other NVA regiments. The 29th NVA Regiment, which sustained more than 600 killed at Hill 937 in May, is still in the A Shau Valley/Laoisian border area.

In Quang Nam Province there were 12 enemy ground attacks in the vicinity of An Hoa, resulting in approximately 280 enemy killed. Prisoners captured in these contacts identified the attacking forces as elements of a sapper battalion and an NVA regiment. In other activity, documents indicated that elements of the 36th NVA Regiment may have redeployed from the Go Noi Island area in an attempt to evade allied forces committed in Operation Pipestone Canyon.

In southern I CTZ the enemy continued to conduct indirect fire attacks and limited sapper-type ground probes in the Tien Phuoc and Duc Pho areas. Other significant enemy ground attacks occurred at four locations near Duc Pho, where elements of two regiments of the 3rd Division were identified in contact with allied forces. Cumulative results of these attacks were: friendly, 15 KIA and 61 WIA; enemy, 42 KIA.

The last ten days of the month were marked by a reduction in enemy-initiated activity throughout I CTZ, with the exception of continued enemy attacks in western Quang Tri Province.
II CORPS

Enemy-initiated activity in II CTZ rose on the night of 5 June and then fell to a low level during the remainder of the month, except in the vicinity of the Ben Het Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) Camp where the enemy committed both the 28th and 66th NVA Regiments, supported by engineers and elements of the 40th NVA Artillery Regiment. Two prisoners captured on 15 June, six kilometers southeast of the camp, identified their unit as the 66th NVA Regiment, and stated that elements of the regiment had the mission of encircling and attacking ARVN units in the Ben Het area. They further provided evidence that the 66th NVA Regiment had sustained heavy losses since 8 May and that 90 percent of the personnel in the regiment were new replacements. It is believed that elements of the 66th NVA Regiment were involved in a contact on 30 May, 11 kilometers south-southeast of the camp, where three ARVN battalions were attacked by an unknown-sized enemy force. This action resulted in 309 enemy killed.

A Ho Chi, who rallied on 24 June at the Ben Het CIDG Camp, identified his unit as the 28th NVA Regiment. He stated that the mission of the regiment was to destroy the camp in order to influence the Paris Conference.

Although the ground probe on 23 June against Ben Het, in which 14 enemy were killed, was the enemy's only direct ground attack on the camp, over 2,000 rounds of mixed artillery, mortar, and rocket fire fell on the camp during the month.

To the south, contacts with elements of the 24th NVA Regiment in the area of the Plei Mrong CIDG Camp continued through 11 June. On that date 42 enemy were killed when they attacked a friendly convoy on Route 14, 11 kilometers east of the camp. Since that date no major contacts were made in the area. On 31 May, 37 kilometers east of the Plei Me CIDG Camp, Camp Strike Force elements engaged an unknown-sized enemy force, resulting in 50 enemy killed.

In coastal II CTZ, enemy forces attempted to disrupt the South Vietnamese pacification program by attacking hamlets and refugee centers. On 14 June two of these camps located northwest of Quy Nhon City were attacked. Cumulative results were: 20 civilians killed, 67 wounded, and 512 homes destroyed. Approximately 5,000 people were left homeless by the attacks. The enemy forces responsible for the attack may have been elements of a Local Force Battalion known to be operating in the area.

On the night of 5 June, the enemy conducted limited ground and indirect fire attacks in southern II Corps. The district headquarters at Duc Trung, south of Dalat, received an indirect fire attack followed by a ground attack. There were 9 friendly killed and 17 wounded. A Main Force Battalion was probably responsible for the attack. Phan Rang Air Base received 30 rounds of 82mm mortar and six rounds of 107mm rocket fire, resulting in 12 wounded and light damage. In Binh Thuan Province on the same night, ARVN elements were attacked by an estimated company, resulting in 10 enemy killed.

III CORPS

In III CTZ, enemy-initiated activity remained light except for the 5-6 June "high point" and a period of increased activity from 18 to 20 June. These consisted primarily of indirect fire attacks, but sapper attacks and ground assaults
were also initiated in several areas. Elements of all four enemy divisions were identified in contacts during the month. The 9th VC Division sustained moderate to heavy casualties in ground actions in western and central Tay Ninh Province. Two regiments of the 9th VC Division sustained losses totaling about 400 killed and detained during assaults against Fire Support Base Crook in western Tay Ninh Province on 6 and 7 June. Units from the 9th VC Division are suspected of participating in an abortive offense effort around Tay Ninh City on 19 June. Over 280 enemy were killed during engagements near Tay Ninh City on that date.

The 1st NVA Division sustained moderate casualties while continuing its operations in northern and east-central Tay Ninh Province and shifting a portion of its forces to western Binh Long Province. One NVA regiment of the Division received moderate casualties during the month in a series of engagements with Allied forces in east-central Tay Ninh Province. The 18B NVA Regiment operated in northern Tay Ninh Province. Elements of a sapper battalion and the 18B Regiment lost over 125 killed in unsuccessful assaults on Fire Support Base Ike in north-central Tay Ninh Province on 18 and 20 June. Another element of the 1st Division was identified in an attempted convoy ambush in central Binh Long Province on 6 June.

The 7th NVA Division concentrated its forces in central Binh Long Province during June. Two NVA Regiments of the Division were identified in engagements resulting in over 200 enemy killed in the area west of An Loc. Numerous other contacts in this area later in the month resulted in casualties which can be credited to these units.

The 7th NVA Division probably remained deployed throughout central Binh Long Province and continued to threaten the An Loc/Quan Loi Area.

The 5th VC Division remained active in central, east-central, and southwest Long Khanh Province through at least mid-June. Elements of one NVA regiment were identified in a convoy ambush in southeastern Long Khanh Province on 7 June. The 275th VC Regiment was identified in an attack on Fire Support Base Joy on the Binh Tuy/Long Khanh Province border on 12 June. On 22 June a rallier provided information indicating that the 5th Division elements had recently moved to war zone D. Elsewhere, a ground attack on 16 June against Royal Thai forces in central Bien Hoa Province, resulted in over 200 enemy personnel of the 274th VC Regiment killed.

In Saigon, sapper activity was at a low level except just prior to the enemy "high point" of 5-6 June. Enemy activity at the end of June was light as enemy forces prepared for a probable increase in activity.

IV CORPS

The level of enemy-initiated activity during June reflected the trend established in previous months. There was a "high point" on the night of 5 June, when there were 71 indirect fire attacks reported. The majority of the attacks were low in intensity and harassing in nature. The enemy directed his attention to the Dong Tam/My Tho area in Dinh Tuong Province. One enemy artillery battalion has reportedly divided its units into small increments to conduct harassing
indirect fire attacks in and around Dong Tam and the U.S. 9th Infantry Division Headquarters. Their intentions, reportedly, were to demoralize the remaining U.S. troops after the redeployment of two brigades of the U.S. 9th Infantry Division. ARVN elements in an operation conducted during the period from 17 to 28 June in southern corps area reported 167 enemy killed and 29 detained.

During June over 2,065 VC rallied to the GVN bringing the total for the first six months of 1969 to more than 14,448.

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SIGNIFICANT GROUND OPERATIONS

TAY NINH, 6 JUNE

At 0300 this morning, a fire support base of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, 14 miles northwest of Tay Ninh City (65 miles northwest of Saigon) was attacked by an enemy ground force of unknown size, firing automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades.

The troopers fought back, and were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery, and an Air Force AC-47 gunship. The enemy withdrew at 0515.

In a sweep of the area at first light, seventy-six dead enemy soldiers were found, and two suspects were detained. In addition, fifteen AK-47 assault rifles and two rocket-propelled grenade launchers were captured. U.S. casualties were one killed, and two wounded.

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TAY NINH, 7 JUNE

At 0250 this morning, a fire support base occupied by an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, 14 miles northwest of Tay Ninh City (65 miles northwest of Saigon) was attacked by North Vietnamese Army elements of the 9th VC Division.

The attack began with rounds of undetermined caliber mortar fire at 0250, followed by a ground attack at 0315, with the enemy using .51 caliber machine-gun fire, small arms, and grenades.

The troopers defended with unit weapons and were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery, USAF AC-119 gunships and USAF tactical air strikes. At 0630, the enemy withdrew.

In a sweep of the area following the action, the bodies of 323 North Vietnamese Army soldiers were found, and ten North Vietnamese Army soldiers were detained.

In addition, thirty-nine individual weapons, four crew-served weapons, five-hundred hand-grenades, ninety rounds of 60mm mortar ammunition, a quantity of medical supplies (of Russian make), and an unreported amount of Cambodian currency were captured.

U.S. casualties for the action were two wounded (slightly) and no fatalities.

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FIRE SUPPORT BASE
"CROOK"
399 ENEMY KILLED
IN TWO ATTACKS BY
VC 9th Division 6-7 JUNE

US 25th Division Casualties:
1 KILLED 4 WOUNDED
JUNE "HIGHPOINT"

46 ROCKET AND MORTAR ATTACKS
DURING NIGHT
5-6 JUNE

* SIGNIFICANT INDIRECT FIRE ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. FORCES

1-14 JUNE
8,539 ENEMY KILLED
AIR OPERATIONS

AIR SOUTH

U.S. Air Force pilots flew 9,156 tactical air sorties in support of allied ground forces, Marine Corps pilots flew 5,187 sorties, and Navy pilots flew another 1,035 for a total of 15,378 tactical air sorties during the month. Of the total sorties flown, 5,225 were immediate, and 1,503 were flown in direct support of ground troops in contact with the enemy.

The aircrews were credited with killing 1,043 enemy while destroying or damaging 692 waterborne supply craft, 10,856 fortifications, 14,197 bunkers. Their air-delivered ordnance also resulted in more than 1,250 secondary explosions and 1,479 secondary fires.

+++ B-52 MISSIONS

Two hundred and sixty missions were flown during the month by Air Force B-52s. Of these missions, 145 were directed against enemy targets in the III Corps Tactical Zone, 86 in II CTZ, 23 in I CTZ, and 6 in IV CTZ.

+++ Airlift

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824th Air Division "Common Service" Airlift System (Within South Vietnam)

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Medical Evacuation

Number of Patients (Outbound, South Vietnam) | 6,001 (US Military)
NAVAL OPERATIONS

NAVAL GUNFIRE SOUTH VIETNAM

A total of 24 Seventh Fleet warships pounded enemy targets throughout the Republic of Vietnam during June. Navy gunners left 690 bunkers and 986 military structures damaged or destroyed.

Shells from the warships also were responsible for 148 secondary fires and 26 secondary explosions, cuts across 23 enemy supply routes, and 64 enemy killed, according to reports from air and ground spotters. Additional damage reported included 45 sampans, 33 caves, two weapons positions, two base camps, eight fighting positions, and 63 meters of trenchline damaged or destroyed.

The most productive day of the month for Navy gunners was June 7 when gunfire from six ships accounted for 167 military structures and 88 enemy bunkers damaged or destroyed. Other damage confirmed that day included 10 secondary fires and four secondary explosions ignited, 14 sampans damaged or destroyed, 15 supply routes cut, one enemy killed, and 65 meters of trenchline disrupted.

Navy warships also scored heavily on June 6, destroying or damaging 59 military structures, 41 bunkers, and two caves. They also caused 39 secondary fires, two secondary explosions, three cuts across supply routes, and two enemy killed.

June 17 was another effective day for Navy gunners. Spotters reported 23 enemy killed. In addition, 89 military structures, 27 bunkers and two sampans were damaged or destroyed, and 11 secondary fires and three secondary explosions were touched off.

United States destroyers on the gunline in June were the USS Meredith, Higbee, Rogers, Rupertus, Richard S. Edwards, Rowan, Frank Knox, Perkins, James E. Kyes, Buchanan, Lynde McCormick, Mullinnix, Waddell, Taussig, and Henry W. Tucker. They were joined by the Australian destroyer HMAS Brisbane.

Also shelling enemy positions during the month were the cruisers USS Boston, Oklahoma City, Newport News, and St. Paul, and the inshore fire support ships USS Carronade, Clarion River, St. Francis River, and white River.
## Enemy Material Losses
*(Captured/Destroyed)*

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**Total Tons:** 95.78

### Ammunition

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**Total Tons:** 79.25

### Food Stuffs:

A total of 286.45 tons of rice and 98,207 lbs of salt.
1 June (Sunday)

- HQ MAVC — During the night, eight significant enemy indirect fire harassing attacks were reported, of which four were against U.S. forces or installations.

III MAF:

010305 — QUANG NGAI PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 11th Light Infantry Brigade, AMERICAL Division, received less than 10 rounds of 140mm rocket fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

- OPERATION SPEEDY EXPRESS (IV CORPS TACTICAL ZONE) terminated. This multi-battalion clear and search operation began 1 December, 1968, under the control of the U.S. 9th Infantry Division and was centered in an area 16 miles west-northwest of Ben Tre (35 miles southwest of Saigon). Results: 10,899 enemy killed; 2,579 suspects detained; sixty crew served and 688 individual weapons captured. U.S. casualties were 242 killed, and 2,385 wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At 0215 an element of the 9th Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, in night defensive positions 9 miles southeast of Khe Sahn (100 miles northwest of Da Nang) was attacked by a North Vietnamese Army force of unknown size. The Marines repulsed them with small arms, automatic weapons, and grenade launchers. The bodies of 17 NVA soldiers were found, and two suspects were detained. Three Marines were killed, and seven were wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) — At 1225 troopers of the 12th Combat Aviation Group's air cavalry squadron engaged an enemy force of unknown size 8 miles north of Cu Chi (27 miles north-northwest of Saigon). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged, and U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery fire missions were directed onto the enemy. At 1300 the enemy withdrew. Fifteen enemy soldiers were killed, and 11 individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were one killed and one wounded.

- I FFV (KONTUM PROVINCE) — At 1700 the airfield at Dak To (280 miles northeast of Saigon) received less than 10 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. U.S. Army helicopter gunships and field artillery were directed to the suspected launch sites with unknown results. U.S. and Republic of Vietnam Army casualties were light. No materiel damage.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — Between 1400 and 1530 a 1st Marine Division aerial observer sighted two groups of enemy 9 miles west-southwest of Hoi An (13 miles south-southwest of Da Nang). The observer directed the gunfire of the USS NEWPORT NEWS. Of the first group (8-10 enemy) 5 bodies were counted, and of the second (10-15 enemy) 9 were counted.
I FFV (KONTUM PROVINCE) — At 1230 the Republic of Vietnam Civilian Irregular Defense Group Camp and U.S. Army I FFV artillery support base, co-located at Ben Het (280 miles north-northeast of Saigon) received less than 10 rounds of enemy 85mm artillery fire. No damage or casualties.

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 465 tactical air strike sorties (USAF 288, USMC 154, and USN 23), killing 4 enemy soldiers, triggering 31 secondary explosions and igniting 42 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 396 fortifications, 337 bunkers and 36 enemy sampans.

B-52s FLEW 10 MISSIONS: 20 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City; 7 and 8 miles SSW of Dak To; 14 miles SE of Phu Vinh; 6 miles NW of Dak To; 14 miles NW of Xuan Loc; 10 miles NW of Lai Khe; 14 and 15 miles SW of Xuan Loc; and 20 miles NW of Pleiku City.

2 June (Monday)

HQ MACV — During the night, eight significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported, five against U.S. forces or installations, and one against the city of Saigon:

012315 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — An element of the 1st Regiment, 1st Marine Division in defensive positions 12 miles south of Da Nang received less than 5 rounds of 82mm fire. Light casualties, no damage or fatalities.

012310 — QUANG NGAI PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 11th Light Infantry Brigade, AMERICAL Division, 4 miles south of Duc Pho, received about 10 rounds of 140mm rocket fire. Light casualties, no materiel damage.

012107 — THUA THIEN PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. Army XXIV Corps at Phu Bai, 40 miles NW of Da Nang, received less than 10 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. Light casualties, no damage.

II FFV

012315 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Lai Khe, 29 miles NNE of Saigon, received about 30 rounds of 120mm mortar fire. No casualties, light damage.

012325 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — A fire support base of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division — 6 miles NNW of Lai Khe — received about 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Casualties light, with no fatalities or materiel damage.
- HQ MACV (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) -- At 0535 two 122mm rockets impacted in Saigon, one in the 4th Precinct (2 miles SE of the city's center), and the other in the 9th Precinct (2½ miles ESE of the city's center). Three Vietnamese civilians were killed and 18 were wounded. Also, one civilian home was destroyed and two others heavily damaged. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1015 infantrymen of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, discovered a 10-ton rice cache 7 miles SE of Dau Tieng (36 miles NNW of Saigon). It was in 100-pound bags.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1550 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged approximately 15 North Vietnamese soldiers 20 miles SW of An Loc (50 miles NNW of Saigon). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged, and U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery supported. At 1655, the enemy withdrew, leaving one dead. U.S. casualties were two killed, 12 wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1330 members of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, found the bodies of 11 enemy soldiers six miles SW of Hoi An (15 miles south of Da Nang). They appeared to have been dead several months of undetermined causes.

- IIIAC (BINH TUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1900 a ranger element of the U.S. 9th Infantry Division was air assaulted into an area 4 miles west of Dong Tam (40 miles SW of Saigon) to engage a small enemy force reported there by a helicopter crew. On contact, the enemy tried to evade (some in sampans) but were engaged with small arms fire and machinegun fire from the helicopters. Contact was lost at darkness. Eighteen enemy were killed, and eight sampans were destroyed. There were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KANH PROVINCE) -- At 0855 an air cavalry element of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged an estimated North Vietnamese Army company in fortified positions 9 miles SE of Dong Bo (55 miles NE of Saigon). The troopers were supported by field artillery and tactical air. At 1300 contact was temporarily lost. At 1500 another element of the division entered the area and contacted an estimated company-size force in bunkers. In an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire, the air cavalrymen attacked, supported by artillery, USAF tactical air strikes, and gunships firing air-to-ground rockets. The enemy withdrew at 1745, leaving 29 dead. U.S. casualties were two killed, 38 wounded.

- III MAF (DMZ) -- At 1025 a U.S. light observation aircraft, flying over the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone, drew machinegun fire three miles NW of Gio Linh and one mile inside the southern edge of the DMZ. The enemy position could not located precisely, and was not engaged. The aircraft received minor damage, but returned safely. No casualties.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 499 sorties (USAF 289, USMC 179, USN 31), killing 41 enemy soldiers, triggering 25 secondary explosions and igniting 30 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 443 fortifications, 611 bunkers, and 25 sampans.

- A Marine Corps CH-46 helicopter was shot down 5 miles east of Khe Sanh in Quang Tri Province at 1040. One crewman killed, five wounded, and the aircraft destroyed.

- B-52s FLEW TEN MISSIONS: 20 miles NW of Pleiku; 16 miles NW of Tay Ninh City; 5, 6, and 7 miles SW of Dak To; 18 miles NW of Pleiku; 17 Miles NW of Tay Ninh City; and 23, 25, and 26 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City.

3 June (Tuesday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, four significant enemy indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, of which three were against U.S. forces and installations:

III MAP:

O22015 -- THUA THIEN PROVINCE -- An element of the 9th Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, in night defensive positions 33 miles WSW of Hue (70 miles WNW of Da Nang), received about 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Casualties light, no fatalities or damage.

O21800 -- QUANG TRI PROVINCE -- An element of the 9th Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, received about 10 rounds of 60mm mortar fire two miles NNE of the Rockpile (105 miles NW of Da Nang). Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

II FFV:

O22135 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) at Phuoc Vinh (35 miles NNE of Saigon) received 8 to 10 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1115 an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, in tank and armored personnel carriers, engaged an enemy force of unknown size 5 miles SW of An Loc (55 miles NNW of Saigon). The enemy used heavy machineguns and rocket-propelled grenades. The troopers, supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery, attacked and remained engaged until about noon, when the enemy withdrew. Twenty-one enemy dead were found, and 10 suspects were detained. Also, two individual weapons and three crew-served weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were three wounded. At 1650 another element of the regiment engaged an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force one mile SW of the earlier action. Again the troopers attacked, supported by the gunships, and remained engaged until 1830 when the enemy withdrew. Twenty-two dead NVA were counted, and five individual and
two crew-served weapons were captured. There were no U.S. casualties. Cumulative enemy losses for the day's action were 43 killed, while the U.S. had three wounded and no fatalities.

- **I FFV (KONTUM PROVINCE)** — At 1145 an I FFV artillery fire support base, co-located with a Republic of Vietnam Civilian Irregular Defense Group camp at Ben Het (280 miles NNE of Saigon), received less than 15 rounds of 85mm artillery fire. At 1310, five more rounds impacted. No casualties or damage.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 1715 an element of the air cavalry of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), with a scout element from the division's 1st Brigade, made an aerial observation of 26 dead NVA 6 miles SE of Phu Khuong (45 miles NNE of Saigon). They apparently were killed by a tactical air strike there earlier in the morning.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KHANH PROVINCE)** — At 1430 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) found an 8½ ton enemy food cache six miles SE of Dong Bo (45 miles NE of Saigon). It contained 5½ tons of rice, and 3 tons of flour.

- **OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE)** — At 0800 members of the 11th Light Infantry Brigade, AMERICAL Division, engaged an enemy force of unknown size 5 miles WNW of Duc Pho (95 miles SSE of Da Nang). The troopers were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery until contact was lost at an unreported time. At 1130 tanks and armored personnel carriers of the division's armored cavalry squadron entered the area and also engaged a force of unknown size. The armored cavalry and infantrymen attacked and fought until 1330, when the enemy withdrew. Five enemy dead were counted, and two individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties: 6 killed, and 11 wounded.

- **OPERATION APACHE SNOW (THUA THIEN PROVINCE)** — At 1340 members of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) found a 6½ ton enemy rice cache 26 miles WSW of Hue (70 miles WNW of Da Nang). The cache was evacuated for distribution to Vietnamese civilians.

- **I FFV (KONTUM PROVINCE)** — At 1855 the U.S. I FFV artillery fire support base and Republic of Vietnam Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) Camp co-located at Ben Het (280 miles NNE of Saigon) received about five rounds of 85mm artillery fire. There were no U.S. casualties; however, a civilian home near the base was destroyed, and six Vietnamese civilians were reported as wounded.

- **I FFV (KONTUM PROVINCE)** — At 1645 a U.S. Army combat support unit located near Dak To (280 miles NNE of Saigon) received about 25 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. There were light U.S. casualties, no fatalities, and no material damage.
III MAF (DMZ) — At 1845 an aerial observer, flying over the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone, spotted an estimated 20 enemy soldiers at a bunker complex 3 miles NE of Con Thien (100 miles NW of Da Nang) and 400 meters inside the southern edge of the DMZ. He directed U.S. Army artillery fire onto the location, and observed one secondary explosion and the destruction of four bunkers. After the fire mission he counted six enemy dead.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) — At 0930 helicopter crews of the U.S. Army 12th Combat Aviation Group sighted an enemy force of unknown size two miles SSE of Phu Cuong (11 miles NNW of Saigon). The crews engaged them with their aerial machineguns and, following the action, counted 14 enemy dead. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) — at 1415 Soldiers of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force 15 miles NE of Tan An (14 miles SSE of Saigon). Small arms fire was exchanged and U.S. Army helicopter gunships joined the action. The enemy withdrew at 1800, leaving 11 of his dead. U.S. casualties were two killed and three wounded.

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 538 sorties (USAF 308, USMC 213, USN 17), killing 59 enemy soldiers, triggering 34 secondary explosions, and igniting 60 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 442 fortifications, 628 bunkers and 24 enemy sampans.

An F-100 was downed by enemy ground fire 8 miles SW of Quan Long in An Xuyen Province. The pilot was killed, and the plane destroyed.

An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 6 miles NW of Quang Ngai City. Three men aboard were killed, and the aircraft destroyed.

An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 1½ miles NW of Phuoc Vinh in Binh Duong Province. Seven men aboard were killed and the aircraft destroyed.

An Army O-1 observation plane was downed by enemy ground fire 4 miles NW of Pleiku City in Pleiku Province. One man was killed, and the aircraft destroyed.

B-52s flew 9 missions: 9 and 10 miles SW of Dak To; 7 and 8 miles SSW of Dak To; 12 miles ENE of Tay Ninh City; 19 and 20 miles NE of Tay Ninh City; 9 miles WNW of An Loc; and 6 miles NNE of Dan Tieng.

4 June (Wednesday)

HQ MACV — During the night, two significant enemy indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, one of which was against U.S. forces.
IFFY:

031905 — KONTUM PROVINCE — A U.S. Army medical evacuation detachment near Dak To (280 miles NNE of Saigon) received about 25 rounds of mixed, undetermined caliber recoilless rifle and 122mm rocket fire. U.S. casualties were very light with no fatalities. The material damage was also very light.

- OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) — At 1100 members of the 11th Light Infantry Brigade, AMERICAL Division, engaged an enemy force of unknown size 6 miles SE of Duc Pho (100 miles SSE of Da Nang). Elements of the division's armored cavalry squadron (in tanks and armored personnel carriers) joined the fight while additional support came from U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery fire. At 1600 the enemy withdrew, leaving 6 of his dead. One crew-served and two individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were two killed and two wounded.

- I FFV (KONTUM PROVINCE) — At 1645 a U.S. Army artillery fire support base and a combat support unit co-located near Dak To (280 miles NNE of Saigon received about 25 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. Light U.S. casualties, and no material damage.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) — At 1250 members of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade engaged an enemy force of unknown size 6 miles SE of Can Giuoc (18 miles south of Saigon). Supported by helicopter gunships, the infantrymen exchanged small arms and automatic weapons fire with the enemy, forcing him to withdraw in a short while. Eight enemy were killed and one U.S. soldier wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 2010 a reconnaissance element of the U.S. 1st Marine Division spotted about 40 enemy soldiers moving on a trail 11 miles east of An Hoa (30 miles SW of Da Nang), and directed artillery fire into the area, killing 12 of the enemy. No U.S. casualties.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 468 sorties (USAF 282, USMC 159, USN 27), killing 16 enemy soldiers, triggering 26 secondary explosions, and igniting 63 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 410 fortifications, 642 bunkers, and 40 sampans.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 5 miles west of Tam Ky in Quang Tin Province. Five men aboard were killed, and the aircraft was destroyed.

- B-52s flew 7 missions: 9 miles SSW of Dak To; 10 miles NW of Phuoc Vinh; 20 and 26 miles SW of Nha Trang; 9 miles NE of Xuan Loc; 17 miles NE of Xuan Loc; and 14 miles east of Tay Ninh City.

5 June (Thursday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, two significant enemy indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country of which
both were against U.S. forces.

I FFV:

041910 — KONTUM PROVINCE — A U.S. Army artillery fire support base near Dak To (280 miles NNE of Saigon) received about 5 rounds of 75mm recoilless fire. U.S. casualties were light, with no fatalities or materiel damage.

II FFV:

050030 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — An element of the 25th Infantry Division's armored cavalry squadron, in night defensive positions 6 miles NE of Go Dau Ha (35 miles NW of Saigon), received about 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light U.S. casualties, no materiel damage reported.

CMAC (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) — Between 0630 and 1030 six terrorist activities occurred in Saigon. Five explosive charges detonated, killing three Vietnamese civilians and wounding seven others. One of the wounded was a woman suspect, apprehended when a one-pound plastic-type charge she was carrying in a basket exploded. In the sixth incident, a U.S. Army explosive ordnance demolition team disarmed a claymore-type mine (made of two pounds of explosives and nails) found at the central market. The blasting cap detonated during the procedure, wounding one U.S. soldier.

III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At 0645 the U.S. Marine Combat Base at Dong Ha (90 miles NW of Da Nang) received about five rounds of 140mm rocket fire, resulting in light casualties and materiel damage. There were no fatalities. Counter-artillery fire was returned with unknown results.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1710 a reconnaissance element of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division spotted an estimated North Vietnamese Army platoon 3 miles south of Go Dau Ha (35 miles NW of Saigon) and directed U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunship fire onto the enemy. A Republic of Vietnam Regional Force element, transported on U.S. Navy river patrol boats, moved to the scene and assaulted the enemy position. Contact was lost at 1900, and RF soldiers sweeping the area counted 15 NVA dead. There were no U.S. or Republic of Vietnam casualties.

III MAF (DMZ) — There were three incidents in the Demilitarized Zone in which tactical air strikes and artillery were used to destroy enemy rockets:

1. At 0755 a U.S. aerial observer spotted a firing site with 18 rockets aimed south. The site was located about 4 miles NE of Gio Linh (100 miles NW of Da Nang) and about 1200 meters inside the DMZ. Tactical air strikes directed onto the site by the observer destroyed the rockets. Enemy losses unknown.
2. At 0050 an aerial observer reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone spotted an enemy rocket launching site 3 miles NE of Gio Linh and 500 meters inside the southern edge of the DMZ. The site had 22 rockets ready for launching and aimed south. Tactical air strikes called for, and directed by, the observer destroyed the rockets. Enemy casualties are unknown.

3. At 1430 an aerial observer reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone spotted an enemy rocket launching site 5 miles NE of Gio Linh and 1000 meters inside the southern edge of the DMZ. The site had 38 rockets prepared for launching and aimed south. U.S. Marine Corps artillery fire directed by him destroyed the rockets and two bunkers, and caused one secondary explosion. Enemy losses are unknown.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1530 members of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) found the graves of 20 enemy soldiers 14 miles east of Tay Ninh City. They apparently had been killed by artillery or air strikes one to two days earlier. One AK-47 rifle was captured. No contact with the enemy.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 0550 a patrol from the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division ambushed an enemy force of unknown size 7 miles NW of Go Dau Ha (43 miles NW of Saigon). The enemy returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons. The troopers were later supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships, artillery, U.S. Air Force tactical air strikes, and another element of the brigade. After the action ended at 2030, the bodies of 45 enemy soldiers were counted. Also, 7 individual and 2 crew-served weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were 1 killed, 14 wounded.

HQ MACV — The personnel of the 71st Special Operations Squadron, under the operational control of the 14th Special Operations Wing since early 1969, redeployed to the United States.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 1250 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, and an element of the 49th Regiment, Army of the Republic of Vietnam 25th Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force 6 miles NE of Trang Bang. The enemy employed heavy small arms and rocket-propelled grenades. The U.S. and ARVN force were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, tactical air strikes, and — later — infantrymen and mechanized infantrymen in armored personnel carriers. After contact was lost in the early evening, 72 dead NVA were counted, 21 individual and four crew-served weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were 7 killed and 23 wounded. There were no ARVN casualties.

I FFV (KONTUM PROVINCE) — At 1030 members of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, received small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an enemy force of unknown size 9 miles SW of Kontum City (255 miles NNE of Saigon). The troopers returned fire with organic weapons and directed U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery fire onto the enemy location. The enemy withdrew at 1430 leaving
behind 33 of his dead. U.S. casualties were 10 killed and 35 wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) — At 0930 a Republic of Vietnam Popular Force and U.S. Marine Corps Combined Action Platoon (CAP) engaged an estimated two squads of enemy 6 miles NNW of Tam Ky (35 miles SE of Da Nang). The CAP troopers were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships. After the enemy withdrew (time unreported), 12 enemy dead were found, and three individual weapons captured. There were no friendly casualties.

- OPERATION VIRGINIA RIDGE (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At 1315 Marines of the 3rd Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, engaged an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force 4 miles north of the Rockpile (105 miles NW of Da Nang) and two miles south of the southern edge of the DMZ. The enemy fired small arms and automatic weapons from fortified positions. Supported by artillery fire, the Marines attacked and stayed engaged until 1900, when the enemy withdrew. Three NVA bodies were found and one individual weapon was captured. U.S. casualties were 4 killed and 14 wounded.

- OPERATION LAMAR PLAIN (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) — At 1110 helicopter gunships of the AMERICAL Division’s air cavalry element sighted and engaged 24 enemy soldiers 9 miles SE of Tam Ky (40 miles south of Da Nang). They killed 10 enemy. There were no U.S. casualties.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 510 sorties (USAF 307, USMC 167, USN 36), killing 115 enemy soldiers, triggering 35 secondary explosions, and igniting 35 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 373 fortifications, 528 bunkers, and 35 sampans.

- A U.S. Air Force unarmed RF-4 reconnaissance aircraft was downed by enemy anti-aircraft fire while on a mission over North Vietnam. The plane crashed in the ocean three miles east of Don Ho. Air Force HH-3 helicopter crews rescued both crewmen, one of whom was evacuated to the hospital ship USS REPOSE for medical treatment. The other crewmember was uninjured. Two escorting F-4 aircraft expended their ordnance on the anti-aircraft weapons site with unknown results.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 9 miles south of Tay Ninh City, wounding one crewman.

- Any Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 5 miles NE of Trang Bang, killing four men aboard.

- B-52s flew 6 missions: 12 and 13 miles ENE of Tay Ninh City; 12 miles east of Tay Ninh City; 4 miles ENE of Katum; 10 miles SE of Xuan Loc; and 16 miles WSW of Dak To.

6 June (Friday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, 46 significant enemy indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country against U.S., Free World, and Republic of Vietnam forces or installations. An attack
on Saigon is included in the total. Nineteen of the 45 attacks by fire were against U.S. forces or installations. There were 56 insignificant indirect fire harassing attacks reported throughout the country which caused no damage or casualties. The following significant indirect fire attacks were against U.S. forces or installations:

III MAF:

052020 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- About five rounds of 60mm mortar fire struck the night defensive positions of an element of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, 15 miles SSW of Da Nang. Light casualties, no fatalities or materiel damage.

I FFV:

051855 -- KONTUM PROVINCE -- A landing zone 18 miles SSW of Dak To, occupied by members of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, received about 70 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no materiel damage.

051923 -- KONTUM PROVINCE -- The base camp of a U.S. Army combat support unit at Dak To received about 30 rounds of mixed 122mm rocket and 75mm recoilless rifle fire. No casualties or damage.

051920 -- KONTUM PROVINCE -- A landing zone occupied by an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, 8 miles NW of Polei Kiep received 70 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. No casualties or damage.

II FFV:

052045 -- BIEN HOA PROVINCE -- The airfield at Bien Hoa received about 5 rounds of 122mm rocket fire, which caused no damage or casualties. A second attack at 0305 consisted of 40 rounds of 122mm rocket fire, causing light casualties, but no fatalities or materiel damage.

052353 -- LONG AN PROVINCE -- Fifteen rounds of 82mm mortar fire fell on elements of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division near Tan An. Light casualties, no fatalities or materiel damage.

060142 -- BIEN HOA PROVINCE -- A base camp of a U.S. Army artillery element 8 miles NNE of Bien Hoa received less than 5 rounds of undetermined caliber mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or materiel damage.

060110 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- An element of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division, in base camp near Tay Ninh City, received about 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire and about 10 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. No casualties, materiel damage was moderate.

060120 -- HAU NGHIA PROVINCE -- While in night defensive positions 4 miles SW of Trang Bang, an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S.
25th Infantry Division received about 5 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or material damage.

052352 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- Five rounds of 107mm rocket fire fell on the base camp of Hq 1st U.S. Infantry Division at Lai Khe, resulting in light casualties and materiel damage, and no fatalities.

060233 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, at Dau Tieng received about 35 rounds of mixed 107mm rocket and 82mm mortar fire. No casualties or damage.

060400 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received about 25 rounds of 107mm rocket fire, resulting in no casualties or damage.

IFFV:

060303 -- NINH THUAN PROVINCE -- The air base at Phan Rang received about 35 rounds of mixed 107mm rocket and 82mm mortar fire. Eight Vietnamese civilians were wounded. U.S. casualties were light with no fatalities, and materiel damage was light.

060530 -- BINH THUAN PROVINCE -- The air base at Phan Thiet received less than 10 rounds of 107mm rocket fire, resulting in light casualties and materiel damage.

IFFV:

060600 -- BIEN HOA PROVINCE -- The U.S. Army installation at Long Binh received about 5 rounds of 122mm rocket fire which caused no casualties or material damage.

060600 -- BIEN HOA PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq U.S. 199th Light Infantry Brigade 5 miles east of Bien Hoa received about 10 rounds of 107mm rocket fire, resulting in light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. One scout dog was killed and two scout dogs were wounded. About 5 of the rocket rounds impacted outside the perimeter of the base in a Vietnamese village, killing 12 Vietnamese civilians, wounding 33 more, and destroying seven civilian homes. U.S. Army artillery fire was directed against suspected enemy sites, and — at first light — Republic of Vietnam troops found 3 dead enemy in the impact area.

060120 -- Binh LONG PROVINCE -- An element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, manning a fire support base 4 miles south of An Loc, received an unknown number of 82mm mortar rounds, resulting in light U.S. casualties and no fatalities. U.S. Army artillery fire was placed on the suspected enemy position, and — at first light — 18 dead enemy were found.
060216 — DINH TUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 9th Infantry Division (40 miles SW of Saigon) received less than 5 rounds of mixed 75mm recoilless rifle fire and 107mm rocket fire. No casualties, and materiel damage was light.

- CMAC (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) — At 0340 two enemy 122mm rockets impacted in Saigon at the SE edge of the 4th Precinct. No casualties or damage.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BIHN LONG PROVINCE) — At 0040 the base camp of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, 3 miles NE of An Loc, was probed by an enemy ground force of unknown size, firing small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades. U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery fire supported the troopers. After the enemy withdrew at 0610, 14 dead enemy soldiers were counted, and five suspects were detained. U.S. casualties were 7 wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE):

1. At 0300 a fire support base of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, 14 miles NW of Tay Ninh City (65 miles NW of Saigon) was attacked by an enemy ground force of unknown size, firing automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades. The troopers fought back, supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery, and a USAF AC-47 gunship, until the enemy withdrew at 0515. Seventy-six dead enemy soldiers were found, and two suspects were detained. In addition, 15 AK-47 assault rifles and two rocket-propelled grenade launchers were captured. U.S. casualties were 1 killed and 2 wounded.

2. At 0250 a mechanized infantry element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, in night defensive positions 12 miles SE of Tay Ninh City (44 miles NW of Saigon) received a ground attack from an unknown size enemy force using small arms and rocket-propelled grenades. The troopers returned fire with organic weapons on their armored vehicles and were supported by U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships. The enemy withdrew at 0400, leaving seven of his dead. Three suspects were detained by U.S. forces, and 5 individual weapons and 15 rounds of rocket-propelled grenades were captured. U.S. casualties were 2 killed.

3. At 0145 a landing zone occupied by members of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) 22 miles NE of Tay Ninh City (55 miles NNW of Saigon) received about 15 rounds of enemy 82mm mortar fire, and a ground attack by an unknown size enemy force using small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades. The troopers returned fire, and were supported by U.S. Army artillery, helicopter gunships, and a USAF AC-47 gunship. A portion of the perimeter wire was destroyed during the fighting; however, the enemy withdrew at 0530 without penetrating. Eight dead enemy soldiers were found, and one AK-47 rifle and three CHICOM claymore-type mines were captured. U.S. casualties were 1 killed, 7 wounded.

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TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) — At 1055 a mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, engaged an estimated enemy company 3 miles NW of An Loc (75 miles north of Saigon). The enemy were occupying bunkers and defending with heavy small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades. The troopers attacked with organic weapons, including the armored personnel carrier .50 caliber machineguns, and were joined by U.S. Army artillery, helicopter gunships, and USAF tactical air strikes. Other mechanized infantry elements joined the troops in contact, and action continued until 1500, when the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 115 enemy soldiers were found, and 9 suspects were detained. In addition, 26 individual and 10 crew-served weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were 3 killed, and 13 wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1705 members of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged an enemy force of unknown size 6 miles SE of Phu Khuong. Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships. At 1930 the enemy withdrew, leaving 44 of his dead. Five individual weapons were captured. There were no U.S. casualties.

III MAF (DMZ) — At 0705 a U.S. aerial observer reconnoitering the southern half of the DMZ, sighted six enemy soldiers 6 miles WSW of Con Thien (105 miles NE of Da Nang), and about 500 meters inside the southern edge of the DMZ. U.S. Marine Corps artillery fire directed onto them by the observer killed three enemy.

III MAF (DMZ) — At 1400 a U.S. observation plane reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone came under 12.7mm anti-aircraft fire 6 miles WSW of Con Thien (105 miles NW of Da Nang) and about 700 meters inside the southern edge of the zone. The observer aboard was killed, and the plane damaged; however, the pilot returned the plane to base safely. U.S. Army and Marine artillery fire and tactical air strikes were directed onto the enemy location silencing the fire. Enemy losses are unknown.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) — At 1310 an element of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment which was providing security for a convoy of the Republic of Vietnam Army 5th Infantry Division received automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an enemy force of unknown size. The convoy was traveling on Highway 13 and was 11 miles south of An Loc (50 miles NNW of Saigon) when contact was made. The troopers and the Republic of Vietnam security elements with the convoy attacked the enemy, and --- five minutes later --- were reinforced by a mechanized infantry element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division (in armored personnel carriers). The enemy withdrew at 1440, and the bodies of 49 enemy soldiers were found. One suspect was detained. U.S. casualties were four wounded, and no fatalities. ARVN casualties were light. One truck was damaged, but the convoy proceeded to its destination without further incident.
- **I FFV (KONTUM PROVINCE)** — At 1150 the U.S. I FFV artillery fire support base and Republic of Vietnam Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) Camp co-located at Ben Het (280 miles NNE of Saigon) received about 15 rounds of mixed 82mm mortar, rocket-propelled grenade, 85mm artillery and unknown caliber recoilless rifle fire. Two rounds of the 82mm mortar fire that impacted on the location contained an irritant-type riot control agent. There were light U.S. and CIDG casualties and no fatalities. No materiel damage.

- **III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE)** — At 1400 yesterday (5 June) an element of the 9th Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division engaged an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force 11 miles SE of Khe Sanh (95 miles NW of Da Nang) The enemy withdrew immediately, but the Marines pursued until contact was reestablished a short while later. The enemy, now estimated to be company-size, defended with small arms and automatic weapons until 2130 at which time he withdrew. At 0325 today (6 June) the same element of the 9th Regiment, in night defensive positions, was probed by an enemy force of unknown size. The Marines defended with organic weapons and directed artillery fire onto the enemy locations. During a sweep of the area, the Marines had light and sporadic contact with the enemy until 1500. Total enemy losses for the action were 34 killed. Marine casualties were 11 killed, 34 wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 0930 mechanized infantrymen of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engaged an enemy force of unknown size 9 miles SE of Tay Ninh City (45 miles NW of Saigon) and attacked. U.S. Army helicopter gunships directed aerial and machinegun fire onto the enemy locations. The enemy withdrew at 1330, and the bodies of 17 enemy were found. In addition, 2 individual weapons and one 60mm mortar was captured. No friendly casualties.

- **III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE)** — During the period of time 1945 to 2245 seven terrorist incidents occurred in the city of Da Nang, all involving explosive charges. Locations struck included the culvert near the air base's east gate, a civilian restaurant, two homes, and a transformer station. One Vietnamese civilian home was destroyed, the station received minor damage, and 7 Vietnamese civilians were wounded. No terrorists were apprehended.

- **III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE)** — At 2325 an element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, engaged 15 enemy soldiers with small arms fire 6 miles north of An Hoa (20 miles SW of Da Nang) until the enemy withdrew. At first light, the bodies of 10 enemy soldiers were found. Marine casualties were 6 wounded, no fatalities.

- **I FFV (KONTUM PROVINCE)** — At 1745 the base camp of an I FFV artillery element co-located with a Republic of Vietnam Civilian Irregular Defense Group Camp at Ben Het (280 miles NNE of Saigon) received an indirect fire attack of about 60 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. U.S. Army artillery fired on the suspected enemy location with unknown results. U.S. and CIDG casualties were light. No materiel damage.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 560 sorties (USAF 326, USMC 175, USN 59), killing 26 enemy soldiers, triggering 41 secondary explosions, and igniting 40 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 405 fortifications, 448 bunkers and 19 sampans.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 17 miles SE of Tay Ninh City. There were no casualties, but the aircraft was destroyed.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 19 miles north of Phu Khuong, killing four men aboard. The aircraft was destroyed.

- B-52s flew 8 missions: 11 miles SE of Xuan Loc; 15 miles WSW of Dak To; 25 miles NE of Tay Ninh City; 19 miles NE of Tay Ninh City; 24 miles NE of Tay Ninh City; 19, 20, and 21 miles NE of Quang Tri City.

7 June (Saturday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, 31 significant enemy indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country of which 17 were against U.S. units or installations. The number of attacks considered insignificant was 32, none of which resulted in casualties or damage. The following were against U.S. Forces:

III MAF:

070250 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — Da Nang Air Base and Da Nang City received about 15 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. One Republic of Vietnam fuel ship in the river was hit and set afire. Casualties and material damage was light. One Vietnamese civilian was killed and 12 others wounded by a rocket that impacted in a civilian housing area.

070400 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — The Da Nang Air Base again received about 10 rounds of suspected 122mm rocket fire, resulting in no damage or casualties.

070437 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — The Da Nang Air Base received about 5 rounds of suspected 122mm rocket fire resulting in very light U.S. casualties with no fatalities, and light material damage.

070050 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — The U.S. Marine Air Facility at Marble Mountain near Da Nang received about 15 rounds of undetermined caliber mortar fire resulting in light U.S. casualties with no fatalities and light material damage.

061820 — QUANG TRI PROVINCE — An element of the 3rd Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, in night defensive positions 4 miles north of the Rockpile (105 miles NW of Da Nang) received about 55 rounds of enemy 60mm mortar fire. No casualties or damage.

062005 — QUANG NGAI PROVINCE — An element of the 11th Light Infantry Brigade, AMERICAL DIVISION, in night defensive positions
about 2½ miles north of Duc Pho (95 miles SSE of Da Nang) received less than 5 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Casualties were very light with no fatalities. No materiel damage.

070150 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- An element of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, in night defensive positions 3 miles NE of An Hoa (20 miles SW of Da Nang) received less than 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. There was no damage. Casualties were light with no fatalities.

I FFV:

070105 -- KON'TUM PROVINCE -- The base camp of a U.S. Army combat support unit one-half mile north of Kontum City (265 miles NNE of Saigon) received about 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no materiel damage.

070045 -- KON'TUM PROVINCE -- The base camp of a U.S. Army Combat support unit at Dak To (280 miles NNE of Saigon) received about 60 rounds of 82mm mortar fire and 15 rounds of rocket-propelled grenades. U.S. Army artillery fire was directed on suspected enemy sites with unknown results. Light casualties, no fatalities or materiel damage.

061915 -- KON'TUM PROVINCE -- The base camp of an I FFV artillery unit one-half mile west of Dak To (280 miles NNE of Saigon) received about 20 rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle fire. U.S. artillery fire was directed at suspected enemy positions with unknown results. U.S. casualties were light with no fatalities.

062220 -- BINH DINH PROVINCE -- The base camp of an element of the U.S. 173rd Airborne Brigade 2 miles north of An Khe (260 miles NE of Saigon) received a number of rounds of undetermined caliber mortar fire. U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery were directed onto suspected enemy sites with unknown results. At 2300 less than 10 rounds of rocket-propelled grenades were received. No U.S. casualties. Material damage was light.

062330 -- BINH LONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Quan Loi (60 miles north of Saigon) received about 50 rounds of mixed mortar, 82mm, 120mm, and 107mm. Light casualties with no fatalities. No materiel damage.

070048 -- PLEIKU PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq U.S. 4th Infantry Division 8 miles south of Pleiku City (235 miles NE of Saigon) received a number of rounds of unreported caliber mortar fire. U.S. casualties were light with no fatalities. Light materiel damage.

DMAG:

062050 -- DINH TUONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq U.S. 9th Infantry Division at Dong Tam (40 miles SE of Saigon) received less than 5 rounds of undetermined caliber mortar fire. No casualties or damage.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 0250 the base camp of an element of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, 1 mile west of An Hoa (24 miles SW of Da Nang) received a number of rounds of unreported caliber mortar fire, followed by a probe from an unknown size enemy force. The Marines returned the enemy small arms fire with organic weapons, and were supported by USAF AC-47 gunships and Marine artillery. The bodies of 10 enemy soldiers were found and one suspect was detained. Five individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were 3 killed and 31 wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 0145 the base camp of 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division at An Hoa (23 miles SW of Da Nang) was probed by small arms fire and rounds of undetermined caliber mortar fire from an enemy force of unknown size. The Marines' return fire was supported by Marine Corps artillery. In a sweep at first light, 12 enemy dead were found and one suspect was detained. Marine casualties were 5 killed and 3 wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 0250 a fire support base occupied by an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, 14 miles NW of Tay Ninh City (65 miles NW of Saigon) was attacked by North Vietnamese Army elements of the 9th VC Division. The attack began with rounds of undetermined caliber mortar fire at 0250, followed by a ground attack at 0315, with the enemy using .51 caliber machinegun fire, small arms, and grenades. The troopers defended with unit weapons and were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery, USAF AC-119 gunships, and USAF tactical air strikes. At 0630 the enemy withdrew. In a sweep following the action the bodies of 323 NVA soldiers were found, and 10 NVA soldiers were detained. In addition, 39 individual weapons, four crew-served weapons, 500 hand-grenades, 90 rounds of 60mm mortar ammunition, a quantity of medical supplies (of Russian make), and an unreported amount of Cambodian currency. U.S. casualties were two wounded (slightly) and no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1045 a mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, and an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment engaged an estimated two North Vietnamese Army companies 4 miles SW of An Loc (58 miles NNW of Saigon). The enemy defended with heavy small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades, while the troopers used unit weapons on their tanks and armored personnel carriers. The action was joined by another element of the 11th ACR, U.S. Army helicopter gunships, artillery, and USAF tactical aircraft. At 1630, the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 95 NVA soldiers were found in the battle area. In addition, 22 AK-47 rifles, five RPG-2 rocket-propelled grenade launchers, four RPG-7 rocket-propelled grenade launchers, one 60mm mortar tube, and one 57mm recoilless rifle were captured. U.S. casualties were three killed and seven wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 0030 members of the 1st Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, in night defensive positions 6 miles SE of
Da Nang, received 30 rounds of 60mm mortar followed by a ground attack from an estimated 70 enemy soldiers, using small arms fire and grenades. The Marines defended with unit weapons until the enemy withdrew (at an unreported time). Thirty-five enemy were killed. U.S. casualties were 9 killed, 32 wounded.

- OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) -- At 2330 an element of the 11th Light Infantry Brigade, AMERICAL Division, while in night defensive positions 4 miles NW of Duc Pho (95 miles SSE of Da Nang), observed an unknown size enemy force moving outside their perimeter. The troopers defended with unit weapons and were supported by a USAF AC-130 gunship. At 0030, the enemy withdrew, leaving 11 of his dead, two individual and three crew-served weapons. There were no U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1745 an element of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, 2 miles west of An Hoa (23 miles SW of Da Nang spotted 25 enemy soldiers, carrying packs and weapons. The Marines successfully ambushed them, killing 19, and capturing 2 individual and 1 crew-served weapon. No U.S. casualties.

- OPERATION LAMAR PLAIN (QUANG DIN PROVINCE) -- At 0800 members of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) drew small arms and mortar fire (less than 5 rounds) from an unknown size enemy force in bunkers and hedgerow 8 miles SW of Tam Ky (40 miles SSE of Da Nang). The troopers engaged and remained in contact until 1320, when the enemy withdrew. Seven enemy soldiers were killed, one crew-served and three individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties: 7 killed and 19 wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1420 mechanized infantrymen of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, in armored personnel carriers, engaged an enemy force of unknown size 2 miles NE of Tay Ninh City (52 miles NW of Saigon). The troopers fought with their unit weapons, including the heavy machine guns of their carriers, forcing the enemy to withdraw shortly. Nineteen enemy were killed, and 5 suspects detained. Also, two individual weapons were captured. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KHANH PROVINCE) -- At 0930 an element of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and Republic of Vietnam Army (ARVN) armored cavalry troopers from the 2nd Squadron, 5th Cavalry, engaged an estimated enemy company 11 miles ESE of Xuan Loc (50 miles ENE of Saigon). The combined armored force attacked, supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships, artillery, and USAF tactical air strikes. The enemy withdrew at 1645, leaving 43 of his dead. In addition, 7 individual and 7 crew-served weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were 2 killed, 4 wounded. ARVN casualties were very light, with no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1400 members of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), found the bodies of 16 North Vietnamese Army soldiers 9 miles NE of Phu Khuong (55
miles NNW of Saigon. They apparently were killed by an air strike the previous day.

- DMAC (DINH TUONG PROVINCE) -- At 0415 a U.S. Navy SEAL team observed an estimated 50 enemy soldiers 12 miles WSW of My Tho (49 miles SW of Saigon). The team maneuvered and engaged the enemy at 0600, supported by U.S. Navy helicopter gunships and OV-10 aircraft, and killed 26 enemy soldiers. No U.S. casualties.

- OPERATION APACHE SNOW (QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN PROVINCES) -- Operation APACHE SNOW, a multi-regiment operation centered in an area 32 miles WSW of Hue, terminated. It began 10 May 1969, and involved elements of the 9th Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, and the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), as well as the Army of the Republic of Vietnam, 1st Division. Total results for participating U.S. units were: 753 enemy killed, 4 suspects detained, 272 individual and 43 crew-served weapons captured. U.S. casualties were: 113 killed, and 627 wounded, of whom 567 were evacuated. Army of the Republic of Vietnam units from the 1st Division participating in the operation killed 224 enemy, detained one suspect, and captured 337 individual weapons and 100 crew-served weapons. These figures are in addition to U.S. results. ARVN casualties were light.

- I FFV (NINH THUAN PROVINCE) -- At 1635 the air base at Phan Rang (170 miles ENE of Saigon) received less than 5 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. Light U.S. casualties, no material damage.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 544 sorties (USAF 313, USMC 176, USN 55), killing 23 enemy soldiers, triggering 27 secondary explosions, and igniting 42 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 288 fortifications, 656 bunkers, and 11 sampans.

- B-52s flew 9 missions: 20, 21, and 22 miles NW of Quang Tri City; 27 and 29 miles NE of Tay Ninh City; 15 miles SE of Katum; 15 miles NW of Tay Ninh City; 6 miles SW of Dak To; and 16 miles NW of Pleiku City.

- NOTE: See summary of 10 June for an action that began today and terminated on that date, involving a U.S. Marine reconnaissance patrol.

8 June (Sunday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night there were 17 significant enemy indirect fire harassing attacks reported throughout the country, of which 9 were against U.S. forces or installations. There were 42 indirect fire attacks considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following indirect fire attacks were against U.S. forces or installations:

III MAF:

080230 -- QUANG NGAI PROVINCE -- An element of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, AMERICAL Division, in night defensive positions
5 miles SSE of Duc Pho (105 miles SSE of Da Nang) received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire, resulting in very light casualties, with no fatalities or materiel damage.

080210 — QUANG NGAI PROVINCE — A U.S. Army artillery element 8 miles north of Quang Ngai City (70 miles SSE of Da Nang) received about 30 rounds of undetermined caliber mortar fire, resulting in light casualties and no materiel damage.

080325 — QUANG NGAI PROVINCE — The base camp of an element of the 11th Light Infantry Brigade, AMERICAL Division, at Duc Pho (100 miles SSE of Da Nang) received about 20 rounds of mixed 140mm rocket and 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no materiel damage.

080555 — QUANG TIN PROVINCE — The Chu Lai Air Base 17 miles SE of Tam Ky (55 miles SE of Da Nang) received about five rounds of 122mm rocket fire, one round of which hit a U.S. Army evacuation ward, occupied by Vietnamese patients. One Vietnamese child was killed, 34 other Vietnamese patients were wounded, and the ward was heavily damaged. An Army Nurse was killed, and two other U.S. persons wounded.

I FFV:

080045 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — About 30 rounds of 82mm mortar fire impacted in the base camp of an element of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division near Tay Ninh City (60 miles NW of Saigon). Light materiel damage, and no casualties.

080622 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — The base camp of an element of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division near Tay Ninh City received less than 5 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. No casualties, light materiel damage.

DMAC:

072039 — DINH TUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 9th Infantry Division at Dong Tam (40 miles SW of Saigon) received about 5 rounds of mixed 82mm and undetermined caliber mortar fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities or materiel damage.

I FFV:

071930 — KONTUM PROVINCE — Less than 5 rounds of 82mm mortar fire fell on a U.S. Army combat support unit in positions near Kontum City (270 miles NNE of Saigon), resulting in light U.S. casualties, and no fatalities or materiel damage.

080053 — BINH DINH PROVINCE — A mechanized infantry element of the U.S. 173rd Airborne Brigade, in defensive positions 5 miles NE of Phu My (295 miles NE of Saigon) received about 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Very light U.S. casualties, no fatalities or damage.
- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — About 5 rounds of 107mm rocket fire fell on the base camp of an element of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division near Tay Ninh City (60 miles NW of Saigon). Light casualties and damage. The fire attack came at 0800.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE)** — At 1705 Infantry and mechanized infantry elements of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division located and attacked an unknown size enemy force 5 miles NE of Trang Bang. The troopers used unit weapons and the heavy machineguns of their personnel carriers. After the enemy withdrew at 1745, seventeen enemy dead were found. Also, 7 individual and one crew-served weapon were captured. One U.S. soldier was wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 2115 helicopter crewmen of the U.S. Army 164th Combat Aviation Group sighted an unknown number of enemy soldiers gathered around three camp fires 4 miles SE of Phu Khuong (50 miles NNW of Saigon). Following illumination of the area, the gunships attacked the enemy and directed artillery fire onto the location. Forty dead enemy were later counted. There were no U.S. casualties.

- **III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE)** — At 1430 a U.S. Marine Corps truck detonated an unknown type enemy mine on a road 7 miles south of Da Nang. All six U.S. personnel aboard the vehicle were killed and the truck was destroyed. Of the group, three were U.S. Navy personnel of a television camera team assigned to Armed Forces Vietnam Network, Saigon, and another was Chaplain (Major) Don L. Bartley (United Presbyterian) assigned to Hq MACV.

- **III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE)** — At 1125 elements of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, came under automatic weapons fire from an enemy force of unknown size. The Marines returned fire and directed Marine Corps artillery fire and tactical air strikes on the enemy positions. As the Marines moved to assault, they received heavy automatic weapons fire and rounds of unreported caliber mortar fire. At this time, the enemy force was estimated to be two companies. More artillery and air strikes were directed, and the enemy withdrew. Twenty-one enemy soldiers were killed. U.S. Casualties were 3 killed, and 10 wounded.

- **III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE)** — At 0400 an element of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, in night defensive positions 20 miles SW of Da Nang, received a number of mortar rounds followed by a ground attack by an estimated 40 enemy soldiers, firing small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades. The Marines defended with unit weapons, and were supported by artillery. The enemy withdrew, leaving 10 of his dead. One crew-served weapon was captured. U.S. casualties were 1 killed and 16 wounded.

- **SVN TAC AIR** — U.S. Pilots flew 501 sorties (USAF 288, USMC 178, USN 35), killing 16 enemy soldiers, triggering 61 secondary explosions, and igniting 47 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 357 fortifications, 484 bunkers, and 21 sampans.
B-52s flew 7 missions: 17 miles NW of Pleiku City; 6 miles NNW of Tay Ninh City; 20 miles NE of Tay Ninh City; 8 miles NNW of Tay Ninh City; 19 miles NE of Tay Ninh City; 13 miles SW of Dak To; and 13 miles NWW of Dak To.

NOTE: OPERATION MONTGOMERY RENDEZVOUS began today, and was announced in the releases of 17 June.

9 June (Monday)

HQ MACV — During the night, seven significant enemy indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, of which four were against U.S. units or installations. There were 13 indirect fire attacks reported which were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following attacks by fire were against U.S. forces and installations:

III MAF:

081848 — QUANG NGAI PROVINCE — An element of the 11th Light Infantry Brigade, AMERICAL Division, received an unknown number of mortar rounds while in night defensive positions 2 miles SW of Duc Pho (100 miles SSE of Da Nang). Light casualties, no fatalities or materiel damage.

II FFV:

081924 — BINH DUYEN PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Lai Khe (29 miles NNW of Saigon) received less than 5 rounds of 122mm rocket fire, resulting in light U.S. casualties and no materiel damage.

082145 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — About five rounds of 122mm rocket fire fell on the base camp of an element of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division near Tay Ninh City. No casualties or damage.

IIAC:

082300 — 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. No casualties, light materiel damage.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1450 a mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force 11 miles east of Tay Ninh City (45 miles NNW of Saigon). Heavy automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers, in armored personnel carriers, attacked the enemy positions, supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships and a USAF AC-47 gunship. The enemy withdrew at 1900, and the bodies of 51 enemy soldiers were found in the battle area. U.S. casualties were three killed and 18 wounded.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — In early morning, an element of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, 1 mile NW of An Hoa (22 miles SW of Da Nang) assaulted enemy positions from which they had received fire late in the afternoon of 8 June. Last night, before the assault, the Marines had directed artillery fire and tactical air strikes onto the enemy locations. During today's action, small arms fire was exchanged, and the enemy withdrew at an unreported time. The Marines consolidated their position at 1600, and made a sweep of the battle area. They found the bodies of 80 enemy soldiers above ground and in bunkers. Also, 5 individual and 2 crew-served weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were 2 killed and 11 wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 1510 troopers from the armored cavalry squadron of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division, in tanks and armored personnel carriers, engaged an enemy force of unknown size 3 miles north of Trang Bang (32 miles NW of Saigon). They were supported by U.S. Army artillery, helicopter gunships, and U.S. Air Force tactical aircraft. As fighting continued, another element of the squadron joined the action at 1630. The enemy withdrew at 1900, and the bodies of 26 enemy soldiers were found in the area. Also, 7 individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were one killed and six wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) — At 1040 a mechanized element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, mounted in armored personnel carriers, engaged an unknown size enemy force 3 miles east of An Loc (60 miles north of Saigon). They were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery, and USAF tactical air strikes. The enemy withdrew at 1615, leaving 36 of his dead. One crew-served and 3 individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were 1 killed, 2 wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) — At 1340 an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment engaged an enemy force 5 miles NW of An Loc (65 miles north of Saigon). Supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships, the troopers attacked, and — later — got additional support from mechanized infantrymen of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division. Contact ended at 1630 when the enemy withdrew. Nine dead enemy soldiers were counted, and 1 crew-served and 5 individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were 4 killed, and 15 wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1415 members of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged an enemy force occupying fortified positions 14 miles east of Tay Ninh City (45 miles NW of Saigon). Supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery, and USAF Tactical air strikes, the troopers attacked. They were later reinforced by other air cavalry troopers from the brigade and an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, mounted in tanks and armored personnel carriers. At 1820, the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 15 enemy soldiers were found in a search of the enemy positions. U.S. casualties were three killed and 16 wounded.
III MAF (DMZ) — At 0845 an aerial observer reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone drew small arms fire 4 miles NNE of Gio Linh and 300 meters south of the Ben Hai River (100 miles NW of Da Nang). U.S. Marine Corps artillery fire directed onto the position silenced the enemy. The aircraft, though hit, returned safely to base. Enemy losses unknown. No U.S. casualties.

I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE) — This afternoon infantrymen of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, discovered the graves of 19 enemy soldiers one mile north of Polei Mrong (255 miles northeast of Saigon). They had apparently been killed by air strikes. One wounded suspect was found and detained.

OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) — At 1455 a reconnaissance element of the 11th Light Infantry Brigade, and an element of the division’s armored cavalry squadron engaged an enemy force 2 miles west of Duc Pho (95 miles SSE of Da Nang). In an exchange of heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire, the troopers attacked. At 1745 the enemy withdrew. A sweep of the area was made by elements of the 11th, and the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 4th Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. They found the bodies of 61 enemy soldiers, and also captured 9 individual weapons and 4 crew-served weapons. U.S. casualties were 3 killed and 7 wounded.

III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1545 a reconnaissance element of the 1st Marine Division engaged in a small arms fight with 9 enemy soldiers nine miles ENE of An Hoa (16 miles south of Da Nang). The Marines killed 8 of the enemy and captured the other, as well as all nine weapons. There were no U.S. casualties.

II FFV (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) — At 1755 the base camp of Hq 1st U.S. Cavalry Division (Airmobile) near Phuoc Vinh (35 miles NNE of Saigon) received about 10 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. U.S. casualties and materiel damage was light.

III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1200 members of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, one mile NW of An Hoa (23 miles SW of Da Nang) received intense automatic weapons fire from an enemy force of unknown size. The Marines immediately replied with unit weapons and directed artillery fire onto the enemy locations. At 1900 the enemy withdrew. Seventy-five dead enemy were counted, and one crew-served and 52 individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were one killed and eight wounded.

I FFV (KONTUM PROVINCE) — During the period 0830 to 1930 the I FFV fire support base, co-located with a Republic of Vietnam Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) camp at Ben Het (280 miles NNE of Saigon) received about 100 rounds of mixed 82mm mortar, 75mm recoilless rifle and 85mm artillery fire. Resulting U.S. and CIDG casualties were light with no fatalities. There was light damage to materiel. Two Vietnamese civilians were wounded.
- DMAC (Kien Hoa Province) — At 0945 infantrymen of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, supported by helicopter gunships from an air cavalry element of the division and by artillery fire, engaged an enemy company 12 miles SE of Ben Tre (40 miles SSW of Saigon). Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged until 1745 when the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 32 enemy soldiers were found, and 8 individual weapons and one crew-served weapon were captured. U.S. casualties were 5 wounded, no fatalities.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 520 sorties (USAF 328, USMC 159, USN 33), killing 45 enemy soldiers, triggering 60 secondary explosions, and igniting 63 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 406 fortifications, 499 bunkers and 45 sampans.

- B-52s flew 10 missions: 6 miles south of Phuoc Vinh; 5 miles east of Dau Tieng; 6 miles west of Vi Thanh; 6 miles NNW of Vi Thanh; 12 miles WSW of Dak To; 18 miles NNW of Tay Ninh City; 19 miles NNW of Tay Ninh City; 2 miles SW of Katum; 5 miles WSW of Katum; 12 miles east of Katum.

10 June (Tuesday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, 25 significant enemy indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, of which 12 were against U.S. forces or installations. Overall casualties and damage were light. There were 20 indirect fire attacks which were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following attacks were against U.S. forces or installations.

III MAF:

- 092000 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- Less than 5 rounds of 60mm mortar fire fell on the base camp of an element of the 1st Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division 9 miles WSW of Hoi An (13 miles south of Da Nang). Very light casualties, no fatalities or materiel damage.

- 092045 -- QUANG TIN PROVINCE -- A U.S. Army artillery element located 9 miles SW of Tam Ky (40 miles SSE of Da Nang) received 30 to 40 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Casualties were light, with no fatalities or materiel damage.

- 092055 -- QUANG NGAI PROVINCE -- Members of the 11th Light Infantry Brigade, in night defensive positions 9 miles WSW of Duc Pho (100 miles SSE of Da Nang) received a number of rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no materiel damage.

- 091830 -- QUANG NGAI PROVINCE -- A U.S. Army engineer unit of the AMERICAL Division in positions 10 miles NE of Quang Ngai City (70 miles SE of Da Nang) received about 5 rounds of unknown caliber mortar fire. One Vietnamese civilian was wounded. No U.S. casualties or materiel damage.
091945 -- THUA THIEN PROVINCE -- A fire support base of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) located 29 miles WSW of Hue (65 miles NW of Da Nang) received about 40 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Casualties light, no materiel damage.

100020 -- QUANG NGAI PROVINCE -- An element of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, in night defensive positions 5 miles SE of Duc Pho (105 miles SSE of Da Nang) received less than five rounds of unknown caliber mortar fire. U.S. casualties were light, with no fatalities. Material damage was light.

100115 -- THUA THIEN PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq U.S. Army XXIV Corps at Phu Bai (40 miles NNW of Da Nang) received less than 5 rounds of 122mm rocket fire, resulting in no damage or casualties.

100340 -- The base camp of the U.S. Naval Support Activity at Cua Viet (90 miles NNW of Da Nang) received 5 rounds of 140mm rocket fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or materiel damage.

II FFV:

092120 -- BIEN HOA PROVINCE -- The U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force installations at Bien Hoa (15 miles NE of Saigon) received 10 rounds of mixed 122mm and 107mm rocket fire. Light casualties and materiel damage.

092330 -- 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 less than 10 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. No casualties or materiel damage.

100154 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- The above camp again received 10 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. No casualties or damage.

100015 -- PHUOC LONG PROVINCE -- A U.S. Army artillery position in the vicinity of Song Be (75 miles NNE of Saigon) received 20 rounds of mixed 107mm rocket and 82mm mortar fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities or materiel damage.

- III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) -- At 1545 a fire support base of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) 29 miles WSW of Hue (65 miles NW of Da Nang) received less than 5 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities or materiel damage.

- OPERATION FREDERICK HILLS (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 1615 Infantrymen of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, AMERICAL Division, engaged an enemy force 13 miles west of Tam Ky (35 miles SSE of Da Nang). The enemy, defending with small arms, automatic weapons and mortar fire, disengaged in a short while. One enemy soldier was killed, and 3 U.S. were wounded. In a search of the area, the bodies of 10 enemy soldiers who had been apparently killed by an air strike the previous day were found.
TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1240 members of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), found the bodies of 12 North Vietnamese soldiers 8 miles SE of Phu Khuong (45 miles NNW of Saigon). They apparently had been killed by small arms fire two days earlier.

OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) — At 0210 an element of the 11th Light Infantry Brigade, AMERICAL Division, in night defensive positions 4 miles NW of Duc Pho (95 miles SSE of Da Nang) received a round of mortar fire, followed by a stand-off attack of small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire. The troopers defended with unit weapons and directed artillery fire onto the enemy. In a sweep made later, 14 dead enemy soldiers were found, and one suspect was detained. Also, one crew-served and three individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were 1 killed and 8 wounded.

III MAF (DMZ) — At 1645 a U.S. UH-1 helicopter reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone was hit by 12.7mm anti-aircraft fire 600 meters inside the southern half of the DMZ and 9 miles NW of the Rockpile. The aircraft made a forced landing one miles south of the DMZ and was recovered. There were no U.S. casualties. Marine Corps artillery was directed onto the enemy position with unknown results.

III MAF (DMZ) — At 1750 a U.S. aerial observer reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone was hit by automatic weapons fire 4 miles north of Gio Linh (100 miles NNW of Da Nang) and 400 meters south of the Ben Hai River. The aircraft returned to base safely with no U.S. casualties.

III MAF (DMZ) — At 1130 on 7 June a small U.S. Marine patrol reconnoitering inside the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone engaged a North Vietnamese Army platoon in a small arms and automatic weapons fire 9 miles NW of the Rockpile and about one mile inside the SHDMZ (110 miles NW of Da Nang). A Marine reaction force, delivered by helicopter, assisted the force until contact was lost. The casualties for these actions was three U.S. wounded, with enemy losses unknown. At 1630 on 7 June a Marine CH-46 helicopter attempted to extract the patrol, but was hit by 12.7mm machinegun fire and crashed in the vicinity. The crew members, uninjured, joined the group. At 1840, the incident was repeated when another CH-46, attempting a rescue, was also shot down by 12.7mm machinegun fire, and that crew — also uninjured — joined the others. Artillery fire was directed onto the suspected enemy positions with unknown results. During the night (7-8 June), the entire group, carrying the wounded, moved overland in a southerly direction to find a possible extraction site. During this period, an Air Force AC-47 gunship provided covering fire for the group as it moved through suspected enemy positions; however, a number of the aircraft's rounds ricocheted, wounding four other Marines in the group. During the day of 8 June, the group continued moving south through the jungle and mountainous terrain, continuing its reconnaissance mission. Also on the 8th, another Marine patrol moved into the DMZ on
foot to link-up with and assist the other group. The two elements joined at 0430 on 9 June, and continued to move south 9 and 10 June without contacting enemy forces. This evening, the Marines reached a suitable landing site, and the seven wounded from the original group were evacuated by helicopter. The patrols continued their mission, moving overland on foot.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 525 sorties (USAF 303, USMC 188, USN 34), killing 26 enemy soldiers, triggering 48 secondary explosions, and igniting 38 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 360 fortifications, and 31 enemy sampans.

- An Army AH-1 Huey Cobra helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 12 miles north of Phu Khuong. The aircraft was destroyed. No U.S. casualties.

- An Army AH-1 Huey Cobra helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 12 miles NW of A Shau in Thua Thien Province. Two were wounded and the aircraft was destroyed.

- B-52s flew 8 missions: 7 and 13 miles east of Katum; 5 miles SW of Katum; 7 miles WSW of Katum; 5, 4, and 3 miles SE of Katum; and 4 miles SW of Katum.

11 June (Wednesday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, 21 significant enemy indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, of which 13 were against U.S. units or installations. A total of 24 indirect fire attacks were reported and considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

110001 -- QUANG TRI PROVINCE -- The Quang Tri Combat Base and Quang Tri City (85 miles NW of Da Nang) received less than 10 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. There was light damage at the combat base; however, one Vietnamese civilian was killed and 3 others wounded. No damage in the city.

110210 -- QUANG NGAI PROVINCE -- Members of the 11th Light Infantry Brigade near Duc Pho (95 miles SSE of Da Nang) received 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire which caused light casualties but no fatalities or damage.

I FFV:

101200 -- 110045 -- KONTUM PROVINCE -- The U.S. Army I FFV artillery fire support base and Republic of Vietnam Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) Camp collocated at Ben Het (280 miles NNE of Saigon) received about 85 rounds of 82mm mortar, 15 rounds of 85mm
artillery, 5 rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle and 5 rounds of 120mm mortar fire. Casualties for both CIDG and ARVN were light with no fatalities. No materiel damage.

101839 — KONTUM PROVINCE — A U.S. Army combat support unit in positions near Dak To (280 miles NNE of Saigon) received 5 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. Very light casualties and materiel damage. No fatalities.

101938 — KONTUM PROVINCE — The same unit above received 20 rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle fire. Very light U.S. casualties, no fatalities or materiel damage.

102400 — NINH THUAI PROVINCE — The Phan Rang Air Base (175 miles ENE of Saigon) received about 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. No casualties or damage.

110035 — PLEIKU PROVINCE — A U.S. Army combat support unit located 22 miles SE of Pleiku City (225 miles NE of Saigon) received 40 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties. No fatalities or damage to materiel.

II FFV:

102035 — BINH DUY PROVINCE — Between 2035 and 2210 the base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) near Phuoc Vinh (36 miles NNE of Saigon) received less than 5 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. No casualties, light materiel damage.

110050 — BINH LONG PROVINCE — The base camp of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Quan Loi (60 miles north of Saigon) received less than 5 rounds of 82mm mortar fire which caused very light casualties with no fatalities or materiel damage.

110142 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — The base camp of an element of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division near Tay Ninh City (55 miles NW of Saigon) received less than 20 rounds of mixed 107mm rocket, 120mm mortar and 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

DNAC:

110208 — VINH LONG PROVINCE — A U.S. Army combat support unit 4 miles west of Vinh Long (65 miles SW of Saigon) received about two rounds of unknown type caliber indirect fire. Light casualties, no materiel damage.
- **OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE)** — At 0220 a fire support base occupied by members of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, AMERICAL Division, and an artillery element of the Division, received a ground attack from an enemy force using a flame thrower, hand grenades, rocket-propelled grenades, satchel charges, and small arms and automatic weapons fire. The troopers defended with unit weapons and point-blank artillery fire. About 30 enemy penetrated the perimeter, and close-in fighting ensued while the enemy were either killed or driven out of the perimeter. During the action, a USAF AC-47 gunship and U.S. Army helicopter gunships supported the troopers. Enemy losses were 27 killed. One flame thrower and 12 individual weapons were captured. U.S. Casualties were 14 killed and 32 wounded. Materiel damage was moderate.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 0855 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force 8 miles SE of Phu Khuong (45 miles NW of Saigon) in an action that lasted until 0930, when the enemy withdrew. At 1000, the infantry element was joined by mechanized infantrymen of the brigade, mounted on armored personnel carriers, and the enemy was pursued until contact was again made at 1230. Fighting with unit weapons, the troopers were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery fire, and USAF tactical air strikes, and later were joined by other infantry and mechanized elements of the brigade. At 1915, the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 56 enemy soldiers were found, and 3 suspects were detained. Also, 4 individual and 3 crew-served weapons were captured. U.S. Casualties were 2 killed and 15 wounded.

- **I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE)** — At 1230 a convoy from the U.S. 4th Infantry Division, escorted by security troops, was ambushed by an enemy force 9 miles north of Pleiku City (255 miles NNE of Saigon). The security troops defended, and a mechanized element of the division's 2nd Brigade moved to the scene in armored personnel carriers, and attacked. Support was given by U.S. Army helicopter gunships. Contact was lost at 1400, and the bodies of 42 enemy soldiers were found in the area. Four individual weapons were captured. U.S. Casualties were 1 killed and 1 wounded. The convoy, only lightly damaged, proceeded to its destination.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE)** — At 1745 the base camp of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Quan Loi (60 miles north of Saigon), received less than 5 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. Light casualties, no materiel damage.

- **II MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE)** — At 0310 the base camp occupied by the Headquarters of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division one mile NW of An Hoa (22 miles SW of Da Nang) received a number of mortar rounds followed by a ground attack from an estimated North Vietnamese Battalion, using small arms, automatic weapons, and grenade fire. Supported by Marine artillery and a USAF AC-47 gunship, the Marines defended with unit weapons, and prevented the enemy from penetrating the perimeter. Many enemy were seen fleeing the battle area, and artillery and USAF tactical air strikes were directed on them. Contact ended at 0645.
and 35 enemy dead were counted. Three crew-served and 13 individual weapons were captured. Marine casualties were two killed and 28 wounded, 14 of whom were evacuated.

I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) -- At 1515 a terrorist threw a satchel charge into a Vietnamese club in the city of Qui Nhon (265 miles NE of Saigon). It killed 2 Vietnamese civilians and wounded 17 others. One U.S. person was killed and four others, also in the club, were wounded. The terrorist escaped.

DMAC (DINH TUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1130 helicopter gunships of the U.S. Army 12th Combat Aviation Group engaged an unknown size enemy force 18 miles (NW of Don Tam (45 miles WSW of Saigon). Infantrymen of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, air-assaulted into the area, engaged the enemy and action lasted until 1530 when the enemy withdrew. Enemy losses were 25 killed. Also, 9 individual weapons and miscellaneous munitions and equipment were captured. There were no U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KHANH PROVINCE) -- Between 1015 and 1700 elements of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. lst Cavalry Division (AirMobile), discovered several significant enemy food and material caches stored in bunkers 20 miles NE of Xuan Loc (55 miles NE of Saigon). They consisted of the following: 42 tons of salt; 5 tons of flour; 55 pounds of chopped and dried meat; 856 assorted pots, bowls, pans, and plates; 400 pairs of trousers; 1,500 cans of mackerel; one ton of rice; 900 pounds of tea; 500 pounds of sugar; 400 pounds of tobacco; 250 pounds of peanuts; 360 pounds of noodles; 55 gallons of cooking oil; 70 cans of powdered eggs; 30 pounds of powdered sugar; 10 pounds of soup base; 10 pounds of brown sugar; 24 cans of tomato sauce; 200 dried fish; 50 containers of sardines; 300 yards of cloth; 150 hammocks; 200 new pistol belts; 500 mosquito nets; 200 quarts of glucose; 185 crosscut saws; 50 bicycle handlebars; 95 bicycle rims; 70 bicycle tires; 3 bicycles; 54 gallons of paint; 20 gallons of gasoline; 5 gallons of kerosene; 2 large fish nets; and, 400 new shirts.

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 525 sorties (USAF 309, USMC 184, USN 32), killing 43 enemy soldiers, triggering 49 secondary explosions, and igniting 38 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 445 fortifications, and 45 sampans.

An Army UH-1 helicopter detonated an enemy explosive while landing 2 miles south of Duc Pho in Quang Ngai Province and was destroyed. Three men were killed and 8 wounded.

An Army OH-6 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 4 miles SE of Plei Mrong in Pleiku Province. The aircraft was destroyed and 2 men aboard were wounded.

B-52s flew 13 missions: two 10 miles WNW of Dak To; 13, 14 and 15 miles NW of Dak To; 12 miles WNW of Dak To; 12, and 13 miles NW of Dak To; 12, 13, and 15 miles SW of Dak To; 25 and 27 miles SE of Saigon.
A Marine Corps CH-46 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 8 miles WNW of Hue in Thua Thien Province. Two men were killed, 3 wounded, and the aircraft destroyed.

12 June (Thursday)

HQ MACV — During the night there were 10 significant enemy indirect fire harassing attacks reported throughout the country, of which 7 were against U.S. units or installations. There were 11 indirect fire attacks considered insignificant, resulting in no reported damage or casualties. The following significant attacks by fire were against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

111830 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — The base camp of U.S. Marine Corps Force Logistics Command at Da Nang received less than 10 rounds of 140mm rocket fire. Light casualties, no materiel damage.

120130 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — An element of the 1st Regiment, 1st Marine Division, in defensive night positions 12 miles WSW of Da Nang received about 10 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or materiel damage.

I FFV:

110700 — 112400 — KONTUM PROVINCE — The U.S. Army I FFV artillery fire support base and the Republic of Vietnam Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) camp located at Ben Het (280 miles NNE of Saigon) received 80 rounds of mixed 85mm artillery, 82mm mortar, 57mm recoilles rifle, and 122mm rocket fire. Suspected enemy positions were engaged by U.S. artillery with unknown results. U.S. and CIDG casualties were light with no fatalities. Light materiel damage.

120100 — PLEIKU PROVINCE — The base camp of an element of a U.S. Army combat support unit located at the airfield 2 miles east of Pleiku City (240 miles NNE of Saigon) received about 25 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities, no materiel damage.

II FFV:

112320 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — Between 2320 and 0130 the base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) near Phuoc Vinh (35 miles NNE of Saigon) received less than 20 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. No casualties or damage.

112250 — 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 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. No damage or casualties.

120600 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division at Dau Tieng (40 miles NNW of Saigon) received about 30 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. No casualties, light material damage.
- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE)** -- At 1300 members of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division were sweeping a previously engaged suspected enemy rocket launching site 6 miles west of the division's base camp at Lai Khe (31 miles NNW of Saigon) and detained a wounded enemy soldier. He identified himself as an 18-year-old Private First Class in the North Vietnamese Army, born in the Province of Nam Ha, North Vietnam. He infiltrated south, arriving in April of this year. He was assigned as a rocket firer in a North Vietnamese Army rocket unit under the command of a COSVN (Central Office of South Vietnam) headquarters artillery group.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KHANH PROVINCE)** -- At 0200 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) while in night defensive positions 18 miles NE of Xuan Loc (57 miles NE of Saigon) received a ground attack from an unknown size North Vietnamese force using heavy small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades. The troopers defended and were supported by Army gunships and artillery. No penetration was made of the perimeter, and at 0455 the enemy withdrew. Thirty-five enemy were killed, 22 individual weapons were captured, and two enemy suspects were detained. U.S. casualties were 3 killed and 7 wounded. One of the detained later identified himself as a North Vietnamese rifleman and his unit as an element of the 27th Regiment, 5th (VC) Division. He stated he was a 27-year-old Private First Class, born in the Province of Ha Bac NW of Hanoi, and added he had infiltrated south as a replacement, arriving in the Republic of Vietnam in February of this year.

- **III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE)** -- At 1400 members of the 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, found the bodies of 24 enemy soldiers 8 miles WSW of Hoi An (13 miles south of Da Nang). They apparently had been killed by air strikes or artillery 2 or 3 days earlier.

- **I FFV (KONTUM PROVINCE)** -- At 1620 helicopter gunships of the U.S. Army 17th Combat Aviation Group engaged an estimated enemy company 2 miles NW of Ben Het (285 miles NNE of Saigon). The bodies of 19 enemy soldiers were counted. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** -- At 1835 helicopter crewmen of the air cavalry squadron, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged an unknown size enemy force 9 miles SE of Katum (61 miles NNW of Saigon), killing 15. No U.S. casualties.

- **I FFV (KONTUM PROVINCE)** -- At 1410 helicopter crewmen of the U.S. Army 17th Combat Aviation Group engaged an estimated enemy company 9 miles SW of Dak To (270 miles NNE of Saigon) with aerial guns and rockets, and also directed U.S. Army artillery and mortar fire onto the enemy location. Contact was lost at 1545, and 20 enemy dead were observed in the strike area. No U.S. casualties.

- **III MAF (DMZ)** -- At 1512 a forward observer south of the Demilitarized Zone directed U.S. Marine Corps artillery onto 10 enemy soldiers he had seen 3 miles WNW of Gio Linh (100 miles NNW of Da Nang) and about 200 meters inside the DMZ's southern edge. He counted 3 dead after the fire.
III MAF (DMZ) — At 1545 an aerial observer reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone spotted a number of huts and bunkers with signs of recent usage 8 miles NW of the Rockpile (110 miles NW of Da Nang) and about 300 meters inside the DMZ. U.S. Marine Corps artillery directed by him onto the location destroyed one hut and 19 bunkers and damaged 4 other bunkers. The bodies of two enemy soldiers were also observed.

III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 0100 an element of the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division in night defensive positions one mile NW of An Hoa (22 miles SW of Da Nang) received rounds of mortar fire followed by an attack by an estimated North Vietnamese Army company, firing small arms, rocket-propelled grenades, automatic weapons, and using hand-grenades. The Marines defended with unit weapons, supported by a USAF AC-47 gunship and U.S. Army artillery. The enemy withdrew at an unreported time without having penetrated the perimeter. Twenty-three NVA dead were found, and 2 crew-served weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were 1 killed and 3 wounded.

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 525 sorties (USAF 3114, USMC 182, USN 29), killing 9 enemy soldiers, triggering 60 secondary explosions, and igniting 42 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 340 fortifications, 387 bunkers and 15 sampans.

B-52s flew 8 missions: 5 miles SE of Katum; 8 miles SSE of Katum; 22 miles SW of An Loc; 10 miles south of An Loc; 11 miles WNW of Tay Ninh City; 6 miles NW of An Loc; 7 and 8 miles SE of An Hoa.

NOTE: Operation UTAH MESA began today, and was announced in the releases of 24 June.

13 June (Friday)

HQ MACV — During the night, 12 significant enemy indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, of which 8 were against U.S. units or installations. Ten additional attacks were considered insignificant, resulting in no reported damage or casualties. The following were significant attacks against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

130248 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — The U.S. Naval support Activity compound near Da Nang received five 122mm rockets, causing no damage or casualties in the compound. One round, however, impacted in an adjacent village, killing 10 Vietnamese civilians, and wounding 12 more.

IFV:

120800 — 122400 — KONTUM PROVINCE — The U.S. Army I FFV artillery fire support base and Republic of Vietnam Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) Camp co-located at Ben Het (280 miles NNE of Saigon) received 15 rounds of 85mm artillery, 30 rounds of 82mm mortar, and 20 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. The base also received 6 rounds
of 82mm mortar fire containing a CS-type riot control agent. U.S. and CIDG casualties very light, no fatalities.

121920 -- KONUM PROVINCE -- A U.S. Army combat support unit near Dak To (280 miles NNE of Saigon) received 20 rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle fire. Very light U.S. casualties, no fatalities or damage.

122310 -- DARLAC PROVINCE -- A U.S. Army combat support unit 6 miles east of Ban Me Thuot (170 miles NE of Saigon) received less than 10 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

II FFV:

122358 -- The Bien Hoa Air Base (15 miles NE of Saigon) received 30 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. No casualties, light damage.

130230 -- 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 10 to 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. No casualties, light damage.

130340 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- The same camp above received 15 more rounds of 82mm mortar fire. No casualties or damage.

DMAC:

122200 -- DINH TUONG PROVINCE -- Base Camp of Hq U.S. 9th Infantry Division at Dong Tam (40 miles SW of Saigon) received less than 5 rounds of 122mm mortar fire. No casualties or damage.

- OPERATION PIPESTONE CANYON (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- Operation PIPESTONE CANYON is a multi-battalion search and clear operation centered 15 miles SSW of Da Nang which began 26 May 1969. It is under the control of the 1st Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, operating in conjunction with Republic of Korea, 2nd Marine Brigade and the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 51st Infantry Regiment with the mission of locating, capturing, or destroying enemy forces, materiel and installations within the operational area. To date, 234 enemy have been killed, 45 suspects detained, and 93 individual and 8 crew-served weapons captured. U.S. casualties are 31 killed and 240 wounded, 174 of whom were evacuated.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 0125 a mechanized Infantry element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, in night defensive positions 7 miles SE of Phu Khuong (45 miles NW of Saigon), was attacked by an unknown size enemy force using small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades. The troopers defended, supported by artillery fire, forcing the enemy to withdraw before dawn. The troopers pursued, maintaining sporadic contact until 0850. Nine enemy were killed, 5 individual and 2 crew-served weapons were captured. No U.S. casualties.
TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) — At 0715 five rounds of 122mm rocket fire fell on the base camp of Hq 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Lai Khe (29 miles NNW of Saigon), causing light casualties and no damage.

OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG BIN PROVINCE) — At 1000 an element of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, AMERICAL Division, 16 miles west of Chu Lai (45 miles SSE of Da Nang) received a number of rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no materiel damage.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 1330 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force 5 miles NW of Trang Bang (28 miles NW of Saigon), in an exchange of heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire. U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery and USAF tactical aircraft supported the action until 1440, when the enemy withdrew. Twenty-three enemy were killed, 9 individual and 3 crew-served weapons were captured. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) — At 2145 troopers of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, engaged 20 enemy soldiers 4 miles south of Tan An (28 miles SW of Saigon) in a fire fight which lasted until 2250, and which was supported by field artillery and helicopter gunships. Thirteen enemy were killed, 2 individual weapons captured. U.S. casualties were 4 wounded, no fatalities.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 2120 a mechanized infantry patrol of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, ambushed an unknown size enemy force 3 miles NW of Cu Chi (23 miles NW of Saigon) and was supported by Army helicopter gunships. The enemy, defending with small arms and automatic weapons, withdrew at 2155, leaving 16 of his dead. Three individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were 2 wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1330 troopers of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged an unknown size enemy force 8 miles NE of Phu Khuong (55 miles NW of Saigon), and were supported by Army artillery and helicopter gunships and USAF F-4s of the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing. The enemy withdrew in 30 minutes, leaving 8 of his dead. U.S. casualties were 9 wounded.

DMAC (KIENT HOA PROVINCE) — At 0930 U.S. Navy Armored Troop Carriers received heavy enemy fire while landing members of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division (Mobile Riverine Force) 5 miles SE of Ben Tre (45 miles SSE of Saigon). The U.S. force returned fire until the enemy withdrew. Enemy losses unknown; U.S. casualties were 4 killed and 26 wounded.

OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) — At 0840 troopers of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force 8 miles south of Duc Pho (105 miles SSE of Da Nang) in an exchange of heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire. The enemy withdrew at an unreported time. Sixteen enemy dead were found, and 5 individual weapons captured. U.S. casualties: 1 killed, 4 wounded.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 504 sorties (USAF 311, USMC 175, USN 18), killing 78 enemy soldiers, triggering 61 secondary explosions, and igniting 52 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 494 bunkers, 414 fortifications, and 39 sampans.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 6 miles SE of Truc Giang in Kien Hoa Province, destroying the aircraft. No U.S. casualties.

- An Army UH-1 was downed by enemy ground fire 3 miles NW of Cu Chi in Hau Nghia province, wounding 7 men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- B-52s flew 10 missions: 15 and 16 miles NW of Tay Ninh City; 16 miles NW of Tay Ninh City; 15 miles SE of Katum; 8 miles ESE of An Hoa; 15 miles SE of Katum; 7 miles ESE of An Hoa; 34 miles SW of Pleiku; 9 and 10 miles WNW of Dak To.

14 June (Saturday)

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

  I FFV:

  130800 – 132400 — KONTUM PROVINCE — The U.S. Army I FFV artillery fire support base and Republic of Vietnam Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) camp co-located at Ben Het (280 miles NNE of Saigon) received 65 rounds of mixed caliber artillery and mortar fire. U.S. casualties very light, no fatalities. CIDG and ARVN casualties light. No materiel damage.

- III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 0430 troopers of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) at a fire support base 24 miles SW of Hue (65 miles WNW of Da Nang) were attacked by 30 to 50 North Vietnamese soldiers, employing small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire as well as satchel charges. The troopers defended, and were supported by U.S. Navy A-7s (USS ENTERPRISE), Army helicopter gunships, and a USAF AC-47. Thirty-one enemy were killed, one crew-served weapon was captured, and two enemy, who were captured during the fight while penetrating the outer defensive perimeter, were detained. U.S. casualties were 11 killed and 47 wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At noon, troopers of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) discovered an enemy cache in a bunker complex 10 miles NE of Phu Khuong. It consisted of: 71 carbines (Soviet); 2 light machine guns (type 53); 1 SKS rifle; 3 automatic rifles; one 75mm recoilless rifle; 1 left machinegun (type 34, East German); six 12.7mm anti-aircraft machinegun barrels; and nine 81mm mortar tubes (2 U.S., 7 French).