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

It has been organized as follows:

- A summary of February events:
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- A summary of February's Morning and Evening News Releases

- Chronology of Significant Events

- A review of Ground Operations

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GENERAL

During the first three weeks of the month, the enemy generally avoided contact, maneuvering his forces in preparation for his offensive. On 23 February in the early morning hours, the enemy conducted a series of over 100 country-wide indirect fire attacks including the first rocket attack on Saigon since 1 November 1968. There were several concurrent ground attacks in remote areas with the heaviest fighting during the last week of the month in III Corps and I Corps. The enemy achieved no military objectives and many of his actions were pre-empted by aggressive Allied sweep operations.

I CTZ

Throughout I CTZ during the first three weeks of February, enemy-initiated activity was generally light. At 0100 hours on 23 February, enemy forces launched an offensive with widespread indirect fire attacks and limited ground probes against targets throughout the southern corps area.

During this period, enemy offensive activity was conspicuously low in comparison to the two northern provinces. However, between 1 and 3 February there were seven enemy indirect fire attacks in the Hue area and surrounding the Thua Thien lowlands.

On 2 February, the enemy employed 122mm artillery against Allied forces in southern Quang Tri Province. This was the first enemy artillery fire received in I CTZ since the 1 November bombing halt. Operation DEWEY CANYON met stiff resistance from NVA troops in a major logistics area. From 16 to 22 February over 220 enemy were killed and large numbers of enemy weapons, some vehicles, and engineering equipment were captured. On 27 and 28 February, USMC elements participating in Operation DEWEY CANYON discovered two major enemy ordnance caches. Other enemy equipment recovered in the area included four Soviet 122mm field guns; the first ever captured in the war.

In southern I CTZ the primary enemy targets in the offensive were U.S. and ARVN forces and installations in the Quang Nam lowlands, the An Hoa industrial complex, Tam Ky City, the Tien Phuoc CIDG Camp, and Quang Ngai City. PVS identified four NVA regiments and virtually all Local Force units in contact in central I Corps.

In Quang Tin Province, Local Force units suffered the brunt of the attack. A similar situation occurred in Quang Ngai Province, except in the area west of Quang Ngai City where elements of the 3rd NVA Division were engaged.

At the close of the month a decrease in enemy offensive action was noted but intelligence revealed that increased offensive activity was to again take place in March.

II CTZ

In II CTZ, the enemy generally avoided major combat during the first three weeks of February while completing preparations for his post-Tet offensive. In the western highlands, the 24th NVA Regiment remained in northwest
Pleiku Province.

The 24th Regiment, seriously weakened by the loss of approximately 500 KIA during January, lost at least another 100 KIA in February. In Phu Bon Province on 11 February the district headquarters at Cheo Reo received an attack-by-fire by an unidentified force.

On 12 February there was an indirect fire attack on Landing Zone (LZ) Sarah, 13 kilometers northeast of Phan Thiet. Early on 22 February there was an attack-by-fire against LZ Betty, located southwest of Phan Thiet.

During the night of 22–23 February there were widespread indirect fire attacks reported throughout II CTZ. During the next five days the number of attacks declined to a low on 27 February. After 23 February the focus of the attacks shifted to the western Highlands. Significant ground probes took place at Ben Het and Po lei Kleng. Also, routes 14 and 19 were interdicted by the enemy.

In coastal II CTZ, ground action was marked by interdiction of Route 1 and the rail line in Binh Dinh and Khanh Hoa Provinces.

III CTZ

In III CTZ enemy activity during February fell generally into two phases. In the first phase, 1 through 22 February, the enemy generally avoided contact while positioning his forces and attempting to establish supply bases in areas near prospective urban and military targets in preparation for his offensive. The second phase, from 23 February to the end of the month, was characterized by an enemy offensive directed primarily against military installations.

Enemy activity consisted mainly of widespread indirect fire attacks, resulting in relatively light casualties and damage. Ground assaults accompanied the indirect fire attacks in some instances, but all were repulsed, resulting in heavy enemy losses. Over 200 enemy were killed in two attacks at a 25th Infantry Division Fire Support Base in Tay Ninh Province on 23 and 25 February. Over 400 enemy were killed in a series of engagements in the Bien Hoa/Long Binh military complex area between 23 and 26 February. Enemy divisional forces identified in contact during the recent offensive were the 1st NVA Division, 5th VC Division, and the 9th VC Division. Both the 5th and 9th Divisions are 75 to 90 per cent NVA personnel.

Most of the enemy's indirect fire attacks in support of the late February offensive were relatively light, and the major portion of his divisional and subregion forces were not committed. This suggested that further offensive activity was planned, possibly on an increased level.

IV CTZ

In IV CTZ, the level of enemy-initiated activity during the first three weeks of February remained generally unchanged from that of January.

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On 14 February U.S. elements in Kien Hoa Province killed 62 enemy in a contact five kilometers southeast of Ben Tre City. On 20 February U.S. operations in Dinh Tuong and Kien Hoa Province resulted in 144 enemy killed.

At 0200 hours on 23 February the enemy launched his offensive in the Delta. From that time until the end of the month there were widespread indirect fire attacks and 25 ground attacks. The enemy attacks were directed primarily against military targets in both isolated and urban areas. The number of attacks on U.S. targets was proportional to the number of U.S. military installations in IV CTZ. Enemy activity was concentrated in Dinh Tuong, Kien Hoa, and Chau Doc Provinces.

On 25 February ARVN and Popular Force units contacted an enemy force six kilometers northwest of Chau Doc City resulting in 187 enemy killed.

Regional Force elements contacted enemy forces in Vinh Binh Province on 24 and 25 February killing 80 enemy. Despite his efforts, the enemy in IV CTZ failed to gain any significant military advantage. Casualties and damage inflicted on Allied forces were light.

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ENEMY INITIATES POST-TET OFFENSIVE SUFFERS HEAVY LOSSES IN FIRST WEEK

23 FEB-1 MAR 6,813 ENEMY KILLED
THAI HIEP, 26 FEBRUARY

In the early morning hours of Wednesday, 26 February, a force of approximately 400 men from the 275th Regiment, 5th (VC) Division, had infiltrated into the tiny village of Thai Hiep on the outskirts of Bien Hoa, just 20 miles northeast of Saigon. About 85 per cent of the force was estimated to be North Vietnamese Army soldiers.

At about 0300, as reconnaissance elements of the enemy unit were observed and engaged by U.S. Air Force security forces at the perimeter of Bien Hoa Air Base, the villagers began to flee their homes, running down streets and creek beds.

The villagers met elements of the Republic of Vietnam 5th Marine Battalion, the 3rd Battalion, 48th Infantry Regiment, and the 3rd Squadron, 5th Armored Cavalry moving on the road less than a half mile from Thai Hiep in response to the contact at the air base.

The villagers told the ARVN forces how they were driven out of their homes and confined to an area near a creek running alongside the village. At that time, the air base security forces reported that they had lost contact with the enemy reconnaissance element which withdrew east toward Thai Hiep. The ARVN units swiftly moved into blocking positions, and by daybreak the enemy was surrounded.

Additional Regional Force elements moved in and the ARVN troops continued to contain the communist forces until 1100 when assault forces, in the form of the 36th ARVN Ranger Battalion, reinforced the contact.

By 1500 the 36th Ranger Battalion moved into the village attacking the enemy force. The series of assaults met heavy resistance by the battalion of well-armed NVA who had turned the villagers sandbagged shelters into a series of well-fortified defensive positions.

ARVN PSYOP units broadcast repeated loud-speaker appeals and warnings, and all of the remaining villagers (with the exception of one family being held prisoner) and several wounded enemy evaded out of Thai Hiep.

Just after 1600 U.S. Air Force F-100s and F-4s along with VNAF A-1 Skyraiders were directed against the enemy positions in the village.

Following the employment of the supporting fires, the 36th Ranger Battalion moved back into the village. The Rangers met only slight, disorganized resistance. By 0100 the next morning, the bodies of 264 enemy soldiers (mostly NVA) lay in the village, and 87 had been captured or surrendered. More than 100 individual and crew-served weapons were captured.

ARVN casualties were 10 killed and 100 wounded. One U.S. Army photographer from the III Corps Information advisor section, with the Ranger battalion, was killed and another wounded in the action.

The enemy prisoners revealed that their mission had been to attack Bien Hoa city and the Bien Hoa Air Base.

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264 ENEMY KILLED
26 FEBRUARY

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM FORCES PRE-EMPT NVA ATTACK ON BIEN HOA
**AIR OPERATIONS**

**AIR SOUTH**

U.S. Air Force pilots flew 8,824 tactical air sorties in support of Allied ground forces, Marine Corps pilots flew 5,275 sorties, and Navy pilots flew another 479 for a total of 14,578 tactical air sorties during the month. Of the total sorties flown, 4,351 were immediate, and 1,839 were flown in direct support of ground troops in contact with the enemy.

The aircrews reported killing 766 enemy while destroying or damaging 677 waterborne supply craft, and numerous enemy emplacements, crew-served and automatic weapons positions. Their air-delivered ordnance also resulted in more than 800 secondary explosions and 800 sustained fires.

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U.S. Air Force tactical fighter-bomber pilots flew 8,824 combat strikes in South Vietnam during February.

Forward air controllers (FACs) reported the pilots destroyed or damaged over 6,000 fortifications and 500 waterborne supply craft. Air Force pilots also were credited with killing 618 enemy soldiers, igniting more than 500 secondary explosions and starting 668 sustained fires.

Supersabre pilots from the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing (TFW) struck an enemy bunker complex on 1 February while supporting elements of the 25th Infantry Division in contact with the enemy 12 kilometers (7 miles) east of Tay Ninh City. The ground forces swept the area and reported the pilots destroyed 27 bunkers and killed three enemy soldiers.

An enemy base camp 6 kilometers (4 miles) southeast of Hoi An in Quang Nam Province was destroyed on 2 February by Phantom crews from the 366th TFW. The crews destroyed 36 fortifications, caused 3 secondary explosions and 5 sustained fires.

Sixteen enemy soldiers were killed on 4 February by Supersabre pilots from the 31st TFW while supporting elements of the 25th Infantry Division. The pilots attacked a bunker complex occupied by the enemy troops. The action took place 5 kilometers (3 miles) northeast of Dau Tieng in Binh Duong Province.

Supersabre pilots from the 37th TFW struck an enemy troop concentration on 4 February in Quang Duc Province 17 kilometers (11 miles) southwest of Duc Lap and killed 20 enemy soldiers.

A FAC reported that Supersabre pilots from the 37th TFW killed seven enemy soldiers while supporting elements of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division 56 kilometers (35 miles) west-southwest of Pleiku. The pilots also destroyed 15 bunkers and ignited a secondary explosion in the strike on 7 February.

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Twelve enemy soldiers were reported killed on 8 February when Phantom crews from the 12th TFW hit enemy positions 23 kilometers (14 miles) west-southwest of Song Be in Phuoc Long Province. The crews also destroyed eight bunkers during the action.

Air Force pilots and Army helicopter gunships fired on an estimated 100 enemy soldiers in the open 18 kilometers (11 miles) east of Bien Hoa on 11 February. An Army reconnaissance element sighted an unreported number of 122mm rockets in launching position. The rocket positions and troop locations were engaged throughout the night by Supersabre pilots from the 3rd, 31st and 35th TFWs along with Phantom crews from the 12th TFW, artillery and helicopter gunships. In addition, an AC-47 Dragonship dropped flares and fired on the enemy positions. Numerous secondary explosions were sighted by the crewmen. The bodies of 50 enemy soldiers were sighted lying in the strike area.

A FAC reported Air Force and Navy pilots killed 49 enemy soldiers on 14 February while supporting ARVN ground forces during action 28 kilometers (18 miles) south of Phan Rang in Ninh Thuan Province. The Air Force pilots were from the 3rd TFW and 35th TFWs. Both units fly F-100 Supersabres.

In an immediate strike at 11 a.m. on 16 February prior to the 24-hour suspension of offensive operations, Air Force Supersabre pilots and Phantom crews joined Marine A-4 pilots in hitting an enemy position 20 kilometers (13 miles) south of Da Nang. The pilots were credited with killing 38 enemy soldiers. The Supersabre pilots were from the 37th TFW and the Phantom crews were from the 366th TFW.

While supporting friendly forces on 23 February, Phantom crews from the 366th TFW killed 27 enemy soldiers near Tam Ky in Quang Tin Province. The crews also destroyed eight bunkers, damaged two others and started two sustained fires.

Striking enemy fortifications and bunkers deep in the Mekong Delta, 14 February, Supersabre pilots from the 3rd TFW were credited with killing 12 enemy soldiers and destroying or damaging 43 sampans, 41 fortifications, 4 bunkers and igniting 3 secondary explosions. Eight pilots took part in the strike 55 and 59 kilometers (34 and 37 miles) south of Rach Gia City in Kien Giang Province.

F-100 Supersabre pilots from the 3rd TFW at Bien Hoa and 35th TFW provided close air support for friendly forces in the vicinity of Bien Hoa Air Base on 26 February. Many tactical aircraft were scrambled to assist in the day-long battle against total enemy strength in the area estimated to be battalion-size. Army Huey and Cobra gunships from the 145th Aviation Battalion also hit the enemy positions. Eighty-five enemy soldiers were killed in the action and 40 suspects detained.

In a strike 6 kilometers (4 miles) south of Quang Ngai City supporting elements of the AMERICAL Division, on 28 February, Phantom crews and Supersabre pilots reportedly destroyed 69 fortifications, 8 bunkers and set off a secondary explosion. The Phantom crews were from the 366th TFW and the Supersabre pilots were from the 37th TFW.
Navy pilots from Seventh Fleet aircraft carriers flew a total of 479 sorties against enemy targets — mostly in the northernmost I Corps provinces. High altitude bombing and radar-controlled ordnance drops, however, prevented most bomb damage assessments.

Almost all of the strikes flown during the month were in support of 3rd Marine Division and other Allied troops operating in the I Corps area. Targets hit included enemy troop positions, fortifications, automatic weapons sites, infiltration routes, and supply caches.

U.S. Marine Corps pilots from the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing carried out strikes against enemy targets throughout the northern sector of South Vietnam during the month.

The aircrews reported destroying or damaging more than 30 enemy sampans, 1,700 fortifications, and igniting more than 100 secondary explosions and 160 sustained fires. In addition, 244 enemy soldiers were reported killed.

**B-52 MISSIONS**

One hundred and ninety-five (195) missions were flown during the month by Air Force B-52s. Of these missions, 144 were directed against enemy targets in the III Corps Tactical Zone, 18 in II CTZ, 23 in I CTZ, and 10 in IV CTZ.

**AILIFT**

**Military Airlift Command (Inbound-Outbound, South Vietnam):**

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

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NAVAL OPERATIONS

NAVAL GUNFIRE DEMILITARIZED ZONE

A Communist rocket site in the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone was destroyed on 15 February after it was hit by 16-inch shells from the battleship New Jersey.

Ground spotters at the nearby U.S. outpost at Con Thien said that seven secondary explosions were ignited as a result of the shelling. Fireballs rose 300 to 500 feet in the sky and lit up the surrounding area.

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NAVAL GUNFIRE SOUTH VIETNAM

Enemy positions throughout South Vietnam came under attack from ships of the U.S. Seventh Fleet. February's missions left 908 military structures and 435 bunkers destroyed or damaged.

Ships ranging in size from the 800-ton minesweeper USS Leader to the 56,000-ton battleship USS New Jersey took part in the attacks, with the heaviest load of missions being carried by the New Jersey and the Fleet's destroyers. Two cruisers also joined in the shellings.

The daily strikes also accounted for 34 enemy soldiers killed, 32 supply boats destroyed or damaged, 19 caves sealed up, 860 meters of trenchline destroyed, and five tunnel complexes collapsed. Forty-five secondary explosions and 22 sustained fires were ignited.

One of the battleship New Jersey's missions was a coordinated strike against enemy troops that were threatening the U.S. outpost at Gio Linh just below the Demilitarized Zone. In company with the Coast Guard cutter Oswego, the New Jersey fired for six hours in defense of the outpost.

In other action by the New Jersey, enemy positions just below Da Nang took a five-day shelling from the 11th to the 15th of the month, as the battleship fired on troop concentrations and ammunition caches.

Many fortified complexes there were destroyed by the New Jersey's guns. Air spotters listed a total of 67 structures and 52 bunkers destroyed or damaged. Also destroyed were six tunnels in an underground complex. Thirteen enemy soldiers died in the strikes.

The heaviest single day of shelling by one ship came on 9 February when the destroyer USS Davis destroyed 60 military structures and three bunkers at an enemy position 18 miles south of Da Nang.

Even though February's naval gunfire statistics were highest of the year so far, poor weather in the early part of the month prevented air spotters from assessing damage on many missions.

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### ENEMY MATERIAL LOSSES
(CAPTURED/DESTROYED)

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### AMMUNITION

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### FOOD STUFFS

A total of 920.5 tons of rice and 18,265 lbs of salt.
1 February (Saturday)

- **IV CORPS (Dinh Tuong Prov):** 2 compl River Aslt & Interdiction Divs, totaling 25 hv armed & armd river gunboats, were turned over to the VN Navy in ceremonies on board the MRF flagship, USS Benewah, near Dong Tam. The craft turned over were 3 LCM "Monitors," a comd & comm bt, 8 aslt ptt spt bts & 13 armd trp carriers.

- **RUSSELL BEACH (Quang Ngai Prov):** At approx 0215, a co fr the US 26th MAR Regtl Ldg Tm while cdtg a cbt swp 8 mi NE of Quang Ngai City, obs an est 50 en soldiers moving 3 carrying wpns & packs. The MAR dir mort fire onto the en trps & during a swp this A.M. at 1040 found 11 en bodies. There were no US cas.

- **TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov):** At 0010, a fire sp t base of the 3rd Bde, 1st Inf Div loc 7 mi NE of Dau Tieng rec approx 160 rds of mixed 60mm/82mm mort fire fol by a gnd probe by an est reinf en bn. The en force did not pent the peri & contact was lost at 0445. The inf were sptd by AC-47 gunships, tac air & hel gunships & arty. Res: 14 EK, US 2 KIA & 31 WIA.

- **TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov):** During the A.M., a co fr the 2nd Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM), cdtg cbt swp ops 12 mi NE of Phu Khuong, discovered a cache in a bunker complex cntn 33 SKS rfls, 1 75mm BR w/sight, 3 1l MG's, 3 60mm mort tubes w/sight, 1 sewing machine (new), & 1 bicycle.

- **TOAN THANG (Binh Long Prov):** During the P.M., trps fr the Air Cav 3qdn of the 1st Cav Div (AM), while on a cbt swp op 5 mi SE of Loc Minh, loc a cache cntn 100 bags of rice. Each bag weighed 200 lbs or a total of 10 tons of rice.

- **TOAN THANG (Long An Prov):** At approx 1600, a co fr the US 3rd Bde, 9th Inf Div, cdtg swp ops 10 mi N of Tan An eng an unk size en force. Later at 1730, another co op in the same general area made sporadic contact with another en force. At 2305, 2 add companies fr the same bde were aaslt into the area; however, contact was lost a short time later when the en force withdrew. The inf were sptd by Army hel gunships. Res: 53 EK. 2 suspects were dtm & 27 I/Wpns & 7 CSW were cptrd. There were 2 US wounded with no fatalities.
TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At approx 0830, hel gunships fr the US air cav sqdn of the 1st Cav Div (AM) cdrg armed recon ops 8 mi S of Katum obs 40 en soldiers in a bunker complex. Tac acft fr the 3rd & 35th Tac Ftr Wgs, AC-47 gunships, hel gunships & arty sptd. Res: 3 bunkers & 20 meters of trench were dest. 28 en bodies found. No US cas.

TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At 2100, an elm ot the 3rd Bde, 82nd Abn Div, in an ambs psn eng an est 10-15 en soldiers 5 mi W of Phu Cuong. The act was reinf by tks & another elm of gnd trps. The act was also sptd by hel gunships & arty. Res: 9 EX, & 2 AK-47 rfs, 3 9mm pistols & 3 cbns were cptrd. No US cas. One tiger scout (ARVN) was wounded in the act.

TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): During the late A.M., cav trps ot the US 1st Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM), while on a search & clear op, loc an en rice cache 3 mi NE of Phu Khuong. The rice cache cntn 12 tons of rice which will be evac to Tay Ninh City for redistr.

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 467 sorties (USAF 377, USMC 84, USN 6). BDA incl dest or dam 421 en ftns, 27 sampans, & ignited 17 sec explosions & 14 fires. 9 EX were also reptd.

An Army UH-1 hel was downed by en gnd fire 7 mi NE of Dau Tieng. No inj. The acft was dest.

B-52s flew 8 mns: 15 mi N of Tay Ninh City, 13 mi NE of Can Tho in Vinh Long Prov, 10 mi SE of Dau Thien in Binh Duong Prov, 2 mns 16 & 18 mi NE of Dak To in Kontum Prov, & 3 mns 31-33 mi SW of Kontum in Kontum Prov.

2 February (Sunday)

TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): Trps fr the US 1st Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM) discovered an en rice cache 3 mi NE of Phu Khuong while on a search & clear op. The cache cntn 8 tons of rice which was to be evac to Tay Ninh City for redistr.

TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At 1200, an armd trp fr the US armd cav sqdn of the 25th Inf Div, cdrg swp ops 4 mi N of Go Bau Ha eng an est en co. Auto wpns fire was exchanged as hel gunships, arty & US Air Force F-100s & F-4s fr the 3rd, 12th, 31st & 35th Tac Ftr Wgs sptd. Betwn 1600 & 1700, 2 add trps reinf the act fol by an ARVN MAR bn at 1820. Contact cont until 2310 when the remaining en evaded contact & withdrew. Res: 42 EX, US cas 3 KIA & 18 WIA.

TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At approx 0845, a co fr the 199th Lt Inf Bde cdrg off ops 22 mi NW of Saigon eng an est en sqd. SA fire was exchanged as hel gunships & US Air Force F-100s fr the 3rd & 35th Tac Ftr Wgs sptd. At 0930, an armd elm fr the US 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div reinf the act fol by 1500 when contact was lost. At 1700, 3 add companies fr the 199th Lt Inf Bde were inserted into the area & hv contact was reptd until 1910 when the en force evaded & withdrew.
Res: 18 EK, US cas 6 KIA & 20 WIA.

- NEVADA EAGLE (Thua Thien Prov): At approx 1930, the hqs of the US 101st Abn Div (AM) loc 6 mi SE of Hue, rec 5 rds of suspected 122mm rks. Aerial rkt arty eng the suspected en locs with unk res. There were no US cas & only lt mat dam.

- NEVADA EAGLE (Thua Thien Prov): At approx 1900, the US rdo relay site of the 2nd Bde, 101st Abn Div (AM), loc 17 mi S of Hue, rec less than 20 rds of unk cal mort. Counter-btry was fired at suspected en firing psn with unk res. There were no US cas or dam to the site reptd.

- IV CTZ (Kien Phong Prov): Betwn 1950 & 2015, inf fr the US 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div, sptd by hel gunships fr the 12th Cbt Avn Gp eng an unk size en force in 2 contacts in a general area 11 mi NE of Cao Lanh. During the 25-mn battle, 16 en soldiers were kd (11 kd by air). There were no US cas.

- SWN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 422 sorties (USAF 333, USMC 79, USN 10). BDA incl dest or dam 447 en ftms, 18 sampans, & ignited 22 sec explosions & 14 fires. 13 EK were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 28 EK, & dest 94 en ftms & sinking 20 sampans.

- An Army UH-1 hel on an aslt msn, 10 mi S of Vinh Long in Vinh Long Prov, was downed by en gnd fire. There were no cas. The acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 7 msns: 35 mi SW of Da Nang in Quang Nam Prov, 14 mi SW of An Loc in Binh Long Prov, 2 mens 21-22 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 15 mi SW of Vinh Long City, & 2 mens 31 & 33 mi SW of Quang Tri City in Quang Tri Prov.

3 February (Monday)

- IFFV (Kontum Prov): At approx 1330 hel gunships fr the US 17th Cbt Avn Gp cdg armored recon ops 28 mi WSW of Kontum City rec gnd fire fr an est en plat. The gunships, sptd by tac air, rtn the fire & kd 12 en soldiers. There were no US cas & no dam to the acft.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At approx 1045, a co fr the US 2nd Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM) cdg swp ops 22 mi NE of Tay Ninh City found an en bunker complex which cntn 61 82mm mort rds, 5 60mm mort rds, 23 Chi-Com grens, 34 rfl grens, 16 mines (unk type), 7 bangalore torps, & 3 Soviet sniper rfls with gren launchers.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At 1230, an elm fr the US 11th Armd Cav Regt cdg a recon msn 5 mi N of Lai Khe eng an unk size en force. Hel gunships, arty & US Air Force tac acft sptd. At 1440, they were reinf by another elm fr the regt. Act cont until 1750 when the en evaded contact & withdrew. Res: 18 EK, 7 suspects were dtn, & 1 CSW & 3 I/Wpns were cptrd. US cas were 2 KIA & 3 WIA.
TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At 1830, a fire spt base of the US 25th Inf Div loc 9 mi NW of Go Dau Ha rec less than 15 rds of 107mm rkt fire res in no cas or dam. Counter-arty fire was dir onto suspected en firing pans with unk res.

TAYLOR COMMON (Quang Nam Prov): At approx 1515, a co fr the US 7th Regt, 1st MAR Div, cdtg cbt ops 9 mi NE of An Hoa found a cache cntng 43 tons of rice. This was enough rice to feed a NVA bn (600 men) for over 3 mos.

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 206 sorties (USAF 310, USMC 206, USN 31). BDA incl dest or dam 408 en ftns, 26 sampans, & ignited 30 sec explosives & 11 fires.

USA hel gunships reptd 46 EK, & dest 37 ftns & sinking 9 en sampans.

B-52s flew 6 mans: 29 mi SW of Hue in Thua Thien Prov, 21 mi SSW of An Loc in Binh Long Prov, 24 mi S of Ca Mau in An Xuyen Prov, 32 mi SW of Quang Tri City, 28 mi W of Kontum City, & 30 mi SSW of Quang Tri City.

4 February (Tuesday)

TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At approx 0050, the CIDG camp loc at Katum rec about 100 rds of mixed 60mm/82mm/120mm mort fire res in very lt US cas with no fatalities. There were no CIDG cas reptd & dam to the camp was lt. Counter-mort fire was dir onto suspected en firing pans with unk res.

III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At 1500, 2 US MAR Corps UH-34 hels collided in mid-air, 7 mi S of Da Nang. Both hels were dest & 8 MARs were kd. The cause of the collision is being invest.

TAYLOR COMMON (Quang Nam Prov): At 1820, a co fr the US 5th Regt, 1st MAR Div preparing ni def pans 5 mi NE of An Hoa obs 20 en soldiers moving NE. Arty & mort fire was dir onto the en pans & a short time later 15 add en soldiers were obs. Another co fr the same regt sptd by tks established blocking pans while a swp of the area was ctdt. 20 en bodies were found & 4 wounded suspects were dtn. No US cas.

TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At approx 1500, a trp fr the armd cav sqdn of the US 25th Inf Div while cdtg swp ops 3 mi NE of Dau Tieng obs 6 en bunkers occupied by an unk size en force. The trps, sptd by arty & US Air Force F-100s fr the 31st Tac Ftr Wg, atkd the bunker complex. Contact was lost immed & during a swp of the area, 16 en bodies were found (kd by air). There were no US cas.

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 533 sorties (USAF 345, USMC 170, USN 18). BDA incl dest or dam 514 en ftns, 23 sampans, & ignited 14 sec explosives & 6 fires. 29 EK were also reptd.

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- USA hel gunships reptd 47 EK, & dest 112 en ftms & sinking 26 sampans.

- B-52s flew 4 mms: 21 mi SSW of An Loc, 16 mi E of Tay Ninh City, 34 mi NW of Kontum City, & 34 mi SW of Hue in Thua Thien Prov.

5 February (Wednesday)

- IFFV (Quang Duc Prov): At approx 1745, a FAC sighted an est en co in an open area 5 mi SW of Duc Lap. The FAC dir arty fire onto the en pens. During a swp made in the area on the fol morning, elms of the Duc Lap CIDG camp strike force found the bodies of 12 en kd by arty.

- IV CORPS (Vinh Binh Prov): At 1200, USN "Seawolf" hel gunships cdtd ops 23 mi WSW of Phu Vinh eng an unk size en force with aerial MG & 2.75-in. rkt fire & kd 13 en soldiers. In addition, 2 sampans were dest. There were no US cas.

- III MAF (Quang Ngai Prov): At approx 1330, a FOB fr the USA's AMERICAL Div obs about 70-80 en soldiers 11 mi WNW of Quang Ngai City. The FO dir arty fire onto the en pens res in 18 en soldiers kd. On 6 Feb, at 1800, another FO fr the same div obs an en sqd in the same area. Arty fire was again dir onto the en pens res in 8 additional en soldiers kd. There were no US cas.

- III MAF (Quang Ngai Prov): At 1300, an elm fr the US 11th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, eng an unk size en force 10 mi WNW of Quang Ngai. Hel gunships sptd the act until the en withdrew. Cum res of this act were 12 en kd (5 by air) & there were no US cas.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): A US MAR Corps atk acft sqdn (VMA-(AW)-225) arr in Da Nang, RVN. The sqdn replaced an A-4 "Skyhawk" sqdn recently rotated out of VN. Thus, the arr of FMA-(AW)-225 does not res in a pers or acft increase in the 1st MAR Air Wg.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 508 sorties (USAF 290, USMC 202, USN 16). EDA incl dest or dam 506 en ftms, & ignited 16 sec explosions & 16 fires. 31 EK were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 21 EK, & dest 37 en ftms & sinking 15 sampans.

- An Army UH-1 hel, sptg an ARVN op 44 mi E of Saigon in Long Khanh Prov, was downed by en gnd fire. US cas were 4 kd. The hel was dest.

- An Army OH-6 lt obs hel was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 5 mi SE of Moc Hoa in the Delta. One crewman was wounded & the acft was dest.


6 February (Thursday)
IFFY (Lam Dong Prov): At approx 0915, a co fr the US 173rd Abn Bde, cdng spw ops 20 mi NW of Bao Loc found a cache that cntn 90 82mm mort rds, 70 60mm mort rds, 15 RPG rkt-gren rds, 2 RPG rkt-gren launchers, 9,000 rds of AK-47 ammo, 100 lbs of plastic explo, & an unreptd no of 60mm mort fuzes.

TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At approx 2000, an elm of the US 3rd Bde, 9th Inf Div, eng an est force of 20 en soldiers 7 mi NE of Tan An. The en quickly withdrew & dir SA & rkt propelled gren fire on the ni def pens. A short time later the same pen rec 82mm mort fire & add- tional SA fire. The US force rtn fire with organic wpns & rec fire spt fr hel gunships. The en withdrew at approx 2300. An immed slip of the area res in 14 en bodies being found. There were no US cas.

IFFY (Lam Dong Prov): At approx 1730, paratrps fr an elm of the US 173rd Abn Bde, under IFFV's TF South, discovered an en ammo cache 22 mi NW of Bao Loc. The cache cntn 43 75mm RR rds, 53 RPG rkt-gren rds (mixed RPG-2 & RPG-7), 42 82mm mort rds, 1,000 7.62mm SA rds, & 5 lbs of plastic-type explo. In addition, an unreptd no of shotgun shells were also found.

TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At approx 2230, an elm of the US 3rd Bde, 9th Inf Div, occupying def pens 9 mi ESE of Tan An rec a gnd probe fr an unk no of en empl SA, auto wpns & RPG rkt-gren fire. The inf rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by arty fire & act cont for about 30 mins when contact was lost as the en withdrew. US cas were 14 wounded with no fatalities while en losses are unk.

KENTUCKY (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 1630, MAR fr an elm of the US 4th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, discovered a significant en ammo cache 2 mi N of Con Thien & 1 mi S of the DMZ. The cache was concealed in bunkers & cntn 5,000 lbs of TNT, 5,000 .50 cal hv MG rds, 2,900 7.62mm SA rds, 309 mixed 60mm & 82mm mort rds, 56 ChiCom hand grens, 26 RPG rkt grens (unreptd type), & a small qty of misc other munitions.

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 484 sorties (USAF 289, USMC 185, USN 10). BDA incl dest or dam 502 en ftts, 9 sampans, & ignited 15 sec explos­ions & 18 fires. 25 EE were also reptd.

An Army UH-1 hel was hit by en gnd fire & crashed in an area 11 mi NE of Phan Rang in Ninh Thuan Prov. One crewman was kd & one wounded while the acft was dest.

B-52s flew 4 mns: 33 mi W of Kontum City, 29 mi SSW of Quang Tri City, & 2 mns 28 & 30 mi SW of Da Nang in Quang Nam Prov.

7 February (Friday)

IFFY (Kontum Prov): At 1125, a US hel, flying in an area 24 mi W of Kontum, rec SA fire fr an unk size en force. Hel gunships & US Air
Force tac air were dir onto the suspected en firing pans res in 8 en repts & 15 bunkers and 5 sampans dest. There were no US cas & no acft hit.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Minh Prov): At 1100, a co fr the US 1st Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM), cdng swp ops 16 mi NE of Tay Minh City, found an en cache cntn 28.5 tons of rice & 15 bicyces.

- IFFV (Lam Dong Prov): At 1000, an elm fr the US 173rd Abn Bde, under IFFV's TF South, found an en cache 22 mi NW of Bao Loc that cntn 198 RPG rkt-gren rds (unreptd type), 27 75mm RR rds & 27 60mm mort rds.

- LINN RIVER (Quang Nam Prov): Terminated. The multi-bn search & clear op commenced on 28 January in an area cen 12 mi W of Hoi An. The con hqs was the US 7th Regt, 1st MAR Div. During the 11-day op, 53 en were kd, 856 suspects were dtn, & 16 I/Wps were cptrd. US losses were 9 kd & 46 wounded of whom 32 were evac. The op was sptd by 9 tac air sorties.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At approx 2300, an elm of the US MAR 26th Regt Ldg Tm obs & ambs an est 20 en soldiers in an area 8 mi NNW of Da Nang. The MAR empl organic wps & the en rtn fire with SA & auto wps. Contact was lost almost immed as the remaining en evaded & withdrew. In a search of the area, the bodies of 14 en kd in the act were found & 3 I/Wps were cptrd. MAR cas were 2 wounded.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 476 sorties (USAF 297, USMC 160, USN 19). BDA incl dset or dam 756 en ftms, 8 sampans, & ignited 17 sec explosions & 19 fires. 15 EX were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 36 EX, & dest 12 en ftms & 12 sampans.

- A USMC CH-46 hel on a med evac man, was hit by en gnd fire & crashed in an area 5 mi NW of An Hoa in Quang Nam Prov killing 5 USpers & wounding 2 others. The acft was dest.

- A USMC F-4 Phantom acft was hit by en gnd fire & crashed in an area 6 mi N of An Hoa in Quang Nam Prov. One crewman was wounded, ejected & was rescued. The other crewman was kd & the acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 4 mans: 2 mans 16 & 19 mi W of Quang Ngai City in the I CTZ, & 2 mans 16-17 mi W of Quang Ngai City.

8 February (Saturday)

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At 1300, a co fr the US 7th Regt, 1st MAR Div, cdng swp ops 10 mi SW of Da Nang found 13 rds of 140mm rkt ammo.
- **TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov):** At approx 1330, mech inf elms of the US 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div, eng an unk size en force while swpg an area 11 mi SW of Ben Cat. The en empl SA & auto wpns fire. The trps rtn fire with organic wpns incl. .50 cal MGs mounted on their armd pers carriers. Act cont for about 6 hrs with arty, hel gunships, & tac air sptg the inf until 1945 when the en withdrew. In a search of the battle area, the bodies of 22 en soldiers were found. In addition, 1 CSW & 2 I/Wpns were cptrd. US cas were 5 kd & 4 wounded.

- **IV CTZ (Kien Phong Prov):** At approx 2115, US hel gunships fr the air cav sqdn of the 12th Cbt Avn Gp, on a ni recon msn, detected an unk no of en soldiers in sampans in an area 30 mi NW of Cao Lanh & about 1 mi S of the Cambodian border. The area was illum & the crewmen eng the en with organic aerial MG fire. The en rtn fire with SA & auto wpns & act cont into the ni with US Air Force AC-47 gunships also eng the en loc. The bodies of 24 en soldiers were obv lying in the strike area fol the eng & 5 sampans were reptd dest. No acft were reptd hit & there were no US cas.

- **III MAF (Quang Ngai Prov):** During the late A.M. & early P.M., inf fr the US 11th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, ctd a swp of an area struck by B-52 acft on 7 Feb 17 mi WNW of Quang Ngai City. The trps found the bodies of 4 en soldiers kd in the strikes & dttn 1 wounded en soldier. In addition, the fol en wpns, munitions & equip were found scattered in the strike area: 5 I/Wpns, 1,100 SA rds, 200 60mm mort fuzes, 60 60mm mort rds, 56 RPG rkt-gren rds (unreptd type), 53 Chicom hand grens, 7 rfl grens, 3 AT mns, 18 boxes of plastic-type explos (unreptd wt), 20 lbs of TNT, 1 mil switchboard, 1 flare pistol, 1 82mm mort sight, & a qty of assorted en mil indiv equip such as packs, belts, & canteens were found.

- **IFFV (Pleiku Prov):** At approx 1430, inf fr an elm of the US 2nd Bde, 4th Inf Div, discovered an unreptd no of shallow graves cntn the bodiess of 24 NVA soldiers while swpg an area 24 mi NW of Pleiku City. The NVA soldiers apparently had been kd by tac air flown against the area on 1 Feb.

- **TOAN THANG (Binh Long Prov):** (a) At approx 1430, a hel gunship fr the air cav sqdn of the 1st Cav Div (AM), rec SA & auto wpns fire fr an unk size en force in an area 11 mi E of Loc Minh. The hels rtn fire with organic MGs & 2.75-in. rkes & the crewmen also dir US tac air onto the en loc. Fol the strikes, air cav trps fr the sqdn swept the area & found the bodies of 16 en soldiers kd in the act, 14 of which were in the vic struck by Air Force tac acft. 1 CSW wpn was cptrd & 8 bunkers were reptd dest in the eng. No acft were hit by en fire & there were no US cas. (b) Later in the P.M., at approx 1630, a VN CIDG elm rec SA & auto wpns fire while searching an en bunker complex in the same general area 6 mi E of Loc Minh. The CIDG trps rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by US tac air & serial rkt arty hel gunships fr the 1st Cav Div (AM). Act cont until 1740 when contact was lost as the remaining
en withdrew. Immed fol the eng, trps fr the air cav sqdn of the 1st Cav Div (AM) were asst into the vic & found the bodies of 17 en kd in the act (15 by gunships & tac air). In addition, 1 dest CSW was cptrd. No acft were hit by en fire & there were no US or CIDG cas.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At approx 1320, an elm of the US 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div, eng an unk size en force while swpg an area 7 mi SW of Ben Cat. The enempl SA & auto wpns fire while the inf rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by hel gunships, arty & US tac aircraft. As act cont, another elm of the bde reinf the trps in contact. Contact was lost at about 1945 when the remaining en withdrew. Res: 12 EK, & 7 I/Wpns & 4 CSW were cptrd. US cas were 1 kd & 6 wounded. In addition, one former en soldier, serving as a scout, was also kd.

- At approx 0630, 3 unarmed US civ employees of a US firm under contract to the US Army were asms by an unk size force while traveling in a ½-ton veh 2.4 mi N of Long Thanh along Hwy 15 (approx 19 mi ENE of Saigon). 2 of the civs were kd by auto wpns fire when they tried to flee the site. The third civ was wounded & suff ered burns caused by the explosion & fire which occurred when the veh was struck by what was believed to be a rkt propelled gren rd. The 2 civs kd in the ambs were Billy J. Walker, 24, of Richmond Hill, Ga., & Ronald L. Johnson, 24, of Minneapolis, Minn. The inj civ is Floyd G. Kay, 23, of Stillwell, Okla. 3 other US civ pers, also employed by the Lear Seigler, Inc., firm were unaccounted for & have been missing since approx 0630.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 514 sorties (USAF 310, USMC 194, USN 10). BDA incl dest or dam 681 en ftns, 48 sampans, & ignited 17 fires & 29 sec explosions. 30 EK were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 50 EK, & dest 37 en ftns & sinking 14 sampans.

- B-52s flew 4 mans: 18 mi W of Quang Ngai City, 6 mi NW of Tra Vinh in Vinh Binh Prov, 16 mi NNE of Dak To & 25 mi SW of Dak To in Kontum Prov.

9 February (Monday)

- III MAF (Quang Ngai Prov): At 1900, an elm of the AMERICAL Div's 11th Lt Inf Bde, cdng ops in a general area 9 mi S of Quang Ngai City ove 25 en soldiers. Arty fire was dir onto the en phns res in 8 en soldiers kd. Just to the S a short time later, the same elm ove another 25 en soldiers & dir arty fire res in 12 en soldiers kd. There were no US cas.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At approx 1230, tankers fr the armor bn of the US 25th Inf Div, discovered an en wpns & ammo cache while swpg an area 11 mi NW of Phu Cuong. The cache was concealed in a tunnel complex & cntn 32 122mm rkt warheads, 45 122mm rkt motors,
22 107mm rkt (compl), 18 122mm rkt (compl), 45 82mm mortar rds, 33 RPG-7 rkt-gren rds, 20 RPG-7 rkt-gren boosters, 7 75mm RR rds, 860 lbs of plastic type explos (24 boxes), & 7 cases of ChiCom handgrens. The total wt of the wpns & munitions was approx 3½ tons.

- **TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov):** At 1700, an slm of the US 2nd Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM) discovered a significant en rice cache while searching an area 11 mi S of Katum. The cache was covered with brush & cons of 200 bags of polished rice weighing 200 lbs ea. for a total wt of 20 tons & 2,500 lbs of salt. The rice would have fed two 500-man en bns for almost a mo.

- **III MAF (Quang Tin Prov):** At 1030, a co fr the US 198th Lt Inf Bde of the AMERICAL Div, cdng search & clear ops 14 mi SW of Tam Ky found an en wpns cache that cntn 52 assorted indiv wpns.

- **IV CTZ (Kien Hoa Prov):** At approx 1430, inf fr the US 2nd Bde, 9th Inf Div (MRP) discovered 11 shallow graves cntn the bodies of 15 en soldiers while swpg an area 4 mi SE of Ben Tre. The en apparently had been kd by arty fire about 1 wk ago.

- **TOAN THANG (Long An Prov):** A co fr the US 3rd Bde, 9th Inf Div, cdng search & clear ops at approx 1300 in an area 7 mi W of Ben Luc found a cache that cntn 517 RPG rkt-gren rds, 62,100 rds of AK-47 ammo, 38 rds of RR ammo (unreptd type), 590 lbs of assorted explos, 23 booby-trap grens & 4 ChiCom rdos.

- **SVN TAC AIR:** US pilots flew 575 sorties (USAF 314, USMC 248, USN 13). BDA incl dest or dam 728 en ftms, 17 sampans, & ignited 33 sec explosives & 20 fires. 9 EX were also reptd.

- **USA hel gunships reptd 55 EX, & dest 42 en ftms & sinking 20 sampans.

- **An Army OH-6 lt obs hel was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 9 mi ESE of Katum in Tay Ninh Prov. One man aboard was wounded & the acft was dest.

- **B-52s flew 4 msns:** 2 msns 19 & 27 mi SW of Da Nang in Quang Nam Prov, 33 mi NW of Kontum City, & 28 mi SW of Da Nang in Quang Nam Prov.

**10 February (Tuesday)**

- **TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov):** At approx 1015, trps fr the US 2nd Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM) discovered a significant en food cache 11 mi S of Katum cntn 30½ tons of rice in 200-1b bags & 1,800 lbs of salt in 100-1b bags. At approx 1330, in the same general area, the same unit found another cache cntn 32½ tons of polished rice in bags.

- **TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov):** At approx 1830, a US & VN Army base camp loc 2 mi W of Tay Ninh City rept approx 10 rds of en 107mm rkt fire res in 1t US cas with no fatalities & 1t dam. There were no reptd VN cas. Counter-arty fire was dir against the suspected en firing psns with unk res.
- DEWEY CANYON (Quang Tri Prov): MAR fr the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, discovered 2 en wpns & ammo caches while swpg an area 26 mi SW of Quang Tri City. The caches cntn 1,200 12.7mm hv MG rds, 144,000 rds of 7.62mm SA ammo, 363 RPG rkt-gren rds (unreptd type), 120 60mm mort rds, 500 lbs of TNT, 12 82mm mort rds, & 9 I/wpns.

- DEWEY CANYON (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 0700, a fire spt base of the US 3rd MAR Div loc 27 mi SSW of Quang Tri City, rec about 6 rds of en 122mm arty fire. There were no US cas & no dam to the fire spt base. The loc of the en firing pans were unk.

- IFFV (Kontum Prov): At 1630, a ptl fr the CIDG camp at Dak Pek obs an est en bn occupying pans 6 mi SW of Dak Pek. US Air Force F-100s fr the 37th Tac Ftr Wg sptd the act when a fwd air controller dir tac air onto the en pans. The FAC obs 1 sec explosion & reptd 20 en bodies (kd by air) lying in the strike aera. There were no friendly cas.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Long Prov): At approx 1600, trps fr the air cav sqdn of the US 1st Cav Div (AM) discovered 50 wooden cases cntn a total of 150 rds of en 82mm mort ammo while searching an area 21 mi SW of An Loc. The ammo was found stacked in a bomb crater.

- III MAF (DMZ): At approx 1745, a US obs acft, on a recon men over the S DMZ, rec SA fire fr an unk no of en soldiers 4 mi N of Gio Linh & about 400 meters S of the Ben Hai River in the S half of the DMZ. The aerial obs dir US MAR arty fire onto the en loc res in 5 lg sec explosions & silencing the en fire. In addition, 1 bunker was reptd dest & another dam during the fire msn. The acft was not hit & there were no US cas. En losses are unk.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 563 sorties (USAF 291, USMC 264, USN 8). BDA incl dest or dam 2 auto wpns pans, 498 en ftns, 35 sampans, & ignited 13 sec explosions & 27 fires. 18 EX were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 26 EX, & dest 27 en ftns & sinking 12 sampans.

- An Army CH-47 hel was downed by en gnd fire in an area 27 mi SE of Khe Sanh. One US soldier was kd & 8 were wounded. The acft was dest.

- An Army CH-6 hel was downed by en gnd fire in an area 12 mi NW of Pleiku. The acft was dest. There were no inj.

- B-52s flew 2 msns: 2 msns 19 mi NW & 7 mi SW of Lai Khe in Binh Duong Prov.

11 February (Tuesday)

- DEWEY CANYON (Quang Tri Prov): At 0650, a co fr the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div in def pans 27 mi SSW of Quang Tri City rec a gnd atk fr an unk size en force. The MAR rtn the fire with organic wpns. 13 en
were kd while US losses were 7 kd & 5 wounded.

- TOAN THANG (Bien Hoa Prov): At approx 2150, US hel gunships, on a ni recon msn, detected an est 100 en soldiers in an open area 11 mi E of Bien Hoa. The area was illum & the gunships eng the en with aerial MG & 2.75-in. rkt fire. In the same general area, a US IFFV recon elm sighted an unreptd no of en 122mm rkt in launching pans. The azimuth of the rkt was not reptd. The rkt pans & trp locs were eng throughout the ni by arty, hel gunships & US Air Force F-100s fr the 3rd, 31st & 35th Tac Ftr Wgs & F-4s fr the 12th TFW along with US Air Force AC-47 gunships. Numerous sec explosions were obs by the crewmen during the strikes. The bodies of 50 en soldiers were sighted lying in the strike areas.

- TOAN THANG (Gia Dinh Prov): At approx 2300, the Binh Dien brg & a fire spt base of an elm of the US 199th Lt Inf Bde 2 mi NE of Binh Chanh (8 mi SW of Saigon), rec about 45 rds of mixed en 60mm mort & RPG rkt-gren fire. The indir fire atk was fol by a gnd atk against the 2 locs by an unk no of en empl auto wpns fire. US & VN RF trps in the area rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by arty. Act cont for about 20 mins when contact was lost as the en withdrew. US cas were 15 wounded with no fatalities. RF cas were reptd very lt. En losses are unk. The brg was reptd as undam. There was no reptd dam at the fire spt base.

- IFFV (Pleiku Prov): At approx 1715, inf fr an elm of the US 3rd Bde, 4th Inf Div, eng an est co-size en force while swpg an area 23 mi NW of Pleiku City. The en empl SA, auto wpns & RPG rkt-gren fire in addition to hand gns & an unreptd type of mort fire. The trps rtn fire with organic wpns & were sptd by arty, hel gunships, tac air & AC-47 gunships until contact was lost at 1930 when the remaining en evaded & withdrew. Res: 43 EK, US 2 KIA & 17 WIA (2 evac).

- IV CORPS (Kien Hoa Prov): At approx 2000, a co fr the US 2nd Bde, 9th Inf Div, cdgt swpg ops 10 mi SSE of Ben Tre, eng 3 motorized sampans being utilized by an unk size en force. The en res were 21 en soldiers kd & 3 sampans dest. There were no US cas.

- DEWEY CANYON (Quang Tri Prov): At 2300, an elm of the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, in ni def pens 28 mi SW of Quang Tri City, rec a gnd atk by an unk size en force empl SA & auto wpns fire. The MAR rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by arty, & act cont until an unreptd time later when the en withdrew. Res: 12 EK, US 1 KIA & 8 WIA.

- IV CTZ (Kien Phong Prov): At approx 1430, hel gunships fr the air cav sqdn of the 16th Cbt Avn Gp on a Delta Blackhawk msn obs an unk size en force in sampans in an area 35 mi NW of Cao Lanh in Kien Phong Prov. The gunships attacked empl aerial MG & rkt fire. The en rtk SA & auto wpns fire. VN CIDG trps were then inserted into the aera & made contact with an unk no of en. Act cont until 1550 when the remaining
en withdrew. Res: 38 EK, 5 sampans dest. No hels were reptd hit in the eng. There were no US or VN cas.

TOAN THANG (Hau Nghia Prov): At approx 1430, trps fr the armd cav sqdn of the US 25th Inf Div discovered an en food cache while swpg an area 4 mi N of Trang Bang. The cache was hidden in a bunker complex & cons of 10 tons of rice & 400 lbs of salt.

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 610 sorties (USAF 336, USMC 267, USN 7). BDA incl dest or dam 758 en ftms, 51 sampans, & ignited 79 sec explosions & 32 fires. 6 EK were also reptd.

USA hel gunships reptd 58 EK, & dest 117 en ftms & sinking 18 en sampans.

B-52s flew 6 mms: 47 mi SW of Kontum City, 25 mi SW of Ban Me Thuot in Quang Duc Prov, 13 mi E of Tay Ninh City, 23 mi SE of Phuoc Vinh in Long Khamh Prov, 17 mi NE of Dak To in Kontum Prov, & 23 mi W of Phuoc Vinh.

12 February (Wednesday)


CMAC (Saigon): At approx 0630, 2 suspected VC terrorists, on a motorcycle, hooked an unk type & size of explos device, attached to a string, onto the screen window of a US MACV shuttle bus. The bus was 1 mi S of Tan Son Nhut AB & enr to MACV hqs with about 50 US offs. The actual placement of the charge was obs by an Army major who alerted Lt Col Harold J. Keeling of Topeka, Kans, sitting next to the window. Col Keeling immed detached the hook fr the screen & the device exploded on the gnd after the bus proceeded about ½ block further. The explosion was est to have been caused by the equivalent of 5 lbs of TNT or plastic type explos. One bldg was lightly dam & 1 VN child was reptd slightly inj by the blast. The terrorists escaped.

CMAC (Saigon): At approx 0700, a USA enl man obs a brief case near the right rear wheel of a US shuttle bus loading pax near a bachelor enl qtrs bldg, 1½ km S of Tan Son Nhut AB. The pers were alerted & immed evac the bus. An explos ordnance demo tm which arr in the area detm the brief case cntn an en terrorist explos device which was subsequently disarmed. The charge cons of 3 to 4 lbs of plastic-type explos & 4 blocks of ChiCom manufactured TNT weighing about 2 lbs & triggering fuzes. The device was set to explode upon movement of the bus.

TOAN THANG (Gia Dinh Prov): At approx noon, inf fr an elm of the US 1st Inf Div, under op con of the CMAC discovered an en wpons cache while swpg an area 5 mi E of Cat Lai (12½ mi E of Saigon). The cache cntn 44 I/Wpns incl 38 ChiCom SKS cbns.
- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At approx 1030, trps fr the US 2nd Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM) discovered an en food cache while searching an area 10 mi S of Katum. The cache cntn 21,000 lbs (10½ tons) of polished rice in bags. The rice was evac for redistr to VN refugees.

- IFFV (Pleiku Prov): At approx 1030, inf fr the US 2nd Bde, 4th Inf Div, discovered a significant en ammo cache while swpg a Jungle area 20 ml NW of Pleiku City. The cache cntn 10,000 7.62mm SA rds, 500 .50 cal hv MG rds, 132 60mm mort rds, 40 rfl grens, 23 75mm RR rds, 16 82mm mort rds, 3 cases of plastic-type explos (unreptd wt), 2 122mm rks (compl), & 1 box of blasting caps (unreptd no). At 1300, elms of the same unit found another en ammo cache while searching the same general area. The cache cntn 41,800 7.62mm AK-47 SA rds (38 cases), 1,190 12.7mm hv MG rds, 38 60mm mort rds, 4 RPG-2 rkt grens & 3 82mm mort rds.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At approx noon, aero scouts fr the air cav sqdn of the 1st Cav Div (AM) rec hv gnd fire while inserting a ptl in an area 9 ml NW of Phuoc Binh. Two OH-6 lt obe hel & one UH-1 hel were hit by the en gnd fire & crashed during the act killing 3 crewmen & wounding 3 others. All 3 acft were dest. The trps made contact with an unk no of en in the vic. USA arty & aerial rkt arty hel gunships along with tac air eng the en psns throughout the afternoon. The gnd trps were extracted fr the area at an unreptd time with no cas & reptd 11 en kd. Later, hel crewmen reptd sighting an additional 53 en bodies lying in the strike areas raising the total to 54 en kd.

- IFFV (Binh Thuan Prov): At 0310, an est en co atkd the ni def pens of a PF elm in a LZ 7 ml N of Phan Thiet. The en fired an unk no & type of mort rds in addition to SA & auto wpns in the gnd atk. The PF trps rtn fire with organic wpns & were sptd by arty, hel gunships & a US Air Force AC-47 gunship. Act cont until about 0545. Sporadic en SA fire cont in the area during the morning. However, troopers fr an elm of the 101st Abn Div under IFFV's TF South sptd by tsk, along with VN RF trps & eles of the ARVN 44th Regt, reinf during the day & reestablished contact with the en. As act cont, the en force in the vic was est to be of bn size. Contact cont throughout the ni until an unreptd time on morning of 13 Feb when the en withdrew. Res: 67 EX, 12 suspects were dtn & 3 en soldiers rallied to the GVN. 22 I/Wpns & 5 CSW were cptrd. US cas were 2 kd & 10 wounded. VN cas were very lt.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 584 sorties (USAF 314, USMC 270). BDA incl dest or dam a storage area, 544 en ftms, 15 sampans & ignited 43 sec explosions & 7 fires.

- USA hel gunships reptd 153 EX, & dest 32 en ftms & sinking 36 sampans.

- An Army OH-6 lt obe hel was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 9 ml NW of Phuoc Binh in Phuoc Long Prov. 3 men aboard were kd & the acft was dest.

- An Army OH-6 lt obe hel was downed by en gnd fire in the same area at approx 1225. 2 crewmen were wounded & the acft was dest.
- An Army UH-1 hel was hit by en gnd fire & crashed in the same general area. 1 crewman was wounded. The acft was dest.

- An Army O-1 acft flying a recon msn 9 mi SSW of An Hoa was downed by en gnd fire. One crew mbr was kd & 1 was wounded. The acft crashed & was dest.

- B-52s flew 9 mans: 10 mi W of Cai Lay in Dinh Tuong Prov, 14 mi NNW of Tay Ninh City, 2 mans 19 & 20 mi SE of Tay Ninh City, 12 mi NW of An Loc in Binh Long Prov, 18 mi NE of Dak To in Kontum Prov, 7 mi SE of Trang Bang in Hau Nghia Prov, 9 mi W of Phuoc Vinh, & 5 mi W of Phuoc Vinh.

13 February (Thursday)

- TOAN THANG (Hau Nghia Prov): At approx 1400, an elm of the US 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div, discovered a 32-ton en rice cache 7 mi NE of Trang Bang.

- III MAF (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 1145, a US MAR trk convoy was amb by an unk size NVA force W of Hwy 9 in an area 4 mi WSW of Cam Lo. The en empl SA, auto wpns & 60mm mort fire while the convoy acty empl rtnd fire with organic wpns. An aerial obs, escorting the convoy, dir tac air onto the en loc & the en withdrew a short while later. The convoy cont to its dest, Vandergrift Cbt Base, arr at about 1320. MAR cas were 3 kd & 13 wounded & evac in the eng. One trk was dest. En losses are unk. In a swp of the area, MAR fr the 3rd Regt, 3rd MAR Div, found the body of 1 NVA soldier kd in the act & dtn 1 wounded NVA soldier also found lying in the vic. 2 I/Wpns, 4 60mm mort rds & 5 handgrens were cptrd.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Long Prov): At approx 1600, hel gunships fr the 2nd Bde of the 1st Cav Div (AM), performing an aerial recon msn 1 mi N of Loc Minh rec SA fire fr an unk size en force. The en force was eng by the gunships. As a res of the act, 11 en soldiers were reptd kd by the hel gunships. 10 huts were also dest & 1 sec explosion was obs. There were no US cas & no acft were dam in this act.

- CMAC (Saigon): At approx 0850, a acty gd at the USN sup compound 2½ mi S of Tan Son Nhut AB obs what appeared to be an en explos device atchd to the side of a generator. A US EOD tm was called to the area & disarmed the device which cntn about ½-lb of plastic-type explos.

- III MAF (DMZ): At 1700, an aerial obs flying a recon msn over the S half of the DMZ rec hv SA fire fr approx 30 en soldiers occupying several firing pns 4 mi W of Con Thien (3/4 mi S of the Ben Hai River in the S half of the DMZ). The aerial obs dir arty fire onto the en firing pns & obs the bodies of 6 en soldiers lying in the strike area. 7 bunkers & an auto wpns pns were dest. 1 sec explosion also res fr the arty fire msn. The acft was not hit. There were no US cas.
DEWEY CANYON (Quang Tri Prov): At 1425, a co fr the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, cdtg swp ops 29 mi SSW of Quang Tri City, eng an est en plat occupying def pans. The en force, in gray uniforms, empl auto wpns & 60mm mort fire against the MAR. At an unreptd time later, the en was forced fr his pans & withdrew. Res: 15 EK, US 6 KIA & 6 WIA.

DEWEY CANYON (Quang Tri Prov): At 2300, elms of the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, in ni def pans 29 mi SSW of Quang Tri City, rec a gnd atk by an est en co empl SA, 60mm mort & RPG rkt-gren fire. The MAR rtn the fire with organic wpns, sptd by arty. Act cont until 0130, 14 Feb, when contact was lost as the en withdrew. Res: 12 EK, US 3 KIA & 21 WIA.

SYN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 606 sorties (USAF 313, USMC 277, USN 16). BDA incl dest or dam 3 auto wpns pans, 595 en ftne, 31 sampans, & ignited 37 secondary explosions & 18 fires.

USA hel gunships reptd 30 EK, & dest 17 ftne & sinking 33 sampans.

An Army UH-1 medevac hel rec en gnd fire while making an approach to a 12 on a med evac man 5 mi ENS of Trang Bang. The acft crashed, burned & was dest. 2 US pers were wounded.

An Army OH-6 hel was downed by en gnd fire 7 mi NNW of Tri Ton in Chau Doc Prov. 2 crew mbrs were wounded. The hel was dest.

B-52s flew 6 msns: 9 mi NW of Song Be in Phuoc Long Prov, 16 mi SE of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 7½ mi NW of Ben Cat in Binh Duong Prov, 19 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, & 14 mi E & 25 mi SE of Tay Ninh City.

14 February (Friday)

IFFV (Binh Dinh Prov): At approx 0820, a US fwd air con (FAC) obs 25 en soldiers in an open area 6 mi NE of Phu My. The FAC dir tac air onto the loc & reptd obs the bodies of 18 en soldiers lying in the strike area fol the act.

It was announced the USA's AMERICAL Div (23rd Inf Div) in VN will be reorganized, eff 15 Feb 69, to standardize it along the same lines as the 1st, 4th & 25th Inf Divs. The AMERICAL Div, which was activated in VN on 25 Sep 67, is comprised of the 11th, 196th & 198th It Inf Bdes which were dpl to VN as sep bdes.

IFFV (Binh Dinh Prov): At approx 1730, paratrps fr a recon elm of the US 173rd Abn Bde detected & eng an unk size en force while swpg an area 9 mi N of Dong Son. The en empl SA & hand grene while the trps rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by arty & hel gunships. VN PF trps in the area reinf the act at an unreptd time. Contact cont for about 30 mins until the remaining en evaded & withdrew. Res: 24 EK,
12 suspects were dtn, & 6 I/Wpns & 50 hand grens were cpctrd. US cas were 2 WIA with no fatalities. There were no reptd VN cas.

III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At approx 0800, MAR fr an elm of the 7th Regt, 1st MAR Div, obs & eng an unknown size en force while swpg an area 9 mi NE of An Hoa. The en empl SA & auto wpns while the MAR rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by arty & tks. Sporadic act cont throughout the morning & into the afternoon until 1630 when contact was lost as the remaining en evaded & withdrew. Res: 6 EK, & one CSW & 15 I/Wpns were cpctrd along with 12 82mm mort rds & 2 fld tels. MAR cas were 2 kd & 18 wounded & evac.

TOAN THANG (Tay Minh Prov): At approx 1030, trps fr an elm of the armd cav sqdn of the US 25th Inf Div discovered an en cache cntn 5 tons of rice & 16 lbs of plastic type explos while searching an area 7 mi NE of Go Dau Ha. At about 1145, another elm of the sqdn, swpg in the same general area, discovered a bunker complex & an en cache cntn 6 tons of rice. The complex of 48 bunkers was dest. The rice was evac for distr to VN.

TAYLOR COMMON (Quang Nam Prov): At approx noon, MAR fr an elm of the US 3rd Regt, 3rd MAR Div, discovered an en wpns cache while searching an area 16 mi SW of An Hoa. The cache cntn the fol: 11 ChiCom SKS cbns, 7 ChiCom 7.62mm sub-MJs, 3 French cbns, 2 French auto rns, 2 bolt-acf rfs, & 1 ChiCom lt MG.

RUSSELL BEACH (Quang Ngai Prov): At approx 1030, inf fr the US 11th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, eng an unk no of en while swpg an area 7 mi NE of Quang Ngai City. The 2 forces exchanged SA fire in a brief contact. The trps found the bodies of 5 en kd in a search fol the act. About 30 mins later, other elms fr the bde, in the same general area, eng an unk size en force in another brief contact. The trps kd 11 more en. There were no US cas in either act.

IV CORPS (Kien Tuong Prov): In scattered contacts cen in an area 7 mi NNW of Thuy Dong, hel fire-teams fr the cav sqdn of the US 12th Cbt Avn Gp eng several gps of en trps & reptd killing 28. There were no US cas during the 12-hr contact.

IFFV (Pleiku Prov): At approx 1150, elms of the US 3rd Bde, 4th Inf Div, cdg swp ops 22 mi NW of Pleiku City rec auto wpns fire fr an unk size en force. The inf rtn the fire with organic wpns & were sptd by hel gunships who reptd 2 sec explosions. The act cont into the afternoon & was lost at an unreptd later time when the en withdrew. Res: 15 EK, US 9 WIA.

III MAF (DMZ): At approx 1345, a US obs acft on a recon msn over the S half of the DMZ, rec unk cal auto wpns fire fr an en pen 4 mi NW of Gio Linh near the N bank of the Ben Hai River in the N half of the DMZ. The aerial obs dir naval gunfire fr the USS New Jersey onto the loc silencing the en fire. 1 bunker was dest. The acft was not hit. No cas.
- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 549 sorties (USAF 323, USMC 226). EDA incl dest or dam 2 AAA sites, 612 en ftns, 16 sampans, & ignited 60 sec explosions & 31 fires. 45 EK were also reptd.
- USA hel gunships reptd 39 EK, & dest 59 en ftns & sinking 119 sampans.
- B-52s flew 7 mans: 22 mi N of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 14 mi NNE of Bien Hoa City, 8 mi NW of Ben Cat in Binh Duong Prov, 15 mi NW of Tay Ninh City, 11 mi NW of An Loc in Binh Long Prov, 28 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, & 11 mi SW of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov.

15 February (Saturday)

- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At 0915, a USA OH-6 hel fr the cav sqdn of the 1st Cav Div (AM) cdtg a recon man 12 mi NE of Tay Ninh City was hit by en gnd fire. The hel crashed & a short time later a gnd elm of the cav sqdn was inserted into the area. At 0940, while extracting the trps fr the area, 2 UH-1 hells also rec en gnd fire & were downed in the same area. Cnd totals for the 2 incdts were 5 US pers kd & 18 wounded. 2 UH-1 hells were dest & the OH-6 rec major dam.
- IFFV (Pleiku Prov): At 1610, a ptl fr the US 4th Inf Div, cdtg ops 14 mi W of Pleiku City, eng an unk size en force with auto wpns fire. A short time later, 2 elms fr the div's armd cav sqdn & 3rd Bde reinf the trps in contact. USA & Air Force gunships sptd the act overhead. Contact was lost at an unreptd time when the en evaded contact & withdrew. Res: 9 EK, US 4 WIA.
- IFFV (Pleiku Prov): At 0615, elms fr the US 2nd Bde, 4th Inf Div, cdtg ops 25 mi NW of Pleiku City found the bodies of 9 NVA soldiers in graves that appeared to be 6 to 8 days old.
- III MAF (Quang Tri Prov): At 1830, an aerial obs (AO) flying over the S half of the DMZ obs several rkt firing sites (with unk type, no & cal rktts emplaced) in an area 5 mi SE of Gio Linh. The AO dir naval gunfire fr the USS New Jersey & arty fire onto the rkt pens res in 25 sec explosions. Seven 500-ft fireballs were also obs as a res of the explosions.
- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At approx 0100, an elm of the US 3rd Bde, 9th Inf Div, in ni def pens 7 mi SE of Tan An, rec a gnd atk by an est en co empl SA & auto wpns fire. The atk was preceded by about 15 rds of mixed unk type mort & 107mm rkt fire. The trps rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by arty & hel gunships. Res: 3 EK, & nine 107mm rktts, 1 RPG rkt-gren launcher & 24 RPG rkt-grens were cptrd. US cas were 2 kd & 20 wounded.
- CMAC (Gia Dinh Prov): At approx 0700, 3 gd posts at Camp Davies, 3 mi E of "Y" Brg rec auto wpns fire fr an est 2 en. There were no cas or dam reptd. The en fled the area leaving behind 2 VC flags.
- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 558 sorties (USAF 310, USMC 231, USN 17). EDA incl dest or dam 667 en ftns, 14 sampans & ignited 29 sec explosions & 36 fires. 5 EK were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 40 EK, & dest 135 en ftns & sinking 111 supply craft.

- At approx 0940, 2 Army UH-1 hels were downed by en gnd fire 12 mi NE of Tay Ninh City. 5 men were kd & 18 wounded (14 treated & rtnd to duty). Both hels were dest.


16 February (Sunday)

- DEWEY CANYON (Quang Tri Prov): At 0845, after leaving their ni def psn, an elm of the 9th MAR Regt, 3rd MAR Div, eng an est en plat, 28 mi SSW of Quang Tri City. The en empl SA, RPG & 60mm mort fire. The MAR rtn the fire with organic wpns & were sptd by tac air & arty fire. Sporadic contact cont thruout the day until 1700 when the en withdrew. 14 en were kd & 5 I/Wpns were cptrd during the eng. MAR cas were 1 kd & 18 wounded.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At approx 1430, MAR fr the US 7th Regt, 1st MAR Div, rec SA & auto wpns fire fr an est en plat while ptlg 10 mi W of Hoi An. The en trps who were occupying fortified psns were eng by the MAR. Act cont until about 1545 when the remaining en withdrew. Res: 16 EK & 5 I/Wpns cptrd. MAR cas were 6 KIA & 15 WIA (all of whom were evac).

- HQ MACV (Capital Military District): US, VN & Free World forces sus­pended off ops at 1800 for a 24-hr period. As of 2400, there were 52 en init incdts reptd by US, VN & Free World forces. Of these, 26 were considered significant (those incdts in which cas occurred). As a res of these incdts, 3 US soldiers were kd & 33 wounded. Country-wide, in all incdts, 35 en soldiers were kd. Op suspended for TET holiday.

- HQ MACV (Capital Military District): During the period 0700, 15 Feb, to 1800, 16 Feb, there were a total of 42 en init incdts. Incdts occurred as fols: I CTZ, 30; II CTZ, 1; III CTZ, 7; & IV CTZ, 4.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At approx 1600, a mech inf elm of the US 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div, sptd by USA hel gunships & arty eng an unk size en force while swpg an area 9 mi SW of Ben Cat. Act cont until about 1730 when contact was lost as the remaining en withdrew. Res: 32 EK, & 6 CSW & 15 I/Wpns were cptrd. US cas were 2 WIA with no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At approx 1440, trps fr an elm of the 1st Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM) rec SA, auto wpns, RPG rkt-gren & 60mm mort fire fr an unk size en force while swpg an area 9 mi NE of Phu Khuong. The
cav trps rtn fire with organic wpns, sptd by USA hel gunships & tac air. Act cont until about 1725 when contact was lost as the en withdrew. Res: En losses unk, US cas 1 KIA & 17 WIA.

TOAN THANG (III CTZ/II FFV): Phase II of the cont TOAN THAN OFFENSIVE, an ARVN III Corps, & US II Fld Force, VN, multi-div op was terminated. Phase I of the campaign began 8 Apr 68 & terminated 31 May 68 res in 11,397 en kd. Phase II began 1 Jun 68. During Phase II, a total of 25,428 en soldiers were kd, & 10,724 suspects were dtn by the comb forces. In addition, 10,285 I/Wps & 2,307 CSW were cptrd along with 1,698 tons of rice. US cas were 1,798 kd & 10,465 wounded.

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 511 sorties (USAF 289, USMC 198, USN 24). BDA incl dest or dam 2 AAA sites, 665 en fts, 11 sup craft, & ignited 26 sec explosions & 35 fires. 51 EK were also reptd.

USA hel gunships reptd 35 EK, & dest 46 en fts & sinking 35 sup craft.

B-52s flew 7 mens: 2 mens 27-29 mi NW of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 2 mens 27 & 28 mi NW of Xuan Loc, & 3 mens 25, 30 & 31 mi NW of Xuan Loc.

17 February (Monday)

TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At 0036, a mech inf elem of the 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div, in ni def pans 7 mi SW of Ben Cat, rec a gnd probe fr an unk size en force empl SA & RPG rkt-gren fire. The trps rtn fire with organic wpns, incl .50 cal MG's on their arm pers carriers, sptd by arty fire. Act cont for about 15 mins when the en withdrew. There were no US cas. En losses unk.

HEADQUARTERS MACV (Capital Military District): US, VN & Free World forces suspended off ops at 1800, 16 Feb, for a 24-hr period. As of 1200, today, there were 128 en init incts reptd by US, VN & Free World forces. Of those, 53 were considered significant. As a result of those significant incts, 8 US soldiers were kd & 71 were wounded. Countrywide, in all incts, 96 en soldiers were kd.

HEADQUARTERS MACV (Capital Military District): During the 24-hr suspension of off ops by RVN, US & Free World forces that commenced at 1800, 16 Feb, & term at 1800 on 17 Feb, 205 en init incts were reptd. Of these, 93 incts were considered significant. As a res of the incts involving US forces, 8 US pers were kd & 112 were wounded. En losses during the period were 216 kd, 19 suspects dtn, 4 CSW & 49 I/Wps cptrd.

IV CTZ (Kien Phong Prov): At approx 1515, a US aerial obs on a recon men sighted numerous sampans ontn an unreptd no of en soldiers 9 mi SE of Cao Lanh. Vis obs of the en was maint during the late afternoon, & shortly after 1800 the en sampans were eng by hel gunships empl aerial MG & 2.75-in rkt fire. The en rtn the fire with SA & auto wpns. Act
cont until 1930 when the remaining en evaded & withdrew. During the contact, the area was illum by flares & the hel crewmen reptd obs the bodies of 16 en soldiers lying in the strike area. In addition, 21 sampans were dest. There were no US cas.

- IPPV (Darlac Prov): At approx 1830, hls fr the US 17th Cbt Avn Gp cdtd armed recon ops 22 mi SE of Ben Me Thuot rec en gnd fire fr an unk size en force. Hel gunships rtn the fire & at 1900 a VN CIDG elm was asst into the area. Sporadic contact ensued, but was lost at an unreptd time as the en withdrew. Res: 24 BK, US cas 1 WIA. There were no CIDG cas.

- IV CTZ (Dinh Tuong Prov): At approx 2320, an elm of the US 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div ambs an unk no of en soldiers in 4 sampans 2 mi E of Cal Be. Hel gunships fr the air cav sqdn of the 12th Cbt Avn Gp aptd the inf. All 4 sampans were dest & 10 en soldiers were kd. There were no US cas.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 204 sorties (USAF 90, USMC 103, USN 11). EDA incl dest or dam 140 en ftns, 4 sampans & ignited 5 sec explosions & 29 fires.

- USA hel gunships reptd 46 BK, & sinking 22 en sampans.

- An Army OH-6 lt obs hel, on a recon msn, was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 14 mi NW of Ben Cat in Binh Duong Prov. Both crewmen were wounded & the acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 2 mns (2 mns were made after 1800): Crews struck the fol tgtts: 7 mi SW of Phuoc Vinh in Binh Duong Prov & 16 mi NE of Tay Ninh City.

18 February (Tuesday)

- SCOTLAND II (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 1000, a US 3rd MAR Div aerial obs, on a recon msn sighted the bodies of 14 en soldiers lying above gnd in an area 3 mi SSW of Con Thien. The en were believed to have been kd by arty and/or air strikes at an unreptd time.

- DEWEY CANYON (Quang Tri Prov): In 4 sep acts, MAR fr the 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, kd 44 en soldiers in a general area 29 mi SSW of Quang Tri City. In the first act at 0915, MAR cdtd swp ops obs a bunker complex occupied by an unk size en force. Arty fire & tac air were dir onto the en pens res 7 NVA soldiers kd. There were no US cas. Approx 3-hr later, another elm of the 9th MAR cdtd ops in the same area rec auto wpns fire fr an est on plat. Tac air & arty were dir onto the en pens fol by an aslt by the MAR. Contact was lost at 1400 when the en withdrew. Res: 20 NVA kd & an unreptd aslt of ammo & equip were also cprt. US cas were 1 WIA with no fatalities. At 1100, MAR fr the 9th Regt cdtd off ops in the same area rec hv SA fire fr an est on plat. The MAR, sptd by mort fire, atkd the en pen. 10 NVA soldiers were kd. US losses were 3 kd & 3 wounded. In the 4th contact, at 1530, MAR fr the 9th Regt cdtd swp ops sptd by arty & tac air atkd an unk size en force in

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a bunker complex. 7 NVA soldiers were kd in the act. US cas were 3 wounded. The cumulative totals for the 4 engs were 44 NVA soldiers kd. US losses were 3 kd & 7 wounded.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Minh Prov): At 1115, a co fr the 1st Bde, US 25th Inf Div, comb forces with a RF co & during swap ops SE of Phu Khuong found a cache that cntn the fol: 2 MG's; 18 I/Wpns, 1,000 rds of mixed 75/57mm RR ammo, 600 rds of mixed 60/82mm mort ammo, 135 rds of RPG rkt-gren ammo, 1,000 rds of assorted SA ammo, 3 bangalore torps, & 25 lbs of ChiCom TNT. The approx wt of the cache was 10 tons.

- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At approx 1815, a recon elm fr the US 3rd Bde, 9th Inf Div, cdg ops 7 mi SE of Tan An found graves cntn 11 en bodies. The en soldiers were apparently kd a few days earlier by inf fr the same bde cdg ops in that area.

- SVN TAG AIR: US pilots flew 578 sorties (USAF 306, USMC 247, USN 25). BDA incl dest or dam 839 en ftns, 46 sup craft, & ignited 25 sec explosions & 54 fires. 35 EK were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 50 EK, & dest 50 en ftns & sinking 93 sup craft.

- NGF: The 7th Fleet battleship, NEW JERSEY, shelled en bunkers & suspected trp concs 2 mi N of Con Thien & 600 yds of the S half of the DMZ. 3 bunkers, a mort psn, & an auto wpns site were reptd dest & a sec explosion was set off in an en ammo storage area. In addition, 3 bunkers were hvy dam, 8 sniper locs were dest & 50 meters of trenchlins were leveled. FIRING in the I, II and IV CTZ's, other 7th Fleet ships reptd dest or dam 49 en strucs & 47 bunkers. They touched off 1 sec explosion & ignited 2 fires.

- B-52s flew 8 sns: 2 sns 17 mi NE & 9 mi NW of Tay Ninh City, 13 mi NE of Bien Hoa, 31 mi SW of Kontum City, 11 mi NW of Lai Khe in Binh Duong Prov, 9 mi NW of An Loc in Binh Long Prov, 19 mi NNW of Tay Ninh City, & 18 mi NE of Tay Ninh City.

19 February (Wednesday)

- TOAN THANG (Long Khanh Prov): At approx 0745, hel gunships fr the air cav sqdn of the 1st Cav Div (AM) obs & eng an est 12 en soldiers 22 mi NW of Xuan Loc. A short while later, trps fr the sqdn discovered the bodies of 15 en soldiers kd by the gunships in the vic. At about 1025, the other air cav trps fr the sqdn were aas1t into the area & eng an unk size en force at approx 1100. Act cont into the early afternoon with arty, hel gunships & tac air sptg the gnd force until 1320 when the en withdrew. Res: 21 EK, one en soldier was dtn, 1 CSW & 5 I/Wpns were cptrd along with 40 rds of RPG rkt-gren ammo. US cas were 1 KIA, 4 WIA.

- III MAF (Quang Tin Prov): At approx 0930, inf fr an elm of the US 198th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, discovered the bodies of 10 en soldiers lying above gnd in an open area 9 mi WSW of Tam Ky. In addition, 1 CSW & 5 I/Wpns were found scattered in the vic.

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DEWEY CANYON (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 1015, while cdtg off ops in an area 32 mi SSW of Quang Tri City, an elm of the 9th Regt, US 3rd MAR Div, obs an unk size en force. A-4s fr the 1st MAR Air Wg were dir onto the en psn. A swp of the area after the act revealed the bodies of 12 NVA soldiers kd by air & 5 bunkers dest. There were no US cas.

DEWEY CANYON (Quang Tri Prov): In 3 incdts, MAR fr the 9th Regt, US 3rd MAR Div kd 19 NVA soldiers & discovered the bodies of 5 others in an area 30 mi SSW of Quang Tri City. At approx 1200, MAR, cdtg swp ops in the area, found 5 NVA bodies, 4 RPG rkt-gren launchers & 35 sat chrgs. 2 hrs later, other MAR fr the same regt, sptd by MAR arty, atkd an en sqd & kd 8 NVA pers. US losses were 2 kd & 7 wounded. In the third act at 1435, 9th Regt MAR cdtg off swp ops in the same general area rec auto wpns & RPG rkt-gren fire fr an unk size NVA force. The MAR rtn the fire & atkd the en psns. 11 NVA soldiers were kd in the eng. US losses were 9 wounded. The cumulative total for the 3 acts were 19 NVA soldiers kd, 5 NVA bodies found, & 2 I/Wpns cpotr. US losses were 2 kd & 16 wounded.

IV CORPS (Bac Lieu Prov): Hel crews fr the 164th Cbt Avn Gp cdtg armed recon ops thruout Bac Lieu Prov eng scattered en forces of unk strength, en ftns & sampans. Res: 9 EK, 7 I/Wpns cpotr, & 70 struc & 14 sampans dest. There were no friendly cas.

TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At approx 1530, trps fr an elm of the US 1st Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM) discovered an en food cache while swpg an area 4 mi NE of Phu Khuong. The cache cons of 9½ tons of rice in bags stacked on logs. The rice was evac for redistr to VN refugees.

III MAF (DMZ): At approx 1630, a US obs acft on a recon msn over the S half of the DMZ, rec undetm cal auto wpns fire fr a loc 4 mi N of Gio Linh & about 200 meters S of the Ben Hai River in the S DMZ. The aerial obs sighted the act en wpns psn & dir USA & MAR arty fire onto the area res in 2 sec explosions & silencing the en fire. In addition, 1 bunker was dest. The acft was not hit & there were no US cas. En losses are unk.

DEWEY CANYON (Quang Tri Prov): At 0925, an elm of the 9th MAR Regt, US 3rd MAR Div, made contact with an unreptd size NVA force 30 mi SSW of Quang Tri City. The en was in dig-in psns along a ridgeline when the contact was init. The MAR aslt the psn & kd 32 NVA soldiers. They also cpotr 2 I/Wpns & 1 CSW & dest 3 bunkers. One MAR was kd & 12 others were wounded in the act.

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 513 sorties (USAF 303, USMC 179, USN 31). BDA incl dest or dam 700 en ftns, 27 sampans, & ignited 27 sec explosions & 32 fires. 27 EK were also reptd.

USA hel gunships reptd 71 EK, & dest 135 en ftns & sinking 83 sampans.

B-52s flew 7 msn's: 9 mi E of Lai Khe in Binh Duong Prov, 8 mi S of Phuoc Vinh In Binh Duong Prov, 8 mi S of Cai Lay in Dinh Tuong Prov,
8 mi W of Lai Khe in Binh Duong Prov, 17 mi NW of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Prov, 7 mi E of Phuoc Vinh in Phuoc Long Prov, & 9 mi W of Lai Khe.

20 February (Thursday)

- IV CORPS (Kien Hoa Prov): Elms of the 2nd Bde, US 9th Inf Div, fought a day long eng approx 11 mi ESE of Ben Tre. The act started when bde elms made hv init contact with an unk size en force. Additional 2nd Bde inf elms were quickly inserted to rein the forces in contact & to wpv the area. Arty & tac air sptd. The eng cont until approx 2100 when the en fled lv 54 of his dead & 7 I/Wpns in the battle area. In a cont wpv of the area, the bodies of 45 more en were found raising the total to 99 en kd in the act. US cas were 6 KIA & 8 WIA.

- DEWEY CANYON (Quang Tri Prov): Elms fr the 9th Regt, US 3rd MAR Div, cdtdg wpv ops 30 mi SSW of Quang Tri City, found a bunker complex cntn 45 tons of rice in 200-lb bags.

- DEWEY CANYON (Quang Tri Prov): At 1600, a co fr the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div cdtdg off wpv ops 30 mi SSW of Quang Tri City rec hv SA & auto wpns fire fr an unk size en force in a bunker complex. The MAR, sptd by MAR tac air strikes fr the 1st MAR Air Wg & arty fire fr the 12th Arty Regt, atkd & overran the en pen killing 71 NVA soldiers. Contact was lost at 1845 when the remaining en evaded contact & withdrew. Res: 10 I/Wpns & 5 CSW (incl one 12.7mm AA MG, 2 RPG rkt launchers & two 122mm towed how) were cptrd. One 5-ton full-track prime mover was also cptrd. US cas were 4 KIA & 24 WIA.

- DEWEY CANYON (Quang Tri Prov): A co fr the 9th Regt, US 3rd MAR Div, cdtdg wpv ops 30 mi SSW of Quang Tri City at 1515, obs an en plat in a bunker complex. The MAR empl organic wpns asslt & overran the en pen res in 17 NVA soldiers kd. In addition, one 2½-ton trk, two 20mm barr­els, 241 rds of 20mm ammo, 170 rds of 12.7mm ammo & 80 rds of 122mm arty ammo were also cptrd. MAR losses were 1 KIA & 2 WIA.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At 1715, a co fr the 7th Regt, US 1st MAR Div, cdtn an off wpv 11 mi W of Hoa An, rec SA & RPG rkt-gren fire fr an unk size en force pen in a treeline. The MAR, sptd by tks, arty & tac air aslt the en pens. Contact was lost at an unreptd time when the remaining en withdrew. Res: 11 EX, one suspect was dtn, & 1 I/Wpn was cptrd. US cas were 1 KIA & 3 WIA. One tk was also dam.

- IFFV (Pleiku Prov): At approx 1510, an elm of the 1st Bde, US 4th Inf Div, while on a wpv op 21 mi NW of Pleiku City found an ammo cache cntng 340 rds of B-40 (RPG) rkt propelled grens, 4 cannisters of propellant, 44 rds of 82mm mort ammo, & 1 case (1,000 rds) of 7.62mm rfl ammo.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At approx 2230, an elm fr the 3rd Bde, US 25th Inf Div, while in ni def pens 10 mi SE of Phu Khuong, detected move­ment outside of its peri. Later, in 2 harassing atks by fire, the inf rec about 14 rds of 82mm mort fire. At 0218, the unit rec a gnd atk fr
an unk size en force. Act cont thruout the early morning hrs of 21 Feb
& contact was lost at an unreptd time before dawn. Res: 28 EK, 3 I/Wpns,
4 CSW, 60 ChiCom hand grens & 6 bangalore torps were cptrd. There were
no US cas.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 492 sorties (USAF 311, USMC 171, USN 10).
EBA incl dest or dam 820 en ftns, 33 sampans, & ignited 39 sec explos-
ions & 40 fires. 28 EK were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 40 EK, & dest 19 en ftns & sinking 10 sampans.

- An Army UH-1 hel was hit by en gnd fire & crashed in an area 18 mi SW
of Tay Ninh City. 4 US pers were wounded & the acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 10 msns: 12 mi NW of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 13 mi NW
of Lai Khe in Binh Duong Prov, 12 mi NW of Lai Khe, 38 mi SW of Ca Mau
in An Xuyen Prov, 7 mi W of VI thanh in Chuong Thien Prov, 14 mi WNW
of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Prov, 11 mi NE of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh
Prov, 13 mi N of Bien Hoa, 12 mi NE of Xuan Loc, & 31 mi W of Hue in
Thu An Prov.

21 February (Friday)

- III MAF (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 0315, a USN LCM-6, which was tied
up at a Cua Viet causeway 76 mi NW of Da Nang was dam by an explosion
sustained in the vic of the bt's eng compartment. At approx 0400, 2
other beached LCM's were also dam when an explosion occurred betwn
them. At 0420, an EOD tm, searching the area for other expls devices,
found & removed a sat chrg fr a 4th LCM. At approx 0548, an explosion
of unk origin occurred under a 5th LCM but failed to dam the craft.
The expls devices were believed to have been Soviet-type limpet mines,
emplaced on the bts by underwater swimmers. One Soviet-type limpet mine,
weighing approx 12 lbs with magnet attch, was found on the river bottom
near a lgd craft. During the period the explosions occurred, USN pers
briefly obs a swimmer in the area & took him under fire with unk res at
the time. After first lt, the dead body of an en swimmer, wearing Soviet-
manufactured SCUBA was found in the vic. The 3 bts suffered lt dam. One
USN sailor was kd in the explosion which dam the LCM.

- IV CORPS (Dinh Tuong Prov): Betwn 2100 & 2400, hels fr the 1st Avn Bde
cdtg ni aerial ops with elms of the 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div, eng several
gps of unk size en forces 2 mi S of Cai Lay. Res: 26 EK & 4 en sampans
dest. There were no US cas.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At 1430, 2 comps fr the 1st Bde, US 25th
Inf Div, cdtg swp ops 14 mi NW of Tay Ninh City & in an area previously
hit by US Air Forces F-4s fr the 12th TFW & F-100s fr the 31st TFW along
with arty, discovered an en cache of approx 320 tons of rice. In addi-
tion, 3 ton of grain, 2½ tons of salt & 60 rds of 82mm mort ammo were
also cptrd. Much of the rice had been dest by the earlier air strikes.

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- DEWEY CANYON (Quang Tri Prov): At 1500, MAR fr the 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, discovered an en bunker complex while searching an area 32 mi SSW of Quang Tri City & about 1 mi E of the Laotian border. The fol items were found in the complex: 48 122mm arty rds, 3 RPG rkt-gren rds, 2 trk wheels (unreptd type), & 1 trk differential (unreptd type). About 30 mins later, another elm of the same regt discovered additional en equip 29 mi SSW of Quang Tri City. The fol items were found: 3 five-ton trks, 1 front end bucket loader, 1 bulldozer (without tracks), 4 engines (partially disassembled), 6 veh repair tool kits, 303 55-gal fuel drums (3 with fuel), & 16 lbs of TNT.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 428 sorties (USAF 304, USMC 114, USN 10). BDA incl dest or dam 551 en ftns, 29 sampans, & ignited 26 sec explosions & 18 fires. 12 EK were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 36 EK, & dest 69 en ftns & sinking 23 en sampans.

- B-52s flew 7 msns: 8 mi E of Phuoc Vinh in Phuoc Long Prov, 12 mi WSW of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 22 mi S of An Loc in Binh Long Prov, 11 mi W of Lai Khe in Binh Duong Prov, 12 mi NE of Phuoc Vinh in Phuoc Long Prov, 10 mi E of Phuoc Vinh, 6 mi N of Lai Khe in Binh Duong Prov.

22 February (Saturday)

- IFFV (Binh Thuan Prov): At approx 0200, an unk size en force atkd the def psn of an elm of the US 101st Abn Div (AM), under IFFV's TF South, in a LZ 2 mi SW of Phan Thiet. The gnd aslt was preceded by about 30 rds of unreptd cal mort fire & the en briefly pent a portion of the peri but were quickly repelled. US Air Force AC-47 gunships & Army hel gunships sptd the trps. Res: 12 EK, & 8 I/Wpns, 29 hand grens, 7 bangalore torps, 2 sat chrgs, & 2 RPG-2 rkt-gren rds were cptrd. US cas were 2 KIA & 29 WIA of whom 7 were evac.

- IFFV (Ninh Thuan Prov): At approx 0130, the Phan Rang AB rec about 75 rds of en 82mm mort fire res in lt mat dam & lt US cas with no fatalities. Counter-arty fire & a US Air Force AC-119 gunship eng the suspected en firing psns with unk res. ROK inf swp the area found 2 en mort firing psns & also discovered several blood trails in the vic.

- DEWEY CANYON (Quang Tri Prov): At 1500, a co fr the 9th Regt, US 3rd MAR Div, cdg swp ops 31 mi SSW of Quang Tri City rec fire fr an est en bn psn in a lrg bunker complex. The en empl 82mm mort, RPG rkt-gren, 3A & auto wpns fire. MAR rtn the fire with their organic wpns & were sptd by arty & tac air. Another 9th MAR elm reinf the act. Contact was lost at an unreptd time when the en withdrew. Res: 105 EK, & 19 I/Wpns, 6 CSW, 20 fld packs (new gear), 47 ChiCom grens, 37 RPG rkt-grens & 2 75mm RR rds were cptrd. US losses were 10 KIA & 51 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Minh Prov): At approx 2330, a fire spt base 5 mi SW
of Go Dau Ha, occupied by an elm of the 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div, rec a gnd atk by an unk size NVA forceempl SA & auto wpns fire. Act cont into the early morning of 23 Feb & elms of the div's armd cav sqdn reinf at an unreptd time. Arty sptd the inf until contact was lost at an unreptd time when the en withdrew. Res: 109 EK, US cas were 15 KIA & 12 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (Phuoc Long Prov): At approx 1850, elms of the air cav sqdn of the 1st Cav Div (AM) eng an unk size en force while swpg an area 13 mi S of Dong Xoai. Act cont until an unreptd time a short while later when the en withdrew. Res: 10 EK & 1,000-lb rice cache dest. There were no US cas.

- DEWEY CANYON (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 1100, an elm of the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, aslt & overran an est en sqd occupying fortified pens 31 mi SSW of Quang Tri City. Contact was lost at an unreptd time when the remaining en withdrew. Res: 7 EK, & 14 ChCom hand grens were cpd. MAR cas were 1 kd & 2 wounded & evac. At 1300, another elm of the regt rec SA & 60mm mort fire fr an unk size en force in the same general area. The MAR rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by arty fire. Act cont until 1600 when the remaining en withdrew. The bodies of 9 NVA soldiers were found in a swp of the battle area. MAR cas were 17 WIA of whom 13 were evac. At about 1730, another elm of the 9th MAR Regt, cont a swp of the area, eng an est en plat. The en empl SA, auto wpns, RPG rkt-gren & 60mm mort fire while the MAR rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by arty. The MAR kd 9 NVA soldiers in the act. One MAR was wounded & evac in the eng. Cum res for the day's contacts were 25 NVA soldiers kd. MAR cas were 1 kd & 20 wounded of whom 16 were evac.


- USA hel gunships reptd 42 EK, & dest 16 en ttns & sinking 50 sampans.

- An Air Force F-4C acft was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 21 mi SW of Dalat. The 2 crewmen ejected & were recovered with minor injs. The acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 10 msns: 2 msns 7 mi SE & 8 mi NE of Phuoc Vinh in Phuoc Long Prov, 2 msns 6 mi SW & 7 mi NE of Lai Khe in Binh Duong Prov, 2 msns 9 & 10 mi SW of Duc Pho in Quang Ngai Prov, 14 mi NW of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Prov, 9 mi SW of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, & 2 msns 7 & 8 mi NE of Lai Khe.

23 February (Sunday)

- CMAC (Gia Dinh Prov): Betwn approx 0430 & 0500, the en fired seven 122mm rkt rds into the city of Saigon at the fol locs: 2 rds 1½ mi SE of the cen of Saigon in Precinct II, 1 rd 1 mi ESE of the cen of Saigon in Precinct II, 2 rds 1½ mi E of the cen of Saigon in Precinct I, 1 rd 2 mi E of the cen of Saigon in Precinct IX, & 1 rd 2 mi SE of the cen of
Saigon in Precinct IV. Init repts indicate 4 VN NP's & 1 VN civ were kd & 8 VN civs were wounded. There were no reptd US cas. Counter-arty fire was dir against the suspected en firing psns 6 mi E of the city with unk res.

HQ MACV (Capital Military District): Shortly after midnight, the en cdtd a no of indir fire harassing atks against US, Free World & RVN units & installations in all four Corps Tac Zones. Some VN pop cens were also atkd. Init repts indicate that more than 100 different locs, country-wide, rec these atks. In making them, the en empl in excess of 1,000 rds of mixed mort & rkt fire. Several of the atks were accompanied by gnd atks of varying intensity, primarily in the III CTZ. Overall dam & cas were reptd lt. The fol are significant acts involving US forces:

IFFY:

230010 - A LZ 10 mi NNW of Phan Thiet rec 20 rds of unk cal mort fire. Lt cas. No dam.

230100 - An Army avn unit at Ban Me Thuot rec 30 rds of unk cal mort fire. No cas or dam.

230255 - Pleiku afd rec 6 rds of unk cal mort fire. No cas or dam.

230305 - Cam Ranh Bay, in 3 atks, rec 50 unk cal mort rds & seven 140mm rkts. Lt cas. No dam reptd.

230321 - A US Army engr unit base camp at Dak To rec 50 rds of 82mm mort fire. No cas or dam.

230730 - KONTUM PROV - The Kontum City afd rec 17 rds of 122mm rkt fire. 3 rds landed in the city itself, wounding 3 children, 3 houses were dest. No US cas were reptd. Lt dam occurred at the air facility.

230830 - PLEIKU PROV - Holloway Army Afd, loc 21/2 mi S of Pleiku City, rec 12 rds of 122mm rkt fire. No cas or dam was reptd.

231920 - KONTUM PROV - An elm of the US 3rd Bde, 4th Inf Div, in ni def psns 11 mi NW of Plei Mrong rec about 15 rds of 82mm mort fire. No cas or dam was reptd.

232145 - KONTUM PROV - An elm of the US 3rd Bde, 4th Inf Div, in ni def psns 8 mi SW of Polei Kleng rec about 20 rds of 60mm mort fire res in very lt US cas with no fatalities. No dam reptd.

IFFY:

230100 - A Fire Spt Base approx 8 mi S of Dau Tieng in Binh Duong Prov rec 10 rds of unk cal mort fire. No cas or dam.
230104 - A base camp & afld approx 3 mi N of Ben Soi in Tay Ninh Prov rec 20 rds of mixed 82mm mort & 122mm rkt fire. Cas & dam were lt.

230200 - A base camp 6 mi SE of Bien Hoa City rec 4 rds of 82mm mort fire. Cas & dam were lt.

230126 - A base camp approx 3 mi N of Tan An in Long An Prov rec 10 rds of 82mm mort fire. Cas & dam were lt.

230235 - A base camp at Lai Khe in Binh Duong Prov rec an unk no of 82mm mort & 122mm rkt rds. No cas or dam.

230205 - A fire spt base approx 15 mi E of Bien Hoa City rec 70 rds of 82mm mort fire. Cas & dam were lt.

230100 - A unit cmd post approx 5 mi NE of An Loc in Binh Long Prov rec 50 rds of 82mm mort & 2 rds of 107mm rkt fire. No cas or dam.

230100 - An advisory tm compound in An Loc City in Binh Long Prov rec 15 rds of 82mm mort fire. No cas or dam.

230105 - A LZ in Tay Ninh Prov rec 20 rds of B-40 rkt & 40 rds of 60mm fire. It cas. No dam reptd.

230230 - Bien Hoa AB rec an unk no of rkt rds. Cas & dam were lt.

230230 - A Fire Spt Base approx 13 mi E of Bien Hoa City rec 30 rds of 82mm mort fire. Cas were lt. Dam was undetm.

230035 - BINH DUONG PROV - An est 2 en bns atkd the base camp of an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 25th Inf Div, at Dau Tieng. The gnd atk was accom­panied by an unreptd no & cal of mort rds. The en empl hv SA, auto wpons & RPG rkt-gren fires. The inf rtn fire with organic wpons & were sptd by hel gunships, arty & tac air. The en briefly pent a portion of the def peri but was quickly repelled. Act cont until an unreptd time this morning, when contact was lost as the remaining en withdrew. Res: 71 NVA soldiers were kd & 13 dtn. In addition, 25 I/Wpns & a small qty of ammo were cptrd. US cas were 5 kd & 31 wounded.

230023 - BIEN HOA PROV - The Long Binh post rec approx 80 rds of mixed 82mm mort & unreptd cal rkt fire fol by a gnd probe by an unk size en force. About 10 en were reptd to have pent a portion of the peri but were kd by post react forces. Sporadic contact lasted until 1545. Res: 132 EK & 6 en soldiers were cptrd. US cas were 7 kd & 30 wounded.

230035 - BINH DUONG PROV - A US lst Cay Diy (AM) Base Camp at Phuoc Vinh rec about 50 rds of 82mm mort fire res in It US cas with no fatalities & lt mat dam.

230104 - TAY NINH PROV - A base camp occupied by elms of the US 25th Inf Div, 6 mi NW of Tay Ninh City, rec about 20 rds of mixed en 107mm rkt & 82mm mort fire res in It US cas & dam.
230200 - PHUOC LONG PROV - The USMACV Advisory Compound at Song Be rec an unreptd no & cal of en mort & rkt fire. Prelim repts indicate 18 US cas & dam.

230245 - BIEN HOA PROV - An elm of the 3rd Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM) in ni def psns 13 mi NE of Bien Hoa rec an unreptd no of en 82mm mort rds fol by a gnd atk by an unk size en force at approx 0330. Act cont until 0400 when contact was lost as the en withdrew. En losses are unk. US cas were 18 wounded. There were no fatalities.

230220 - BIEN HOA PROV - The afld 4 mi N of Long Thanh rec about 5 rds of en 107mm rkt fire res in lt US cas with no fatalities. No dam was reptd.

230201 - KIEN HOA PROV - A US 9th Inf Div arty psn at Ben Tre rec 25-30 82mm mort rds with no dam or cas reptd.

230203 - DINH TUONG PROV - At Dong Tam elms of the US 9th Inf Div rec 60-75 rds of mixed 82/120mm fire. At 0315, an unk no of en empl SA & auto wpns fire probed the base until 0516 when the en withdrew. En losses are unk. US cas were 3 kd & 36 wounded.

232100 - BIEN HOA PROV - The Long Binh post rec about 10 rds of unreptd cal rkt fire & about 15 rds of unreptd cal mort fire res in no reptd cas or dam.

231915 - BINH DUONG PROV - A base camp of an elm of the US 3rd Bde, 25th Inf Div, at Dau Tieng rec about 10 rds of unreptd cal rkt fire res in no reptd US cas or dam.

232122 - LONG AN PROV - An elm of the US 99th Lt Inf Bde, in ni def psns 6 mi E of Ben Luc, rec about 35 rds of 82mm mort fire res in very lt US cas with no fatalities & no reptd dam.

III MAP:

230200 - QUANG NAM PROV - The MAR Corps Air Facility at Marble Mt rec less than 25 rds of suspected 82mm mort fire. The indir fire atk took place 3 mi SE of Da Nang res in lt dam. No US cas were reptd.

230220 - QUANG NAM PROV - The Naval Spt Activity deep water pier loc at Da Nang rec less than 25 rds of unk cal rkt fire with lt dam. No US cas were reptd.

230220 - QUANG NAM PROV - The Da Nang AB rec an unk no & type rkt fire atk causing lt dam & lt US cas.

230200 - QUANG NAM PROV - Elms of the 5th MAR Regt, US 1st MAR Div, rec an unk no & type of mort fire 7 mi NE of An Hoa. There was no
rept of US cas or dam.

230200 - QUANG NAM PROV - Elms of the 7th MAR Regt, US 1st MAR Div, rec an unk no & type of mort fire 7 mi SW of Da Nang. There was no rept of US cas or dam.

230200 - QUANG NAM PROV - Elms of the 26th MAR Regt, US 1st MAR Div, rec 40 mixed unk type rkt & mort rds 6 mi SW of Da Nang. There was no rept of US cas or dam.

230630 - QUANG NAM PROV - The US MAR afld at An Hoa rec 25 rds of 82mm mort fire. US cas & dam were lt.

230300 - QUANG TIN PROV - A US Army LZ 3 mi SSE of Chu Lai rec an unk no of mort rds res in lt US cas.

230300 - QUANG TIN PROV - The Chu Lai MAR AB complex rec 50 rds of 122mm rkt fire. However, at least ½ of the rktls landed in water off the base & caused no dam. Lt US cas were reptd.

IV CORPS:

230200 - A base camp at Dong Tam in Dinh Tuong Prov rec 10 rds of unk cal mort fire. No cas or dam were reptd.

232130 - DINH TUONG PROV - The US 9th Inf Div base camp at Dong Tam rec about 10 rds of 82mm mort fire res in lt US cas & dam. At 2300, the base also rec less than 10 rds of mixed 82mm mort & 75mm RR fire res in lt US cas & no reptd dam.

In all instances, counter fire was empl against the suspected en firing pens with unk res.

- NAVFORV - The battleship, USS NEW JERSEY (BB-62), will compl a normal dpl about the end of March & will rtn to her home port at Long Beach, Calif., for a routine period of upkeep & refresher trng. The NEW JERSEY arr on sta 30 Sep 68.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At approx 0930, elms of the 7th Regt, US 1st MAR Div, while on a swp op contacted & atkd an unk size en force loc in a bunker complex approx 8 mi W of Da Nang. The eng term at an unk time when the en withdrew lvng the bodies of 19 of his soldiers on the battlefield. 6 I/Wpns & 1 CSW were cptrd. US losses were 5 kd & 10 wounded.

- III MAF (Quang Ngai Prov): At approx 0815, hel gunships of the US 174th Obt Avn Bn eng an unk size en force approx 6 mi NW of Duc Pho. The bodies of 50 en kd in the eng were obs lying in the strike area. There were no friendly cas.

- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): At approx 2130, trps fr the 1st Bde, US 1st
Div (AM) amb a unk size en force 6 mi N of Phu Khuong. Contact was lost immed as the remaining en withdrew. At 2235, the same trps eng an unk no of en in a 15-min contact. Hel gunships & arty sptd the gnd elm until contact was again lost as the en withdrew. Res: 12 EK, & 1 CSW & 8 I/Wpns were cptrd. One US soldier was wounded in the ni eng.

- II FFV (Bien Hoa Prov): At an unreptd time shortly after first lt, ems fr the 11th Armd Cav Regt & MP's eng an unk size en force approx 1 mi E of Long Binh Post & kd 14 en soldiers. There were no US cas reptd. In addition, 3 en soldiers were dtn, one of whom ident the en unit involved in the atk on Long Binh Post as an elm of the 5th VC Div (composed primarily of NVA trps). At 1145, an elm of the 11th Armd Cav Regt cptrd 16 107mm rkt rds 4 mi NE of Bien Hoa.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At approx 0245, a fire spt base of the 3rd Bde, US 25th Inf Div, rec a gnd atk by an unk size en force empl SA & RPG rkt-gren fire. The inf sptd by arty rtn the fire with their organic wpns. Res: 38 EK, & 10 wpns (8 I/Wpns & 2 CSW) & one rdo were cptrd. U.S. losses were 3 kd & 13 wounded. The fire spt bas loc 6 mi SE of Dau Tieng in Binh Duong Prov.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At 0900, a co fr the 7th Regt, US 1st MAR Div cdtg swp ops 7 mi SW of Da Nang atkd an unk size en force. Act cont until 1330 when the en force evaded contact & withdrew. Res: 30 EK, & 5 wpns (3 I/Wpns & 2 CSW) were cptrd. 2 suspects were dtn. US losses were 10 kd & 22 wounded.

- CMAC (SAIGON): At approx 2030, a terrorist on a motorcycle threw an explos charge at a US Army 1-1/2-ton veh 3 mi SW of the cen of Saigon in the VI Precinct. The charge landed outside the veh & exploded. There were no cas. The explos caused minor dam to the veh. The terrorist escaped.

- CMAC (SAIGON): At 1825, an explos ordnance dml tm (EOD) disarmed a sat cntn two 1/2-lb blocks of TNT at the My Canh floating restaurant loc in downtown Saigon. The charge was found on the entrance ramp to the restaurant. There were no cas or dam.

- CMAC (Gia Dinh Prov): At approx 1830, en gunners fired 3 122mm rkt into Saigon at the fol locs: 1 rd 1 mi ENE of the cen of Saigon in Precinct I, 1 rd 1 mi E of the cen of Saigon in Precinct I, & 1 rd 2½ mi E of the cen of Saigon in Precinct IX. Repts indicate that 6 VN civs were kd & 23 wounded. All but one cas res fr the rkt atk in Precinct IX. The firing psns were unk.
TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At 1755, a mech elm fr the 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div, cdtg swp ops 4 mi E of Dau Tieng eng an unk size en force. The trps sptd by gunships, arty & tac air until an unreptd time when the en withdrew. Res: 23 EK & 4 I/Wpns were cptrd. There were no US cas.

III MAF (Quang Tin Prov): At 0600, an elm of the armd cav sqdn of the US AMERICAL Div, cdtg swp ops 1 ml NNW of Tam Ky, eng an unk size en force that had atkd a RF outpost. Act cont until 1300 when the en evaded contact & withdrew. Res: 75 NVA soldiers kd & 18 I/Wpns, 12 RPG rkt-gren rds & 50 hand grens were cptrd. There were no US cas.

III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At 1910, an elm fr the US MAR 26th Regtl Ldg Tm, cdtg swp ops 7 mi SW of Da Nang found two 122mm rkt launchers & seven 122mm rkt rds.

III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): Elms of the 26th Regtl Ldg Tm, US 1st MAR Div, cdtg ops in conjunction with a US & VN CAP cptrd six 122mm rkt s & 1 rkt launcher 6 mi NW of Da Nang. At approx 1900, another elm fr the 26th RLT cdtg search ops 5 mi W of Da Nang & 4 mi S of the site of the first find discovered a hastily vacated rkt site. The site cntn 2 compl 122mm rkt launchers set up. One was loaded & ready to fire. They also found seven 122mm rkt s, bringing the total of the two finds to three 122mm rkt launchers & 13 rkt s. The ord was evac.

PURPLE MARTIN (Quang Tri Prov): Op PURPLE MARTIN, a multi-bn search & clear op involving elms of the US 3rd MAR Div commenced. The op is cen in an area 9 mi NW of Khe Sanh (120 mi NW of Da Nang).

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 575 sorties (USAF 367, USMC 188, USN 20). EDA incl dest or dam 3 wpns psns, 673 en ftns, 6 sampans, & ignited 54 sec explosions & 70 fires. 66 EK were also reptd.

USA hel gunships reptd 66 EK, & dest 90 ftns & sinking 57 en sampans.

At 1605, an Army CH-47 hel on a cbt spt msn rec en gnd fire & crashed 5 mi SE of Tam Ky in Quang Tin Prov. There were no injns. The acft was dest.

At 1640, another Army CH-47 on a cbt spt msn in Quang Tri Prov was downed by en gnd fire 14 mi S of Mai Loc. There were no injns, the acft was dest.

B-52s flew 10 mans: 11 mi N of Tay Minh City in Tay Minh Prov, 12 mi SW of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 10 mi NE of Tay Minh City, 8 mi NW of An Loc, 6 mi NW of Phuoc Vinh, 25 mi S of Quang Ngai City in Quang Ngai Prov, 11 mi SE of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 18 mi NW of Xuan Loc, 8 mi NW of Duc Hoa in Hau Nghia Prov, & 6 mi NW of An Loc.

24 February (Monday)

HQ MACV (Capital Military District): During the ni, a no of US, Free
World & RVN units & installations reptd rec en indir fire harassing atks. Init repts indicate there were fewer such atks than occurred on the ni of 22-23 Feb. Overall, cas & dam were reptd as lt. The fol are significant acts involving US forces:

III MAF:

240125 - QUANG DINH PROV - The Chu Lai airfield rec about 5 rds of 122mm rkt fire res in no reptd cas or dam.

IFPV:

241900 - DARIAC PROV - The Ban Me Thuot airfield rec about 20 rds of en 82mm mort fire res in no reptd cas or dam.

242320 - PLEIKU PROV - Pleiku City rec less than 15 rds of 122mm rkt fire. Init repts indicate 14 VN civs were wounded & 12 civ houses were dest. There were no US cas.

240205 - KONTUM PROV - The Kontum City airfield rec less than 20 rds of 122mm rkt fire res in very lt US cas with no fatalities. 3 VN civs were reptd wounded. Mat dam was reptd as lt.

240240 - KHANH HOA PROV - The Nha Trang AB rec 15 rds of unk cal mort fire res in lt US cas with no fatalities & no reptd dam.

IV CTZ:

240822 - BIEN HOA PROV - The Long Binh post rec less than 15 unreptd cal rkt rds & about 30 unreptd cal mort rds res in lt US cas & no reptd dam.

240247 - BINH DUONG PROV - A base camp of the US 3rd Bde, 25th Inf Div, at Dau Tieng rec about 5 107mm rkt rds, res in very lt US cas with no fatalities & no reptd dam.

DEWEY CANYON (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 2100, an est 40 NVA soldiers atkd the ni def pens of an elm of the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div 31 mi SSW of Quang Tri City. The gnd atk was preceded by an unreptd no & cal of mort fire. Contact was lost at an unreptd time when the remaining en withdrew. Res: 14 EK, MAR cas were 1 kd & 3 wounded.

TOAN THANG (Gia Dinh Prov): At approx 1405, an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 1st Inf Div, on a swp op approx 9 mi WNW of Saigon made contact with & eng an unk size en force. Other elms of the bde reinf at approx 1450. Res: 16 EK, 8 suspects were dtn, & one en threw down his wpn & surre to US forces. 3 US soldiers were wounded in the act.
- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At approx 0825, about 7 mi SW of Da Nang, a CAP of US MARS & ARVN mbrs found 10 dead en bodies. Apparent time & cause of the en deaths was not immed detd.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At approx 1210, slms of the 7th Regt, US 1st MAR Div while on a cbt swp about 7 mi SW of Da Nang, made contact with & atkd an unk size en force. MARarty & tac air sptd. Res: 9 EK & 19 I/Wpns were found on the battlefield. US cas were 5 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At 2240, a river ptl bt (PBR) on sta approx 3 mi NW of Cam Duoc was fired upon by the occupants of 2 sampans. The PBR rtn the fire, killing 12 en. There were no friendly cas.

- IV CTZ (Kien Phong Prov): At approx 1000, a co fr the 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div, while on a swp op 5 mi ESE of Cai Cai, discovered 8 en bodies that had been kd in a contact on 23 Feb & a cache cons of: 1 75mm RR with mount, 4 AK-47's, 2 RPG-7 rkt gren launchers, 23 ChiCom grens, 1 fld pack, 23 cases of Sa ammo (9,200 rds), 5 cases of ChiCom grens (100), 11 ChiCom claymore type mines, 4 sampans & 1 sampan eng.

- DEWEY CANYON (Quang Tri Prov): At approx 1500, a co of MAR fr the 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, while on a swp op 28 mi SSW of Quang Tri City eng an est en sqd with SA & organic 106mm RR fires. The en withdrew at approx 1630 & in a search of the area the MAR cptrd 2 unreptd type 122mm arty pieces, 1 unreptd type or size full-tracked veh, an assorted amt of arty ammo & indiv equip. There were no reptd en or US cas.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 521 sorties (USAF 348, USMC 156, USMC 17). BDA incl dest or dam 656 en ftns, 42 sampans, & ignited 26 sec explos­ions & 33 fires. 23 EK were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 64 EK, & dest 226 ftns & sinking 56 en sampans.

- At 1110, an Army UH-1 hel, on a resup men, was hit by en gnd fire & crashed approx 5 mi SW of Tam Ky in Quang Tin Prov. The acft was dest. 4 US pers were kd.

- B-52s flew 9 msns: 6 mi NW of Duc Hoa in Hau Nghia Prov, 17 mi NW of Tay Ninh City, 8 mi W of Lai Khe, 13 mi SE of Phuoc Vinh in Long Khanh Prov, 19 mi NW of Tay Ninh City, 6 mi NW of An Loc, 18 mi SE of Tay Ninh City, & 2 msns 13 mi NW & 28 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City.

25 February (Tuesday)

- HQ MACV (Capital Military District): A no of US, Free World & RVN units & installations reptd rec en indir fire harassing atks. Overall cas & dam were reptd as lt. The fol are significant acts:

IV CORPS:

250512 - DINH TUONG PROV - A US 9th Inf Div fire spt base 4 mi N of
Cai Be rec about 25 rds of unreptd cal mort fire res in no reptd cas or dam.

IFFV:

250125 - KONTUM PROV - The Kontum City aird rec about 5 rds of 122mm rkt fire res in no reptd cas or dam.

252330 - BINH DINH PROV - A LZ occupied by an elm of the US 173rd Abn Bde 2 mi N of Bong Son rec about 15 rds of 60mm mort fire. There were no cas or damage reported.

251835 - KONTUM PROV - An elm of the 3rd Bde, US 4th Inf Div, in ni def psns 9 mi SW of Polei Kleng, rec about 25 rds of 60mm mort fire res in 1st US cas & no reptd dam.

IFFV:

250153 - BINH DUONG PROV - The US 1st Inf Div base camp at Lai Khe rec about 10 rds of 82mm mort fire res in 1st US cas with no fatalities & no reported dam.

250325 - BINH DUONG PROV - A US 25th Inf Div fire spt base loc 6 mi SW of Dau Tieng rec about 150 rds of mixed 82mm mort & RPG rkt gnn fire res in no reptd cas or dam.

252120 - PHUOC LONG PROV - A lg zone of an elm of the US 1st Cav Div (AM) loc 2 mi SW of Phuoc Binh, rec about 20 rds of 82mm mort fire res in no reptd cas or dam.

252225 - TAY NINH PROV - A lg zone of an elm of the US 1st Cav Div (AM), 3 mi NE of Phu Khuong, rec less than 15 rds of 120mm mort fire res in 1st US cas with no fatalities & no reptd dam.

IV CTZ:

250510 - DINH TUONG PROV - A US 9th Inf Div fire spt base 2 mi NW of Cal Be rec less than 20 rds of unreptd cal mort fire res in no reptd cas or dam.

252340 - DINH TUONG PROV - The US 9th Inf Div base camp at Dong Tam rec less than 10 rds of 120mm mort fire res in no reptd cas or dam.

252400 - VINH LONG PROV - The Vinh Long AB rec about 75 rds of 82mm mort fire res in no reptd cas or dam.

In all instances counter-fires were rtn against suspected en firing psns with unk res.

- TOAN THANG (Binh Duong Prov): At approx 0330, a fire spt base 6 mi SE of Dau Tieng, occupied by an elm of the US 3rd Bde, 25th Inf Div, rec about 150 rds of mixed 82mm mort & RPG rkt gnn fire & a gnn atk by an
est bn size en force. The en empl SA & auto wpns fire while the trps rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by arty. Act cont for more than an hr until 0450 when contact was lost as the en withdrew. Res: 24 EK, 5 en were dtn, & 5 CSW & 5 I/Wpns were cptrd along with a small qty of misc ammo. US cas were 1 KIA & 8 WIA.

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At about 0600, the en fired approx 10 rds of suspected 122mm rkt fire onto the Da Nang AB & vic res in very it dam & no reptd US cas. 3 of the rds were reptd to have impacted in a populated area just outside the base & init repts indicate that 1 VN civ was kd & 8 others were wounded in the indiscriminate atk.

- TOAN THANG (Long An Prov): At approx 0150, an elm of the US 3rd Bde, 9th Inf Div, made contact with & eng an est en co 6 mi NW of Tan An. Contact was lost at about 0300 when the en withdrew. In a swp of the area, the inf found the bodies of 27 en soldiers kd in the eng & dtn 1 suspect. 6 CSW & 5 I/Wpns were cptrd. One US soldier was wounded.

- SCOTLAND II:

(a) (QUANG TRI PROV): At approx 0430, a fire spt base of the US 4th Regt, 3rd MAR Div 4 mi NW of the Rockpile rec an unreptd no of 82mm mort rds fol by a gnd atk by an unk size NVA force. The en empl hv SA & auto wpns fire while the MAR rtn fire with organic wpns sptd byarty. During the tak, an unk no of NVA trps pent the peri, but were quickly repelled. Act cont until 0700 when contact was lost as the en withdrew.

(b) At 0120, an unk size NVA force atkd another fire spt base occupied by an elm of the US 4th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, in the same general area 9 mi WNW of the Rockpile. The en empl hv SA & auto wpns fire while the MAR rtn fire with organic wpns sptd byarty. Act cont until an unreptd time when contact was lost as the en withdrew. Cas figures res fr acts at the 2 fire spt bases were 71 NVA soldiers kd. MAR cas were 36 KIA & 105 WIA (82 evac).

- TOAN THANG (Tay Ninh Prov): Betwn 0230 & 0500, an unk size en force atkd a fire spt base occupied by an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 25th Inf Div, 5 mi SW of Go Dau Ha. The en empl hv SA, auto wpns & RPG rkt-gren fire preceded by about 25 rds of 82mm mort fire. The trps rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by arty & AC-47 gunships. Res: 78 EK, 1 en soldier was dtn, & 40 RPG rkt-gren launchers, 1 MG & 7 I/Wpns were cptrd. US cas were 1 KIA & 4 WIA.

- III MAF (Quang Tin Prov): At approx 1330, elms of the armd cav sqdn of the AMERICAL Div eng an unk size en force in an area 3 mi S of Tam Ky. The trps, in tks & armd pers carriers sptd by arty, atkd the en. As act cont into the afternoon, the en empl SA & auto wpns fire & attempted to withdraw fr the area. The cav trps pursued & atkd the en until contact was lost at 1900 when the remnants of the en force evaded & withdrew. Res: 157 EK, & 5 I/Wpns & 4 CSW were cptrd. US cas were 2 KIA & 13 WIA (11 evac).

- III MAF (Quang Nam Prov): At approx 1340, an elm of the US 7th Regt, 1st