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This release has been prepared to present a review of the significant events occurring in this command during April 1970.

It has been organized as follows:

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REVIEW OF EVENTS

GENERAL

Enemy activity increased during the month, with the enemy initiating a high-point during the night of 31 March - 1 April with a marked increase in attacks-by-fire and several ground attacks throughout the Republic. The high-point marked the first coordinated enemy effort, country-wide, in six months.

Later in the month, enemy activity diminished although it remained significantly higher in I and IV Corps. Enemy attacks-by-fire on the average were considerably higher than during the previous months of 1970.

Activity directed against the Government of Vietnam Pacification Program and elements associated with the program continued to receive high priority from the enemy.

I CORPS

Following a period of moderate activity from 31 March to 2 April, enemy-initiated activity in I Corps Tactical Zone diminished somewhat but still remained slightly higher than that experienced in March.

In the coastal areas of the three southern provinces of I Corps, enemy forces conducted approximately 70 attacks-by-fire and six ground attacks along the general route of Highway 1 and primarily directed against the Pacification Program and Allied fire support bases.

In the northwest, reconnaissance confirmed continued and growing presence of the enemy in the A Shau Valley area. Base camps, bunkers, enemy personnel and a high-speed trail network have been sighted.

One significant contact occurred in Quang Tin Province early on the morning of 30 April when Viet Cong and NVA units launched an attack in the Hiep Duc area, west of Tam Ky. Enemy losses in the area during the next four days were 234 killed. However, nine civilians were killed, 15 wounded and 13 missing, as well as more than 200 homes destroyed.

Current disposition of enemy forces and interrogation reports indicate a possible intensification of enemy activity in May, with the Pacification Program and Allied installations again being the principal targets for enemy attacks-by-fire and limited ground attacks.

II CORPS

The enemy initiated his spring campaign in II Corps Tactical Zone on the night of 31 March with a series of coordinated attacks. In a 36-hour period
commencing at 1800, 31 March, there were 14 attacks-by-fire, 72 attacks of 
harassing fire and 10 ground probes.

The offensive was quite widespread and directed primarily against Regional 
and Popular Force units, U.S. installations and a few district headquarters. 
The intensity of these attacks in several instances exceeded that of others in 
recent surges of enemy activity.

On 1 April, the enemy initiated an offensive in northern Kontum Province. 
His intent was to over-run the Civilian Irregular Defense Camp at Dak Seang, 
and the enemy maintained pressure on the camp for most of the month. However, 
CIDG troops and Army of the Republic of Vietnam forces backed by Allied artill­
ery and tactical air strikes, repulsed the enemy force, inflicting heavy casu­
alties on the attackers.

Another significant engagement occurred in the southern portion of the 
Corps area on 1 April. In three ground contacts, U.S. and ARVN 23d Division 
troops killed 133 enemy a few miles from Song Mao in Binh Thuan Province.

Terrorism continued to be employed in II Corps by the enemy. On 18 April, 
the largest mass kidnapping in more than a year took place in the resettlement 
hamlet of Plei Vit in Pleiku Hamlet. Some 200 civilians were abducted by the 
enemy who threatened to return at a later date for the remainder of the resi­
dents.

III CORPS

In III Corps Tactical Zone, enemy-initiated activity increased during the 
first two days of April and was characterized by attacks-by-fire and limited 
ground probes during the remainder of the month as the enemy conducted logisti­
cal operations in preparation for possible future activity.

Throughout the month, however, the enemy appeared to be hard-pressed to 
protect his base areas and lines of communications along the Cambodian border 
in the face of coordinated Vietnamese and Cambodian military operations.

In one significant ground contact, units of the 1st Cavalry Division (Air-
mobile) killed 62 enemy attacking a fire support base in northern Tay Ninh Pro­
vince early on the morning of 1 April.

The 9th VC Division completed a move into northwestern Tay Ninh Province. 
However, the indications are that the move was planned prior to the change in 
government in Cambodia. The 7th NVA Division is probably deployed from northern 
Tay Ninh Province to the northwestern Phuoc Long Province border area, adjusting 
its boundary westward to fill the gap created by the movement of the 9th VC Divis­
ion. The 5th VC Division probably remains deployed in central and northern 
Phuoc Long Province, with one regiment in eastern Binh Tuy Province.
Saigon received four 122mm rockets on 13 April and three 122mm rockets on the 16th, the attacks killing two Vietnamese civilians and wounding 47. In 15 terrorist incidents in Saigon during the month, four were killed and 56 wounded.

During the month, major enemy units completed movements to new areas; attempted to defend major base areas, especially along the Cambodian border; and engaged in logistic activity and planning in preparation for future operations, likely to be targeted primarily against the Pacification Program.

**IV CORPS**

In IV Corps Tactical Zone during the month, enemy activity was at its highest since February, 1969. A high-point was initiated on 29 March, peaked on 1 April, but remained significantly high for the first half of the month.

During this period, attacks-by-fire and ground attacks were utilized to disrupt the Pacification Program, with the heaviest concentrations occurring in Dinh Tuong, Chau Doc, Vinh Long and Vinh Binh Provinces.

Relocation of the 95th NVA Regiment from III Corps was confirmed when elements of the regiment were identified in contact with friendly units southeast of Rach Gia City. The 101D NVA Regiment suffered heavy losses as a result of friendly operations near Nui Khet in the northern Seven Mountains area.

Viet Cong units in the Corps area were not involved in significant contacts during April, although they were probably responsible for the increase in enemy-initiated incidents throughout the region during the early part of the month.

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NAVAL OPERATIONS

NAVAL GUNFIRE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

Gun crews aboard Seventh Fleet warships gave gunfire support to U.S., ARVN, ROK and Australian ground forces throughout the Republic during April.

Air and ground spotters reported the ships destroyed or damaged 278 enemy bunkers, 180 structures, three weapons positions, 96 caves, 18 fighting holes, 723 meters of trenchline and 2,100 meters of enemy supply routes.

Ships on the gunline during the month of April included the destroyers USS Arnold J. Isbell, Turner Joy, O'Callahan, Joseph Strauss, Lyman K. Swenson and the Australian destroyer HMAS Hobart. Additionally, the Coast Guard cutters Hamilton, Chase, Dallas and Ponchartrain also fired during the month.

NAVAL AIR STRIKES REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

U.S. Navy pilots launched from the decks of the aircraft carriers USS Ranger, Coral Sea, Shangri La and Constellation flew 114 combat sorties into the Republic's I Corps during April.

Targets were enemy troop concentrations, infiltration routes, staging and supply areas and weapons positions.
AIR OPERATIONS

AIR SOUTH

U.S. Air Force pilots flew 6,180 tactical sorties in support of allied ground forces. Marine Corps pilots flew 2,990 sorties and Navy pilots flew another 186 for a total of 9,356 tactical air sorties during the month.

Pilots and crews were credited by forward air controllers (FACs) and friendly forces making ground sweeps with killing 1,090 enemy while destroying or damaging 188 waterborne supply craft, 2,691 fortifications, and 7,261 bunkers. Their air-delivered ordnance also resulted in 1,253 secondary explosions and 890 secondary fires.

B-52 MISSIONS

Two-hundred and five missions were flown during the month by Air Force B-52's. Of these missions, 93 were directed against targets in III Corps Tactical Zone, 23 in I CTZ, 64 in II CTZ and 25 in IV CTZ.

Airlift

Military Airlift Command (Inbound & Outbound, South Vietnam)

| Number of Passengers Processed | 91,214 |
| Tons of Cargo Processed        | 16,971 |

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

| Number of Passengers Processed | 612,622 |
| Tons of Cargo Processed        | 94,707 |

Medical Evacuation

Number of Patients (outbound, South Vietnam) 4,784 (US Military)
### ENEMY MATERIEL LOSSES

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**TOTAL TONS:** 3.99 3.67 4.37 1.25 13.28

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**TOTAL TONS:** 18.35 .77 15.20 .25 34.56

### FOOD STUFFS

A total of 259.70 tons of rice and 11.76 tons of salt.

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SUMMARY
OF
MORNING AND EVENING NEWS RELEASES

1 April (Wednesday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, 50 significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 21 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Seventy-five other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

XXIV CORPS

010153 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — The air base at Da Nang received less than five 122mm rockets, resulting in no U.S. casualties. Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces casualties were light. No material damage.

010455 — QUANG NGOI PROVINCE — An AMERICAL Division artillery element located nine miles SE of Quang Ngai City received less than five rounds of 60mm mortar fire, causing very light U.S. casualties and no fatalities.

010630 — QUANG HAM PROVINCE — The headquarters of the 1st Marine Division four miles west of Da Nang received less than five rounds of 122mm rocket fire causing no casualties or damage.

IFFV:

010100 — KHANH HOA PROVINCE — The 5th Special Forces Group compound, near Nha Trang, received about 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire resulting in very light U.S. casualties and no fatalities. No material damage.

010130 — Binh Thuan Province — A U.S. Army element of Task Force South, located near Song Mao, received an unknown number and caliber of mortar rounds, causing light U.S. casualties. No material damage.

010115 — KHANH HOA PROVINCE — The air base at Cam Ranh Bay received about 15 rounds of 107mm rocket fire, causing very light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. There was no reported materiel damage.

010335 — DARLAC PROVINCE — A U.S. Army combat support unit near Ban Me Tho received about ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire, causing very light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. Light materiel damage was reported.
010405 — KHANH HOA PROVINCE — The air base at Cam Ranh Bay received about five rounds of 82mm mortar fire, causing no casualties or damage.

010422 — NINH THUAN PROVINCE — The air base at Phan Rang received about ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire, causing no casualties or damage.

010440 — BINH DINH PROVINCE — Elements of the 173rd Airborne Brigade at a landing zone six miles NNE of Phu My received less than 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, causing light U.S. casualties.

II FFV:

010455 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received about five rounds of 122mm rocket fire, causing no casualties or damage.

010510 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of an element of the 25th Infantry Division at Bau Tieng received 15-20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, causing light materiel damage and no casualties.

010030 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of the headquarters of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) near Phuoc Vinh received less than 20 rounds of mixed 82mm mortar and 75mm recoilless rifle fire, causing light materiel damage and casualties.

010225 — PHUOC LONG PROVINCE — An element of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), seven miles north of Phuoc Binh and eight miles from the Cambodian border, received about 10 rounds of mixed 60mm and 82mm mortar fire, causing light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. No materiel damage was reported.

312110 — BINH LONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), at Quan Loi received 20-25 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, causing light materiel damage and no casualties.

311830 — BIEN HOA PROVINCE — The base camp of the U.S. Army combat support element near Long Thanh, 12 miles ESE of Bien Hoa, received about 25 rounds of 82mm mortar fire and about five 122mm rockets, causing light casualties and damage. There were no fatalities.

311825 — BIEN HOA PROVINCE — A U.S. Army combat support element located near Long Thanh, 12 miles SE of Bien Hoa, received about 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, causing light damage and no casualties.

010055 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — The base camp of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, two miles west of Tay Ninh City, received less than 10 rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle fire, causing light U.S. casualties and damage. There were no fatalities.
312330 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- The Lai Khe base camp received about 30 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, causing light materiel damage and no casualties.

010455 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received about five rounds of 122mm rocket fire resulting in no casualties or damage.

HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 130 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, of which 48 were against U.S. units or installations. Forty-eight of the 130 attacks resulted in casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were three killed and 86 wounded. Materiel damage was light.

OPERATION GENEVA PARK (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 0200 an element of the 198th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, at a fire support base six miles west of Chu Lai (55 miles SSE of Da Nang), was attacked by an undetermined size enemy force using small arms, automatic weapons, and hand grenades. The infantrymen fired back with unit weapons and were supported by artillery fire. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew, leaving behind one dead. One enemy soldier was detained and one individual weapon was captured. U.S. casualties were five wounded with no fatalities.

OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) -- At 0200 a fire support base occupied by an element of the 198th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, and located one-half mile north of Duc Pho (100 miles SSE of Da Nang), was attacked by an unknown size enemy force employing small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-grenade fire along with satchel charges. The troopers fired back with unit weapons and were supported by artillery fire from within the base. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were one killed and 11 wounded. Materiel damage was light.

OPERATION GENEVA PARK (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) -- At 0200 an element of the 198th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, at a landing zone 14 miles NNW of Quang Ngai City (60 miles SSE of Da Nang), received an undetermined number of mortar rounds followed by a ground attack by an undetermined size enemy force. The enemy employed small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-grenade fire. The infantrymen returned fire with organic weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were two wounded.

OPERATION GENEVA PARK (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 0245 an element of the 198th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, at a fire support base two miles south of Chu Lai (58 miles SSE of Da Nang), was attacked by an undetermined size enemy force employing small arms and automatic weapons fire along with hand grenades. The infantrymen returned fire with unit weapons and were supported by artillery. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were two killed and 11 wounded.
- **XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE)** — At 1020 elements of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), air-assaulted into a landing zone in an area 24 miles west of Hue (75 miles WNW of Da Nang). The troopers received small arms and mortar fire after landing from an undetermined size enemy force. The enemy fire was returned with organic weapons and supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. Fighting continued into the afternoon until about 1815 when the enemy withdrew. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were seven killed and 21 wounded.

- **XXIV CORPS (QUANG TRI PROVINCE)** — Between 1440 and 2100 elements of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), at four locations four, five, and six kilometers NE of Cam Lo and five kilometers north of Cam Lo (two to three miles south of the Demilitarized Zone) received a total of about 110 rounds of mixed 60mm and 82mm mortar fire and about five rounds of mixed 140mm and 122mm mortar rounds in seven separate indirect fire attacks. U.S. casualties in two of the attacks were very light with no fatalities. There were no U.S. casualties in the other attacks. No materiel damage.

- **I FFV (BINH THUAN PROVINCE)** — Between 0040 and 0530 an element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 44th Regiment, 23rd Infantry Division, located six miles north of Song Mao, received about 100 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Artillery and mortar fire were directed against the suspected enemy firing positions and elements of the armored cavalry squadron of Task Force South, in tanks and armored personnel carriers moved to the area as a reaction force, and along with the ARVN infantrymen, engaged an undetermined size enemy force. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and fighting continued until an unreported time when the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 111 enemy soldiers were found in the battle area and six enemy soldiers were detained. In addition, the combined U.S. and ARVN troops captured 26 individual and seven crew-served weapons. U.S. casualties were two killed and 21 wounded. ARVN casualties were light. Four Vietnamese civilians were also reported killed in the enemy mortar attack. Materiel damage was light.

- **I FFV (BINH THUAN PROVINCE)** — At 1410 an armored cavalry element of Task Force South received small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-grenade fire from an undetermined size enemy force while operating in an area four miles ENE of Song Mao. The troopers returned fire with organic weapons including tank guns and heavy machine guns on their armored personnel carriers. Contact was lost at an unreported time when the enemy withdrew. Enemy losses were 17 killed. One individual weapon was captured. U.S. casualties were 11 wounded with no fatalities. Materiel damage was light.

- **I FFV (BINH THUAN PROVINCE)** — At 0030 a U.S. armored cavalry element of Task Force South, four miles south of Song Mao, received an unreported number and caliber mortar rounds along with rocket-grenade fire from an undetermined number of enemy soldiers. The troopers returned fire with organic weapons on their armored personnel vehicles and counter-attacked and engaged the enemy. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew, leaving behind five dead and one individual weapon. U.S. casualties were two killed and 13 wounded.
- I FFV (PHU YEN PROVINCE) — At 2315 last night an element of the 173rd Airborne Brigade and a Republic of Vietnam Regional Force unit, in night defense positions four miles NNW of Tuy Hoa, were attacked by an undetermined size enemy force employing small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-grenade fire. The combined U.S. and RF troops returned fire with organic weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. At about 0115 this morning, the enemy withdrew. The body of one enemy soldier was found in the battle area. U.S. casualties were five killed and two wounded. RF casualties were light.

- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) — At 0115 the U.S. Army Support Command Compound area near Qui Nhon City received small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-grenade fire along with an attempted sapper attack from an undetermined number of enemy soldiers. The security personnel returned fire with organic weapons and were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. No enemy were reported to have penetrated the perimeter and contact was lost about 30 minutes later when the enemy withdrew. One enemy soldier was killed. U.S. casualties were one killed and two wounded. One Vietnamese civilian was also wounded.

- I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE) — At 0645 the U.S. MACV Compound and vicinity at Pleiku received less than five rounds of 122mm rocket fire resulting in light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. No materiel damage was reported.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 0220 an element of the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) at a fire support base 22 miles NNW of Tay Ninh City and five miles from the Cambodian border received about 200 mixed 120mm mortar and 82mm mortar rounds, 15 mixed 107mm and 122mm rockets and a ground attack by an estimated two enemy companies. The enemy employed small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-grenade fire. The troopers fired back with organic weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. As action continued, an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, in tanks and armored personnel carriers, moved to the area and reinforced the troops in contact. Fighting continued until about 0430 when the remaining enemy withdrew. No enemy were reported to have penetrated the perimeter. In a search of the battle area, the bodies of 62 enemy soldiers were found. In addition, 28 individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were 24 killed and 54 wounded. Materiel damage was light to moderate.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 0905 an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment 27 miles NNW of Tay Ninh City and one mile from the Cambodian border engaged an undetermined number of enemy soldiers. Small arms fire was exchanged and the enemy employed rocket-grenades. Another element of the regiment reinforced the action at an unreported time. The troopers were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. About three hours later the enemy withdrew. Twelve enemy soldiers were killed and one was detained. In addition, nine individual and two crew-served weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were one killed and 13 wounded.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1300 helicopter crewmen from the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) observed nine enemy soldiers in an area 32 miles north of Tay Ninh City and one mile from the Cambodian border. The enemy were engaged with aerial machinegun fire and the bodies of all nine enemy were sighted lying in the strike area. There were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH TUY PROVINCE) — At 0920 an armored cavalry element of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade received small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-grenade fire from an undetermined size enemy force while operating 37 miles NNW of Ham Tan. The troopers fired back with organic weapons on their tanks and armored personnel carriers, and were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, and USAF tactical aircraft. Fighting continued until 1430 when the enemy withdrew, leaving behind seven dead and one crew-served and two individual weapons. U.S. casualties were four killed and 18 wounded. Material damage was light. In this action, Brigadier General William R. Bond, Commanding General of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade, was killed. (See the third item following).

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 0245 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, at a fire support base 12 miles SSE of Tay Ninh City and one and one-half mile from the Cambodian border, received about 25 rounds of 60mm mortar fire, about five 107mm rockets and rocket-grenade fire from an undetermined number of enemy soldiers. The infantrymen returned fire with organic weapons and were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. In about 30 minutes the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were six wounded with no fatalities. Republic of Vietnam Regional Force casualties were very light with no fatalities.

- II FFV (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 0630 the base camp of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, two miles west of Tay Ninh City, received about five rounds of enemy 122mm rocket fire, causing very light casualties with no fatalities. No materiel damage was reported. Artillery fire was directed onto the suspected enemy firing positions with unknown results.

- HQ MACV — Brigadier General William R. Bond, USA, Commanding General, 199th Light Infantry Brigade, was fatally wounded in action today (April 1) in Binh Tuy Province. General Bond landed in a helicopter in the operational area this morning to assess the combat situation. As the general was talking to the ground troops, an estimated two enemy soldiers opened fire with automatic weapons and also fired one rocket-grenade round. The general was hit and fatally wounded by the enemy small arms. General Bond, 50, assumed command of the Brigade on 28 November 1969. He is a native of Portland, Maine. (The above is a composite of two MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS, one of which was released in the morning NEWS RELEASE and the other in the evening NEWS RELEASE on 2 April).
- An Army AH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire three miles NW of A Luoi in Thua Thien Province, wounding two U.S. personnel aboard, and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army OH-6 helicopter was downed one mile from the Cambodian border and 33 miles NW of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Province, wounding two U.S. personnel aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army OH-6 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire two miles NW of Song Mao in Binh Thuan Province. There were no casualties, but the aircraft was destroyed.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 336 sorties (USAF 213, USMC 115, and USN 8), killing 17 enemy soldiers, triggering 89 secondary explosions, igniting 55 fires, and destroying or damaging 223 fortifications, 286 bunkers, and six sampans.

- Nine B-52 missions were reported in today’s releases with targets 5 miles west, 5 and 6 miles WSW and 8, 12, and 13 miles SW of Ben Het; 12 miles WNW and 23 miles WSW of Katum; and 6 miles NW of Cam Lo.

LAOS


2 April (Thursday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, 22 significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, seven of which were against U.S. units or installations. Thirty-three other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following attacks were against U.S. forces:

XXIV CORPS

020505 — THUA THIEN PROVINCE — An element of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), 19 miles WSW of Hue (70 miles WNW of Da Nang), received about 50 rounds of 60mm mortar fire, causing light U.S. casualties with no fatalities.

020200 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — The Da Nang Air Base and vicinity received about ten 122mm rocket rounds, causing light casualties and damage but no fatalities.

011835 — QUANG TRI PROVINCE — An element of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), five miles NW of Cam Lo and two miles south of
the Demilitarized Zone (104 miles WNW of Da Nang), received approximately ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire resulting in light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. There was no material damage reported.

I FFV:

020620 — BINH DINH PROVINCE — The base camp of the 173rd Airborne Brigade at Landing Zone English, three miles north of Bong Son, received less than five rounds of 107mm rocket fire, causing no casualties or damage.

011920 — BINH DINH PROVINCE — An element of the 4th Infantry Division at a landing zone 14 miles NE of An Khe received less than 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, resulting in light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. There was no materiel damage reported.

011850 — BINH DINH PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 173rd Airborne Brigade at Landing Zone English, three miles north of Bong Son received less than 25 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, resulting in light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. Light materiel damage was also reported.

012030 — BINH DINH PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 173rd Airborne Brigade at Landing Zone English, three miles north of Bong Son received an unknown number of rounds of mortar fire, resulting in no casualties or damage.

HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 73 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 27 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Twenty-seven of the 73 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were two killed and 42 wounded.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1820 a reconnaissance element of the 1st Marine Division sighted 30 enemy soldiers in green uniforms and carrying weapons in an area 11 miles SW of An Hoa (32 miles SW of Da Nang). An aerial observer in the vicinity directed tactical aircraft and artillery fire onto the enemy location and the bodies of 13 enemy soldiers were observed in the strike area. The remaining enemy evaded further observation. There were no U.S. casualties.

OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) — At 1800 an element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, detonated an unknown type enemy booby-trap while operating in an area 13 miles NW of Duc Pho (90 miles SSE of Da Nang). Ten personnel were killed in the explosion, including seven U.S. soldiers, one former enemy soldier serving as a scout, one enemy raider and one Vietnamese civilian. Twenty others were wounded including 19 U.S. soldiers and one Vietnamese civilian.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 0930 the base camp of Hq 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, at An Hoa, 22 miles SSW of Da Nang, received less than
ten rounds of 140mm rocket fire and about five rounds of rocket-grenade fire. U.S. casualties were light with no fatalities and material damage was light. In addition, six Vietnamese civilians were reported wounded by the enemy fire.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 0845 a reconnaissance element of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an undetermined number of enemy soldiers 12 miles SSW of Tay Ninh City and three miles from the Cambodian border. The troopers returned fire with organic weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships. In about 15 minutes the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 12 dead. U.S. casualties were two killed and seven wounded. About 30 minutes later, at 0930, an element of the Division's 3rd Brigade moved to the area of contact and engaged an undetermined size enemy force. The enemy opened fire with small arms and automatic weapons and the infantrymen returned fire with organic weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships and USAF A-37's and F-100's from the 3rd and 35th Tactical Fighter Wings. The fighting continued throughout the day until 1840 when the enemy withdrew. Twenty enemy soldiers were killed in the engagement. U.S. casualties were eight killed and 11 wounded. Cumulative results for the two actions were 32 enemy killed. U.S. casualties totalled 10 killed and 18 wounded.

- An Air Force C-7 Caribou aircraft was downed by enemy ground fire six miles NNW of Dak To in Kontum Province, killing three U.S. personnel aboard, and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 14 miles SSE of Moc Hoa in Kien Tuong Province, wounding four U.S. personnel aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- **SVN TAC AIR:** U.S. pilots flew 283 sorties (USAF 197, USMC 79, and USN 7), killing 11 enemy soldiers, triggering 23 secondary explosions, igniting 23 fires, and destroying or damaging 59 enemy fortifications, 234 bunkers, and 11 sampans.

- Seven B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 24 miles NW and 25 miles NNW of Tay Ninh City; 5, 6, and 7 miles north, 5 miles NNW and 5 miles NW of Tri Ton.

**LAOS**

- **HQ MACV —** U.S. Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps aircraft and SAC B-52 bombers flew interdiction operations along the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos. In addition, U.S. Air Force aircraft flew combat support missions in Laos for Royal Laotian forces.

3 April (Friday)

- **HQ MACV —** During the night, 14 significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. forces.
Twenty-nine other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

**I FFV:**

030625 — BINH DINH PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 173rd Airborne Brigade at Landing Zone English near Bong Son received less than five 107mm rockets resulting in very light U.S. casualties with no fatalities and light materiel damage.

**II FFV:**

021950 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of an element of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, located at Dau Tieng, received less than 15 rounds of mixed 60mm and 82mm mortar fire, causing light U.S. casualties and light materiel damage.

**HQ MACV** — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 61 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, twelve of which were against U.S. units or installations. Twenty-one of the 61 attacks resulted in casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one killed and 26 wounded.

**XXIV CORPS (QUANG TRI PROVINCE)** — At 1100 elements of the 1st Brigade, 5th Mechanized Infantry Division, four miles SW of Con Thien and one mile south of the Demilitarized Zone, received heavy mortar and small arms fire from an undetermined size enemy force. The infantrymen were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. Approximately eight hours later, the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 27 dead. U.S. casualties were five killed and 37 wounded.

**XXIV CORPS (QUANG TRI PROVINCE)** — At 1405 an element of the air cavalry squadron, AMERICAL Division, while operating in an area of previous contact, 11 miles NNW of Tam Ky (27 miles ESE of Da Nang), received small arms fire from an undetermined size enemy force. The troopers returned fire with small arms fire and were supported by helicopter gunships. Fourteen enemy soldiers were killed. There were no U.S. casualties.

**XXIV CORPS (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE)** — At 1230 an armored cavalry element of the AMERICAL Division nine miles SE of Quang Ngai City (88 miles SSE of Da Nang) discovered two and one-half tons of unpolished rice in 100 pound bags. The rice was turned over to the 4th Regiment of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam.

**TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 0745 an element of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, eight miles NW of Go Dau Ha, engaged an estimated nine enemy soldiers in an exchange of small arms fire. In about 15 minutes the enemy withdrew, leaving behind six dead. There were no U.S. casualties.
TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1415 an Air Force Forward Air Controller seven miles NW of Go Dau Ha observed and engaged ten enemy soldiers with organic weapons. Contact was lost immediately. The bodies of six enemy soldiers were sighted in the strike area. There were no U.S. casualties.

II FFV (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 0710 the base camp of Hq 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, two miles west of Tay Ninh City, received less than five 122mm rockets, causing light U.S. casualties and damage.

A U.S. Navy A-7 aircraft was hit by enemy ground fire while on a mission over the lower panhandle of Laos. The aircraft crashed in Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam, 28 miles west of Da Nang. The aircraft was destroyed. The pilot was rescued with no reported injuries.

An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire nine miles north of Ben Het in Kontum Province, wounding two men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire six miles WNW of Vi Thanh in Ghuong Thien Province, destroying the aircraft. There were no casualties.

An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire seven miles NNE of Ben Het in Kontum Province, causing no casualties. The aircraft was destroyed.

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 313 sorties (USAF 212, USMC 93, and USN 8), killing six enemy soldiers, triggering 39 secondary explosions, and igniting 33 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 102 fortifications, 163 bunkers, and five sampans.

Four B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 23 miles WSW and 25 miles SW of Katum; and 9 and 10 miles north of Ben Het.

LAOS


4 April (Saturday)

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

032155 — BINH THUAN PROVINCE — A mechanized element of Task Force South located at a fire support base nine miles north of Phan Thiet received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire, causing light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. There was no materiel damage.

II FFV:

031935 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — An element of the 25th Division artillery, located at a fire support base seven miles SSE of Tay Ninh City, received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire, causing light material damage. There were no casualties.

HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 38 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 14 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eleven of the 36 attacks resulted in casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were four wounded, no fatalities.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At 1125 elements of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), received small arms and automatic weapons fire, and 82mm mortar and 122mm rocket fire from an undetermined size enemy force six miles SW of Con Thien and two miles south of the Demilitarized Zone. The troopers fired back with organic weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships and tanks. A total of about 70 rounds of mortar fire and 20 rockets were received during the action. Fighting continued into the afternoon until 1445 when the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 24 enemy soldiers were found in the battle area. U.S. casualties were two killed and 12 wounded.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At 1640 helicopter gunships of the air cavalry squadron of the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) sighted 14 enemy soldiers two miles SE of Khe Sanh and five miles from the Laotian border (110 miles WNW of Da Nang). The enemy were engaged with organic aerial machinegun and rocket fire. The bodies of ten enemy soldiers were sighted in the strike area following the engagement. The remaining enemy withdrew from further observation. There were no U.S. casualties.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1610 an element of the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, received small arms fire from an undetermined size enemy force five miles NE of An Hoa (16 miles SSW of Da Nang). The Marines returned fire with organic weapons and assaulted the enemy positions. Contact was lost at an unreported time. The bodies of six enemy soldiers were found in the battle area and 21 suspects were detained. In addition, two individual and four crew-served weapons were captured. There were no U.S. casualties.

I FFV (BINH THUAN PROVINCE) — At 1215 an element of the 173rd Airborne Brigade engaged an estimated enemy squad 35 miles NNW of Qui Nhon. Small arms
and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and at 1245 the enemy withdrew. Six enemy soldiers were killed and two were detained. In addition, five individual weapons were captured. There were no U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE)** — At 1400 troopers from an element of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), discovered a significant enemy munitions cache 22 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh and four miles from the Cambodian border. The cache, weighing about one ton, contained 61,200 small arms rounds, 590 pounds of explosives, and two 12.7mm machinegun tripods.

- **II FFV (BINH LONG PROVINCE)** — At 1735 the base camp of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), at Quan Loi, received about five rounds of 122mm rocket fire resulting in light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. No materiel damage was reported.

- An Air Force C-7 aircraft was downed by enemy ground fire 15 miles NW of Dak To in Kontum Province, killing three crewmen aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army AH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire four miles south of Dak To in Kontum Province, wounding two U.S. personnel aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- A Marine Corps F-4 aircraft was downed by enemy ground fire 14 miles north of Khe Sanh in Quang Tri Province, destroying the aircraft. Both crewmembers were rescued uninjured.

- **SVN TAC AIR**: U.S. pilots flew 283 sorties (USAF 162, USMC 86, and USN 35), killing 31 enemy soldiers, triggering 55 secondary explosions, and igniting 17 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 51 fortifications, 190 bunkers, and one sampan.

- Seven B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 22 miles NW of Tay Ninh City; 4 miles WSW, 6 miles WNW and 9, 10, 12, and 14 miles SW of Ben Het.

**LAOS**


**5 April (Sunday)**

- **HQ MACV** — During the night, five significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, none of which were against U.S. units or installations. Twenty-two other indirect fire attacks were considered
insignificant, none of which caused casualties or damage. Included in the total of significant attacks was a rocket attack against the Da Nang area this morning. In the attack, at approximately 0200 today, about ten undetermined caliber rockets impacted in the Da Nang City area. One Vietnamese civilian was reported wounded. There was no reported material damage and there were no U.S. casualties.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 57 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 17 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Ten of the 56 attacks resulted in casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were eight wounded with no fatalities.

- XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1540 a reconnaissance element of the 1st Marine Division observed five enemy soldiers wearing uniforms and working in a field near a bunker complex 14 miles SE of An Hoa (31 miles NW of Da Nang). Tactical aircraft struck the area, killing five enemy soldiers, destroying one bunker, and causing four secondary explosions. There were no U.S. casualties.

- XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1200 an element of the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, observed five enemy soldiers in a cave seven miles SE of An Hoa (26 miles south of Da Nang) and engaged them with small arms fire, killing five of them and capturing four individual weapons. There were no U.S. casualties.

- XXIV CORPS (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At 0400 an element of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), in night defensive positions four miles NW of Cam Lo and two miles SE of the Demilitarized Zone, was attacked by an estimated reinforced North Vietnamese Army Platoon. The enemy employed small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-grenade fire supported by an unreported number and caliber mortar rounds. The troopers returned fire with organic weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships and a USAF AC-119 gunship from the 14th Special Operations Wing. At 0930 the enemy withdrew, leaving behind four of his dead. U.S. casualties were two killed and nine wounded.

- I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE) — At 0940 a 4th Infantry Division combat support element convoy, escorted by armored cavalry troops from the division, in tanks and armored personnel carriers, received small arms, automatic weapons, rocket-grenade and 57mm recoilless rifle fire from an undetermined size enemy force while traveling on Highway 19, 16 miles ENE of Pleiku City. The enemy fire was returned with organic weapons and helicopter gunship crewmen engaged the enemy positions. A short while later, air cavalry troops from the division's armored cavalry squadron were air-assaulted into the vicinity and engaged an undetermined number of enemy soldiers occupying bunkers. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and contact was lost at 1330 when the remaining enemy withdrew. Eleven enemy soldiers were killed in the abortive ambush. In addition, the troopers captured six individual and six crew-served weapons left scattered in the vicinity. There were no U.S. casualties. The convoy, undamaged, continued to its destination.
I FFV (Pleiku Province) — At 0100 U.S. Army helicopter crewmen engaged a suspected enemy location, 12 miles west of Pleiku City and 27 miles east of the Cambodian border. It was subsequently reported that the aerial machine-gun and rocket fire impacted in the vicinity of an element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 47th Infantry Regiment, killing 11 and wounding 30 ARVN soldiers. The wounded personnel were evacuated by U.S. Army helicopters to U.S. medical facilities by about 0300 today. The accident is under investigation.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (Tay Ninh Province) — At 1225 a mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, engaged an undetermined number of enemy soldiers seven miles NE of Tay Ninh City. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the infantrymen were supported by helicopter gunships and USAF tactical aircraft, in addition to the heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers. Fighting continued until 1250 when the enemy withdrew, leaving behind six of his dead, and one individual and one crew-served weapon. U.S. casualties were two killed and one wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (Tay Ninh Province) — At 1035 an element of the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), engaged an undetermined number of enemy soldiers 20 miles NW of Tay Ninh City and three miles from the Cambodian border. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, and USAF tactical aircraft. In a short while the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were seven killed and four wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (Phuoc Long Province) — At 0930 an element of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), discovered a significant enemy munitions cache while operating 22 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh and four miles from the Cambodian border. The cache, weighing slightly more than two tons, contained 134,640 small arms rounds, 46 rounds of 82mm mortar ammunition and 15 boxes of TNT. In addition, 13 pair of wire cutters were found in the cache.

HQ MACV — It was announced by USARV (Long Binh) that the 377th Radio Research Company, the 53rd Signal Detachment (TROPO), and the 1st Military Intelligence Detachment, all of which are located in III Corps, will be inactivated in the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow, 6 April, as part of the third increment of troop redeployment. (The complete text of the release is contained in the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT, in this summary).

An Army OH-6 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire six miles west of Tam Ky in Quang Tin Province, killing one U.S. personnel and wounding two others. The aircraft was destroyed.

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 328 sorties (USAF 235, USMC 91, and USN 2), killing 93 enemy soldiers, triggering 54 secondary explosions, and igniting 41 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 79 fortifications, 532 bunkers, nine sampans, and two trucks.
Eight B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 6 and 7 miles NW of Cam Lo; 2 and 4 miles SW of Tri Ton; 9 and 10 miles north of Ben Het; and 23 and 24 miles WSW of Katum.

**LAOS**


6 April (Monday)

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

**XXIV CORPS**

060415 — QUANG TRI PROVINCE — An element of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), two miles north of Cam Lo, received less than 35 mixed rounds of 82mm mortar and 122mm rocket fire, causing light material damage. There were no casualties.

**I FFV:**

051850 — BINH DINH PROVINCE — The base camp of the headquarters of the 173rd Airborne Brigade located at Landing Zone English three miles NW of Bong Son received less than 25 mixed rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle and 82mm mortar rounds causing light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. Light material damage was reported.

HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 47 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 12 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Thirteen of the 47 attacks resulted in casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one killed and four wounded.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At 0450 a cavalry element of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), while in a night defensive position three miles NW of Cam Lo and four miles from the Demilitarized Zone (52 miles NW of Hue) was attacked by an undetermined size enemy force with small arms and rocket-grenade fire. The troopers returned fire with their organic weapons. Contact was lost at 0630 when the enemy withdrew. A sweep of the area revealed 16 enemy soldiers killed. In addition, one enemy soldier was detained. Five crew-served weapons, three individual weapons, nine rocket-grenade rounds, and 27 CHICOM handgrenades were captured. U.S. casualties were one killed and 11 wounded.
- **XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE)** — At 0035 an element of the 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), at a fire support base nine miles SSE of Hue (44 miles NW of Da Nang), received small arms, automatic weapons, rocket-grenade fire and an undetermined number and caliber mortar rounds from an undetermined size enemy force. The troopers returned fire with organic weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. At 0105 the remaining enemy withdrew. The bodies of six enemy soldiers were found in the battle area and two enemy soldiers were detained. In addition, two individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were four wounded with no fatalities.

- **XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE)** — At 1250 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), received rocket-grenade fire and an unknown number and caliber mortar rounds from an undetermined size enemy force 25 miles west of Hue (75 miles WNW of Da Nang). The troopers returned fire with organic weapons and contact continued until about 1515 when the enemy withdrew. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were three killed and eight wounded.

- **I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE)** — At 0100 a number of satchel charges detonated in the vicinity of combat support elements of the 4th Infantry Division located at Camp Radcliff near An Khe. The charges had been placed by an undetermined number of enemy sapper personnel who penetrated the base perimeter. Enemy losses are unknown. There were no U.S. casualties. Materiel damage was light to moderate and included primarily helicopters.

- **I FFV (KHANH HOA PROVINCE)** — At 1620 the Nha Trang Air Base and vicinity received less than ten rounds of 107mm rocket fire resulting in light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. Two civilians were reported killed and four civilians were wounded. Moderate materiel damage was also reported.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE)** — At approximately 0800 an element of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), discovered a significant enemy munitions cache while operating 24 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh and three miles from the Cambodian border. The cache contained 265,680 small arms rounds, 91 rounds of 82mm mortar ammunition, and 941 pounds of TNT. Themunitions weighed over 2½ tons.

- **HQ MACV** — It was announced by USAVE (LONG BINH) that a detachment representing the 1st Infantry Division will depart from Bien Hoa Air Base tomorrow to complete the division's departure from the Republic of Vietnam under the Third Increment of Troop Redeployment. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT for the complete text of the release).

- **SVN TAC AIR** — U.S. pilots flew 340 sorties (USAF 245, USMC 85, and USN 10), killing 116 enemy soldiers, triggering 65 secondary explosions, and igniting 18 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 103 enemy fortifications, 242 bunkers, and 11 sampans.
Eight B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 20 miles NW of Tay Ninh City; 4 miles NNE of Tri Ton; and six others that were 30 to 33 miles NE of Tay Ninh City.

LAOS

HQ MACV — A U.S. Air Force F-4 aircraft was hit by enemy ground fire, crashed, and was destroyed in the Plain of Jars area of Laos. The crew of two were rescued with no reported injuries.

HQ MACV — A U.S. Air Force F-100 aircraft was downed by enemy ground fire in the lower panhandle area of Laos. The pilot was killed.

HQ MACV — A U.S. Air Force A-1 aircraft was downed by enemy ground fire and was destroyed in the Plain of Jars area of Laos. The pilot was rescued with no reported injuries.


7 April (Tuesday)

HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 39 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, eight of which were against U.S. units or installations. Fourteen of the 39 attacks resulted in casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were six wounded with no fatalities.

HQ MACV — During the night, nine significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, none of which were against U.S. forces. Twenty other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1255 a reconnaissance element of the 1st Marine Division engaged several small groups of enemy soldiers 18 miles NW of An Hoa (18 miles SW of Da Nang). The enemy were engaged with organic smalls arms fire and contact was lost at an unreported time. Sixteen enemy soldiers were killed. There were no U.S. casualties.

XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 0050 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) in night defensive positions 18 miles WSW of Hue (70 miles WNW of Da Nang) received small arms fire, automatic weapons and rocket-grenade fire from an undetermined size enemy force. The troopers returned fire with organic weapons and were supported by artillery. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were one killed and 26 wounded.
- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BIEN HOA PROVINCE)** — At 0740 an element of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an undetermined number of enemy soldiers 16 miles ESE of Bien Hoa City. The infantrymen fired back with organic weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships and tactical aircraft. At 0810 the enemy withdrew. In a continued search of the area, the troopers again received small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-grenade fire from an undetermined number of enemy soldiers at about 1245. The enemy fire was returned with organic weapons and contact was lost almost immediately. Enemy losses in the two contacts were three killed. U.S. casualties totaled one killed and six wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 1130 an element of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, engaged an undetermined number of enemy soldiers 12 miles SSW of Tay Ninh City and one mile from the Cambodian border. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the infantrymen were supported by tactical aircraft and helicopter gunships. Fighting continued into the afternoon until about 1845 when the enemy withdrew. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were five killed and seven wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BIEN HOA PROVINCE)** — At 1745 an element of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade received small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-grenade fire from an undetermined number of enemy soldiers 14 miles NE of Bien Hoa City. The infantrymen returned fire with organic weapons and about an hour later the enemy withdrew. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were five wounded with no fatalities.

- **HQ MACV** — It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that the 501st Engineer Company (Land Clearing), the 556th Transportation Company (Medium Truck), and Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 64th Quartermaster Battalion, all of which are located at Long Binh, will be inactivated in the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow, 8 April, as part of the Third Increment of Troop Redeployment. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT for the complete text of the release).

- An Army AH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 13 miles south of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Province, killing one U.S. personnel, wounding two others, and destroying the aircraft.

- **SVN TAC AIR** — U.S. pilots flew 340 sorties (USAF 246, USMC 83, and USN 11), killing 65 enemy soldiers, triggering 37 secondary explosions, and igniting 26 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 71 fortifications, 212 bunkers, and two sampans.

- Four B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 10 and 12 miles north of Ben Het; and 23 and 24 miles WSW of Katum.
LAOS

- HQ MACV — A U.S. Navy A-7 aircraft was downed by enemy ground fire in the lower panhandle of Laos. The pilot was rescued with no reported injuries.


8 April (Wednesday)

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

**XXIV CORPS:**

- 080225 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — The Da Nang Air Base received about five undetermined caliber rockets resulting in light U.S. casualties. Material damage was light. Artillery fire was directed onto the suspected enemy firing positions with unknown results.

- 080225 — KHANH HOA PROVINCE — A U.S. Army combat support unit, located seven miles NNW of Cam Ranh, received about 100 rounds of mixed 60mm and 82mm mortar and 107mm rocket fire, resulting in light U.S. casualties and light material damage.

- 072325 — NINH TUAN PROVINCE — The Air Base at Phan Rang received about ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire resulting in no casualties. There was no reported material damage.

**I I FFV:**

- 080535 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — An element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, in night defensive positions 25 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City and four miles from the Cambodian border, received an undetermined number of 122mm rocket rounds and about five 82mm mortar rounds, resulting in light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. There was no reported material damage.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 35 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, nine of which were against U.S. units or installations. Fourteen of the 35 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were four killed and 15 wounded.
XXIV CORPS (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At 1700 an element of the air cavalry squadron of the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) and a U.S. Army Ranger element received heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire from an undetermined size enemy force 24 miles WSW of Quang Tri City (100 miles NW of Da Nang), and four miles from the Laotian border. The troopers returned fire with organic weapons supported by helicopter gunships. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were one killed and six wounded.

I PNV (HINH DINHN PROVINCE) — At 1200 an element of the 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, engaged an undetermined number of enemy soldiers 26 miles north of An Khe. The enemy returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-grenade fire. As contact continued, another element of the brigade reinforced the action and engaged the enemy. The infantrymen were supported by artillery fire. At 1420 the remaining enemy withdrew. The bodies of four enemy soldiers were found in the battle area and two individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were two killed and five wounded.

I PNV (HINH DINHN PROVINCE) — At 1000 an element of the 173rd Airborne Brigade received small arms and automatic weapons fire along with a command detonated mine from an undetermined size enemy force 35 miles NW of Qui Nhon. The paratroopers returned fire with organic weapons and contact was lost about five minutes later when the enemy withdrew. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were one killed and seven wounded.

 SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 342 sorties (USAF 233, USMC 104, and USN 5), killing 82 enemy soldiers, triggering 39 secondary explosions, igniting 37 fires, and destroying or damaging 102 enemy fortifications, 157 bunkers, four sampans, one bridge, and six roads.

Ten B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 8, 9, 10, 12, and 13 miles WNW of An Loc; and 6 and 7 miles north of Ben Het and 5 and 6 miles NWW of Tri Ton.

LAOS


9 April (Thursday)

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

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XXIV CORPS:

081930 -- QUANG TIN PROVINCE -- An artillery element of the ANGELICAL Division, one mile south of Tam Ky, received about ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire resulting in very light casualties with no fatalities. No materiel damage was reported.

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081945 -- BINH DINH PROVINCE -- An element of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, four miles NW of Phu My, received about 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire resulting in light U.S. casualties with no fatalities.

090030 -- DARLAC PROVINCE -- A U.S. Army combat support element located near Ben Me Thuot received less than ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire resulting in light materiel damage. There were no casualties.

II. F. F. V.

090100 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- An element of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, at Dau Tieng received about 20 rounds of 120mm mortar fire resulting in very light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. No materiel damage was reported.

082350 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- An element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment at a fire support base 26 miles NE of Tay Ninh City and six miles from the Cambodian border received about 100 rounds of mixed 60mm and 82mm mortar fire, causing light U.S. casualties and materiel damage. The suspected enemy firing positions were engaged by artillery fire and helicopter gunships with unknown results.

HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 45 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, nine of which were against U.S. units or installations. Thirteen of the 45 attacks resulted in casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were two killed and 21 wounded.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 0240 an element of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), in night defensive positions 10 miles SW of Quang Tri City (38 miles NW of Da Nang) received small arms, automatic weapons, rocket-grenade fire and hand-grenades from an unknown size enemy force. The troops returned fire with organic weapons, including tank guns and heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 33 enemy soldiers were found in the battle area. In addition, three crew-served and 21 individual weapons along with miscellaneous munitions and equipment were captured. U.S. casualties in the action were 12 wounded with no fatalities.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 2300 a trip flare was detonated on the perimeter of the Civilian Irregular Defense Group Camp at Mai Loc (four miles
SW of Cam Lo), 97 miles NW of Da Nang, and ten miles south of the Demilitarized Zone, alerting personnel in the camp. At 0235 the camp received 75-100 rounds of mixed 82mm mortar and rocket-grenade fire, followed ten minutes later by a sapper attack from an estimated enemy company firing small arms and automatic weapons and using satchel charges. A total of 60 to 80 enemy were reported to have penetrated the outer perimeter at four locations. The CIDG Troopers, U.S. Special Forces advisors and U.S. artillerymen, on self-propelled twin 40mm guns, returned the enemy fire. Heavy fighting from bunkers was reported inside the camp and several small counterattacks from within the camp repulsed the enemy from portions of the perimeter. The enemy was reported unable to penetrate the camp's inner perimeter where the tactical operations center was located. As fighting continued, an element of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) in trucks and armored personnel carriers, moved to the area and engaged the enemy at about 0340. Helicopter gunships and a Republic of Vietnam Air Force AC-47 gunship supported the contact. The remaining enemy began to withdraw, dragging an undetermined number of bodies at the same time. Contact was lost at 0455. RVNAF casualties were light. U.S. casualties were six killed and 13 wounded. One Vietnamese child was reported killed. The bodies of 19 enemy soldiers were found in the vicinity. Material damage was light to moderate.

- XXIV CORPS (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At approximately 2225 last night, an element of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), in night defensive positions four miles SE of Gio Linh and four miles south of the Demilitarized Zone, engaged 10 to 15 enemy soldiers observed after a flare was tripped near their location. The enemy employed small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-grenade fire. The troops employed organic weapons and were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. Contact was lost at about midnight; however, sporadic sniper fire continued until about 0200 today when the remaining enemy withdrew. The bodies of nine enemy soldiers were found in the battle area. In addition, one crew-served and six individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were 15 wounded with no fatalities. One former enemy soldier, serving as a scout, was also captured.

- XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 0700 an element of the 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), engaged an estimated enemy squad while operating in an area 24 miles WSW of Hue (73 miles WNW of Da Nang). The enemy returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons fire. The troops were supported by helicopter gunships and contact was lost at an unreported time when the remaining enemy withdrew. Two enemy soldiers were killed in the action. U.S. casualties were three killed and five wounded.

- XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1625 an element of the 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) engaged an estimated enemy platoon while operating 25 miles WSW of Hue (66 miles NW of Da Nang). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and contact was lost at about 1745 when the enemy withdrew. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were 11 wounded with no fatalities.
XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — An element of the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, six miles east of An Hoa (21 miles south of Da Nang), received approximately 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire resulting in light U.S. casualties. No materiel damage was reported.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) — At 1310 an element of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an undetermined number of enemy soldiers nine miles WSW of Lai Khe. The infantrymen returned fire with organic weapons and were supported by U.S. Air Force F-100's from the 3rd and 35th Tactical Fighter Wings. Fighting continued until about 1630 when the enemy withdrew. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were one killed and two wounded.

CMAC (GIA DINH PROVINCE) — At 0545 an estimated 20-lb. explosive charge detonated outside the U.S. Le Lai Bachelor Enlisted Quarters near the Railroad Station one mile SE of the center of Saigon. Two U.S. military personnel were slightly injured in the explosion and light damage to the BEQ was reported. Three vehicles were also damaged. The charge was believed to have been placed by a suspected VC terrorist. The terrorist escaped.

HQ MACV — It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that three more U.S. Army units will depart the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow, 10 April, as part of the third increment of troop redeployment. The units involved are the 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division; 3rd Battalion, 6th Artillery; and the 168th Engineer Battalion. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT for the complete text of the release).

HQ MACV — It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that the 3rd Combat Support Company will be inactivated in the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow, 10 April, as part of the Third Increment of Troop Redeployment. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT for the complete text of the release).

An Army OH-6 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 14 miles NW of Loc Ninh in Binh Long Province, killing one man aboard and destroying the aircraft.

SVC TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 354 sorties (USAF 232, USMC 118, and USN 4), killing 53 enemy soldiers, triggering 31 secondary explosions, and igniting 25 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 64 fortifications, 246 bunkers, three sampans, one bridge, and six cases of rockets.

Six B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 14 and 11 miles NW of A Luoi, 8 miles north and 8 miles NNW of Ben Het; and 4 and 5 miles north of Ben Het.

LAOS

HQ MACV — U.S. Air Force, Marine and Navy aircraft and Strategic Air Com-
mand bombers flew interdiction operations along the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos. In addition, U.S. Air Force and Marine Corps aircraft flew combat support missions in Laos for Royal Laotian Forces.

10 April (Friday)

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

  **I FFV:**

  100210 — PLEIKU PROVINCE — The U.S. MACV compound area near Pleiku received less than ten rounds of 122mm rocket fire, causing light damage and casualties.

- **HQ MACV** — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 42 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country. Seventeen of the 42 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were three killed and 16 wounded.

- **XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE)** — At 1315 an element of the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, sighted 16 enemy soldiers with packs and carrying a suspected 155mm artillery round four miles NE of An Hoa (18 miles SSW of Da Nang). Artillery fire was directed onto the enemy location and the bodies of five enemy soldiers were observed lying in the strike area. The remaining enemy evaded further observation. There were no U.S. casualties.

- **XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE)** — At 0100 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), in night defensive positions 19 miles WSW of Hue (68 miles WNW of Da Nang), received satchel charges thrown by an estimated five to ten enemy soldiers followed by small arms, automatic weapons and an unknown number of 82mm mortar rounds. The troopers returned fire with organic weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships. Contact was lost at an unreported time when the enemy withdrew. U.S. casualties were six wounded with no fatalities.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 0530 a mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, in night defensive positions 15 miles NW of Tay Ninh City and six miles from the Cambodian border, received rocket-grenade fire from an undetermined number of enemy soldiers. The troopers returned fire with organic weapons, including heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers, and were supported by artillery. In about one hour the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 12 dead, one rocket-grenade launcher and 12 rocket-grenade rounds. U.S. casualties were two killed and five wounded.
- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 1725 helicopter gunships from the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) observed an estimated nine enemy soldiers 17 miles NNW of Tay Ninh City and seven miles from the Cambodian border. The enemy were engaged with organic aerial rockets and machineguns. The bodies of seven enemy soldiers were sighted lying in the strike area. There were no U.S. casualties.

- **HQ MACV** — The following information was released in response to query by Da Nang Press Center today: "On 21 March, a U.S. Marine UH-1 helicopter was hit by enemy ground fire, exploded in mid-air and crashed in the lower panhandle of Laos. All four crewmen aboard were reported killed. Lt. Larry D. Parsons, USMC, co-pilot, was thrown clear and evaded detection. On 7 April, Lt. Parsons observed an aircraft overhead, waved a map and was observed. This resulted in a search and rescue operation and he was picked up by a helicopter on the same day. Lt. Parsons is presently hospitalized in I Corps, with 3rd degree burns on his arms and legs, and a wound on the left arm suffered during the crash. He is also suffering from malnutrition and fatigue. His condition is reported as good. It is expected that he will be air-evacuated to the United States as soon as possible and will not be available for interview while recuperating in I Corps. The nature of his escape and evasion tactics are not available since such details would lessen the chances of others to escape in the future." (The above is from a MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS released the morning of 11 April, 1970).

- **SVN TAC AIR** — U.S. pilots flew 364 sorties (USAF 245, USMC 117, and NV 2), killing 51 enemy soldiers, triggering 25 secondary explosions, and igniting 32 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 128 fortifications, 393 bunkers and four sampans.

- Four B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 24 miles NW of Tay Ninh City; 12 miles NW of Katum; and 3 and 4 miles NE of Cai Be.

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**LAOS**

- **HQ MACV** — U.S. Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps aircraft and strategic Air Command bombers flew interdiction operations along the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos. In addition, U.S. Air Force and Marine Corps aircraft flew combat support missions in Laos for Royal Laotian Forces.

- **HQ MACV** — A U.S. Air Force RF-4 reconnaissance aircraft was hit by enemy ground fire while on a reconnaissance mission over western Laos. The aircraft went out of control while attempting an emergency landing, crashed and burned at Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand. The aircraft commander and the pilot ejected from the aircraft and were recovered safely, with no reported injuries.

11 April (Saturday)

- **HQ MACV** — During the night, 12 significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, three of which were against U.S. units or
installations. Nineteen other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following attacks were against U.S. forces:

IL FFV:

101900 -- KONTUM PROVINCE -- A combat support element near Kontum received approximately ten rounds of 122mm rocket fire resulting in very light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. No materiel damage was reported.

102130 -- PLEIKU PROVINCE -- A combat support element near Pleiku received less than five rounds of 122mm rocket fire resulting in very light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. No materiel damage was reported.

IL FFV:

110030 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, two miles west of Tay Ninh City, received less than 15 rounds of 120mm mortar fire resulting in very light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. There was no materiel damage reported.

HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 41 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, eight of which were against U.S. units or installations. Fifteen of the 40 attacks resulted in casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were six wounded with no fatalities.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1900 a reconnaissance element of the 1st Marine Division sighted 20 enemy soldiers moving east in an area five miles NW of An Hoa (21 miles SW of Da Nang). Artillery fire was directed onto the enemy location and the bodies of 11 enemy soldiers were observed lying in the strike area. The remaining enemy evaded further observation. There were no U.S. casualties.

XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) -- At 1205 elements of the 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), engaged an undetermined size enemy force 24 miles WSW of Hue (74 miles NW of Da Nang). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the enemy withdrew at an unreported time with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were five wounded with no fatalities.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1825 an element of the 11th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, nine miles WNW of Hoi An (10 miles SSW of Da Nang), detonated an undetermined type enemy booby-trap. Two U.S. personnel were killed and 13 wounded in the explosion.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1120 a mechanized element of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division, 18 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City and two miles from the Cambodian border, engaged an undetermined number of enemy soldiers with organic weapons. The enemy returned fire with small arms, automatic
weapons, and rocket-grenade fire. The troopers were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, and tactical aircraft. At 1320 the enemy withdrew. Contact was reestablished at 1610 but terminated at 1640 when the remaining enemy again withdrew. Twenty-six enemy soldiers were killed. In addition, seven individual and four crew-served weapons, 15 CHICOM gas masks, 800 pounds of rice, and 120 rifle grenades were captured. U.S. casualties were two killed and three wounded. Light material damage was also reported.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH TUY PROVINCE) — At 1600 an element of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade engaged an estimated ten enemy soldiers 33 miles NNW of Ham Tan. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and contact was lost a few minutes later when the enemy withdrew. The bodies of five enemy soldiers were found in the battle area and five individual weapons were captured. There were no U.S. casualties.

HQ MACV — The following information was released by the American Embassy, Bangkok, and MACV at 1100H today: "At approximately 2:00 p.m., 10 April, a U.S. Air Force RF-4 reconnaissance aircraft out of control while attempting an emergency landing crashed and burned on the Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand. The crash was caused by battle damage received while on a reconnaissance mission over Laos. As a result of the crash, nine officers' quarters buildings, one officer's quarters trailer and a radio building were destroyed and one additional building was damaged. While final casualty figures are not available as of 11:00 a.m. (Saigon time) this morning, 11 April, three persons are known to have been killed. Identification must await notification of next-of-kin. In addition, about 30 persons were treated at the base hospital for smoke inhalation, heat exhaustion and minor injuries. All of the latter are in good condition. The aircraft commander and pilot ejected and were recovered safely with no reported injuries. (The above is from a MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS, released the evening of 11 April).

- An Army OH-6 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 32 miles NW of Qui Nhon in Binh Dinh Province, killing one man aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 34 miles NNW of Qui Nhon in Binh Dinh Province, wounding two men aboard and destroying the helicopter.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. Pilots flew 275 sorties (USAF 178, USMC 96, and USN 1), killing 33 enemy soldiers, triggering 25 secondary explosions, and igniting 25 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 40 fortifications, 223 bunkers, four sampans, two automatic weapons positions, two bridges, and one boat.

- Six B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 12 and 13 miles NNW of Dak To; 8 and 10 miles NW and 9 and 11 miles NE of Ben Het.

12 April (Sunday)

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

II FFV:

120001 — PHUOC LONG PROVINCE — The Base camp of the Headquarters of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), at Fire Support Base Buttons, one mile SW of Phuoc Binh, received less than 15 rounds of 120mm mortar fire resulting in light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. There was no material damage reported.

HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 44 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, six of which were against U.S. units or installations. Thirteen of the 44 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were four wounded with no fatalities.

I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) — At 1700 an element of the 173rd Airborne Brigade received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an estimated two enemy platoons four miles WNW of Phu My (33 miles NW of Qui Nhon). The paratroopers returned fire with organic weapons and in an hour the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 11 dead and two crew-served and seven individual weapons. No U.S. casualties.

I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) — At 1130 an element of the 173rd Airborne Brigade engaged an estimated six to ten enemy soldiers 11 miles north of Phu My (41 miles NW of Qui Nhon). The paratroopers employed organic weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships. The enemy returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons. In about 20 minutes the enemy withdrew. The bodies of five enemy soldiers were found in the battle area and three individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were two wounded with no fatalities.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 0855 helicopter gunships from the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire from an undetermined number of enemy soldiers 24 miles NE of Tay Ninh City and eight miles from the Cambodian border. The enemy were engaged with organic aerial machinegun and rocket fire. In addition, artillery fire and U.S. Air Force tactical airstrikes...
were directed onto the enemy location. Contact was lost at 0920. The bodies of 12 enemy soldiers were observed lying in the strike area. There were no U.S. casualties.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 16 miles ESE of Katum in Tay Ninh Province, killing two personnel, wounding four others, and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 16 miles NNE of Phu Cat in Binh Dinh Province, destroying the aircraft. There were no casualties.

- An Army OH-58 observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire two miles north of Binh Son in Bien Hoa Province, wounding three men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire seven miles north of Ben Het in Kontum Province, destroying the helicopter. There were no casualties.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 302 sorties (USAF 208, USMC 94), killing 121 enemy soldiers, triggering 58 secondary explosions, and igniting 26 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 102 fortifications, 235 bunkers, and three sampans.

- Ten B-52 missions were reported in today’s releases with targets 17, 19, 20 and 22 miles SW of Dak To; 6 and 10 miles SW of Ben Het; 10 miles NNE and 13 miles NE of A Luoi; and 2½ and 3 miles south of Tri Ton.

**LAOS**


13 April (Monday)

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

**II FFV:**

122005 — BINH LONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), located at Quan Loi received about five rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle fire, causing no casualties or damage.
122115 - PHUOC LONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), at Fire Support Base Buttons, one mile SW of Phuoc Binh, received less than five rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle fire, resulting in no casualties or damage.

122235 - TAY NINH PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, two miles west of Tay Ninh City, received less than five rounds of unknown caliber and type fire resulting in no casualties or damage.

130435 - PHUOC LONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), one mile SW of Phuoc Binh, received less than five rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle fire, causing light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. No materiel damage was reported.

HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 32 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, seven of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eleven of the 32 attacks caused damage or casualties. U.S. casualties were two wounded with no fatalities.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 0245 Fire Support Base Nancy, located nine miles SE of Quang Tri City (75 miles NW of Da Nang), and occupied by an element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 1st Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, along with a U.S. Army XXIV Corps artillery unit, received about 20 rounds of undetermined caliber mortar fire. The indirect fire was followed at about 0350 by a ground attack from an estimated reinforced sapper company, employing small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-grenade fire in addition to satchel charges. The combined U.S. and ARVN troops returned fire with unit weapons and were supported by artillery fire. During the action, several enemy soldiers penetrated the perimeter but were killed or detained. The enemy withdrew at an unreported time. At first light, ARVN infantrymen from the 1st Regiment made sporadic contact with an undetermined number of enemy soldiers while searching the battle area. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and contact was lost at an unreported time. The bodies of 71 enemy soldiers were found in the vicinity of the fire base and nine enemy soldiers were detained. In addition, 11 individual and six crew-served weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were four killed and 34 wounded. ARVN casualties were light with no fatalities. Light materiel damage was reported.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 1055 an element of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), three miles north of Cam Lo (100 miles NW of Da Nang), and four miles SE of the DMZ, received less than ten 122mm rockets, causing light U.S. casualties with no fatalities and light materiel damage.

XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) -- Between 1400 and 1500 elements of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), at Fire Support Base Bastogne, nine miles SW of Hue (57 miles WNW of Da Nang), received a total of
30 rounds of 82mm mortar fire in three attacks. U.S. casualties were light and light materiel damage was reported.

- **XXIV CORPS (QUANG TRI PROVINCE)** — Between 1010 and 1545 Fire Support Base Fuller, six miles west of Cam Lo and three miles from the Demilitarized Zone, received about 70 rounds of enemy 120mm mortar fire. The base is occupied by U.S. Army XXIV Corps artillerymen and Army of the Republic of Vietnam artillery elements. There were no U.S. or ARVN casualties and no reported materiel damage.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 1215 an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment engaged an undetermined size enemy force 29 miles NE of Tay Ninh City and two miles from the Cambodian border. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the enemy employed rocket-grenade fire. The troopers were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, and USAF F-100's from the 3rd and 31st Tactical Fighter Wings, in addition to the heavy weapons on their tanks and armored personnel carriers. Fighting continued until 1600 when the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 31 of his dead, and one 60mm mortar, one RPG-2 rocket-grenade launcher, and one individual weapon. There were no U.S. casualties. Light materiel damage was reported.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 1520 helicopters from the air-cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire from an undetermined number of enemy soldiers 22 miles NE of Tay Ninh City and nine miles from the Cambodian border. The enemy were engaged with organic aerial machineguns and rockets, causing three secondary explosions. Contact was lost almost immediately. The bodies of 28 enemy soldiers were sighted lying in the strike area following the engagement. In addition, one light machinegun was reported destroyed. There were no U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 1700 an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment engaged an estimated eight enemy soldiers while operating in an area 18 miles NW of Tay Ninh City and three miles from the Cambodian border. The enemy were engaged with organic weapons and seven were killed. The other enemy soldier was detained. In addition, the troopers captured two AK-47 rifles, two light machineguns, and one RPG-2 rocket-grenade launcher. There was no enemy return fire. There were no U.S. casualties in the brief action.

- **CMAC (GIA DINH PROVINCE)** — At 2330 the enemy fired four 122mm rockets into the city of Saigon. Three of the rockets impacted in the 1st and 2nd Precincts, one-half mile SE, one-half mile east and one mile ENE of the center of Saigon. The fourth rocket impacted in the Saigon River, two miles east of the center of the city. One of the rounds hit the Olympic Theater, one round impacted in the Cercle Sportif tennis court area and the third hit a Vietnamese school near Thong Nhut and Hai Ba Trung Streets. Two Vietnamese civilians were reported killed and 41 wounded in the indiscriminate attack.
Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces casualties were very light with no fatalities. Army of the Republic of Vietnam artillery fire was directed onto the suspected enemy firing positions, six miles to the southeast, with unknown results. There were no U.S. casualties.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire eight miles NW of Cai Be in Dinh Tuong Province, wounding one man aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 17 miles north of Phu Cat in Binh Dinh Province, wounding two men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army CH-47 was downed by enemy ground fire seven miles west of Cam Lo in Quang Tri Province, killing one aboard and wounding eight others. The aircraft was destroyed.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 342 sorties (USAF 236, USMC 104, and USN 2), killing 18 enemy soldiers, triggering 151 secondary explosions, and igniting 49 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 71 fortifications and 178 bunkers.

- Six B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 7 miles NNW and 9 miles NE of A Luoi; 23 and 24 miles NNW of Ham Tan; and 16 and 25 miles NW of Tay Ninh City.

LAOS


14 April (Tuesday)

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

I FFV:

132115 — DINH DINH PROVINCE — The base camp of elements of the 4th Infantry Division located at Camp Redcliff at An Khe received less than 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire causing no casualties or damage.

140530 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — An element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, in night defensive positions 25 miles NNE of Tam Ky and five miles from the Cambodian border received about 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, causing very light U.S. casualties and light materiel damage.
HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 54 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 14 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Twenty-two of the 54 attacks resulted in casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were four killed and 29 wounded.

XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1455 an element of the 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), received small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-grenade fire from an estimated enemy squad while operating in an area 23 miles west of Hue (73 miles NW of Da Nang). The troopers returned fire with organic weapons and were supported by artillery. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were 12 wounded with no fatalities.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1845 helicopter gunship crewmen from the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), observed six enemy soldiers 22 miles NW of Tay Ninh City and one mile from the Cambodian border. The enemy were engaged with organic aerial machineguns, killing all of them. There were no U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 0945 an element of the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), engaged four enemy soldiers 22 miles NE of Tay Ninh City and nine miles from the Cambodian border. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the enemy withdrew almost immediately. One enemy soldier was killed in the brief engagement. U.S. casualties were four wounded with no fatalities.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1640 an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment found the bodies of 17 enemy soldiers 17 miles NW of Tay Ninh City and three miles from the Cambodian border. The enemy apparently had been killed in action about 24 hours earlier.

HQ MACV — It was announced by Hq Seventh Air Force that the 819th Civil Engineering Squadron (RED HORSE) will be relocated from Tuy Hoa Air Base to Westover Air Force Base, Mass., tomorrow, as part of the Third Increment of Troop Redeployment. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT for the complete text of the release).

An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 13 miles NW of Phu Cat in Binh Dinh Province, wounding two men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 334 sorties (USAF 218, USMC 116), killing 14 enemy soldiers, triggering 47 secondary explosions, and igniting 28 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 104 fortifications, 207 bunkers, six sampans and one bridge.

Eight B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 15, 16, and 18 miles north of Phuoc Binh; 8 and 14 miles east of Katum; 9 miles WNW of An Loc; and 7 and 9 miles NE of A Luoi.

15 April (Wednesday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, 12 significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, four of which were against U.S. forces. Twenty-five other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, none of which resulted in casualties or damage. The following attacks were against U.S. forces:

IL FFV:

142000 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — An element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment located at a fire support base 28 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City received less than five rounds of 107mm rocket fire causing light U.S. casualties and light materiel damage.

150600 — PHUOC LONG PROVINCE — The base camp of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), one mile SW of Phuoc Binh, received 10-15 rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle fire, resulting in no casualties and no materiel damage.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 49 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 18 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Twenty of the 49 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one killed and five wounded.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1015 an element of the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 11 miles WSW of Hoi An (15 miles SSW of Da Nang) engaged an estimated enemy squad with organic weapons and was supported by helicopter gunships. Twelve enemy soldiers were killed. There were no U.S. casualties.

XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1705 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, 17 miles WSW of Hue, received small arms and grenade fire from an undetermined size enemy force. The troopers returned small arms fire and were supported by helicopter gunships. One enemy soldier was killed and one individual weapon was captured. U.S. casualties were three killed and two wounded.

XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 0640 an element of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), received small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force 14 miles WNW of Hue (67 miles NW of Da Nang). The troopers returned fire with organic weapons.

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and at an unreported time the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were one killed and eight wounded.

- **OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE)** — At 1300 a 105mm artillery round, rigged as a booby-trap, was detonated by an element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, two miles south of Duc Pho (105 miles SE of Da Nang). The exploding round also caused some ammunition being carried by the infantrymen to detonate. Total U.S. casualties were 14 killed and 32 wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 2145 an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment at a fire support base 23 miles NW of Tay Ninh City and three miles from the Cambodian border received about 100 rounds of mixed 60mm and 82mm mortar and 107mm rocket fire along with a ground attack by an undetermined size enemy force. The enemy employed small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-grenade fire. The troopers fired back with organic weapons and were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, and USAF tactical aircraft. Fighting continued until midnight when contact was lost. In a later search of the battle area, the bodies of 55 enemy soldiers were found and three were detained. In addition, seven crew-served and 17 individual weapons, 100 CHICOM hand grenades, 5,000 small arms rounds, 20 rocket-grenades, 10 rounds of 57mm recoilless rifle ammunition and 10 bangalore torpedoes were captured. U.S. casualties were seven killed and 20 wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 0230 an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment at a fire support base 17 miles NW of Tay Ninh City and three miles from the Cambodian border received about 15 rounds of mixed 60mm and 82mm mortar fire and less than five 107mm rockets and rocket-grenade fire from an undetermined number of enemy soldiers. The troopers returned fire with organic weapons and artillery fire was directed onto the enemy firing positions. In addition, helicopter gunships struck the enemy locations. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew. In a search of the battle area at first light, the troopers found the bodies of 18 enemy soldiers, three crew-served weapons, two 60mm mortar tubes and eleven individual weapons along with the following munitions: thirty-four 60mm mortar rounds; 20 CHICOM hand-grenades; 26 rocket-grenades; two CHICOM type claymore-type mines; eleven 57mm recoilless rifle rounds. U.S. casualties were three wounded with no fatalities.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 1500 helicopter crewmen from the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), sighted 36 enemy soldiers 12 miles NNW of Tay Ninh City and one-half mile from the Cambodian border. The enemy were engaged with organic aerial machineguns, and artillery fire was directed onto the enemy location. The bodies of 12 enemy soldiers were observed lying in the strike area following the engagement. The remaining enemy evaded further observation. There were no U.S. casualties.

- **II FFV (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE)** — At 0700 the base camp of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), one mile SW of Phuoc Binh, received less than five 122mm rockets, causing light damage. There were no casualties.
CMAC (GIA DINH PROVINCE) — At 0855 an 8-10 pound claymore-type explosive charge, attached to a parked motorbike, detonated in front of the Plaza U.S. Bachelor Enlisted Quarters on Tran Hung Dao Street. One Vietnamese civilian was reported killed and 21 wounded. Four U.S. personnel were also wounded and moderate damage to the building was reported. The charges was believed to have been placed by a VC terrorist who escaped.

- HQ MACV — Camp Enari, the base camp of the Headquarters of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division since the division’s arrival in the Republic of Vietnam in September, 1966, was turned over to the Army of the Republic of Vietnam in ceremonies today. Attending the ceremony at the base camp, located ten miles south of Pleiku City, were Lieutenant General Lu Mong Lan, Commanding General, II Corps Tactical Zone; Lieutenant General Arthur S. Collins, Commanding General I FFV; and Major General Glenn D. Walker, Commanding General, 4th Infantry Division. With the redeployment of the 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, ARVN forces assumed responsibility for more of the area of operation in the western highlands. The division headquarters relocated to the An Khe area for more effective command and control of its two brigades operating in Binh Dinh Province. The relocation of the 4th Division Headquarters from Camp Enari to Camp Radcliff was completed during the latter part of March. (The above is from a MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS, released the evening of 15 April).

- HQ MACV — The U.S. Navy will turn over three logistic craft to the Republic of Vietnam Navy in ceremonies tomorrow (April 16) at the U.S. Naval Support Activity, Da Nang. The three 73-foot Landing Craft Medium (LCM) will be transferred to the Vietnamese Navy as part of the U.S. Navy’s ACTOV (Accelerated Turnover of U.S. Navy Assets to the Vietnamese) program. The program began in February 1969 with the training of crews and the subsequent turnover of U.S. Navy river assault craft to the VNN. The Naval Support Activity, Da Nang, is presently involved in the ACTOVLOG program, an outgrowth of ACTOV, and designed to provide training for VNN in the operation and maintenance of logistic support bases. Tomorrow’s turnover will bring the total of U.S. Navy logistic craft turned over to the VNN by NSA, Da Nang, since the start of the ACTOV program, to 12. (The above is from a MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS, released the evening of 15 April).

- An Army OH-6 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 11 miles NNE of Ben Het in Kontum Province, killing one man, wounding another, and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army HH-3 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire four miles NE of Dak Seang in Kontum Province, killing one man, wounding three others, and destroying the aircraft.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 323 sorties (USAF 206, USMC 113, and USN 4), killing 35 enemy soldiers, triggering 40 secondary explosions, and igniting 45 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 62 fortifications, 174 bunkers, and five sampans.
- Five B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 6 and 7 miles north of Ben Het; 9 miles WNW of Ben Cat; and 12 and 13 miles NNW of An Hoa.

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16 April (Thursday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, 12 significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. forces. Twenty-one other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following attacks were against U.S. forces:

I FFV:

160120 — BINH THUAN PROVINCE — An element of Task Force South at a fire support base four miles NNW of Phan Thiet received less than ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire, causing light U.S. casualties and damage.

II FFV:

160025 — LONG AN PROVINCE — An element of the 3rd Brigade, 9th Infantry Division at Tan An received approximately five rounds of 82mm mortar fire, causing light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. Light materiel damage was also reported.

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

- XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1420 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), 25 miles west of Hue, received approximately 25 rounds of 82mm mortar fire resulting in light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. There was no materiel damage.

- I FFV (BINH LONG PROVINCE) — At 2020 an unknown individual threw a hand grenade into a group of U.S. Army combat support personnel, Republic of Vietnam Regional Force troops and Vietnamese civilians watching a movie in an area five miles south of An Loc. The grenade exploded killing one U.S. soldier and wounding 20 others. RF casualties were very light with no fatalities. Three Vietnamese civilians were also wounded. The incident is under investigation.
- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 0845 an element of the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), engaged an undetermined number of enemy soldiers 22 miles NW of Tay Minh City and three miles from the Cambodian border. Seven enemy soldiers were killed in the brief engagement. One AK-47 rifle was captured. There were no U.S. casualties.

- **CMAC (GIA DINH PROVINCE)** — At 0220 the enemy fired four suspected 122mm rockets into the city of Saigon. The rockets impacted in the 1st and 2nd Precincts one mile northeast, one-half mile southeast and one mile east of the center of the city. One round impacted near a cemetery on Hai Ba Trung Street, another near the U.S. Army Headquarters Area Command Library on Nguyen Du Street and the remaining two rockets impacted near Nguyen Hue Street two blocks west of the Saigon River. One of the rounds failed to explode. Five Vietnamese civilians were reported wounded in the indiscriminate attack. One building was reported heavily damaged. There were no U.S. casualties.

- **HQ MACV** — At approximately 0330 hours Saigon time 15 April, Republic of Vietnam Civilian Irregular Defense Group positions in Chau Doc Province in the Republic of Vietnam, 25 miles NW of Tri Ton, received 82mm mortar fire from an enemy position inside Cambodia. U.S. Air Force tactical aircraft struck the enemy position, resulting in the mortar site reported destroyed. When friendly forces are fired upon from outside the Republic of Vietnam, U.S. forces are authorized to return fire. This is an inherent right of self-defense. (The above is from a MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS, released the evening of 16 April).

- **SVN TAC AIR** — U.S. pilots flew 354 sorties (USAF 235, USMC 119), killing four enemy soldiers, triggering 34 secondary explosions, igniting 22 fires, and destroying or damaging 120 fortifications, 132 bunkers, and 7 sampans.

- Five B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 11 and 12 miles NW of An Hoa; 6 and 7 miles SE of Ben Tre; and 20 miles NW of Tay Minh City.

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- **HQ MACV** — U.S. Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps aircraft and Strategic Air Command bombers flew interdiction operations along the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos. In addition, U.S. Air Force aircraft flew combat support missions in Laos for Royal Lao Forces.

17 April (Friday)

- **HQ MACV** — During the night, six significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. forces. Seven other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following attacks were against U.S. forces:
170100 - BINH THUAN PROVINCE - An element of Task Force South two miles WSW of Phan Thiet received less than ten rounds of 60mm mortar fire resulting in very light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. No materiel damage was reported.

170105 - BINH THUAN PROVINCE - An element of Task Force South at Fire Support Base Sandy, nine miles north of Phan Thiet, received less than five rounds of 107mm mortar fire resulting in light materiel damage. There were no casualties.

HQ MACV - During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 23 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, five of which were against U.S. units or installations. Seven of the 22 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were six wounded with no fatalities.

OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG BINH PROVINCE) - At 1220 an element of the 198th Brigade, Americal Division, observed 20-25 enemy soldiers 15 miles SW of Tam Ky (50 miles SSE of Da Nang). The enemy opened fire with small arms and automatic weapons and the troopers returned fire with organic weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew. Four enemy soldiers were killed in the engagement. In addition, four individual weapons and 10 North Vietnamese Army uniforms were captured. U.S. casualties were four wounded with no fatalities. Republic of Vietnam Popular Force personnel, operating with the infantrymen, reported very light casualties with no fatalities.

XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) - At 0613 an element of the 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), in night defensive positions 23 miles WSW of Hue (73 miles NW of Da Nang), received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an undetermined number of enemy soldiers. The troopers returned fire with organic weapons and contact was lost at an unreported time when the remaining enemy withdrew. Two enemy soldiers were killed in the action. In addition, one individual weapon and one crew served weapon were captured. U.S. casualties were one killed and 12 wounded.

XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) - At 1110 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), received rocket-grenade fire from an undetermined number of enemy soldiers 14 miles SW of Hue. The troopers returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons and the enemy withdrew at an unreported time. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were 15 wounded with no fatalities.

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...under cover of darkness. The bodies of nine enemy soldiers were found in the battle area. In addition, one crew-served and six individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were one killed and four wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 0800 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), found the bodies of eight enemy soldiers 30 miles NE of Tay Ninh City and nine miles from the Cambodian border. In addition, five individual weapons, left scattered in the vicinity, were captured. The enemy had been killed in a brief ambush of an undetermined number of enemy soldiers earlier in the morning. There were no U.S. casualties.

- HQ MACV — A U.S. Army UH-1 helicopter hit a power line and crashed into the Dong Nai River, three miles south of Bien Hoa. Eleven U.S. personnel aboard the helicopter were killed and one was injured. The helicopter was destroyed. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 12 miles south of A Tou and one mile from the Laotian border in Quang Nam Province, destroying the aircraft. There were no casualties.

- An Army OH-6 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire in the vicinity of the A Shau Valley in Thua Thien Province, wounding two U.S. personnel and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army AH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 13 miles NW of A Luoi in Thua Thien Province, destroying the aircraft. There were no casualties.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire nine miles NNW of A Luoi in Thua Thien Province, destroying the aircraft. There were no casualties.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 299 sorties (USAF 212, USMC 83, and USN 4), killing 14 enemy soldiers, triggering 60 secondary explosions, and igniting 35 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 52 fortifications, 208 bunkers, and nine sampans.

- Five B-52 missions were reported in today’s releases with targets 17 and 19 miles NW of Tay Ninh City; 14 miles east of Katum; and 11 and 13 miles north of Ben Het.

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18 April (Sunday)

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

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 16 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, one of which was against U.S. forces. Two of the 15 attacks caused casualties or damage. There were no U.S. casualties.

- XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) -- Between 0800 on the 16th and 1200 on the 17th of April, an element of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), while operating in an area 17 miles WSW of Hue (66 miles WNW of Da Nang), found 20 enemy bodies. The enemy soldiers had been killed by artillery on 15 April. There were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH TUY PROVINCE) -- At 0300 elements of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade, located in night defensive positions 37 miles NNW of Ham Tan, received an unknown number of rounds of 82mm mortar fire along with rocket-grenade, small arms and automatic weapons fire from an undetermined size enemy force. The infantrymen returned fire with their organic weapons and were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. At 0435 the enemy withdrew. Twenty-three NVA soldiers were killed and two detained. U.S. casualties were one killed and 35 wounded. In addition, four individual and four crew-served weapons were captured along with a quantity of munitions and individual equipment left scattered in the vicinity. Material damage was light to moderate. No enemy were reported to have penetrated the perimeter.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1700 a helicopter from the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an undetermined number of enemy soldiers 15 miles SW of An Loc and ten miles from the Cambodian border. The enemy fire was returned with organic aerial machineguns and contact was lost almost immediately. The bodies of 21 enemy soldiers were sighted in the strike area. There were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1250 an element of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), engaged an undetermined number of enemy soldiers 14 miles NE of Phuoc Binh and 12 miles from the Cambodian border. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. Fighting continued until about 1325 when the remaining enemy withdrew. Six enemy soldiers were killed in the action. One U.S. soldier was killed; there were no U.S. wounded.