- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BIEN HOA PROVINCE) — At 1450 an element of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade 16 miles ESE of Bien Hoa received small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-grenade fire from an undetermined size enemy force. The infantrymen returned fire with their unit weapons and were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, and USAF A-37's and F-100's from the 3rd and 31st Tactical Fighter Wings. At 1745 the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were two killed and four wounded.

- An Air Force F-4 aircraft was downed by enemy ground fire 19 miles SW of Duc Pho in Quang Ngai Province, killing the two U.S. personnel aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire one mile north of Dak Seang in Kontum Province, wounding four personnel and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire four miles NE of Phan Thiet in Binh Thuan Province, destroying the aircraft. There were no casualties.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 303 sorties (USAF 205, USMC 96, and USN 2), killing four enemy soldiers, triggering 18 secondary explosions, and igniting 29 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 142 fortifications, 261 bunkers, and 30 sampans.

- Six B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 8, 9, and 11 miles NNE of Loc Minh; 14 and 17 miles SSE of Ben Het; and 10 miles SW of Ben Het.

LAOS


19 April (Sunday)

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

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 31 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 13 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eight of the 31 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were three wounded with no fatalities.
XIV CORPS (THUA TNEN PROVINCE) — At 1635 an element of the 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an undetermined size enemy force 23 miles west of Hue (73 miles NW of Da Nang). The troopers returned fire with organic weapons and contact was lost a short while later. While continuing to search the area, the troopers received an unreported number of 60mm mortar rounds at 1715, and, at about 1825, engaged an estimated enemy platoon. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the ground troops were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. Fighting continued until an unreported time during the night when the enemy withdrew. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were one killed and six wounded.

XIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 0430 an element of the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, in a night defensive position six miles SW of Hoi An, received rocket-grenade and small arms fire from an undetermined size enemy force. The Marines returned fire with small arms and 60mm mortar fire on the suspected enemy location. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were five wounded with no fatalities.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) — At 1710 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 9th Infantry Division, engaged an undetermined number of enemy soldiers six miles NNE of Tan An. Small arms fire was exchanged and contact was lost at an unreported time. The bodies of seven enemy soldiers were found in the battle area. U.S. casualties were two wounded with no fatalities. In addition, one former enemy soldier, serving as a scout, was wounded.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 20 miles SSE of Pleiku City in Pleiku Province, killing three, wounding two, and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 16 miles NNW of Dak To in Kontum Province, killing one aboard and wounding three others. The aircraft was destroyed.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 18 miles SE of Bien Hoa City in Bien Hoa Province, wounding one American and four Thai personnel aboard. The aircraft was destroyed.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 18 miles SW of Tan Ky in Quang Tin Province, destroying the aircraft. There were no casualties.

- An Army OH-6 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire in Quang Ngai Province, 18 miles NW of Quang Ngai City, destroying the aircraft. There were no casualties.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 280 sorties (USAF 178, USMC 100, and USN 2), killing 36 enemy soldiers, triggering 36 secondary explosions, and igniting 31 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 139 fortifications, 232 bunkers, and two sampans.
Six B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 17, 23, and 24 miles WSW and 12 miles east of Katum; and 9 and 10 miles NNE of Khe Sanh.

LAOS


20 April (Monday)

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

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

OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) — At 1045 helicopter gunships from the AMERICAL Division, while operating in support of an infantry element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, observed an estimated enemy company eight miles SW of Quang Ngai City (80 miles ESE of Da Nang). The helicopter crewmen engaged the enemy with aerial machineguns. Contact was lost when the enemy dispersed. The bodies of 19 enemy soldiers were observed in the strike area. Later the infantrymen, while on a sweep of the area, engaged the enemy again with their organic weapons. Contact was lost at an unreported time when the remaining enemy withdrew. An additional five enemy were killed and two individual weapons were captured. Total enemy losses were 24 soldiers killed. There were no U.S. casualties.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1805 a reconnaissance element of the 1st Marine Division eight miles WSW of Hoi An (14 miles south of Da Nang) observed 16 enemy soldiers with packs and weapons. The enemy were engaged with artillery. The bodies of eleven enemy soldiers were sighted in the strike area. There were no U.S. casualties.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1000 an element of the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, nine miles WSW of Hoi An (16 miles SSW of Da Nang), observed 20-30 enemy soldiers wearing uniforms. The Marines engaged the enemy with small arms fire and were supported by tanks and tactical aircraft. The six enemy soldiers were killed and 12 bunkers were destroyed. There were no U.S. casualties.

XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1710 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), engaged with organic weapons an unde-
termined size enemy force in an area 16 miles WSW of Hue (65 miles WNW of Da Nang). The troopers were supported by helicopter gunships. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were two killed and five wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE )** At 0015 helicopter crewmen from an element of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), detected an estimated 30 enemy soldiers 22 miles NE of Tay Ninh City and 13 miles from the Cambodian border. The area was illuminated and the enemy were engaged with organic aerial machineguns. The bodies of ten enemy soldiers were observed lying in the strike area. The remaining enemy evaded further observation. There were no U.S. casualties.

- **HQ MACV** — Eight wounded Cambodians presumed to be members of civilian irregular forces in Cambodia presented themselves to U.S. personnel at Ba Xoai in Chau Doc Province on Thursday, April 16th, and requested medical assistance. The Cambodians had been wounded in a fire fight in Cambodia and fled to the Republic of Vietnam after being wounded. As a humanitarian measure, they were evacuated to U.S. medical facilities and are being provided treatment. Action is being taken to arrange appropriate disposition of these personnel upon completion of medical treatment. (The above is from a MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS, released the evening of 20 April).

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire six miles south of Ben Cat in Binh Duong Province. U.S. casualties were one wounded with no fatalities. The aircraft was destroyed.

- **SVN TAC AIR** U.S. pilots flew 246 sorties (USAF 140, USMC 103, and USN 3), killing 55 enemy soldiers, triggering 10 secondary explosions, and igniting 31 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 173 fortifications, 201 bunkers, and eight sampans.

- Six B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 5 and 6 miles north of Tri Ton; 26 miles NW, 29 and 30 miles NE, and 31 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City.

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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 aircraft flew combat support missions in Laos for Royal Laotian Forces.

- **HQ MACV** — A U.S. Air Force F-105 aircraft was hit by enemy ground fire, crashed and was destroyed in the Plain of Jars area of Laos. The pilot is missing in action.

**21 April (Tuesday)**

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

XXIV CORPS:

202025 — QUANG TRI PROVINCE — An element of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), located at Fire Support Base Fuller six miles WNW of Cam Lo, received less than ten rounds of 120mm mortar fire, causing very light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. There was no materiel damage reported.

II FFV:

201920 — PHUOC LONG PROVINCE — An element of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), located at Fire Support Base Buttons, one-half mile south of Phuoc Binh, received less than ten rounds of 122mm rocket fire resulting in very light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. There was no materiel damage reported.

210015 — BINH LONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment at Quang Loi received approximately ten mixed rounds of 107mm and 122mm rocket fire, resulting in light to moderate materiel damage. There were no casualties.

210140 — LONG KHANH PROVINCE — An element of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, located at Fire Support Base Washington, 36 miles NNW of Xuan Loc, received approximately 15 rounds of 60mm mortar fire, resulting in very light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. There was no materiel damage reported.

210315 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — An element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in night defensive positions 30 miles NE of Tay Ninh City received an undetermined number, type and caliber of rounds resulting in very light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. There was no materiel damage reported.

210600 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, located two miles west of Tay Ninh City, received less than ten rounds of 122mm rocket fire resulting in very light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. Light materiel damage was also reported.

HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 41 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 11 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Twenty of the 40 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one killed and 27 wounded.

OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN — At 1850 helicopters from an aviation element of the 11th Infantry Brigade, AMERICAL Division, received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an undetermined size enemy force two miles west of
Duc Pho (100 miles SSE of Da Nang). One of the OH-6 helicopters was hit by ground fire and crashed, resulting in one U.S. wounded. The enemy position was engaged by the helicopter gunships. Later, an infantry element from the same brigade was inserted in the area and found the bodies of five enemy soldiers. The downed helicopter was not destroyed and later both the helicopter and the infantrymen were extracted.

- XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1125 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), engaged an estimated five enemy soldiers while operating in an area 20 miles NW of Hue (72 miles NW of Da Nang). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the enemy withdrew a short while later. The bodies of two enemy soldiers were found in the battle area and two individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were one killed and three wounded.

- XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1340 an element of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), engaged an undetermined size enemy force 28 miles SE of Hue (24 miles NW of Da Nang). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were four killed and three wounded.

- I FFV (BINH THUAN PROVINCE) — At 1100 an element of the armored cavalry squadron of Task Force South engaged an estimated two enemy companies two miles NW of Song Mao (35 miles NE of Phan Thiet). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers employed organic weapons on their tanks and armored personnel carriers. Fighting continued until 1400 when the remaining enemy withdrew. Seven enemy soldiers were killed in the engagement and one individual weapon was captured. U.S. casualties were five wounded with no fatalities. Army of the Republic of Vietnam troops, accompanying the unit, reported very light casualties with no fatalities.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 14 miles ENE of Bien Hoa City in Bien Hoa Province, killing one U.S. crewman and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire in the vicinity of Dak Seang in Kontum Province, destroying the aircraft. There were no casualties.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 40 miles NW of Cao Lanh, and one mile from the Cambodian border, in Kien Phong Province, wounding one man aboard, and destroying the aircraft.

- SVN TAG AIR: U.S. pilots flew 292 sorties (USAF 186, USMC 102, and USN 4), killing eight enemy soldiers, triggering 11 secondary explosions, and igniting 24 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 97 fortifications, 219 bunkers, and six sampans.
- Seven B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 7, 10, 11, and 14 miles east of Kaum; 9 and 10 miles WNW of An Loc; and 5 miles NW of Tri Ton.

LAOS


- HQ MACV — Two U.S. Air Force A-1 aircraft were hit by enemy ground fire, crashed, and were destroyed. Both pilots were rescued with slight injuries.

- HQ MACV — A U.S. Marine Corps OV-10 aircraft was hit by enemy ground fire, crashed, and was destroyed in the Lower Panhandle area of Laos. One crewman was rescued with no reported injuries and the other crewman is missing.

22 April (Wednesday)

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

  **I FFV:**

  **220010 — PLEIKU PROVINCE** — A U.S. combat support unit located two miles north of Pleiku received less than five rounds of 122mm rocket fire resulting in very light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. There was no material damage reported.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 37 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, nine of which were against U.S. units or installations. Thirteen of the 36 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were three wounded with no fatalities.

- XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 0920 a reconnaissance element of the 1st Marine Division 22 miles WSW of Da Nang engaged an undetermined size enemy force with organic weapons, killing six enemy soldiers. An air observer in support of the reconnaissance element also observed five enemy soldiers and engaged them, killing all five. At an unreported time, contact was lost. At 1430 artillery and tactical aircraft, supporting the reconnaissance element, engaged an undetermined size enemy force, killing ten of them. A short while later the reconnaissance element was extracted. The cumulative enemy losses were 21 enemy soldiers killed. There were no U.S. casualties.

- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) — At 0100 an element of the 173rd Airborne Brigade observed and engaged an estimated 15 enemy soldiers 15 miles north of
Bong Son (62 miles NW of Qui Nhon). The enemy returned fire and the troopers were supported by mortar fire and helicopter gunships. In about 30 minutes the enemy withdrew. Eight enemy soldiers were killed and five individual weapons were captured. There were no U.S. casualties.

- I FFV (KONTUM PROVINCE) — At 1220 elements of the air cavalry squadron of the 4th Infantry Division observed an undetermined size enemy force in foxholes five miles west of Dak To. The enemy were engaged with USAF tactical aircraft and helicopter gunships. The bodies of seven enemy soldiers were sighted in the strike area. There were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 1720 an element of the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) 27 miles SE of Phuoc Binh engaged an unknown size enemy force. The troopers were supported by U.S. artillery and helicopter gunships. Contact was lost almost immediately. The bodies of 12 enemy soldiers were sighted in the battle area. There were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BIEN HOA PROVINCE) — At 1420 an armor element of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, contacted an undetermined size enemy force 1 mile operating in an area 18 miles SE of Bien Hoa City. In addition to small arms and automatic weapons fire, the troopers engaged the enemy with organic weapons on their armored personnel carriers and tanks. Contact was lost immediately and the bodies of five enemy soldiers were found in the battle area. Also, five individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were three wounded with no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 1120 an element of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), engaged an undetermined size enemy force 18 miles ENE of Phuoc Binh. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. In about 15 minutes the enemy withdrew. Three enemy soldiers were killed; and 2,970 pounds of rice and 12 bicycles were destroyed. U.S. casualties were one killed and two wounded.

- DMAC (CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1700 helicopter gunships from the 164th Combat Aviation Group observed an unknown size enemy force 11 miles SSW of Vi Thanh. The enemy were engaged with aerial machineguns and in about 30 minutes the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 25 dead. There were no U.S. casualties.

- A USAF EC-47 aircraft was downed by enemy ground fire eight miles WNW of A Luoi in Thua Thien Province, killing two men aboard and wounding six others. The aircraft was destroyed. All wounded personnel were rescued.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire four miles SE of A Luoi in Thua Thien Province, wounding one man aboard and destroying the aircraft.
- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire five miles SE of Katum in Tay Ninh Province, wounding three men aboard, and destroying the aircraft.

- A USAF A-1 aircraft was downed by enemy ground fire 47 miles SW of Da Nang in Quang Nam Province, and one mile from the Laotian border. The aircraft was destroyed, but the pilot was rescued unjured.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 365 sorties (USAF 240, USMC 117, and USN 8), killing 13 enemy soldiers, triggering 15 secondary explosions, and igniting 42 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 84 fortifications, 233 bunkers, and ten sampans.

- Ten B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 14 and 16 miles ESE of Bien Hoa City; 4 miles south and 4 miles north of Tri Ton; 6 and 8 miles NW of Cam Lo; 18 miles east of Duc Lap; 7 miles WNW of Cam Lo; and 8 and 9 miles SE of Katum.

LAOS


- HQ MACV — A USAF AC-130 was downed by enemy ground fire in the lower pan­handle of Laos. U.S. casualties in the crash are 10 missing and one rescued with minor injuries. The aircraft was destroyed. (The above item was announced in the evening NEWS RELEASE of 27 April, and updated on the evening of 30 April).

- HQ MACV — A U.S. Navy A-4 aircraft was downed by enemy ground fire in the Lower Panhandle of Laos, destroying the aircraft. The pilot is missing.

- HQ MACV — It was announced today that a U.S. Air Force RF-4 aircraft and its crew were reported missing over the Lower Panhandle of Laos on Thursday, 16 April.

23 April (Thursday)

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

IFM:

221830 — BINH DINH PROVINCE — An element of the 173rd Airborne Bri­gade while in night defensive positions 24 miles NE of An Khe received less
than 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Artillery and helicopter gunships engaged the suspected enemy location with unknown results. U.S. casualties were light with no fatalities.

II FEV:

230615 — 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 122mm rocket fire, causing no casualties or damage.

HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 37 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, seven of which were against U.S. units or installations. Seven of the 35 attacks caused damage or casualties. U.S. casualties were 17 wounded with no fatalities.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1000 a reconnaissance element of the 1st Marine Division engaged an estimated five enemy soldiers six miles SE of An Hoa. The bodies of all five enemy soldiers were found in the battle area. There were no U.S. casualties. A short while later, after moving to the west, the Marines engaged and killed one enemy soldier. Again there were no U.S. casualties. As the element then attempted to move north, the Marines engaged an estimated 20 to 30 soldiers with organic weapons, killing six of the enemy. U.S. casualties in this third action were one killed. Contact was lost immediately and the reconnaissance element was extracted. Cumulative enemy losses were twelve killed. Total U.S. casualties were one killed.

XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 0345 an element of the 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), engaged an estimated enemy platoon while in night defensive positions 23 miles west of Hue. The enemy employed satchel charges, rocket-grenades and small arms from near the perimeter. The troopers returned fire with organic weapons and contact was lost a short while later. Enemy casualties are unknown. U.S. casualties were one killed and two wounded. Several hours later, at about 1610, the element again received mortar fire and small arms fire from an estimated enemy platoon. The troopers returned fire with organic weapons and counter-mortar fire was directed onto the suspected enemy firing position with unknown results. U.S. casualties in this second action were eight wounded. In a search of the battle area at first light, the bodies of seven enemy soldiers were found, along with six individual weapons, two crew-served weapons, four rocket-grenade rounds, five CHICOM hand grenades and 23 one-pound satchel charges. No enemy were reported to have penetrated the perimeter. U.S. casualties in the two actions were one killed and ten wounded.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At 1410 an element of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), in night defensive positions four miles NW of Cam Lo (104 miles WNW of Da Nang), received less than 45 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Helicopter gunships engaged the suspected enemy firing location with unknown results. U.S. casualties were light with no fatalities.
TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NHINh PROVINCE) — At 1615 a helicopter gunship from the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), while operating 24 miles NE of Tay Ninh City, received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an undetermined size enemy force. The enemy were engaged with organic aerial machineguns and the bodies of six enemy soldiers were sighted in the strike area. There were no U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 1030 an element of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), found a cache and grave site in an area 17 miles ENE of Phuoc Binh. The troopers found 23 bicycles, 21 B-40 rocket-propelled grenades, five 75mm recoilless rifle rounds, and two tons of rice in the cache. The items were in good condition and were estimated to have been in place less than one month. The rice was evacuated to the element's command post for distribution. The graves, estimated to be less than 24-hours old, contained nine enemy bodies. There were no U.S. casualties.

An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire two miles NW of Dak Seang in Kontum Province, destroying the aircraft. There were no casualties.

HQ MACV — It was announced today that on Wednesday (22 April) a U.S. Air Force A-1 aircraft, while operating in Republic of Vietnam airspace, was hit by enemy ground fire from across the border in Laos. The aircraft crashed in Quang Nam Province, 63 miles SW of Da Nang and one mile from the Laotian border, and was destroyed. The pilot was rescued with no reported injuries.

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 300 sorties (USAF 198, USMC 94, and USN 8), killing 40 enemy soldiers, triggering 34 secondary explosions, and igniting 22 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 90 fortifications, 269 bunkers, and eight sampans.

Two B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 14 and 15 miles NW of Dak To.

LAOS

HQ MACV — U.S. Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy 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 Laotian Forces.

HQ MACV — A U.S. Air Force F-4 aircraft crashed from unknown causes in the Upper Panhandle area of Laos. The aircraft was destroyed and both crewmembers are missing.

HQ MACV — A U.S. Air Force F-4 aircraft was hit by enemy ground fire, crashed and was destroyed in the Lower Panhandle area of Laos. The crew of two was rescued with no reported injuries.
HQ MACV — The following was released by the American Embassy in Bangkok this afternoon (23 April): "A U.S. Air Force F-4 fighter-bomber, damaged while on a combat mission over Laos, crashed in a remote, heavily wooded area about 14 miles SSW of the city of Udorn Thani, Thailand, shortly after 9:00 a.m., April 22. The two-man crew ejected safely and was recovered with no reported injuries. There were no known casualties or property damage.

24 April (Friday)

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

1 FFV:

232110 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — U.S. combat support elements located at Lai Khe received an undetermined number of 82mm mortar rounds resulting in light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. Light materiel damage was also reported.

HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 29 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, five of which were against U.S. units or installations. Thirteen of the 29 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one killed and 28 wounded.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) — At 1845 helicopter gunships from an aviation element of the AMERICAL Division while on a visual reconnaissance 10 miles south of Quang Ngai City (86 miles SSE of Da Nang) engaged an undetermined size enemy force with their organic weapons. The bodies of nine enemy soldiers were sighted in the strike area. There were no U.S. casualties.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1510 an element of the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, while establishing night defensive positions in an area nine miles SE of An Hoa (26 miles south of Da Nang), was engaged by an estimated enemy company with small arms, rocket-grenade fire and an undetermined number of 60mm mortar rounds. The Marines returned fire with organic weapons and were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, and USAF tactical aircraft. The bodies of six enemy soldiers were observed in the strike area following the action. U.S. casualties were seven wounded with no fatalities.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 2000 an element of the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, while in a night ambush position six miles SW of Hoi An (19 miles SSE of Da Nang), engaged an estimated seven enemy soldiers with organic weapons. The enemy returned fire with hand grenades. The bodies of five enemy soldiers were found in the battle area, along with two individual weapons. U.S. casualties were three wounded with no fatalities.
TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) — At 1930 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 9th Infantry Division, operating six miles north of Tan An engaged 10-15 enemy soldiers. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged. The infantrymen were supported by helicopter gunships. Contact was lost at about 2000 when the enemy withdrew. Five enemy soldiers were killed. There were no U.S. casualties.

An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire two miles north of Dak Seang CIDG Camp, in Kontum Province, killing one U.S. and wounding another. The aircraft was destroyed.

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 289 sorties (USAF 192, USMC 89, and USN 8), killing 13 enemy soldiers, triggering 30 secondary explosions, and igniting 20 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 56 fortifications, 242 bunkers, and 16 sampans.

Seven B-52 missiones were reported in today's releases with targets 5, 10, 13, 14, 15, and 17 miles SW of Ben Het; and 27 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City.

LAOS


25 April (Saturday)

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

XXIV CORPS:

241925 — QUANG TRI PROVINCE — An element of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), while in night defensive positions one mile east of Con Thien (52 miles NW of Hue) and two miles from the Demilitarized Zone, received approximately ten rounds of 60mm mortar fire resulting in light materiel damage. There were no casualties.

HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 41 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, five of which were against U.S. units or installations. Six of the 51 attacks caused casualties or damage. There were no U.S. casualties.
- XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1115 a helicopter from the air cavalry squadron of the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) received small arms fire from an undetermined size enemy force 31 miles WSW of Hue. The helicopter crewmen returned fire with organic weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships. The bodies of eight enemy soldiers were sighted in the strike area. In addition, one truck was reported destroyed and a bulldozer damaged. There were no U.S. casualties.

- XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1430 an Army observation aircraft of the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) while on a visual reconnaissance 30 miles WSW of Hue observed an undetermined size enemy force in trucks. The observer directed helicopter gunships and U.S. tactical aircraft against the enemy. The bodies of seven enemy soldiers were sighted in the strike area and five trucks were reported destroyed. There were no U.S. casualties.

- XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At approximately noon, a reconnaissance element of the 1st Marine Division, operating in an area seven miles NE of An Hoa (15 miles south of Da Nang), observed 12 enemy soldiers carrying packs and weapons. The enemy were engaged with artillery and the bodies of seven enemy soldiers were sighted in the battle area. There were no U.S. casualties.

- XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1450 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), 19 miles WSW of Hue, made sporadic contact with several enemy squad-size units. The troopers were supported by artillery. Enemy losses were two killed and two bunkers destroyed. U.S. casualties were four killed and four wounded.

- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) — At 1240 an element of the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, received small arms fire from an undetermined size enemy force 22 miles NE of An Khe. The troopers returned fire with organic weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships. Contact was lost about ten minutes later when the enemy withdrew. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were seven wounded with no fatalities.

- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) — At 2200 a U.S. convoy was ambushed four miles NW of Qui Nhon by an undetermined size enemy force while traveling north on highway QL-1. Contact was lost almost immediately as the enemy withdrew. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were two killed and four wounded. In addition, light materiel damage to the convoy was reported.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 1110 a helicopter gunship from the 11th Armored Cavalry Squadron engaged an estimated enemy platoon with organic weapons 10 miles south of Phuoc Binh. The troopers were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, and USAF tactical aircraft. Contact was lost almost immediately when the enemy evaded further observation. The bodies of seven enemy soldiers were sighted in the strike area. There were no U.S. casualties.
- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE)** — At 0300 helicopters from the
11th Aviation Group engaged an undetermined number of enemy soldiers in an
area 22 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was
exchanged and the crewmen were supported by tactical aircraft. In about
one hour the enemy withdrew, leaving behind seven dead. There were no U.S.
casualties.

- **DMAC (VINH BINH PROVINCE)** — At 1020 helicopter gunships from the 164th
Combat Aviation Group in support of an operation accidently fired into Phung
Thanh Village four miles WSW of Phu Vinh. Six Vietnamese civilians were
wounded with no fatalities. The incident is under investigation.

- An Army UH-1 was downed by enemy ground fire in the vicinity of Dak Seang in
Kontum Province, killing the four crewmembers aboard and destroying the air-
craft.

- An Air Force A-1 aircraft was downed by enemy ground fire two miles NE of
Dak Seang in Kontum Province, destroying the aircraft. The pilot was res-
cued with no reported injuries.

- **SVN TAC AIR**: U.S. pilots flew 296 sorties (USAF 195, USMC 100, and USN 1),
killing 42 enemy soldiers, triggering 47 secondary explosions, and igniting
29 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 43 fortifications, 286 bunkers,
three roads, two bridges, two enemy structures, two trucks, one base camp,
and two dams.

- Nine B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 12 miles
SE of Katum; 3 and 4 miles south of Tri Ton; 16, 25, and 26 miles NW, 15
miles WNW, 30 miles north, and 33 miles NE of Tay Ninh City.

**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 aircraft flew combat support missions in
Laos for Royal Laotian Forces.

26 April (Sunday)

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

**I FFV:**

252110 — BINH DINH PROVINCE — A U.S. combat support element located
at Camp Granite, five miles west of Qui Nhon, received less than ten rounds
of 82mm mortar fire, causing light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. There was no materiel damage reported.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 35 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, six of which were against U.S. units or installations. Nine of the 35 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were five killed and 28 wounded.

- XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 0905 an element of the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, while on patrol observed four enemy soldiers run into a treeline 10 miles SW of Hoi An (15 miles south of Da Nang). The enemy were engaged with artillery. In a later sweep of the strike area, the bodies of seven enemy soldiers were found in a bunker. There were no U.S. casualties.

- XXIV CORPS (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) — At 0810 an observation helicopter from the aviation element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAN Division, on a visual reconnaissance mission, observed five enemy soldiers. The helicopter crewmen engaged them with organic weapons, and, later, sighted the bodies of five enemy soldiers in that area. There were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) — At 0945 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 12 miles SW of An Loc, engaged an estimated enemy squad in bunkers. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships and USAF tactical aircraft. Enemy losses were three killed. U.S. casualties were two killed and 15 wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) — At 2315 an element of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, located at Fire Support Base Pine Ridge, received approximately 25 rounds of 82mm mortar fire and rocket-grenade fire from an undetermined size enemy force. Approximately 10-15 enemy sapper personnel penetrated the perimeter, detonating some satchel charges, but were killed or repulsed. The infantrymen were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, AC-119 and AC-47 gunships. In about 30 minutes, the enemy withdrew. One enemy soldier was killed. In addition, one individual weapon, 15 satchel charges, and 2½ pounds of C-4 explosives were captured. U.S. casualties were four killed and 12 wounded. The fire support base received moderate materiel damage.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 301 sorties (USAF 178, USMC 102, and USN 21), killing three enemy soldiers, triggering 45 secondary explosions, igniting 35 fires, and destroying or damaging 94 fortifications, 239 bunkers, and four sampans.

- Six B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 14 miles NW and 24 miles SW of Katum; 13 and 14 miles NNW and 16 and 17 miles NW of Dak To.
LAOS


7 April (Monday)

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

XXIV CORPS:

261915 — THUA THIEN PROVINCE — An element of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), 16 miles SW of Hue, received approximately 50 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, resulting in light U.S. casualties. There was no materiel damage reported.

270215 — QUANG TRI PROVINCE — An element of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), five miles south of Cam Lo (45 miles NW of Hue), received approximately five rounds of 60mm mortar fire resulting in light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. Counter-mortar fire was delivered on the suspected enemy firing site with unknown results. There was no materiel damage reported.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 17 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, five of which were against U.S. units or installations. Five of the 17 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were two killed and 14 wounded.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At 1515 helicopters from an air cavalry squadron of the 101st Airborne Division engaged with organic weapons an estimated six enemy soldiers 12 miles ENE of Khe Sanh (46 miles NW of Hue). The bodies of all six enemy soldiers were sighted in the strike area. There were no U.S. casualties.

- XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1410 a reconnaissance element of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, while on patrol in an area 18 miles SW of Hue, received rocket-grenade and automatic weapons fire from an estimated 20 enemy soldiers. The troopers fired back with organic weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships. Enemy losses were one killed. In addition, three individual and two crew-served weapons, and 88 demolition charges were captured. U.S. casualties were one killed and seven wounded.
XXIV CORPS (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) — At 1510 two U.S. Marine A-4 aircraft accidently delivered bombs on Civilian Irregular Defense Group Forces while on a bombing mission in response to a request from ground troops. Friendly casualties were ten CIDG soldiers killed and 20 CIDG soldiers wounded. The accident is under investigation.

I FFV (Binh Dinh Province) — At 1000 a reconnaissance element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, discovered eight tons of unpolished rice in a hut 11 miles north of An Khe. The rice had been in place approximately two months and was in good condition. The rice was evacuated and the hut was destroyed. There were no U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 1030 an element of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), while operating 13 miles NE of Phuoc Binh, engaged an undetermined number of enemy soldiers. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by U.S. Air Force F-100's and A-37's from the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing. Twenty-one enemy soldiers were killed, and four individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were three killed and five wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NHINH PROVINCE) — At 1535 a helicopter gunship from the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged an estimated 18 enemy soldiers with organic weapons in an area 30 miles NNW of Tay Ninh City. The enemy returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons fire. The helicopter crewmen were supported by U.S. Air Force tactical aircraft. The enemy withdrew immediately, leaving behind 16 dead. Seven enemy bunkers were reported destroyed. There were no U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NHINH PROVINCE) — At 1240 a helicopter gunship from the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-grenade fire from an undetermined size enemy force 30 miles NNW of Tay Ninh City and two miles from the Cambodian border. The helicopter crewmen returned fire with aerial machineguns and the enemy withdrew almost immediately. The bodies of six enemy soldiers were sighted in the strike area. There were no U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NHINH PROVINCE) — At 1435 an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment engaged an undetermined number of enemy soldiers while operating in an area 30 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City and four miles from the Cambodian border. The enemy returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-grenade fire. The troopers were supported by helicopter
gunships, U.S. artillery, and USAF tactical aircraft. Contact was lost at 1515 and the bodies of three enemy soldiers were found in the battle area. In addition, three individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were seven wounded with no fatalities. Light material damage was reported.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 12 miles NW of Quang Ngai City in Quang Ngai Province, killing one man aboard, wounding another, and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 26 miles NE of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Province, wounding two U.S. personnel aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter, while attempting to evade enemy ground fire, crashed 26 miles NE of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Province, wounding two U.S. personnel aboard, and destroying the aircraft.

- Nine B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 10 and 11 miles SSW and 17 miles SW of Ben Het; 4 and 6 miles NW, 14 miles WSW and 19 miles SE of Katum; and 2 and 3 miles north of Dak Seang.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 282 sorties (USAF 186, USMC 86, and USN 10), killing 19 enemy soldiers, triggering 24 secondary explosions, and igniting 17 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 58 fortifications, 236 bunkers, and two sampans.

LAOS


28 April (Tuesday)

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

I FFV:

280300 — PHU BON PROVINCE — An element of the 173rd Airborne Brigade in night defensive positions 20 miles SW of An Khe received approximately ten rounds of unknown caliber mortar fire. Counter-mortar fire was delivered on the suspected firing site with unknown results. U.S. casualties were light. There was no material damage reported.
- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 34 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, seven of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eleven of the 34 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one killed and 19 wounded.

- XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 0500 an element of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), in night defensive positions 19 miles WSW of Hue, received rocket-grenade fire from an estimated five enemy soldiers. The troopers returned fire with organic weapons and were supported by artillery fire. The bodies of twelve enemy soldiers were found in the battle area. U.S. casualties were one killed and 19 wounded. At 1100 while the troopers were continuing a sweep of the area after the 0500 contact, they found two bunker complexes containing a total of 75 bunkers with overhead cover. In this area they also found the bodies of 50 enemy soldiers that had been killed by helicopter gunships, artillery, and tactical aircraft within the past three days. In addition, one individual and one crew-served weapon were found in the complex.

- XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1330 a reconnaissance element of the 1st Marine Division observed 25-30 enemy soldiers with weapons 17 miles NW of An Hoa (20 miles WSW of Da Nang). The Marines engaged the enemy with organic weapons, and were supported by tactical aircraft and artillery. The bodies of 15 enemy soldiers were sighted in the strike area. There were no U.S. casualties.

- XXIV CORPS (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At 0400 an element of XXIV Corps artillery fired on a suspected enemy location eight miles east of Quang Tri City (27 miles NW of Hue). One round landed in Village #88, killing six Vietnamese civilians and wounding five Vietnamese civilians. The accident is under investigation by the 108th Artillery Group.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 0755 an element of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 14 miles NE of Phuoc Binh, engaged an undetermined number of enemy soldiers. Small arms fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, and USAF tactical aircraft. In about 50 minutes the enemy withdrew. Twenty-four enemy soldiers were killed and three individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were five wounded with no fatalities.

- HQ MACV — Shortly after midnight, a U.S. Air Force AC-119 aircraft crashed due to unknown causes shortly after takeoff, approximately two miles west of Tan Son Nhut Air Base. The aircraft was destroyed. Six U.S. personnel were killed and two injured in the crash. Cause of the crash is under investigation.

- HQ MACV — The following was released by the American Embassy in Bangkok today (28 April): "At approximately 4:45 p.m. on April 25, a United States Air Force F-4 fighter-bomber crashed and was destroyed in a rice paddy about 12 miles southeast of Khon Kaen, Thailand. The crash has been determined to
have been caused by battle damage received while on a combat mission over Laos. The aircraft commander was killed when he ejected from the aircraft. The pilot was injured but was recovered safely and is now reported in satisfactory condition. There were no civilian casualties." (The above is from a MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS, released the evening of 28 April).

- Eight B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 16, 18, and 19 miles NE of Tay Ninh City; 4 miles SSW and 4 miles south of Tri Ton; 20 miles NE, 27 miles NNW, and 28 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 295 sorties (USAF 192, USMC 96, and USN 7), killing 31 enemy soldiers, triggering 18 secondary explosions, and igniting 14 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 37 fortifications, 298 bunkers, and 10 sampans.

LAOS


- HQ MACV — A U.S. Navy A-4 aircraft returning from a combat mission over Laos crashed in the South China Sea due to unknown causes. The pilot ejected successfully from the aircraft prior to the crash and was rescued with no reported injuries.

29 April (Wednesday)

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

II FFV:

282225 — HAU NGHIA PROVINCE — An element of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, located at Fire Support Base Harry, 18 miles WSW of Cu Chi, received less than ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire, causing 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, 35 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, five of which were against U.S. units or installations. Fourteen of the 35 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were three wounded with no fatalities.

- XXIV CORPS (THUA THEIN PROVINCE) — At 2140 an element of the 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), located at Fire Support Base Granite,
19 miles WSW of Hue, received an undetermined number and type of mortar and rocket-grenade fire from an undetermined size enemy force. The U.S. troops returned fire with their organic weapons and were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. Contact was lost when the enemy withdrew. Nineteen enemy soldiers were killed and one suspect detained. U.S. casualties were six killed and 25 wounded.

- XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) -- At 1400 an element of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), received an undetermined number and type of mortar and small arms fire from an undetermined size enemy force in a bunker complex 18 miles SW of Hue. The troopers returned fire with organic weapons and were supported by other elements of the brigade, artillery and helicopter gunships. At 1515, the units assaulted the bunker complex causing the enemy to move southeast to a second bunker complex. After being engaged with artillery, helicopter gunships, and USAF tactical aircraft, and another assault by the troopers, the enemy moved to a third bunker complex close by. Again, the enemy were engaged with artillery, helicopter gunships and USAF tactical aircraft. Following this support, the troopers assaulted the third complex and contact was lost at about 1700 when the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 15 enemy soldiers were found in the strike area. In addition, two individual and three crew-served weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were 26 wounded with no fatalities.

- XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1800 an element of the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, while in helicopters in an area 13 miles SW of Hoi An (17 miles south of Da Nang), observed an estimated 25 enemy soldiers which were engaged by the helicopters. About 35 minutes later, the Marines were inserted into the area and small arms fire was exchanged with the enemy. Contact was lost when the enemy withdrew. While sweeping the area, the Marines found the bodies of 11 enemy soldiers. In addition, one individual and two crew-served weapons, two CHICOM grenades, and two packs were captured. There were no U.S. casualties.

- XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1710 a reconnaissance element of the 1st Marine Division observed 20 enemy soldiers with packs and weapons in an area 23 miles west of Hoi An (22 miles SW of Da Nang). The Marines engaged the enemy with artillery. The bodies of six enemy soldiers were sighted in the strike area. There were no U.S. casualties.

- XXIV CORPS (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1120 a reconnaissance element of the 1st Marine Division observed 20 enemy soldiers moving NE in an area seven miles east of An Hoa (20 miles south of Da Nang). The Marines engaged the enemy with small arms fire. Six enemy soldiers were killed. There were no U.S. casualties.

- XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) -- At 2000 a helicopter gunship from an air cavalry squadron of the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), while in support of an element of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), in an area 18 miles SW of Hue, accidently delivered an undetermined number of
rockets into the U.S. positions. U.S. casualties were three wounded with no fatalities. The accident is under investigation by the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile).

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 1620 helicopters 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 18 miles NE of Phuoc Binh. The helicopter crewmen returned fire with organic weapons and contact was lost almost immediately. The bodies of seven enemy soldiers were sighted in the strike area. There were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (Binh Long Province) — At 1810 an element of the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged an undetermined size enemy force with organic weapons 11 miles SW of An Loc. The enemy returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-grenade fire. The troopers were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. Contact was lost approximately one hour later when the enemy withdrew. One enemy soldier was killed. In addition, one crew-served weapon and 11 rounds of 60mm mortar were captured. U.S. casualties were one killed and five wounded.

- HQ MACV — It was announced that the U.S. Army's Saigon Support Command will turn over control of Camp Davies, in Gia Dinh Province, to the Army of the Republic of Vietnam in ceremonies at 9:00 a.m. this morning. The facility will be turned over to ARVN's 3rd Area Logistics Command which will station the Saigon Transportation Terminal Command at the site. Camp Davis, which is located on the Saigon River 2km east of Saigon Port, contains 140 buildings, cantonment facilities for more than 1,000 men, field maintenance and storage facilities and approximately 350 meters of dockage space for harbor craft.

- HQ MACV — It was announced that the U.S. Coast Guard transferred two 82-foot patrol boats to the Republic of Vietnam Navy today in a ceremony at Cat Lo, in III Corps. Turnover of the boats, the Point Caution and the Point Welcome, brings to 18 the number of Coast Guard cutters transferred to the Vietnamese Navy. An additional eight patrol boats will be transferred upon completion of a training program for their Vietnamese crews.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 16 miles SSE of Quang Ngai City in Quang Ngai Province, destroying the aircraft. There were no casualties.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire nine miles north of A Luoi in Thua Thien Province, killing the two men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 15 miles SSE of Quang Ngai City in Quang Ngai Province, destroying the aircraft. There were no casualties.
SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 308 sorties (USAF 205, USMC 96, and USN 7), killing 35 enemy soldiers, triggering 28 secondary explosions, and igniting 29 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 70 fortifications, 284 bunkers, and two sampans.

Nine B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 19 miles NNE of Dak To; 21 miles NW, and 28 and 29 miles NE of Tay Ninh City; 4 miles WNW and 5 miles west of Dak Seang; and 30 and 31 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City.

LAOS


CAMBODIA

HQ MACV — U.S. Forces provided the following support to Republic of Vietnam Forces engaged in operations against NVA and Viet Cong forces in the Parrot's Beak area of Cambodia — command and control and helicopter gunships and advisors. U.S. casualties associated with this support were two wounded. There were no aircraft losses.

30 April (Thursday)

HQ MACV — During the night, 11 significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. forces. Sixteen other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

XXIV CORPS:

300100 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — An element of the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, in night defensive positions eight miles NNE of An Hoa, received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire resulting in light U.S. casualties with no fatalities. There was no material damage reported.

II FFV:

291905 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — An element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in night defensive positions 26 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City and three miles from the Cambodian border received less than five rounds of 107mm rocket fire, resulting in very light U.S. casualties with no fatalities.

HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 42 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 11 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Seventeen of the 42 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were 16 wounded with no fatalities.
XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 2140 yesterday (29 April) an element of the 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), located at Fire Support Base Granite, 19 miles WSW of Hue, received an undetermined number and type mortar and rocket-grenade fire from an undetermined size enemy force. The U.S. troops returned fire with their organic weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. At 0650 this morning the enemy withdrew. Eighteen enemy soldiers were killed and one suspect was detained. U.S. casualties were seven killed and 41 wounded.

XXIV CORPS (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At 0055 an element of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), located at Fire Support Base Fuller, six miles west of Cam Lo and 47 miles WNW of Hue, received mortar fire followed by a sapper attack from an undetermined size enemy force employing small arms fire and satchel charges. The infantrymen returned fire with their organic weapons and were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. The enemy did not penetrate the perimeter. Sixteen enemy soldiers were killed. U.S. casualties were two wounded with no fatalities.

XXIV CORPS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1300 an element of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), 18 miles SW of Hue, found a weapons and munitions cache weighing approximately two tons. The cache contained 34 rifles of all types, two shotguns, five 30 caliber machineguns, four 60mm mortars, eighty 60mm mortar rounds, 8,000 rounds plus 37 cases of 7.62mm ammunition, ninety 57mm recoilless rifle rounds, and 250 M-79 rounds. The cache was in good condition and was evacuated to the command post.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 0820 an element of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 14 miles NE of Phuoc Binh, engaged an estimated enemy platoon. Small arms fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, and USAF tactical aircraft. The bodies of 24 enemy soldiers were found in the strike area. In addition, about 660 pounds of rice was captured. U.S. casualties were one killed and six wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BIEN HOA PROVINCE) — At 0755 an element of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade engaged an estimated enemy platoon 19 miles SE of Bien Hoa. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships and USAF tactical aircraft. Contact was lost at 1215 when the enemy evaded further observation. Enemy losses were nine killed. U.S. casualties were one wounded with no fatalities.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BIEN HOA PROVINCE) — At 1720 an element of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade engaged an undetermined number of enemy soldiers 19 miles SE of Bien Hoa. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by artillery and USAF tactical aircraft. At 1730 the enemy withdrew, leaving behind seven of his dead and one individual weapon. There were no U.S. casualties.
OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 0215 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAN Division, located at Fire Support Base Siberia 24 miles WSW of Tam Ky, received a ground attack from an undetermined size enemy force employing small arms and rocket-grenade fire along with hand grenades. The U.S. troops returned fire with their organic weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships and USAF AC-119's. At 0240 the enemy withdrew, leaving behind five dead. U.S. casualties were three killed and three wounded. In addition, one bunker was destroyed.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1530 an element of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), discovered an enemy munitions cache in an area 21 miles NE of Tay Ninh City. The cache, weighing approximately eight tons, was in a metal box approximately 20' X 10' X 8' with walls approximately one inch thick. The cache was in fair condition and contained: 480 -- 75mm howitzer rounds (U.S.); 722 -- 75mm howitzer rounds (CHICOM); 113 rifle grenades; 10 -- 840 rocket-grenade rounds; one individual weapon: 2,200 small arms rounds; and one optical sight for French 75mm howitzer. The cache was destroyed in place. There were no U.S. casualties.

An Army UH-1 medical evacuation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 15 miles north of Ham Tan in Binh Tuy Province, killing four men and wounding another. The aircraft was destroyed.

An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 10 miles NE of A Luoi in Quang Tuy Province, killing three U.S. personnel and destroying the aircraft.

An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire six miles SSE of Dak To in Kontum Province, killing two U.S. personnel and destroying the aircraft.

An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 12 miles NW of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Province, wounding two U.S. personnel aboard and destroying the aircraft.

An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 25 miles west of Tam Ky in Quang Tin Province, destroying the aircraft. There were no casualties.

$\$ TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 287 sorties (USAF 172, USMC 113, and USN 2), killing 27 enemy soldiers, triggering 65 secondary explosions, and igniting 90 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 75 fortifications, 249 bunkers and two trucks.

Nine B-52 missions were reported in today's releases with targets 22 miles SW of Quang Tri City; 27 miles NNE, 32 miles north and 32 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City; 21 and 22 miles SW of Quang Tri City and 19 miles NW of Tay Ninh City.
LAOS


CAMBODIA

- HQ MACV -- In response to the request of the Government of the Republic of Vietnam, advisers, air, logistics, medical and artillery support, as required, is being provided by COMUSMACV to the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces (RVNAF) operating in counter-attacks against North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong forces deployed in the Parrot's Beak area of Cambodia just across the border from the Republic of Vietnam. Such support in the form of helicopters, artillery, and tactical air was provided initially by the RVNAF. Supplementary support to help save the lives of Free World Forces and to help accomplish RVNAF objectives was requested by the GVN from U.S. sources. Authority to provide the requested supplementary support was given in Washington as announced in a statement there.

- HQ MACV -- U.S. Forces provided the following support to Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces engaged in operation against NVA and Viet Cong forces in the Parrot's Beak area of Cambodia; command and control helicopters; helicopter gunships and advisors. There were no U.S. casualties associated with this support, nor were there any U.S. aircraft losses. At approximately 1100, as a result of undetermined causes, fire was accidentally delivered on friendly troops in the Parrot's Beak area of Cambodia by U.S. gunships responding to a request for fire. Official reports to Headquarters MACV indicate that 40 Army of the Republic of Vietnam soldiers were wounded. The incident is being investigated.

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**APRIL**

**CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT**

5 April

It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that three more U.S. Army units will be inactivated in the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow, 6 April, as part of the Third Increment of Troop Redeployment. The units are the 337th Radio Research Company, the 53rd Signal Detachment (TROPO), and the 1st Military Intelligence Detachment, all of which are located in III Corps. Members of these units will be reassigned within RVN or returned to the U.S. provided they have completed a normal tour. (The above is from a MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS, released with MACV NEWS RELEASE the evening of 5 April, 1970).

6 April

It was announced by USARV (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. Brigadier General John Q. Henion, Division Commander, will head the detachment which will return the division's colors to the United States and to the unit's new station at Fort Riley, Kansas. The division has served in Vietnam for nearly five years and has received two unit citations from the Government of the Republic of Vietnam: the Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and the Civic Action Medal, First Class. Major elements of the division represented in the color bearing detachment include:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Infantry Division
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Infantry Division Support Command
- 1st Supply and Transportation Battalion
- 701st Maintenance Battalion
- 1st Medical Battalion
- 1st Engineer Battalion
- 1st Aviation Battalion
- 121st Signal Battalion
- 1st Administration Company
- 1st Military Police Company
- 1st Military Intelligence Detachment
- Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Infantry Division Artillery
- 2nd Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery
- 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery
- 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery
- 8th Battalion, 6th Field Artillery
- I Company, 75th Rangers
- 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry (-)
- 1st Brigade:
  - Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade
  - 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry (M)
2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry
1st Battalion, 26th Infantry

2nd Brigade:
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade
- 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry
- 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry (M)
- 2nd Battalion, 18th Infantry

3rd Brigade:
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade
- 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry
- 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry
- 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry

Redeployment of the division will result in a reduction of approximately 17,000 spaces. With the exception of the color bearing detachment, other personnel of the division have been reassigned to units within the Republic of Vietnam or returned to the United States provided they had completed a normal tour in Vietnam. (The above is from a MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS, released with the MACV NEWS RELEASE the evening of 6 April, 1970).

7 April

It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that three more U.S. Army units will be inactivated in the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow, 8 April, as part of the Third Increment of Troop Redeployment. The units are the 501st Engineer Company (Land Clearing), the 556th Transportation Company (Medium Truck), and Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment, 64th Quartermaster Battalion, all of which are located at Long Binh. Personnel from these units will be reassigned within RVN or returned to the U.S. provided they have completed a normal tour. Total space reductions as a result of these inactivations are 355. (The above is from a MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS, released with the MACV NEWS RELEASE the morning of 7 April, 1970).

9 April

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. A detachment representing the 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, stationed in the western highlands of II Corps, will depart from Pleiku Air Base and carry the Brigade's colors to Fort Lewis, Washington, for inactivation. The returning color bearing detachment will be led by Colonel Gilbert Proctor, Jr., Nogales, Arizona. The brigade arrived in the Republic of Vietnam slightly over four years ago and the following units will redeploy to the United States as 3rd Brigade elements: 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry; 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry; 1st Battalion, 69th Armor; 2nd Battalion, 9th Artillery. The departure of the brigade will represent a reduction of about 3,100 personnel spaces. A detachment representing the 3rd Battalion, 6th Artillery, stationed in II Corps, will depart the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow from Pleiku. The unit's colors will be returned to Ft. Lewis for inactivation. The returning color bearing detachment will be led by Captain Bruce A. Morrison, Syracuse, New York. Firing its first round of 105mm artillery support over three and one-half
years ago, the highly mobile unit has since participated in many major operations, firing more than 450,000 rounds in support of Allied and U.S. Forces. The departure of the battalion will represent a reduction of 505 personnel spaces. The third unit to depart will be the 168th Engineer Battalion stationed in III Corps. A color bearing detachment representing the unit will depart from Cam Ranh Air Base for Ft. Lewis where the battalion will be inactivated. The detachment will be led by Col. Harry M. Hopen, Springfield, Virginia. The engineer unit has been awarded the Valorous Unit Citation and the Meritorious Unit Citation for its accomplishments during many major operations in nearly four and one-half years of service in the Republic of Vietnam. A reduction of 812 personnel spaces will result from the redeployment. Personnel from all units will be reassigned within the Republic of Vietnam or will return to the United States providing they have completed a normal tour. (The above is from a MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS, released with the MACV NEWS RELEASE the evening of 9 April, 1970).

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It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that another U.S. Army unit will be inactivated in the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow, 10 April, as part of the Third Increment of Troop Redeployment. The unit is the 3rd Combat Support Company located in III Corps. Personnel of this unit will be reassigned within the Republic of Vietnam or returned to the United States provided they have completed a normal tour. The inactivation will result in a reduction of 180 personnel spaces. (The above is from a MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS, released with the MACV NEWS RELEASE the evening of 9 April, 1970).

14 April

It was announced by Headquarters Seventh Air Force that a U.S. Air Force unit will depart the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow (15 April), the last numerically designated unit to be redeployed or inactivated in the Third Increment of Troop Redeployment. The 819th Civil Engineering Squadron (RED HORSE) will be relocated from Tuy Hoa Air Base to Westover Air Force Base, Mass. The transfer of the 819th follows the redeployment of two other RED HORSE units from Vietnam. The 820th Civil Engineering Squadron moved from Da Nang to Lake Mead Base/Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., on 6 February. The 1st Civil Engineering Group, former parent organization for the RED HORSE squadrons in Vietnam, moved from Tan Son Nhat Air Base to Headquarters, Air Force Logistics Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, on 16 March. In addition, the 555th CES was deactivated in-country at Cam Ranh Bay Air Base last December 15. The first elements of the RED HORSE units arrived in the Republic of Vietnam on 7 February 1966. The departure or inactivation of these units leaves two RED HORSE units in Vietnam, the 823rd CES at Bien Hoa Air Base and the 554th CES at Cam Ranh Bay Air Base. Total Air Force space reductions applied against the Third Increment of Troop Redeployment as a result of these redeployments/inactivations are 1,247. Some personnel in the affected units have been transferred to other units in-country to complete their Vietnam tours. Others are returning to the United States with the unit or have been returned to the U.S. under normal returnee procedures. (The above is from a MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS, released with the MACV NEWS RELEASE the evening of 14 April, 1970).

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1 Apr 1970  Brigadier General William R. Bond, USA, Commander of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade, is killed in action while inspecting his troops, 70 miles NE of Saigon.

1 Apr 1970  VC/NVA forces attack more than 100 military bases and towns throughout the Republic of Vietnam. Siege on Dak Seang CIDG Camp begins.

1 Apr 1970  A fire support base 22 miles NNW of Tay Ninh City receives an attack consisting of approximately 200 rounds of mixed mortar and rockets. The base, occupied by elements of the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), repulses the attack by an estimated two enemy companies. Sixty-two enemy are killed, and 28 individual weapons are captured. U.S. casualties are 24 killed, 54 wounded.

2 Apr 1970  Major General Donald H. Cowles, USA, assumes duties as MACJ3, succeeding Major General Edward Bautz Jr.

3 Apr 1970  Elements of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), receive heavy small arms and mortar fire four miles SW of Con Thien, Quang Tri Province. Units return fire with organic weapons and are supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. Twenty-seven enemy are killed. U.S. casualties are 5 killed, 37 wounded.

4 Apr 1970  Admiral John S. McCain, Jr., CINCPAC, arrives in Saigon for one-day official visit with COMUSMACV and COMNAVFORV.

5 Apr 1970  Elements of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), receive small arms, automatic weapons, mortar, and rocket fire from an undetermined size enemy force six miles SW of Con Thien, Quang Tri Province. The troops return fire with organic weapons and are supported by tanks and helicopter gunships. Twenty-four enemy are killed.

5 Apr 1970  An element of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), discovers an ammunition cache 22 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh, Phuoc Long Province. The cache contains 134,640 small arms rounds, 46 rounds of 82mm mortar, 15 boxes of TNT and 13 pair of wire cutters.

5 Apr 1970  A U.S. Army helicopter gunship engages a suspected enemy location 12 miles west of Pleiku City. It is later learned that the aerial machinegun and rocket fire impacted near an element of the ARVN 47th Infantry Regiment, killing 11 and injuring 30 ARVN soldiers.

6 Apr 1970  Brigadier General Thomas J. Camp, Jr., USA, assumes duties of ACoS for Military Assistance (MACMA), succeeding Brigadier General Frank L. Gunn.
7 Apr 1970 A special color-bearing detachment of the 1st Infantry Division departs the Republic of Vietnam to complete redeployment of the division.

8 Apr 1970 (U.S. date) — In ceremonies at San Diego, USN LST's USS Jerome County and USS Bulloch County are turned over to the VNN as part of the ACRON Program.

8 Apr 1970 The Laotian Government proposes that negotiations to solve the war there should be preceded by a cease fire to include all U.S. bombing except of the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

8 Apr 1970 SS Colombia Eagle sails from Cambodian waters after its release. The ship is enroute to Subic Bay, P.I.

9 Apr 1970 An enemy attack on the night defensive positions of an element of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), located 10 miles SW of Quang Tri City, is repulsed. Thirty-three enemy are killed and 24 weapons (three crew-served) are captured.

11 Apr 1970 An element of the 25th Infantry Division, while operating in an area 18 miles N of Tay Ninh City, engages an enemy force. The troopers are supported by tactical air, artillery, and helicopter gunships. Twenty-six enemy are killed.

12 Apr 1970 Siege of Dak Pek CIDG Camp, located 75 miles SW of Da Nang, begins.

13 Apr 1970 An enemy force attacks FSB Nancy, nine miles SE of Quang Tri City. Elements of the Republic of Vietnam 1st Infantry Division and a U.S. Army XXIV Corps artillery unit repulse the attack. Seventy-one enemy are killed, nine are detained, and 17 weapons (six crew-served) are captured. U.S. casualties are four killed, 39 wounded. ARVN casualties are light with no fatalities.

13 Apr 1970 Saigon is the target of enemy rockets for the first time in nearly four months as four 122mm rockets land in the downtown section of the city. Two Vietnamese civilians are killed, and 41 are injured.

14 Apr 1970 President Nixon announces the selection of Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, USN, as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, replacing General Earle G. Wheeler, USA. At the same time, VADM Elmo R. Zumwalt, USN, is selected to replace Admiral Moorer as Chief of Naval Operations.

14 Apr 1970 General Lon Nol announces Cambodia’s new government will accept unconditional military aid from any source to save the nation from the Communists.

15 Apr 1970 Lieutenant General Michael S. Davison, USA, assumes command of II FORCV, succeeding Lieutenant General Julian J. Ewell, USA.
15 Apr 1970 The Plaza BEQ is struck by a claymore-type charge, killing one Vietnamese civilian, and wounding 21 Vietnamese civilians, and four U.S. military.

15 Apr 1970 An element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment receives 100 rounds of mixed mortar and rocket fire followed by a ground probe from an enemy force of undetermined size, 23 miles NW of Tay Ninh City. Fire is returned with organic weapons, and the troopers are supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, and tactical aircraft. Fifty-five enemy are killed, three are detained, and 24 weapons (seven crew-served) are captured, along with 100 grenades and 5,000 rounds of small arms ammunition. U.S. casualties are seven killed, and 20 wounded.

15 Apr 1970 An unknown individual throws a hand grenade into a group of U.S. and Regional Force personnel watching a movie in an area five miles south of An Loc, Binh Long Province, killing one and injuring 20.

17 Apr 1970 GVN announces an offer to repatriate all Vietnamese nationals living in Cambodia. The GVN offer comes after reports of mass killings of Vietnamese in Cambodia.

18 Apr 1970 An element of the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) finds the bodies of 20 enemy soldiers killed by artillery on 15 April. The bodies are found 17 miles NW of Hue in Thua Thien Province.


20 Apr 1970 President Nixon orders a 150,000-man pullout of U.S. troops from the Republic of Vietnam within the next year. This will bring the total reduction of U.S. troops from Vietnam to 265,000 by May 1971.

20 Apr 1970 PAVN troops, 2,000 strong, accompanied by tanks and armored personnel carriers, cross into Cambodia in the third major offensive across the border in the past week.

20 Apr 1970 MACV announces that U.S. troop strength as of 15 April was 425,500; 8,500 below the space ceiling of 434,000 effective 15 April.

20 Apr 1970 In an area eight miles SW of Quang Ngai City, helicopter gunships taking part in Operation IRON MOUNTAIN engage an estimated enemy company, killing 24.

25 Apr 1970 SECSTATE announces 105,000 VC and NVA troops have invaded Laos and Cambodia and occupy portions of both countries.

25 Apr 1970 It is announced that the Manila R&R program will cease 1 July in accordance with adjusted requirements to the troop redeployment.
27 Apr 1970 While conducting operations 19 miles SW of Tam Ky, Quang Tin Province, an element of the 5th ARVN Regiment receives 130 civilians who state they no longer want to be controlled by the VC and are relocated to the Quang Tin refugee center.

27 Apr 1970 An element of the 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, discovers an eight-ton rice cache 11 miles north of An Khe in Binh Dinh Province.

29 Apr 1970 GVN announces its forces are conducting operations in the Parrot's Beak area of Cambodia. The RVN troops are receiving U.S. advisor, air, and other support.

29 Apr 1970 U.S. Army Saigon Support Command turns over Camp Davies, located 2 km east of Saigon, to the ARVN 3d Area Logistics Command.

30 Apr 1970 Five helicopters are lost to enemy ground fire throughout the Republic of Vietnam during the day. All aircraft are destroyed, and U.S. casualties are 9 killed, three wounded.

30 Apr 1970 As a result of undetermined causes fire is delivered on friendly positions in the Parrot's Beak area of Cambodia, resulting in 40 ARVN troops wounded.

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## REVIEW OF GROUND OPERATIONS

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### APRIL CASUALTY & STRENGTH STATISTICS

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Yearly US KIA low to date: 3 Jan 70 (65). Yearly US KIA high to date: 11 Apr 70 (141).

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Peak US Strength Apr 69: 543,400; Down from Peak Strength 30 Apr 70: @ 115,850; Authorized Strength 15 Apr 70: 434,000