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SEVENTH FLEET DAILY SUMMARY

North of the 17th Parallel

Navy pilots from the Seventh Fleet attack carriers USS Enterprise
and USS Ranger hit 35 targets while flying 25 missions over North
Vietnam Saturday.

A-4 Skyhawks from Ranger attacked a large cargo barge at the Ron
highway ferry landing 36 miles north-northwest of Dong Hoi. The
pilots heavily damaged the barge and then went on to damage eight cargo
junks 46 miles north-northwest of Dong Hoi.

Enterprise Skyhawks damaged two structures at the Ron landing
and two others at a storage area nearby.

Ranger A-1 Skyraiders attacked two cargo junks 47 miles north-
northwest of Dong Hoi. The pilots reported one junk destroyed and a
secondary explosion.

Another flight of Ranger Skyhawks destroyed a bridge 12 miles
south-southwest of Vinh, then cratered a road segment and cut several
power lines 43 miles north-northwest of Dong Hoi.

Other damage reports from returning pilots included six water
craft damaged; one secondary explosion; two secondary fires, and nine
road and bridge approach craterings.

In the Republic

In-country, aircraft from the Seventh Fleet attack carrier USS
Ticonderoga flew 106 strike sorties against Viet Cong targets Saturday.

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Navy pilots, flying in the II, III and IV Corps areas, struck VC troop concentrations, fortifications, and provided close air support for friendly ground operations.

Forward air controllers reported 144 structures destroyed, 155 damaged; 2 bunkers destroyed, 5 damaged; 1 sampan destroyed, 3 damaged, and 1 tunnel collapsed. An estimated 20 VC were killed by the Navy air attacks.

**Naval Gunfire Support**

Offshore, the Seventh Fleet destroyer USS Porterfield fired 176 rounds of five-inch ammo in a III Corps area mission.

The mission was fired to prevent VC troops from reaching waterways used to transport their wounded. Air spotter for the mission reported outstanding target coverage.

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Navy pilots from the Seventh Fleet attack carriers USS Ranger and USS Enterprise hit 59 targets while flying 38 missions over North Vietnam Monday.

A-4 Skyhawks from Ranger attacked a group of barges, 28 miles southeast of Vinh, with 500-pound bombs. Returning pilots reported they destroyed five of the barges.

Ranger A-1 Skyraiders attacked five gunboats 46 miles north-northwest of Dong Hoi, with 2.75-inch rockets and 500-pound bombs. The gunboats had opened fire on the aircraft. One gunboat was destroyed and the other four damaged. The same flight of Skyraiders also cratered one road segment and cut another, 34 miles north-northwest of Dong Hoi, and cratered an approach to the Con Giang highway bridge, in the same area.

Enterprise Skyhawks hit the Ron highway ferry landing, 30 miles north-northwest of Dong Hoi, with Zuni rockets. Pilots reported destroying two buildings and cratering an approach to the ferry landing.

F-4 Phantom II's from Ranger attacked three 40-foot cargo-carrying junks 37 miles southeast of Vinh. Returning pilots reported their Zuni rockets sank one junk and heavily damaged the other two.

Other damage reports from returning pilots included 1 bridge destroyed and 8 damaged; 1 large junk destroyed and 16 other (more)
craft damaged; three pieces of construction equipment destroyed; two boxcars damaged; two secondary fires and 29 road, bridge approach and ferry landing approach craterings.

In the Republic

In-country, aircraft from the Seventh Fleet attack carrier USS Ticonderoga flew 107 strike sorties against VC targets.

Navy pilots struck troop concentrations, fortifications, and provided close air support for friendly ground operations.

Forward air controllers reported 64 structures and 2 bunkers destroyed; 42 structures and 1 bunker damaged.

Naval Gunfire Support

Offshore, two Seventh Fleet ships provided gunfire support Tuesday, in the I and II Corps areas of the Republic.

In the II Corps, the 23-year-old destroyed escort USS Falgout fired her guns in combat for the first time and destroyed a VC junk which was unloading cargo in Binh Dinh province. Falgout expended 45 three-inch rounds during the mission.

In the I Corps, the guided missile cruiser USS Oklahoma City fired 126 rounds of five- and six-inch ammo at VC bunkers, trenches and a base area. The targets were located in Quang Tin and Quang Ngai provinces. Air spotters reported good target coverage; one structure was destroyed and six damaged.

In late reports from Sunday, the destroyers USS Richard B. Anderson and USS Jenkins provided gunfire support in the I and II Corps areas.

Anderson, firing in the I Corps, dumped 34 five-inch rounds on VC troop concentrations and an automatic weapons position. Air spotter reported excellent target coverage.

Firing in the II Corps, Jenkins dumped 85 rounds of five-inch ammo on VC camps. The mission, fired in support of Operation Harrison, received a report of excellent target coverage.