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For the press:

This release has been prepared to present a review of significant events occurring in this command during March 1969. It has been organized as follows:

- A summary of March events:
  - General
  - Significant ground operations
  - Air operations
  - Naval operations
  - Enemy materiel losses

- A summary of morning and evening news releases

- Chronology of significant events

- A review of ground operations

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GENERAL

The enemy continued his offensive during the month with significant ground attacks occurring in remote areas of III and I Corps. Allied initiated sweep operations resulted in the majority of ground contacts and heavy casualties were inflicted on his forces. The loss of hundreds of tons of arms and ammunition in Operation DEWEY CANYON undoubtedly had a major impact on his ability to conduct and sustain military actions in I Corps. The enemy failed to achieve any significant military success in any part of the country.

I CORPS

Enemy activity during the month decreased from that experienced in the initial phase of the offensive which the enemy launched in late February. In the northern provinces, Allied positions continued to receive harassing indirect fire attacks. Nine of these attacks were launched from within the southern DMZ. Continuing enemy use of and infiltration through the DMZ was confirmed by identification of elements of the 27th NVA Regiment south of the DMZ. Enemy ground activity was characterized by sporadic but aggressive contacts involving enemy units of company size and smaller. In contacts on 27 and 28 March, friendly forces killed 188 members of the 27th NVA Regiment northeast of the Rockpile.

Enemy activity was primarily in reaction to friendly operations in western Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces. USMC forces in Operations Maine Crag and Dewey Canyon discovered a series of significant caches in western Quang Tri Province. Significant enemy offensive activity was limited to scattered indirect fire attacks throughout the coastal area, with emphasis on the Phu Bai/Phu Loc area during the period 22 through 28 March. In central I Corps, significant enemy activity from 1 to 19 March was limited to indirect fire attacks and ground probes against the An Hoa Combat Base by the 1st VC Regiment, 2nd NVA Division. Similar pressure was maintained on the Tien Phuoc Civil Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) Camp by the 3rd NVA Regiment, 2nd NVA Division.

The 3rd NVA Division, while avoiding major contacts, remained deployed in the vicinity of its primary objectives in Quang Ngai lowlands. During the early morning hours of 19 March, the enemy launched a total of 27 indirect fire and 13 ground attacks against selected military and civilian targets in central and southern I CTZ. Primary targets were in the areas of Da Nang, Hoi An, Tam Ky, Chu Lai, and Quang Ngai City. Cumulative results were 42 friendly killed, including 17 civilians; 194 friendly wounded, including 60 civilians; and 164 enemy killed. During the period 25 through 30 March enemy forces suffered more than 300 killed in a series of contacts with ARVN forces 17 kilometers west of Hoi An. Elsewhere in central and southern I CTZ, a decrease in enemy offensive action was noted at the end of the month.
II CORPS

Enemy-initiated activity throughout II CTZ was light except for the periods from 3 to 4 March and 20 to 21 March. The enemy's most wide-spread and intense activity occurred during these periods and consisted primarily of indirect fire attacks. The most significant ground attack during the month occurred on the night of 3-4 Mar when the Ben Het CIDG Camp received an unknown number of mixed 82mm mortar and 85mm artillery rounds followed by a ground attack. The attacking force, estimated to be a battalion, was supported by 10 tanks. Two of the tanks were destroyed and were identified as Soviet PT-76 amphibious models. One tank was destroyed by U.S. Air Force tactical air strikes and one was destroyed by tanks from the U.S. 1st Battalion, 69th Armor, at the camp. The 66th NVA Regiment, which was engaged in significant contacts in southwest Kontum Province from 3 through 13 March, is reported to have suffered more than 400 killed during the month. A series of contacts in southwest Kontum Province, approximately 23 kilometers southwest of the Polei Klen CIDG Camp, resulted in 112 enemy killed from 3 through 7 March.

On 21 March, 13 kilometers southeast of Dak To, Kong Haring Village received from 150 to 200 rounds of mixed 60mm and 82mm mortar and 9-40 rocket fire, killing seven civilians and wounding 36 others. This village was attacked on 22 February, resulting in 78 civilians reported killed and 100 wounded. On 21 March, seven kilometers south of Kontum City, a U.S. compound received mixed rocket and mortar fire following by a ground attack by an estimated enemy battalion.

On 22 March, sappers attacked a U.S. fuel depot at Qui Nhon. On the same day a regional force company was attacked by an estimated enemy battalion 17 kilometers north of Phan Thiet. The enemy lost 34 killed in the attack. A Ho Chi Minh, who rallied on 27 March near Tuy Hoa, stated that he arrived in the western highlands in July 1968, with a 500-man infiltration group. Most of the group were used as replacements. The rallier and 50 other men travelled to Phu Yen Province where they were integrated into units in the area. On 1 March, south-southeast of Bao Loc, a U.S. unit located a 300-ton rice cache.

III CORPS

Enemy activity during March was characterized by attempts to maintain the momentum of the offensive. Despite the enemy's efforts, his activity decreased gradually during the month. Most enemy activity involved indirect fire attacks against Allied military installations. Ground assaults and convoy ambushes were also attempted, but these achieved no tangible success. Elements of all four enemy divisions in III CTZ were identified in contact. All three regiments of the 9th VC Division were involved in engagements along the western Tay Ninh Province border. Two regiments of the 1st NVA Division sustained significant losses in attacks on Allied bases and convoys in eastern Tay Ninh Province. The 7th NVA Division was involved in several attacks in the Dau Tieng area during the first half of March, and it was involved in numerous engagements with Allied forces in the same area during
the latter half of the month. Two regiments of the 7th NVA Division sustained significant losses in those engagements.

Elements of the 5th VC Division were contacted in the area northeast of the Bien Hoa – Long Binh complex. The 275th VC Regiment, 5th VC Division, sustained heavy casualties in contacts in western Long Khanh Province.

Although the enemy expended a considerable amount of combat power in the offensive, regiment-sized enemy forces remained in position to make further attacks. As of 31 March, the enemy appeared to be evaluating the effects of the current offensive and deciding on future courses of action.

IV CTZ

The level of enemy-initiated activity during March declined significantly from that of the last week in February, except for the night of 14 March. On that night the enemy conducted over 50 indirect fire attacks throughout the CTZ. The northern corps continued to receive the majority of the attacks, particularly in the Dong Tam – My Tho area. A cache containing 1,500 rounds of 82mm mortar and seven rounds of 120mm mortar ammunition was uncovered in Dinh Tuong Province on 5 March.

In Chau Duc Province on 9 and 10 March a 2.3-ton cache of arms and ammunition was discovered along with the bodies of 64 VC. Another cache, containing 644 mortar rounds and B-40 rockets, was discovered in Kien Giang Province on 13 March.

In Vinh Long Province, 96 enemy were killed in two separate contacts on 6 and 7 March. On 11 and 12 March, Allied operations in Dinh Tuong Province resulted in 57 enemy killed. An additional 126 enemy were killed during a contact involving a VC Main Force Battalion on 23 and 24 March in southeastern Kien Phong Province. Also adding to the serious drain on the enemy's manpower in IV CTZ were the 2,706 VC who rallied to the Republic of Vietnam during March.

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OPERATION DEWEY CANYON

9th Regiment, 3rd Marine Division

HEAVY MATERIEL LOSSES INFlicted ON ENEMY

22 JANUARY - 18 MARCH

LAOS

GUANG TRI PROVINCE

6 MILES

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SIGNIFICANT GROUND OPERATIONS

OPERATION DEWEY CANYON

One of the most successful blows to Communist supply lines ever delivered by allied forces in the Republic of Vietnam ended at 1800, March 18, as the 9th Marine Regiment (Reinforced) of the 3rd Marine Division officially terminated Operation DEWEY CANYON.

Launched on January 22 into Communist strongholds north of the A Shau Valley, the multi-battalion operation unearthed the largest enemy munitions and arms caches of the Vietnam war. Five hundred and twenty-five tons of Communist weapons and ammunition were seized by the Marines in the mountainous, jungle area near the Laotian border.

Among the 215 crew-served weapons captured and/or destroyed by the Leathernecks during the 56-day operation were 12 Russian-made 122mm field guns. These guns, capable of hurling a shell nearly 14 miles, are the largest enemy artillery pieces ever captured in Vietnam.

In addition to the large guns, Marines uncovered numerous anti-aircraft guns with almost 27,000 rounds of ammunition and 1,126 enemy rifles - most of which were still in Chinese and North Vietnamese shipping containers. In addition, more than 45,000 grenades of various types, some 58,000 rounds of various-size mortar ammunition, more than 3,500 rounds of rocket and artillery ammunition and tons of small arms ammunition were captured. Among the various other types of ordnance the Leathernecks uncovered were 3,100 rounds of recoilless rifle ammunition, nearly 13,000 RPG rounds, and more than 5,000 pounds of explosives.

The Marines' success during Operation DEWEY CANYON did not come without enemy resistance. Operating in an area not previously entered by allied forces and long considered an NVA sanctuary, the Marines killed 1,355 enemy soldiers and captured 14. Marine losses were 121 killed and 616 wounded and evacuated. There were 187 other Marines with minor wounds.

The 9th Marines, under the command of Col. Robert H. Barrow of St. Francisville, La., pushed into the upper A Shau Valley complex with relative ease during the initial stages of the operation. Fire bases Razor and Cunningham were established about 4½ miles from the Laotian border to support infantry operations in the area. However, shortly after the Marines moved into the jungle, operations were temporarily curtailed by a nine-day period of bad weather. Consequently, most initial contact with the enemy was in small squad-sized actions.

To offset the effect of the period of heavy inclement weather, Marine air planners developed special flying tactics prior to the opening phases of Operation DEWEY CANYON. These proved invaluable during periods of heavy fighting when weather made close-air-support hazardous.
Using the same radar-controlled system, Marine helicopters and fixed wing transport aircraft para-dropped supplies to the Leathernecks during the worst weather. The ability to keep the Marines resupplied was a major factor in the success of the operation. Marine helicopter pilots continued medical evacuation of the wounded throughout the operation despite the weather.

Marine helicopters, flying under severe weather conditions, made more than 13,000 sorties while delivering in excess of 3,000 tons of supplies and carrying nearly 19,000 passengers while supporting the 9th Marines (Reinforced) on this operation.

Although Marine jets were also hampered at times by the heavy monsoon weather, more than 560 sorties were flown by Marine aviators and 51 by Air Force pilots in support of the operation. These strikes resulted in 35 trucks, 144 bunkers and six 122mm guns destroyed.

After the initial period of bad weather, the Marines picked up the tempo of the operation as it entered its fourth week. Driving toward the Laotian border, the Leathernecks pushed out from fire support bases in an almost classical regiment-in-the-attack envelopment—a move reminiscent of tactics used during the Korean War.

Based on the enemy's refusal to leave the area under the cover of bad weather, Marine intelligence indicated that the NVA were prepared for helicopter assaults with extensive anti-aircraft gun defenses. Therefore, the Marines struck to the ridgelines, traversing some of the most rugged jungle terrain in Vietnam on foot. The ground assault on the enemy's perimeter paid off and the NVA's extensive air defense system in the area was rendered useless.

The NVA fought hard for its previously untouched sanctuary and made several desperate attempts to halt the Marines' drive. On two occasions the enemy initiated unsuccessful attacks on Marine fire support bases. These cost the enemy 67 dead.

On February 23, an estimated NVA battalion entrenched in an extensive bunker complex sought to stop the Marine push. Two companies of Marines and a combination of Marine artillery and Marine air strikes dislodged the determined enemy force and when the fighting ended, the Marines counted 105 NVA dead.

In an analysis of the Marines' success during Operation DEWEY CANYON, Lieutenant General Richard G. Stillwell, U.S. Army, Commanding General, XXIV Corps, said:

"DEWEY CANYON deserves some space in American Military History by sole reason of audacity, guts and magnificent interservice team play. There was a calculated gamble on weather and for the most part it was won. If the weather had held throughout, the greater momentum would have made surprise complete, with proportionately greater results. But the troops pressed on through marginal weather, enduring real privation. And somehow, minimum
essential supply and evacuation went on.

"I cannot applaud too highly the airmen of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in a variety of dangerous roles, the 101st Airborne Division Hook Company dedicated to the operation, the fighter pilots - Marine and Air Force - who managed to penetrate the overcast and deliver devastating close-air-support and effective interdicting blows.

"Above all, though," the general concluded, "A Marine regiment of extraordinary cohesion, skill in mountain warfare and plain heart made DEWEY CANYON a resounding success. As an independent regimental operation projected 50 km - as the crow flies - from the nearest base and sustained in heavy combat seven weeks, it may be unparalleled. Without question, the 9th Marines' performance represents the very essence of professionalism."

Lieutenant General Robert E. Cushman Jr., Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, praised the performance of the men involved in the operation by enumerating their accomplishments and saying they delivered a heavy blow to the enemy's capability in a critical area.

General Cushman said, "These accomplishments in the remote and densely forested mountain terrain and in severely limiting weather conditions heap credit on every Marine, Navy man and Army trooper involved and underscores the high level of professionalism of participating units. To all hands, a hearty well done."

The above wrap-up on the operation was released at Da Nang at 2000 hours, 20 March 1969.
Early on the morning of 8 March, an estimated North Vietnamese Army battalion attacked the night defensive positions of an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 6 km (4 miles) northeast of Phu Khuong. The enemy attack was preceded by an unreported number and caliber of rocket rounds. The enemy employed small arms, automatic weapons and RPG rocket-grenade fire while the troopers returned fire with organic weapons supported by artillery and helicopter gunships.

Action continued until about 0800 hours when contact was lost as the enemy withdrew. In a sweep of the battle area in and around the perimeter, elements of the brigade found the bodies of 154 NVA soldiers killed in the abortive night attack. In addition, eight crew-served (including two flamethrowers) and 23 individual weapons were captured. The following items were left scattered in the area and were captured: 10,000 AK-47 small arms rounds, 73 CHICOM hand grenades, 45 RPG-2 rocket grenades, 4 Bangalore torpedoes, and 250 one-half pound satchel charges.

U.S. casualties were 11 killed and 30 wounded.

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154 NVA KILLED
U.S. Air Force pilots flew 10,112 tactical air sorties against enemy military targets, Marine Corps pilots flew 4,736 sorties, and Navy pilots flew another 735 for a total of 15,583 tactical air sorties during the month. Of the total sorties flown, 5,828 were immediates, and 2,777 were flown in direct support of ground troops in contact with the enemy.

The air crews were credited with killing more than 800 enemy, destroying or damaging 878 supply craft, numerous fortifications, and igniting more than 2,800 secondary explosions and sustained fires.

AIR FORCE - In one of the most significant strike sorties flown this month, F-100 Supersabre pilots were called in March 25 to provide close air support for elements of the AMERICAL Division in contact with an unknown size enemy force 3 km (2 miles) southwest of Quang Ngai City. The pilots reported touching off 70 secondary explosions and four sustained fires. The pilots were from the 31st and 37th Tactical Fighter Wings (TFW's).

An AC-47 "Spooky" crew from the 3rd Special Operations Squadron (SOS), and an AC-119 "Shadow" crew from the 71st SOS, fired on enemy positions 20 km (13 miles) east-northeast of Bien Hoa, March 1. The crews reported setting off 29 secondary explosions.

Two Russian PT-76 tanks were destroyed March 4 by A-1 Skyraider pilots from the 633rd Special Operations Wing (SOW), and US tanks from an element of the 69th Armor Battalion at the camp. The strikes were directed into the area near Ben Het, when the tanks were observed by a forward air controller. Reconnaissance elements conducted a combat assault into the area and found the two destroyed tanks and other miscellaneous items including an armored vehicle crewmen's headgear and a Soviet heavy machine gun.

Supersabre pilots from the 3rd TFW and F-4 Phantom crews from the 12th TFW supported infantrymen from the 2nd Brigade, US 25th Infantry Division March 4, when the infantrymen engaged an estimated NVA company in an area 8 km (5 miles) northeast of Trang Bang. The enemy employed heavy small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenade fire. The friendly troops were also supported by US Army artillery and helicopter gunship crews. The bodies of 84 NVA soldiers killed in the action were found. In addition, six individual and nine crew-served weapons were captured.

F-4 crews from the 12th TFW and F-100s from the 3rd, 31st and 35th TFW's were called in March 9 to strike enemy positions in Tay Ninh Province, 19 km (12 miles) northwest of Tay Ninh City. Fourteen strikes supported elements of the US 25th Infantry Division. The pilots and crews, along with Army Cobra gunships, reported killing 11 enemy soldiers and destroying or damaging
116 bunkers and 21 fortifications. A large secondary explosion was also sighted.

Supersabre pilots supported a 25th Infantry Division convoy enroute from Cu Chi to Dau Tieng, when it received fire from an unknown size enemy force attempting an ambush in an area 11 mi ESE of Tay Ninh City. The pilots, from the 3rd and 35th TFW's, along with Army helicopter gunship crews, supported the action which continued from 12:15 until 4:30 p.m., when contact was lost. Pursuing the remnants of the enemy force, mechanized infantry elements of the brigade reestablished contact with the enemy at 4:25 in the same general area and fighting continued until 6:30 p.m. when the remaining enemy withdrew. In a sweep of the battle area, the bodies of 76 enemy soldiers killed in the abortive ambush and pursuit action were found.

An AC-47 crew was called in early March 11 to fire on a Viet Cong troop concentration 28 km (16 miles) north of Xuan Loc in Long Kinh Province. Additional troop movement was detected later in the morning and tactical air strikes were directed into the area. Ground forces conducted a sweep of the target area and found the bodies of 37 enemy soldiers and 31 destroyed or damaged bunkers. The F-100 pilots were from the 3rd, 31st and 35th TFW's.

Tactical air strikes by pilots from the 31st and 37th TFW's, made in an area 40 km (25 miles) west-northwest of Kontum City, March 15, resulted in killing 14 NVA soldiers in a weapons position and a bunker complex. Six bunkers and one crew-served weapon were also destroyed.

In an unusual mission March 16, an AC-119 "Shadow" crew from the 71st SOS circled an Allied position for more than an hour, providing flare illumination for a doctor performing surgery on a South Vietnamese soldier. The mission was flown approximately 12 km (7 miles) southeast of Chau Doc City.

Four F-100 pilots from the 35th TFW supported elements of the Armored Cavalry Squadron of the US 1st Infantry Division engaging an unknown size NVA force while sweeping an area 11 km (7 miles) northeast of Dau Tieng in Binh Duong Province, March 30. The troopers returned the enemy fire with organic weapons and were also supported by Army helicopter gunships and artillery. Action continued for about two hours when contact was lost as the remaining enemy withdrew. The bodies of 38 NVA soldiers killed in the action were found in a sweep of the battle area.

NAVY - Jets from the carriers USS Coral Sea, Ranger, Ticonderoga, Kitty Hawk and Enterprise flew sorties over South Vietnam during March, striking enemy positions throughout the Republic.

Flying the majority of their sorties in the Republic's I Corps, A-4 Skyhawks, A-6 Intruders, A-7 Corsairs and F-4 Phantoms from the carriers hit enemy targets destroying or damaging 306 enemy military structures and 125 enemy bunkers. Other damage included 43 supply routes, 35 caves, 16 supply craft, and 735 meters of trenchline destroyed or damaged. The aircraft
also ignited 40 secondary fires and caused 20 secondary explosions.

On March 26, pilots from the USS Coral Sea and Kitty Hawk flew a combined total of 54 attack sorties, interdicting eight enemy supply routes and destroying 23 enemy structures and five bunkers.

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MARINE CORPS - Marine Corps pilots logged 6,921 sorties, including 4,736 tactical sorties, during the month.

The pilots were credited with killing 224 enemy, and destroying or damaging 2,269 fortifications, numerous weapons positions and supply craft, and igniting 222 secondary explosions and 335 fires.

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B-52 MISSIONS

Two hundred and seventy-four missions were flown during the month by Air Force B-52s. Of these missions, 16 were directed against enemy targets in the I Corps Tactical Zone, 35 in II CTZ, 208 in III CTZ, and 15 in IV CTZ.

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AILIFT

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

Number of Passengers  111,000
Tons of Cargo  33,170

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

Number of Passengers  757,929
Tons of Cargo  134,090

Medical Evacuation

Number of Patients (Outbound, South Vietnam) 6,466 (U.S.)

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NAVAL OPERATIONS

NAVAL GUNFIRE SOUTH VIETNAM

A total of 26 U.S. Seventh Fleet warships off the Vietnam Coast pounded enemy targets throughout South Vietnam from northern I Corps south to the Republic's IV Corps region.

The battleship USS New Jersey departed the gunline on the last day of the month after six months of shelling enemy positions. Her most effective day of the month came on March 27, when she hit targets in the Phan Thiet area in II Corps. Her one-ton projectiles destroyed or damaged 72 enemy bunkers, and destroyed five military structures and 70 meters of trenchline.

During the month a total of 1,117 enemy military structures were destroyed or damaged. In addition, 1,115 bunkers were destroyed or damaged.

Navy warships also were credited with destroying or damaging 21 supply routes, 31 sampans, 64 caves, 3,030 meters of trenchline, 47 tunnels, 19 automatic weapons sites and 33 enemy fighting positions. Gunfire ignited 115 secondary fires and caused 73 secondary explosions.

Outstanding gunfire missions occurred on March 11, when warships destroyed or damaged 187 enemy military structures and reported a total of 10 enemy KIA; March 15, when U.S. gunships were credited with killing a total of 22 enemy in action; and March 23, when total damage was reported as 52 enemy structures, 14 bunkers, 4 sampans, 2 caves, 150 meters of trenchline and one enemy supply area destroyed or damaged along with 14 secondary fires ignited.


Cruisers firing during the month were the USS Oklahoma City and the USS Newport News. Also the USS Chicago arrived in mid-March to provide air defense for forces operating in the Tonkin Gulf. The inshore fire support ships USS St. Francis River, Clarion River and Carronade also shelled enemy positions during the month.

NAVAL GUNFIRE DEMILITARIZED ZONE

Twice during the month Navy ships fired significant missions into the Demilitarized Zone, damaging enemy positions. On March 15, the destroyer USS Mullinnix shelled an enemy rocket site in the southern portion of the DMZ. The site was silenced with one secondary explosion. The USS Newport News fired on enemy positions March 17, also in the southern DMZ, destroying 14 enemy bunkers and causing nine secondary explosions.
## Enemy Material Losses

(Captured/Destroyed)

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**TOTAL TONS:** 64.92

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**TOTAL TONS:** 292.64

### Food Stuffs

A total of 1,060.68 tons of rice and 14,252 pounds of salt.
1 March (Saturday)

- CMAC (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - During the ni, over 30 US, RVN & Free World units & installations as well as some VN pop cens throughout the country reptd rec en indir fire atks. Dam & cas were reptd lt. No significant gnd probes were reptd. The fol are significant acts:

III MAF:

010030 (QUANG NAM PROV) - The An Hoa cbt base rec about 15 rds of mixed 60mm & 120mm mort & 15 rds of 57mm RR fire. The MAR rtn fire with arty & a US Air Force AC-47 gunship eng the suspected firing psns. En cas are unk. MAR cas & dam were lt.

IFFV:

012235 (PLEIKU PROV) - A USA IFFV arty outpost 16 mi SE of Pleiku City rec less than 10 rds of 60mm mort fire. No cas or dam was reptd.

IFFV:

011730 (TAY NINH PROV) - A USA base camp 3 mi W of Tay Ninh City rec about 5 rds of 107mm rkt fire res in lt mat dam. No cas were reptd.

- IFFV (KHANH HOA PROV) - At approx 0650, a terrorist, on a mtr bike, threw 2grens at a US mil bus & also at a mil bus stop near a US billet in Nha Trang. 1 US serviceman was kd. 13 other US pers were wounded. The bus rec major dam. The terrorist escaped.

- IFFV (BINH THUY PROV) - At 1730, an elm of the USA 173rd Abn Bde, loc an en rice cache 14 mi S of Bao Loc. The cache, est to be 300 tons, was stored in 8 bldgs. The rice will be evac.

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At approx 1500, US Air Force tac acft struck an en bunker complex & auto wns psn loc 9 mi WSW of Hiep Hoa. 2 sec explos were obs. Fol the strikes, an aerial obs sighted the bodies of 28 en soldiers lying in the strike area. 2 bunkers, 12 en strucs & 11 sampans were also dest.

- IFFV (KONTUM PROV) - At 1020, an elm of the 1st Bde, US 4th Inf Div, rec fire fr an unk size en force in bunkers 25 mi WNW of Kontum City. The inf were sptd by gunships. Res: 30 EK, & several I/Wpns & one 12.7mm AA MG were cptrd in the act. US cas were 1 KIA & 13 WIA.

- TAYLOR COMMON (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 1100, an aerial obs on a recon msn loc a bunker complex & obs en movement 4 mi NNE of An Hoa. The AO dir 1st MAR Air Wg tac acft onto the en tgt. Res: 19 EK, 5 bunkers dest & 2 sec explos. The acft were not hit. No US cas reptd.
- TAYLOR COMMON (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 1600, a ptl fr the US MAR 26th Regtl Ldg Tm, obs 2 en soldiers entering a village 5 mi NNE of An Hoa. The ptl swept thru the village, loc several bunkers & made contact with the en. Res: 9 EK & 3 I/Wpns were cptrd. No US cas. A short time later, in the same general area, the same ptl was eng by an unk size en force with SA fire. Tac actt fr the 1st MAR Acct Wg & arty sptd. The MAR found 11 en bodies left on the battlefield. One CSW & 5 I/Wpns were cptrd. No US C&ll.

- DEWEY CANYON (QUANG TRI PROV) - At approx 1530, an elm of the 9th Regt, US 3rd MAR Div, while on a swp of an area 30 mi SSW of Quang Tri City, obs 30 en moving along a trail. The MAR called for 81mm mort sptg fires & empl SA & auto wpns fires pursuing the en until he withdrew. Res: 12 EK, no US cas.

- DEWEY CANYON (QUANG TRI PROV) - At approx 0930, an elm of the 9th Regt, US 3rd MAR Div, while on a swp of an area 30 mi SSW of Quang Tri City, found a cache cntn: 74 SKS Chinese rfls, 6 AK-47 rfls, 1 lt MG, 2 12.7 MG's, 21 20mm AA guns, 1 RPG rkt-propelled gren launchers, 1 57mm RR, 1 82mm mort tube, 457 ChiCom grens, 65 120mm mort rds, 18 RPG rds, 264 rfl grens, 75 60mm mort rds, & 1,000 20mm rds. No US cas rept.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROV) - At approx 1050, an elm of a US armd cav sqdn attch to the 1st Bde, US 5th Inf Div (Mech) & under op con of the 3rd MAR Div, eng an unk size NVA force 4 mi NW of Cam Lo. The trps, in tks & armd pers carriers, & sptd by arty & tac air, kd 33 NVA soldiers. US cas were 2 kd & 24 wounded.

- KENTUCKY JUMPER (THUA THIEN PROV) - Op KENTUCKY JUMPER, a multi-bn search & clear op con by the 101st Abn Div (AM) & cen in an area 13 mi SSW of Hue, commenced.

- MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER (THUA THIEN PROV) - Op MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER, a multi-bn search & clear op involving elms of the US 101st Abn Div (AM) commenced. The op is cen in an area 25 mi SW of Hue.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 465 sorties (USAF 302, USMC 150, USN 13). BDA incl dest or dam 968 en ftts, 44 sampans, & ignited 24 sec explos & 34 fires. 44 EK were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 35 EK, & dest 67 ftts & sinking 67 en sampans.

- 2 hels were downed by en gnd fire: an Army OH-6 13 mi NNE of Tay Minh City (2 crewmen were kd & the actt was dest), & another Army OH-6 3 mi NW of Song Be (no injs & the actt was dest).

- B-52s flew 10 msns: 12 mi NE of Bien Hoa, 19 mi SW of Can Tho in Phong Dinh Prov; 13, 18 & 13 mi WSW of Can Tho; 21 mi ESE of Phuoc Vinh; 19, 25, & 28 mi N of Tay Minh City in Tay Minh Prov, & 28 mi E of Phuoc Vinh in Long Khanh Prov. An elm of the ARVN 21st Inf Div found
the bodies of 90 VC soldiers while cdtg a follow-up swp in an area 13 to 20 mi WSW of Can Tho in Phong Dinh Prov struck by B-52s earlier in the day. The en were reptd kd in the B-52 strikes.

2 March (Sunday)

- HQ MACV (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - During the ni, about 20 en-init indir fire harassing atks were reptd against US, Free World & RVN units & installations. Some VN pop cens were also reptd as having been atkd. Overall dam & cas were reptd lt. No significant gnd probes were reptd. The fol significant acts involving US forces were reptd:

III MAF:

020230 (QUANG NAM PROV) - The An Hoa cbt base, 2 mi NE of An Hoa, rec about 60 rds of mixed 60mm & 82mm mort fire res in lt MAR cas with no fatalities & no reptd dam. Counter-arty fire was dir against the suspected en firing psns. 2 sec explos were obs.

021935 (QUANG NAM PROV) - The An Hoa cbt base, 2 mi NE of An Hoa, rec about 15 rds of 82mm mort fire res in no cas or dam. Counter-mort fire was dir against the suspected en firing psns with unk res.

- IIFFV (BINH DUONG PROV) - At about 0345, the base camp of an elm of the US 25th Inf Div at Dau Tieng, rec about 10 rds of 122mm rkt fire res in no US cas & lt dam. Counter-arty fire was dir against the suspected en firing psns with unk res.

- IV CTZ (DINH TUONG PROV) - At about 0030, the US 9th Inf Div base camp at Dong Tam rec less than 10 rds of 120mm mort fire. At about 0200, the base rec about 5 more rds of 120mm mort fire & at 0340, approx 5 add rds impacted in the base. US cas were lt. Dam to mat was reptd as mod. Counter-arty fire was dir against the suspected en firing psns with unk res.

- TOAN THANG (GIA DINH PROV) - At approx 1030, an elm of the US 199th Lt Inf Bde, discovered a 10-ton en rice cache 10½ mi SW of Saigon. The cache was evac for distr to VN refugees.

- TAYLOR COMMON (QUANG NAM PROV) - At 0230, a co fr the US MAR 26th Regtl Ldg Tm in ni def psns 2 mi N of An Hoa rec SA, RPG rkt-gren & 82mm mort fire fr an unk size en force. The MAR rtn the fire with organic wpns while being sptd by arty & US Air Force AC-47 gunships. 18 en bodies were found. US cas were 1 KIA & 8 WIA.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 1200, an elm fr the 7th Regt, US 1st MAR Div, cdtg swp ops 7 mi W of Da Nang rec SA fire fr an est 20 NVA soldiers. The MAR rtn the fire while being sptd by tac air & arty. Another 50 en soldiers were seen in the open as a res of the air strikes & arty. Res: the bodies of 16 NVA soldiers were found, 4 I/Wpns were cprrd. US cas were 24 WIA.
- **IFFV (KONTUM PROV)** - At about noon, an aerial obs in an OH-6 lt obs hel fr the US 12th Cbt Avn Gp, sighted 2 mil trks of about 2½-ton class & of unreptd origin, several wooden crates cntn suspected 122mm rktgs & numerous other cases of suspected ammo 31 mi WNW of Kontum City & about 4 mi E of the Cambodian border. Several strucs were also obs underneath trees. The hel rec gnd fire fr approx 10 locs in the area. Hel gunships & acft fr the 12th, 31st & 37th Tac Ftr Wgs, were dir onto the en pns. 1 sec explo was obs. Inf fr the 1st Bde, US 4th Inf Div, swept the area & found an unreptd no of 122mm rktgs & a qty of ammo dest by the strikes in add to the 2 vehs, one of which was dam & one which was dest. The dam 1½-ton veh had ChiCom markings on the body & Soviet markings on the engine.

- **TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV)** - At approx 1430, an elm fr the armd cav sqdn of the US 25th Inf Div, cdg off ops 7 mi NE of Go Dau Ha, made contact with & eng an unk size en force. Act cont throughout the afternoon & at 1620 the cav trps were reinf by another elm of the sqdn. Contact was lost at 1800 when the en force withdrew. Hel gunships & arty sptd. Res: 19 EK & 1 suspect was dtn. US losses were 2 KIA & 8 WIA. Dam to trks & armd pers carriers was It.

- **TOAN THANG (LONG AN PROV)** - At approx 1245, an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 9th Inf Div, while cdg a swp of an area 2 mi S of Rach Kien, discovered an en wpns cache cntn the fol: 14 SKS rfls, 4 auto rfls, 3 AK-47 rfls, 1 cbn, 1 MG & a small amount of misc munitions was also found.

- **SPEEDY EXPRESS (IV CORPS TAC ZONE)** - Op SPEEDY EXPRESS, a multi-bn search & clear op, announced. The op, which commenced 1 Dec 68, is under the con of the US 9th Inf Div & is cen in an area 16 mi WNW of Ben Tre in Kien Hoa Prov.

- **SVN TAC AIR** - US pilots flew 488 sorties (USAF 330, USMC 131, USN 27). BDA incl dest or dam 866 en ftns, 44 sampans, & ignited 45 sec explos, & 54 fires. 19 EK were also reptd.

- **USA hel gunships reptd 36 EK, & dest 55 ftns & sinking 21 en sampans.**

- **A MAR F-4 acft was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 9 mi WNW of Hoi An in Quang Nam Prov at approx 1720. Both crewmen were inj & the acft was dest.**

- **B-52s flew 7 msns: 5 mi SW of Lai Khe, 18 mi N of Tay Ninh City, 14 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City, 20 mi NE of Bien Hoa, 15 mi NW of Lai Khe in Binh Long Prov, 27 mi N of Tay Ninh City, & 9 mi NW of Phuoc Vinh in Binh Long Prov.**

3 March (Monday)

- **HQ MACV (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT)** - During the ni, about 20 en-init indir harassing atks by fire were reptd against US, Free World & RVN units & installations. Saigon & other VN pop cents incl in this no were also reptd as having been atkd. Overall dam & cas were reptd lt. No significant gnd probes were reptd. The fol significant acts involving US forces were reptd:
IIFV:

030210 (Hau Nghia Prov) - A fire sp't base of the US 25th Inf Div loc 2 mi N of Cu Chi rec about 40 rds of 60mm mort fire. No cas or dam were reptd. Counter-mort fire was dir onto the suspected en firing pens with unk res.

- HQ MACV (Capital Military District) - At approx 0455, the en fired 3 122mm rkt rds into Saigon. Init repts indicate a total of 12 VN civs were kd & 20 were wounded. One RVN soldier was also wounded. There were no reptd US cas. One rkt impacted in the 4th Precinct & caused most of the civ cas & ignited a fire which dest or dam 31 civ homes. Another rkt impacted within the gnds of the Grall hosp. 3 VN children reptdly rec very superficial cuts fr flying glass. (The 3 children are not incl in the above fig of civs reptd wounded).

- III MAF (Quang Tri Prov) - At 0300, a fire sp't base occupied by an elm of the 4th Regt, US 3rd MAR Div, 3 mi N of the Rockpile, rec a gnd atk fr an unk size NVA force empl SA & auto wpns fire. The MAR rtn fire with organic wpns & were sptd by arty. Res: the bodies of 20 en dead were found after the eng, along with 10 I/Wpns. US cas were 13 KIA, 22 WIA.

- Toan Thang (Tay Ninh Prov) - At 1120, a mech elm fr the US 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div, cdtg cbt swp ops 6 mi SE of Phu Khuong, discovered 7 graves cntn 12 en bodies. The en soldiers were believed to have been kd 24-36 hrs earlier. Cause of death is undetm.

- IFFV (Kontum Prov) - At about 2140, the CIDG camp & US 4th Inf Div Fire Spt Base at Ben Het, 12 mi W of Dak To, rec an unreptd no of mixed 82mm & other unident type rds. At about 2315, an outpost to the W of the camp rec a gnd atk by an unk size en force empl SA & auto wpns fire. The camp defenders rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by arty & tks fr an elm of the armor bn of the div in the camp. The gnd atk was preceded by an unreptd no & type of rkt rds. At about 0100, several unident en tks were sighted by aerial obs in the area & init eng by US Air Force AC-47 gunships fr the 14th Sp Ops Wg. The tks were to the W of the camp & moving E inside the border of SVN. FACs dir more than 30 tac air sorties onto the en tks, later reptd to be approx 10 in no. The air strikes were flown by F-4 Phantoms fr the 12th & 366th Tac Ftr Wgs, F-100s fr the 31st & 37th Tac Ftr Wgs & A-1 acft fr the 633rd Sp Ops Wg. Init repts fr the FACs indic 2 tks were dest & 2 other unk type vehs dest & 1 unk type veh dam. Gnd contact was lost at an unreptd time 4 Mar when the en withdrew. US cas were 2 kd while CIDG cas were reptd 1t. En losses are unk. On 4 Mar, air cav trps fr the 4th Inf Div, cdtg recon in the area cfm 2 PT-76 tks dest & 2 other unident vehs dest. The PT-76 tks were also cfm by photos taken by RF-4s. This act represents the first cfm en use of armor in II Corps. One dest tk was later credited to tac air & the other to tks of the 1st Plat, B Co, 1st Bn, 69th Armor at the camp.

- Toan Thang (Phuoc Long Prov) - At approx 1110, elms of the 2nd Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM) op in an area about 5 mi W of Song Be, found 11 graves cntn the bodies of 11 en kd by SA fire. Exam of the remains indicated
they had been dead betw 24-48 hrs.

- **TOAN THANG (BINH LONG PROV)** - At approx 1230, scouts fr the 2nd Bde of the US 1st Cav Div (AM) op approx 12 mi S of An Loc, obs 10 en soldiers on an open flatbed type trk. The veh was eng & dest by elms of the div's aerial rkt arty unit. The 10 en were kd in the act. No US cas.

- **IV CTZ (KIENT HOUA PROV)** - At approx 1355, a USN River Aslt Craft op in an area about 4 mi NE of Ben Tre rec RPG rkt-propelled gren fire fr an unk size en force. The craft rtn the fire with auto wpns & tac air strikes were made upon the suspected en psns. Of the 11 en kd in the eng, 5 were kd by air. One USN man was wounded. One bt sustained minor dam.

- **I FFV (KHANH HOA PROV)** - At approx 2200, the Cam Ranh Bay area rec an indir fire atk cons of about 30 rds of mixed unk cal rkt & mort fire. Cas & dam were lt.

- **HQ MACV (CAPITAL MIL DISTRICT)** - At approx 2055, the en fired 5 rds of 82mm mort into an area near the Newport Brg, about 3 mi NE of the cen of Saigon. The brg was not struck; the rds caused no cas or dam.

- **HQ MACV (CAPITAL DISTRICT)** - During the ni, there were more than 20 en harassing atks by indir fire against US, Free World & RVN units & installations incl some VN pop cens. Overall cas & dam were reptd lt. There was 1 gnd probe reptd, however no significant res have been reptd.

- **DEWEY CANYON (QUANG TRI PROV)** - At approx 1010, elms of the 9th Regt, US 3rd MAR Div, op 30 mi SSW of Quang Tri City, discovered an en cache cntng the fol: 736 23mm AA rds, 12,000 12.7 MG rds, 335 37mm rds, 230 122mm arty rds, 8,049 grens, 140 120mm mort rds, 1,150 RPG-2 rds, 812 RPG-7 rds, 603 AT mines, 300 lbs of TNT, 2,000 57mm RR rds, & 210,000 7.62mm SA rds.

- **DEWEY CANYON (QUANG TRI PROV)** - At 1045, an elm fr the 3rd Regt, US 3rd MAR Div, cdtg swp ops 29 mi SSW of Quang Tri City obs an est NVA plat crossing a stream. The MAR, sptd by arty & mort fire, eng the en plat with their organic wpns & kd 11 NVA soldiers. **US losses: 1 KIA, 1 WIA.**

- **IFFV (KONTUM PROV)** - At about 1700, an elm fr the 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div, eng an est NVA bn while swpg an area 31 mi W of Kontum City. During the ni, sporadic contact was maint which cont through the 4th & into the afternoon of 5 Mar when the en withdrew at an unreptd time. Hel gunships & tac air along with AC-47 gunships sptd the inf. The bodies of 4 NVA soldiers were found in the battle area along with 2 I/Wpns. US cas in the 2 day's fighting were 21 kd & 89 wounded.

- **SVN TAC AIR:** US pilots flew 532 sorties (USAF 346, USMC 155, USN 31). BDA incl dest or dam 1,103 en ftns, 54 sampans, & ignited 48 sec explos & 86 fires. 57 EK were also reptd.

- **USA hel gunships reptd 35 EK, & dest 67 en ftns & sinking 80 en sampans.
- B-52s flew 9 mns: 12 mi SW of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 11 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 14 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 12 mi NW of Lai Khe, 13 mi W of Lai Khe in Binh Duong Prov, 17 mi N of Dak To in Kontum Prov, 2 mns 3 & 4 mi SW of Duc Hoa in Hau Nghia Prov, & 15 mi NW of Tay Ninh City.

4 March (Tuesday)

- TOAN THANG (BINH LONG PROV) - At approx 1145, a FAC cdtd a recon msn 10 mi W of An Loc obs 30-35 en soldiers in the open. The FAC dir hel gunships & arty fire & tac air fr the 35th Tac Ftr Wg onto the en trp psns res in 29 en soldiers kd. There were no US cas.

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At approx 0750, inf fr the 2nd Bde, US 25th Inf Div, eng an est NVA co 5 mi NE of Trang Bang. The en empl hv SA, auto wpns & RPG rkt-gren fire. The trps rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by arty, Hel gunships & US Air Force tac acft fr the 3rd Tac Ftr Wg. At about 0815, another elm of the bde was aslt into the battle area & eng an unk no of en. Act cont thruout morning, & at 1230, mech inf fr the bde, in armd pers carriers, reinf the trps in contact. Fighting cont into the afternoon, with the en empl 12.7mm hv MG fire against sptg acft; however, none were hit. At approx 0445, 5 Mar, mech trps & inf fr the 2nd Bde rec an unreptd no of en 60mm mort rds fol by a gnd atk by an unk size NVA force. The en empl SA, auto wpns & RPG rkt gren fire. The trps rtn the fire with organic wpns incl .50 cal MG's mounted on their armd pers carriers & were sptd by arty & hel gunships. Res: 179 EK, & 68 I/Wpns & CSW cptrd. US cas in the 2 engs were 11 kd & 53 wounded.

- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At about 1000, air cav trps fr an elm of the US 11th Armd Cav Regt, eng an unk size en force 4 mi SSW of Phuoc Vinh. The en empl hv SA, auto wpns & RPG rkt-gren fire fr fortifed psns while the cav trps rtn fire with organic wpns. Act cont & at approx 1100, inf fr the US 1st Inf Div, atch to the regt, were air-aslt into the area. At 1315, other elms of the 11th ACR, in tks & armd pers carriers, reinf the trps in contact. Res: 23 en bodies were found, 12 suspects were dtn, & 2 CSW were cptrd. US cas were 7 wounded with no fatalities.

- I FFV (KONTUM PROV) - Recon elms cdtd a cbt aslt into the area near Ben Het cntng the 2 dest en armd vehs (PT-76 tks) & found misc items, to incl the fol: 2 sets of armd veh crewmen's headgear, & 1 Soviet 12.7mm hv MG. No change in res fr those previously reptd.

- TAYLOR COMM (QUANG NAM PROV) - At 1815, a co fr the US 26th Regtl Ldg Tm, organizing ni def psns 2 mi NE of An Hoa, rec SA & approx 10 rds of 60mm mort fire fr an unk size en force. The MAR rtn the fire & dir tac air onto the en psns res in 10 en soldiers kd & 1 auto wpns psn dest. There were no MAR cas.

- DEWEY CANYON (QUANG TRI PROV) - At approx 1140, a ptl fr the 9th Regt, US 3rd MAR Div, cdtd ops 30 mi SSW of Quang Tri City was ambs by an est 15 NVA soldiers. The MAR rtn the fire & aborted the ambs by killing 8 en soldiers. US cas were 3 wounded. A short while later, other elms fr the same regt ptlg 600 meters to the S of the ambs site obs 15 NVA soldiers. The MAR dir mort &arty fire onto the en psns res in 10 NVA soldiers kd. At 1600, MAR fr the same unit, cont the swp, rec hv SA
& auto wpns fire fr an est NVA plat. The en fire was rtn with organic wpns sptd by 60mm mort fire & the MAR aslt the en psns. The bodies of 6 NVA soldiers were found in the area. MAR cas were 3 kd & 6 wounded. The cum res for the 3 engs were 24 NVA soldiers kd. US cas were 3 kd & 9 wounded.

- HQ MACV (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - During the ni, about 20 en-init indir fire harassing atks were reptd against US, Free World & RVN units & installations. Overall dam & cas were reptd lt. The fol significant acts involving US forces were reptd:

IFFV:

OL2310 (DARLAC PROV) - The Ban Me Thuot afd rec about 15 rds of 82mm mort fire res in no cas or dam. Counter-mort fire was dir onto the suspected en firing psns with unk res.

II FFV:

OL2205 (TAY NINH PROV) - The US MACV/CORDS compound, loc in Tay Ninh City rec 40 rds of 82mm mort fire res in no cas or dam. Counter-mort fires were dir upon the suspected en psn with unk res.

- SPEEDY EXPRESS (DINH TUONG PROV) - At approx 2045, inf fr an elm of the 1st Bde, US 9th Inf Div, ambs an est en sqd 9 mi WNW of Cai Be. Contact was lost almost immed as the en fled. In the same area, hel gunships eng an unk no of en with aerial MG fire. Res: 15 EK & 1 suspect was dttn. There were no US cas.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 499 sorties (USAF 356, USMC 135, USN 8). BDA incl dest or dam 3 auto wpns psns, 669 en ftms, 33 sampans, & ignited 29 sec explos & 62 fires. 44 EK were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 57 EK, & dest 24 ftms & sinking 3 sampans.

- B-52s flew 8 msns: 15 mi NW of Lai Khe, 3 mi S of Phuoc Vinh, 22 mi SSW of An Loc, 2 msns 17 & 12 mi NNE & NNW of Tay Ninh City, 2 msns 26 & 31 mi NNW of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, & 19 mi NE of Tay Ninh City.

5 March (Wednesday)

- HQ MACV (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - During the ni, the en cdtd more than 35 harassing atks by indir fire against US, Free World & RVN units & installations. Incl in this fig is a rkt atk on the city of Saigon. Overall cas & dam were reptd lt. There were no significant gnd probes reptd. The fol are acts involving US forces:

IFFV:

050245 (PLEIKU PROVINCE) - The Camp Holloway afd, loc 2 mi E of Pleiku
City, rec about 15 rds of 60mm mort fire res in no cas or dam. Counter­
fires were placed onto the suspected en firing psns with unk res.

052243 (BINH DINH PROV) - The base camp of an elm of the US 173rd Abn
Bde at An Khe rec about 10 rds of 60mm mort fire res in lt US cas with
no fatalities. No dam was reptd.

051916 (KONTUM PROV) - The afld 5/8 mi SE of the Kontum City afld rec about
5 rds of 122mm rkt fire res in lt US cas. No fatalities or dam were reptd.

II FFV:

052210 (TAY NINH PROV) - A US Army base camp 4 mi NE of Tay Ninh City
rec less than 5 rds of 107mm rkt fire res in no reptd cas & lt dam.

In all instances, counter-arty fire was dir against the suspected en
firing psns with unk res.

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGOHIA PROV) - At approx 1545, an elm of the armor bn
of the US 25th Inf Div eng an unk size en force 4 mi NE of Trang Bang.
The en empl SA, auto wpns & RPG rkt-gren fire. The trps eng the en
with organic tk armament & MG's. Act cont until about 1900. The bodies
of 21 en soldiers kd in the eng were found. US cas were 4 kd & 6 wounded.

- DEWEY CANYON (QUANG TRI PROV) - At 1000, MAR fr the 9th Regt, US 3rd
MAR Div, discovered another significant en munitions cache 30 mi SSW
of Quang Tri City. The cache cntn the fol: 70 L40mm rkts, 2,670 82mm
mort rds, 4,560 61mm mort rds, 580 120mm mort rds, 3,104 ChiCom hand
grens, 790 rflgrens, 1,668 37mm AA rds, 1,168 20mm rds, 29,050 SA rds,
16,600 12.7 AA MG rds, & 70 AT mines.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 2330, a ptl fr the US 1st Regt,
1st MAR Div, Obs & eng an est 15 en soldiers 6 mi NW of Hoi An. The
MAR eng with organic wpns & dir arty fire onto the en loc. Res: 10
EK, MAR cas were 1 wounded.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 544 sorties (USAF 379, USMC 139, USN 26).
BDA incl dest or dam 716 en ftms, 33 sampans, & ignited 49 sec explos
& 47 fires. 21 EK were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 41 EK, & dest 24 ftms & sinking 24 sampans.

- B-52s flew 10 msns: 3 mi S of Tri Ton in Chau Doc Prov, 4 msns 13 &
15 mi NW of Tay Ninh City, 4 mi S of Tri Ton, 14 mi NW of Tay Ninh
City, 26 & 28 mi SSW of Hue, & 27 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City. On 10 Mar,
at approx 1430 RF & CIDG forces, while cdg ops 2 mi SW of Tri Ton
in Chau Doc Prov discovered 42 graves cntn the bodies of 64 en soldiers.
The en cas were attributed to a B-52 msn flown in this area on the
morning of 5 March.
6 March (Thursday)

- HQ MACV (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - At approx 0600, the en again cdtd an atk by rkt fire against the city of Saigon. Repts indic that 6 122mm rks impacted into the 1st, 4th & 9th Precincts. Later repts indic that 22 VN cves were kd (incl at least 1 child) & 43 VN cves wounded. 17 houses were dest & at least 10 vehs were dam. There were no reptd US cas. Arty counter fires were dir against the suspected en firing pens 6 mi SE of Saigon with unk res.

- KENTUCKY JUMPER (THUA THIEN PROV) - Op KENTUCKY JUMPER, a multi-bn search & clear op con by the 101st Abn Div (AM) & cen in an area 13 mi SSW of Hue, was announced. The op commenced 1 Mar.

- SPEEDY EXPRESS (DINH TUONG PROV) - During a 7-hr period last ni & early this morning, elms fr the 1st Bde, US 9th Inf Div & air elms fr the div's avn bn & 164th Cbt Avn Gp, cdng ni ops 3 mi NE of Cai Be, eng small gps of en trps in scattered acts. Res: 35 EK & 12 sampans dest. There were no US cas.

- TAYLOR COMMON (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 1400, an elm of the 5th Regt, US 1st MAR Div, found 4 graves cntn the bodies of 12 en soldiers 6 mi NE of An Hoa. The en had been dead about 24 hrs. The cause of death was not reptd.

- IFFY (KONTUM PROV) - At approx 1825, an elm of the 1st Bde, US 4th Inf Div in ni def pens 28 mi WNW of Kontum City, rec about 40 rds of undetm cal indir fire. No US cas or dam res. The rds were 105mm arty ammo of ChiCom mfr. At about 1515, crewmen in a USA lt obs hel fr the 4th Inf Div obs 2 en 105mm arty pieces, 3 cases of apparent arty ammo & an ammo carriage 31 mi WNW of Kontum City. Arty, hel gunships & tac air atkd the en loc. One arty piece was reptd dest. On 2 Mar, soldiers fr the 1st Bde, US 4th Inf Div, optrd an en trk & 52 rds of ChiCom 105mm arty ammo in the same general area 31 mi WNW of Kontum City.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 1430, an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 25th Inf Div, eng an unk size en force 9 mi SE of Phu Khuong. The en empl SA & auto wpns fire while the inf rtn fire with organic wpns. In a swp of the battle area, the bodies of 51 en soldiers kd in the eng were found. 2 I/Wpns were also optrd. US cas were 1 KIA & 1 WIA.

- HQ MACV (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - During the ni, the en cdtd about 30 indir fire harassing atks against US, Free World & RVN units & installations thruout the country. No significant gnd probes were reptd. Overall cas & dam were reptd as lt. The fol are acts involving US forces:

IFFY:

061917 (KONTUM PROV) - The afld 5/8 mi SE of Kontum City rec less than 5 rds of 122mm rkt fire res in no US cas & lt dam.

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IIFV:

060055 (BINH DUONG PROV) - The base camp of an elm of the US 25th Inf Div at Dau Tieng rec about 10 rds of 120mm mort fire and less than 20 rds of mixed 122mm rkt & undetm cal rkt fire res in lt dam & no reptd cas.

060110 (BINH DUONG PROV) - The US 1st Inf Div base camp at Lai Khe rec about 40 rds of mixed 82mm & 120mm mort fire res in lt dam & lt US cas with no fatalities.

060251 (BINH DUONG PROV) - The US 1st Cav Div base camp at Phuoc Vinh rec about 30 rds of 107mm rkt fire res in lt dam & lt US cas with no fatalities.

062154 (BINH DUONG PROV) - The US 1st Inf Div base camp at Lai Khe rec about 10 rds of mixed 107mm & unreptd cal rkt fire res in lt dam & lt US cas with no fatalities.

IV CTZ:

061910 (CHUONG THIEN PROV) - The US MACV Advisory compound at Ví Thanh rec less than 5 rds of 75mm RR fire res in very lt US cas & no dam or fatalities.

062305 (DINH TUONG PROV) - The base camp of the US 9th Inf Div at Dong Tam rec about 10 rds of mixed 120mm mort & undetm cal rkt fire res in lt dam & lt US cas with no fatalities.

062300 (DINH TUONG PROV) - The USN dock at Dong Tam rec less than 5 rds of undetm cal rkt fire res in lt cas & lt dam to a USN 1ST with no fatalities.

- IFFV (KONTUM PROV) - At approx 0630, elms fr the 1st Bde, US 4th Inf Div, while in ni def psns 26 mi W of Kontum City, was atkd by an est NVA bn. Another elm fr the same bde op in the same general area also rec a gnd atk fr an NVA force. Both US elms took up the fire to repel the atks. Tac acft fr four 7th tac ftr wgs, 1st MAR Acft Wg, & hel gunships fr the 17th Cbt Avn Gp sptd the inf. Res: 112 EK, & 20 I/Wpns, 3 CSW & 30 rds of RPG rkt-gren & 25 rds of 60mm mort ammo were also found. There were no US cas.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 536 sorties (USAF 353, USMC 171, USN 12). BDA incl dest or dam 1 auto wpns psn, 714 ftns, 14 sampans & ignited 21 sec explos & 22 fires. 23 EK were also reptd.

- Army hel gunships reptd 48 EK, & dest 88 ftns & sinking 28 sampans.

- B-52s flew 10 mans: 3 mans 28, 29 & 30 mi SSW of Hue in Thua Thien Prov, 10 mi NW of An Loc in Binh Long Prov, 20 mi N of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Prov, 2 mans 12 & 13 mi ENE of Tay Ninh City, 25 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 3 mi SW of Duc Hoa in Hau Nghia Prov, & 11 mi SW of - 24 -
Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov.

7 March (Friday)

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At about 0030, USN river ptl bts, on routine ptl, detected a sampan with an unk no of en soldiers attempting to cross the river 2 mi SE of Hiep Hoa. The sampan was eng with organic MG fire & 12 en soldiers were reptd kd. There were no US cas.

- HQ MACV (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - During the ni, the en cdtd about 50 harassing atks by indir fire against US, Free World & RVN units & installations thruout the country. Overall cas & dam were reptd lt. There were 2 gnd probes against US units in III Corps Tac Zone. The fol are acts involving US forces:

III MAF:

070010 (QUANG NAM PROV) - The US MAR Air Facility at Marble Mt near Da Nang rec about 5 rds of suspected 122mm rkt fire. There were no US cas. Dam was reptd lt.

IV CTZ:

072130 (DHINH TUONG PROV) - The US 9th Inf Div base camp at Dong Tam rec less than 5 rds of unreptd cal indir fire res in no reptd cas or dam.

- IFFV (PLEIKU PROV) - At approx 1415, elms of the 4th Inf Div discovered a significant en munitions cache while searching an area 11 mi NNW of Pleiku City. The 9-ton cache cntn 300,000 7.62 cal M50 cas, 300 12.7 cal rds, 47 RPG rkt-grens, 42 RPG rkt-gren boosters, 18 82mm mort charges, 14 82mm mort rds, 164 60mm mort rds, 88 60mm mort rds, 1 box B-40 rkt charges, 88 hand grens, 5 I/Wpns, 2 75mm RR rds & several B-40 rkt boosters.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROV) - At 1500, a co fr the 1st Bde, US 5th Inf Div (Mech) while cdtg a cbt swp 7 mi S of Quang Tri City rec fire fr an unk size en force. The inf rtn the fire with organic wpns while an aerial obs flying in the vic of the act dir arty fire onto the en psns. The bodies of 10 en soldiers were found after the contact. In addition, 2 suspects were dtn. US losses were 4 kd & 8 wounded.

- IFFV (PLEIKU PROV) - At approx 1415, an elm of the US 4th Inf Div discovered an en wpns & munitions cache 6 mi E of Plei Mrong. The cache which weighed about 1½ tons cntn 400 rds of .50 cal MG ammo, 45 B-40 rktls, 14 cases of 82mm mort charges, 14 82mm mort rds, 17 cans of 60mm mort rds, 88 60mm mort rds, 1 box B-40 rkt charges, 88 hand grens, 5 I/Wpns, 2 75mm RR rds & several B-40 rkt boosters.

- III MAF (DMZ) - At 1615, a US aerial obs, on a recon mn over the S DMZ, obs approx 100 NVA soldiers (an est NVA co) in foxholes & fortified psns.
3 mi N of Con Thien & about 500 meters inside the S edge of the DMZ. Arty fire was dir onto the en loc. The obs sighted the bodies of 7 en soldiers lying in the impact area. 5 bunkers were dest & 5 were dam. There were no US cas.

- DEWEY CANYON (QUANG TRI PROV) - At approx 1100, an elm of the 9th Regt, US 3rd MAR Div, discovered a significant en wpns, munition & equip cache 30 mi SSW of Quang Tri City. The cache cntn 1,090 60mm mort rds, 640 RPG rkt-gren rds, 650 rfl rds, 110 82mm mort rds, 29,300 12.7mm hv MG rds, 18,185 7.62mm SA rds, 70 140mm rkts, 5 rfl gren launchers, 2 12.7mm AA MG's, 5 mort base plates (2 60mm & 3 82mm) & 1,200 pick axe heads. The cache weighed about 17 tons & raised. the total to approx 450 tons of en wpns & munitions found in the area since the op began on 22 Jan.

- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 2210, a fire spt base of an elm of the US 25th Inf Div, loc 7 mi SE of Dau Tieng rec a gnd probe by an unk size en force empl SA & auto wpns fire. The inf rtn fire & were sptd by arty. Contact was lost about 30 mins later when the en withdrew. The bodies of 9 en soldiers were found, 3 suspects were also dtn, & 8 I/Wprts & 2 CSW were cptrd. US cas were 2 wounded.


- USA hel gunships reptd 93 EX, & dest 128 ftns & sinking 36 sampans.

- An Army OH-6 lt obs hel was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 9 mi SE of Quang Ngai City at approx 1845. One man aboard was kd. The acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 10 msns: 3 mi NW of Dau Tieng in Binh Duong Prov, 28 mi NW of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 8 mi NW of Phuoc Vinh in Binh Duong Prov, 16 mi NE of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Prov, 15 mi NNE of Tay Minh City, 17 mi W of Kontum City in Kontum Prov, & 4 msns 18, 19, 27 & 28 mi W of Kontum City.

8 March (Saturday)

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At about 0130, an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM) in ni def psns 5 mi SW of Go Dau Ha, rec about 70 rds of en 82mm mort fire fol by a gnd atk by an unk size en force. The en empl SA, auto wpns & RPG rkt-gren fire while the trps rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by arty & hel gunships. US cas were 7 KIA & 9 WIA. En cas are unk.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 0545, the US MAR cbt base at An Hoa rec about 125 rds of mixed 82mm & other undetm cal mort fire res in lt MAR cas & lt dam. At about 1050, the base again rec less than 10 rds of mixed 120mm mort & 122mm rkt fire res in lt MAR cas & lt dam. Counter-arty fires were dir against the suspected en firing pens with unk res.

- TOAN THANG (BIEN HOA PROV) - At approx 1410, an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM) discovered a significant en munitions cache while searching an area 12 mi NE of Bien Hoa City. The 3½-ton cache cntn 154 82mm mort rds, 107 57mm RR rds, 246 RPG-2 rkt-grens, 400 lbs of RPG boosters, 60 60mm mort rds, 59 RPG-7 rkt-gren rds, 95 75mm RR rds, 15 bangalore torps, 10 satchel charges, & 10,000 AK-47 SA rds.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROV) - At about 1000, inf fr the 1st Bde, US 5th Inf Div (Mech) discovered an unreptd no of graves cntn the bodies of 10 en soldiers 6 mi S of Quang Tri City. The en apparently had been kd by air strikes or arty about 10 days previously.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - Early today, an est NVA bn atkd the ni déf pens of an elm of the 1st Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM), 4 mi NE of Phu Khuong. The en atk was preceded by an unreptd no & cal rkt rds. The en empl SA, auto wpns & RPG rkt-gren fire while the trps rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by arty & hel gunships. Act cont until about 0800. The bodies of 154 NVA soldiers kd in the abortive ni atk were found. In addition, 8 CSW (incl 2 flamethrowers) & 23 l/Wpns were cntrd. The fol items were left in the area & were cntrd: 10,000 AK-47 SA rds, 73 Chicom hand grens, 45 RPG-2 rkt grens, 4 Bangalore torps, & 250 ½-lb satchel charges. US cas were 11 kd & 30 wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG NGAI PROV) - At approx 1000, inf fr the 11th Lt Inf Bde, US AMERICAL Div, eng an unk size en force 4 mi NW of Duc Pho. The en empl SA, auto wpns & RPG rkt-gren fire while the trps rtn fire with organic wpns. Act cont & a mech inf elm, in armd pers carriers, reinf the contact at an unreptd time. En losses are unk. US cas were 2 kd & 13 wounded of whom 12 were evac.

- IFFV (KONTUM PROV) - At 0800, elms of the 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div, in an area approx 26 mi W of Kontum City, found 2 mass graves cntn the bodies of 39 NVA soldiers. In a nearby tunnel complex, the bodies of another 11 NVA soldiers were found. These 50 NVA are believed to have been kd by the 1st Bde soldiers in an act on 3-4 Mar 69.

- IFFV (KONTUM PROV) - At 1520, elms of the 2nd Bde, US 4th Inf Div, while op in an area 22 mi NW of Kontum City, eng an est en co loc in bunkers on a hilltop. Other elms of the bde reinf the init atk force.

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Contact was lost at an unreptd time. 11 en soldiers were kd in the eng. US cas were 2 kd & 8 wounded.

- TOAN THANG III (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At approx 1520, gunships fr the 12th Obt Avn Gp flying 6 mi E of Tra Cu, eng 15 NVA soldiers armed with organic wpns. The gunships atkd, killing all 15 of the en soldiers. There were no US cas. The act was not dam.

- HQ MACV (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - During the ni, about 35 en indir fire harassing atks were reptd against US, Free World & RVN units & installations. Overall cas & dam were lt. No significant gnd probes were reptd. The fol are significant acts against US forces:

III MAP:

082045 (QUANG NAM PROV) - One rd of suspected rkt or mort fire impacted in the USN Spt Act Hosp area 3 mi S of Da Nang res in lt US cas with no fatalities. One bldg sustained lt dam.

IPPV:

080300 (KONTUM PROV) - The US MACV Advisor compound 2 mi E of Dak To rec about 25 rds of 82mm mort fire res in no reptd dam or cas.

II IPPV:

080115 (Binh Long Prov) - A LZ occupied by an elm of the US 1st Cav Div (AM) near An Loc rec about 40 rds of 82mm mort fire res in no reptd cas or dam.

080210 (Tay Ninh Prov) - A fire sptd base of an elm of the US 25th Inf Div near Ben Soi rec less than 15 rds of 82mm mort fire res in very lt US cas with no fatalities & lt dam.

080003 (Binh Duong Prov) - The base camp of an elm of the US 25th Inf Div at Dau Tieng rec about 15 rds of mixed 107mm rkt & 120mm mort fire res in no reptd cas & lt dam.

080130 (Tay Ninh Prov) - An elm of the US 1st Cav Div (AM), in ni def pens 4 mi SW of Go Dau Ha rec about 70 rds of 82mm mort fire fol by a gnd probe by an unk size en force empl SA & auto wpns fire. Contact was cont as of last report early this morning. US cas are lt while en losses are unk.

080030 (Tay Ninh Prov) - An elm of the US 1st Cav Div (AM), in ni def pens 3 mi NE of Phu Khuong rec an unreptd no of rkt rds fol by a gnd probe by an unk size en force. Contact was cont as of last rept. US cas are lt while en losses are unk.

- IV CTZ (Phuong Dinhh Prov) - At approx 2000, an unk no of en terrorists threw hand grns into a US Mil Police compound in Can Tho City. Init repts indic 2 VN cive were kd & 4 VN cive were wounded. The terrorists escaped.

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- TAYLOR COMMON (QUANG NAM PROV) - Op TAYLOR COMMON, under the con of the US 1st MAR Div, was term. The multi-bn search & clear op, init on 7 Dec 68, was cen in an area 10 mi WSW of An Hoa. During the 3-mo op, MAR, sptd by 2,903 tac air strikes & 4 naval gunfire mens, kd 1,398 en soldiers. 12 en rallied to the GVN & 322 suspects were dtn. The MAR also cptrd 610 I/Wpns & 23 CSW. US cas were 156 kd & 1,327 wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 2045, the en fired 1 rd of suspected rkt or mort fire into the USN Spt Act Hosp area 3 mi SE of Da Nang. The rd impacted betwn a hosp ward & a kitchen causing minor dam. One USN hosp staff mbr & 5 patients (1 USN pers & 4 MAR) rec minor wounds fr the explos.

- IV CTZ (PHONG DINH PROV) - At about 2000, a US acly gd on watch in a tower at a US compound in Can Tho City, fired his M-79 gren launcher & threw several hand grems into part of the compound & the adj street. The reasons for his firing are unk at this time. As a res of the incdt, 2 VN cvvs were kd & 2 others wounded. 9 US pers were also wounded. The indiv has been apprehended & is undergoing med obs. An inves is being ctdd.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 500 sorties (USAF 351, USMC 140, USN 9). BDA incl dest or dam 1 wpns pen, 797 ftms, 61 sampans & ignited 24 sec explos & 51 fires. 40 BK were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 35 BK, & dest 75 ftms & sinking 28 sampans.

- An Army OH-6 lt obs hel was hit by en gnd fire & went down in an area 14 mi NW of Phan Thiet. Both crewmen were kd. The acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 11 mins: 3 mins 25, 27 & 29 mi W of Kontum City; 17 mi WNW of Kontum City, 9 mi E of Tay Ninh City, 12 mi W of Dak To in Kontum Prov, 32 mi NW of Kontum City, 34 mi NW of Kontum City, 23 mi W of Kontum City, & 2 mins 18 & 20 mi SW of Da Nang in Quang Nam Prov.

9 March (Sunday)

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 0315, an elm of the 1st Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM) eng an est en co in an area 7 mi SW of Go Dau Ha. Hv SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged. Hel gunships, arty & US Air Force AC-47 gunships sptd. Res: 34 BK, US cas were 14 kd & 31 wounded.

- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 0400, a ptl fr an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 1st Inf Div obs & eng an est 15-20 en soldiers in an area 5 mi NE of Dau Tieng. The trps dir arty & hel gunship fire onto the en loc. Contact was lost about 10 mins later when the remaining en withdrew. The bodies of 17 en & 7 I/Wpns were found in a swp of the battle area. There were no US cas.

- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 0155, the US 1st Inf Div base
camp at Lai Khe rec about 15 rds of 107mm rkt fire res in very lt US
 cas with no fatalities & lt dam. Arty fire was dir onto the en firing
 psn with unk res. The rkt were reptd to have been fired fr a multi-
 ple tube launcher according to the obs.

- TOAN THANG (BIEN HOA PROV) - At approx 0330, an elm of the US 1st Inf
 Div eng an unk size en force while swpg an area 4 mi E of Nha Be. Hv
 SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged & the en also empl RPG rkt-gren fire.
 En losses are unk. US cas were 9 kd & 11 wounded.

- TOAN THANG (BIEN HOA PROV) - At approx 1110, a co fr the 3rd Bde, 1st
 Cav Div (AM) cdtg off ops 16 mi NE of Bien Hoa City rec hv SA & auto
 wpns fire fr an est en co in bunkers. Arty, aerial rkt arty gunships
 & tac air sptd. Res: 24 EK, US cas were 2 kd & 11 wounded.

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At about 0930, an elm of the 1st Bde,
 US 1st Cav Div (AM) discovered 11 compl but unserviceable 122mm rkt
 3 mi SW of Hiep Hoe. The rkt had been rendered unserviceable by tac
 air previously ctdt in the area.

- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx noon, an elm of the US 11th
 Armd Cav Regt discovered an en wpns & munitions cache 4 mi W of Phuoc
 Vinh. The cache cntn 12 107mm rkt, 11 It MG's, 1 82mm mort tube, 3
 AK-47 rls, & 24 60mm mort rds.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 0830, the US 25th Inf Div, req-
 usted immed tac air strikes on an en bunker complex 12 mi NW of Tay
 Ninh City. F-4s fr the 12th Tac Ftr Wg, along with F-100s fr the 3rd
 & 35th Tac Ftr Wgs, sptd the div with 5 sep strike mens. During the
 strikes, 1 sec explo was obs. Res: 11 en soldiers kd by air & 116
 bunkers dest or dam.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 1340, hel gunships fr the avn bn
 of the 25th Inf Div eng an est 50 en soldiers 9 mi NE of Go Da Ha. The
 helaempl aerial MG & 2.75-in rkt fire & the crewmen reptd obs the bodies
 of 10 en soldiers lying in the strike area fol the brief eng. There
 were no US cas.

- III MAp (QUANG TRI PROV) - At 1100, a ptl fr an elm of the 3rd Regt,
 US 3rd MAR Div, ambs an est NVA plat 4 mi S of Cam Lo. The en rtk fire
 with SA & auto wpns & the MAR empl arty fire in addition to organic wpns.
 Res: 20 EK, 1 suspect was dtn, & 1 CSW & 13 I/Wpns & 40 handgrens
 were cptrd. MAR cas were 3 wounded.

- IPPV (KONTUM PROV) - At 1250, a comd post of the 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div
 loc 26 mi W of Kontum City rec approx 15 rds of en 105mm arty fire.
 Counter-arty fire & tac air strikes were dir onto the en firing pans
 to the E of the CP. The FAC reptd a ChiCom 105mm arty piece dest. US
 cas were 1.

- HQ MACV (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - During the ni, there were about
 30 atks by indir fire reptd against US, Free World & RVN units &
installations thruout the country. Overall cas & dam were lt. The fol are acts involving US forces:

II PFV:

090021 (TAY NINH PROV) - A fire spt base of an elm of the US 25th Inf Div rec about 105 rds of mixed mort & RR fire res in no reptd cas or dam. Counter-arty fire was dir against the suspected en firing psns with unk res.

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- IFFV (KONTUM PROV) - At 1200, an elm fr the 2nd Bde, 4th Inf Div cdtd ops 22 mi NW of Kontum City atkd an unk size en force. The inf were sptd by US Air Force F-100s fr the 31st & 37th TFW's. Act cont thruout the afternoon. The bodies of 36 en soldiers were found. US cas were 6 kd & 11 wounded.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 502 sorties (USAF 340, USMC 143, USN 19). BDA incl dest or dam 958 ftms, 25 sampans & ignited 73 sec explos & 43 fires. 86 EK were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 52 EK, & dest 44 ftms & sinking 10 sampans.

- An Army UH-1 hel was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 9 mi W of Cai Be in Dinh Tuong Prov. There were no cas & the acft was dest.


10 March (Monday)

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 1115, the US MAR cbt base at An Hoa rec about 25 rds of en 122mm rkt fire res in lt US cas & no reptd dam. Counter-arty fire was dir against the suspected en firing psns & 1 sec explos was obs. En losses are unk.

- IFFV (KONTUM PROV) - At approx 1450, inf fr the 3rd Bde, 4th Inf Div, sptd by tks, eng an unk size en force 17 mi W of Kontum City. Act cont until 1900 when contact was lost although sporadic en fire was rec into the ni. Res: 13 EK, & 4 I/Wpn & 2 CSW along with 12 grns & assorted equip were cptrd. US cas were 6 KIA & 28 WIA.

- IFFV (KONTUM PROV) - At approx 1515, elms of the 1st Bde, US 4th Inf Div, op in an area 18 mi WNW of Polei Kleng, cptrd a 105mm how.

- IFFV (KONTUM PROV) - Betwn approx 0845 & 1130, the comd post of an elm of the 1st Bde of the US 4th Inf Div, about 26 mi WNW of Kontum City was
subj to an indir fire harassing atk of about 30 rds of 82mm mort fire. Counter-btry fires were dir against the suspected en firing psns with unk res. US cas & dam to the installation were lt.

- IPPFV (KONTUM PROV) - Betwn approx 1030 & 1230, elms of the 3rd Bde, US 4th Inf Div, loc on a LZ about 16 mi NW of Kontum City, were subj to an indir fire harassing atk of about 30 rds of 122mm rkt fire. No US cas were reptd. Mat dam was lt.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At 1800, approx 14 mi ESE of Katum, a FAC spotted an est 20 NVA pers moving in an open area. The FAC called for tac air strikes & Army aerial rkt arty spt. After a brief eng, the FAC reptd 18 NVA pers kd-by-air. 4 en bunkers were also dest in the act. There were no US cas.

- HQ MACV (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - During the ni, there were about 35 en harassing atks by indir fire reptd against US, Free World & RVN units & installations. A rkt atk on the city of Hue is incl in the no of indir fire atks. Overall cas & dam were lt. One significant gnd atk was reptd in III Corps.

III MAF:

102240 (THUA THIEN PROV) - The en fired 5 122mm rktts into the city of Hue. Init repts indic 6 VN civs were wounded by the indiscriminate fire. There were no reptd US cas. Counter-arty fire was dir against the suspected en firing psns with unk res.

101925 (QUANG NAM PROV) - The US MAR obt base at An Hoa rec about 40 rds of 82mm mort fire. In addition, 5 en soldiers were obs attempting to infiltrate a portion of the peri & were kd by acty forces. Counter-arty fire was dir against the suspected en firing psns & 2 sec expls were obs. MAR cas were lt with no fatalities.

/IPPFV:

102400 (TUTEN DUC PROV) - a US IPPFV arty unit pen loc 12 mi SSE of Dalat rec about 35 rds of unreptd cal mort fire res in no reptd cas or dam.

/IPPFV:

100009 (HAU NGHIA PROV) - A LZ 1 mi W of Hiep Hoa occupied by an elm of the 1st Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM) rec less than 5 rds of 107mm rkt fire res in lt US cas with no fatalities & no reptd dam.

100050 (TAY NINH PROV) - A fire spt base of an elm of the US 25th Inf Div loc 6 mi ESE of Tay Ninh City rec about 40 rds of 82mm mort fire res in no reptd dam or cas.

100105 (LONG AN PROV) - A US arty fire spt base loc 1 mi S of Ben Luc rec about 15 rds of unreptd cal mort fire res in no rept cas or dam.
101925 (TAY NINH PROV) - A US 25th Inf Div fire spt base loc 9 mi NE of Go Dau Ha rec about 30 rds of 82mm mort fire res in no reptd cas or dam.

102230 (BINH LONG PROV) - An elm of the US 3rd Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM) in ni def psns 20 mi SW of An Loc rec about 40 rds of 60mm mort fire res in no reptd cas or dam.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 474 sorties (USAF 328, USMC 137, USN 9). BDA incl dest or dam 9 strucs, 1,046 ftns, 49 sampans & ignited 50 sec explos & 57 fires. 28 EK were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 57 EK, & dest 86 ftns & sinking 56 sampans.

- An Air Force F-100 was downed by en gnd fire 31 mi NNW of Phan Rang in Ninh Thuan Prov. The pilot was kd & the acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 10 msns: 3 msns 15, 16 & 17 mi NE of Tay Ninh City; 2 msns 17 & 28 mi NW of Kontum City in Kontum Prov; 7 mi NW of Tri Ton; 2 msns 12 & 15 mi NE of Tay Ninh City; & 2 msns 13 & 14 mi NW of Lai Khe.

11 March (Tuesday)

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At 0140, an est en bn atkd the ni def psns of an elm of the 1st Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM) in an area 3 mi NE of Phu Khuong. The gnd atk was preceded by an unreptd no of 120mm mort rds & contact was lost after a 2-hr battle. Res: 86 EK, & 4 suspects were dtn & 31 wpns (28 indiv) were cptrd. US losses were 5 KIA & 20 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 0125, an elm fr the armd cav sqdn of the US 25th Inf Div in ni def psns 9 mi SE of Phu Khuong rec a gnd atk fr an est NVA co. The trps rtn the fire with their organic wpns & were sptd by arty, hel gunships & AC-47 gunships until 0230 when the en evaded contact & withdrew. Res: 38 EK, 3 suspects were dtn & 10 wpns (incl one 57mm RR, 2 RPG rkt-gren launchers & 3 MG's) & 51 ChiCom hand grens were cptrd. There were no US cas.

- DEWEY CANYON (QUANG TRI PROV) - At approx 1710, en elm fr the US 9th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, cdg ops 29 mi SSW of Quang Tri City eng an est NVA plat. Act cont thruout early afternoon until an unreptd time when contact was lost. Res: 3 EK while US losses in the act were 2 KIA & 39 WIA (12 evac).

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 1215, a US 25th Inf Div convoy enr fr Cu Chi to Dau Tieng rec SA, auto wpns & RPG rkt-gren fire fr an unk size en force attempting to ambs in an area 11 mi ESE of Tay Ninh City. Mech inf in armd pers carriers fr the 3rd Bde, 25th Inf Div, actg as convoy scty elms, imm led rtn the fire & eng the en psns.
Act cont into the afternoon with hel gunships, arty & US Air Force F-100s fr the 3rd & 31st TFW's sptg. Other mech elms reinf & pursued the withdrawing en until contact was lost in the early eve. The bodies of 76 en soldiers kd in the abortive ambs & pursuit act were found. In addition, 2 suspects were dtn & 3 CSW were cptrd. US cas were 8 WIA. One veh was reptd dam & the convoy cont to its destination.

- IFFV (KONTUM PROV) - At 1140, an elm fr the 3rd Bde, US 4th Inf Div, cdtd swp ops 17 mi NW of Kontum City found 5 NVA bodies that appeared to be 1 day old. Later, at approx 1700, other elms fr the bde cdtd ops in the same general area rec 32mm mort fire fol by a gnd atk fr an unk size en force. Act cont until 2000 with arty sptg the trps. Res: 17 EK, US cas were 2 KIA & 29 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (LONG AN PROV) - At approx 1450, an elm of the US 199th Lt Inf Bde, discovered an en munitions cache while searching an area 10 mi NW of Ben Luc. The cache cntn 138 rds of 82mm mort ammo.

- IFFV (KONTUM PROV) - At approx 1430, an elm of the 1st Bde, US 4th Inf Div, was atkd by an unk size NVA force while swpg an area 27 mi W of Kontum City. The inf, sptd by arty, rtn fire with organic wpns & act cont until 2000 at ni when the en withdrew. Res: 13 EK, US cas were 5 kd & 27 wounded.

- HQ MACV (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - There were about 10 en harassing atks by indir fire reptd during the ni against US & RVN units & installations thruout the country. Overall cas were reptd lt. The fol significant acts were reptd against US forces:

  IFFV:
  110005 (GIA DINH PROV) - The fuel storage area at Nha Be rec less than 5 rds of suspected 107mm rkt fire res in no reptd cas or dam.
  110040 (TAY NINH PROV) - A US 25th Inf Div fire spt base loc 6 mi ESE of Tay Ninh City rec about 25 rds of mixed 82mm mort & 75mm RR fire res in no reptd cas or dam.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 0730, trps fr the air cav sqdn of the US 1st Cav Div (AM) obs & eng an unk size en force in an open area 5 mi NE of Phu Khuong (55 mi NW of Saigon). Act cont until 0910 with hel gunshts sptg the gnd trps. The bodies of 14 en soldiers kd in the act were found in the area. There were no US cas.

- IV CORPS (DINH TUONG PROV) - In scattered acts betw midnight & 0400, hel gunships fr the 164th Cbt Avn Gp & elms of the 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div kd 18 en soldiers. The contacts occurred during ni ops 9 mi NW of Cai Lay.

- TOAN THANG (BIEN HOA PROV) - At about 1400, a co fr the 3rd Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM) cdtd off ops 16 mi NE of Bien Hoa City eng an est 2 en comps. The trps, sptd by arty & hel gunshts, kd 15 en soldiers. US cas were 4 WIA.
- IV CORPS (LONG KHANH PROV) - At about 0600, a CIDG elm in ni def psns 22 mi E of Rach Gia rec about 50 rds of unk type mort fire. Arty, along with US Air Force F-100s fr the 3rd, 31st & 35th TFW's & gunships fr the 14th Sp Ops Wg eng the suspected en firing psns. Res: 37 EK by air. CIDG losses were very lt with no fatalities.

- III MAF (DMZ) - At 1730, an aerial obs flying a recon mn over the S half of the DMZ was fired on with SA & auto wpns fr 3 locs 3 mi W of Con Thien (300 meters N of the S edge of the DMZ). Several NVA soldiers were also obs in the open near the psns fr which the fire emanated. The AO called for arty fire onto the en trp & wpns psn. The arty fire silenced 3 .50 cal MG's. The bodies of 4 NVA soldiers were obs lying in the impact area. The acft was not hit. There were no US cas.

- III MAF (DMZ) - At 1615, an AO flying a recon mn over the S half of the DMZ obs 15 NVA soldiers in an area 3 mi N of Con Thien (½ mile S of the Ben Hai river). The AO called for arty fire onto the en force & reptd 10 NVA soldiers kd as a result of the fire mn. There were no US cas.

- IFFV (KONTUM PROV) - Air Cav trps fr the cay sqdn of the US 17th Cbt Avn Gp, cdng a bomb dam assessment mn 26 mi W of Kontum City found the bodies of 11 NVA pers who had previously bee kd-by-air.

- IV CTZ (DINH TUONG PROV) - At approx 1255, an elm of the 1st Bde, US 9th Inf Div, eng an unk size en force 9 mi NW of Cai Lay. Other elms of the bde were aasltd into the area to reinf the trps in contact. The en force was est to be a VC bn empl SA & hv MG fire. The inf were spld by arty, hel gunships & US Air Force F-4s & F-100s fr the 3rd, 12th, & 35th TFW's as act cont into the ni. Sporadic contact cont into the early morning until an unreptd time when the remaining en withdrew. Res: 57 EK & 8 I/Wps were also found. US cas were 1 KIA & 18 WIA.

- SVN TAC Air: US pilots flew 504 sorties (USAF 320, USMC 166, USN 18). BDA incl dest or dam 2 strucs, 657 ftns, 19 sampans & ignited 50 sec explos & 26 fires. 55 EK were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 49 EK, & dest 35 ftns & sinking 11 sampans.

- An Army UH-1 hel was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 5 mi NW of Cai Lay. There were no injs. The acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 10 mens: 2 mens 13 & 14 mi WNW of Lai Khe, 2 mens 11 & 12 mi WSW of Lai Khe, 3 mens 12 & 13 mi W of Lai Khe, 2 mens 8 & 11 mi NW of Lai Khe, & 2 mens 27 & 28 mi WSW of Kontum City. Bomb dam assessmen reptd by FAC's covering strikes flown on 9, 10 & 11 Mar reptd 218 sec explos ignited by strikes flown in III Corps on those dates.

12 March (Wednesday)

- HQ MACV (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - During the ni, about 35 en indir fire harassing atks against US & RVN units & installations were reptd thruout the country. Overall cas & dam were lt. There were no significant znd probes reptd.
- III MAF (QUANG TIN PROV) - At approx 1045, inf fr the 196th Lt Inf Bde, US AMERICAL Div discovered the bodies of 12 en soldiers while searching an en bunker complex 10 mi SW of Tam Ky. The en had been kd about 24 hrs earlier.

- KENTUCKY JUMPER (THUA THIEN PROV) - At approx 1700, trps fr the 2nd Bde, US 101st Abn Div (AM) asslt into an area 12 mi SW of Hue & immed made contact & rec SA, auto wpns & RPG rkt-gren fire fr an est en co. The inf rtn fire with organic wpns. Res: 12 EK, & 1 I/Wpn & 2 CSW were cptrd. In addition, an en bunker complex ctn an unreptd qty of SA & RPG ammo along with food & cooking utensils was also discovered. US cas were 2 KIA & 2 WIA.

- IFFV (KONTUM PROV) - At approx 1130, an elm of the 1st Bde, US 4th Inf Div eng an est en sqd in fortified pens 26 mi WNW of Kontum City. At About 1300, a US Army OH-6 lt obs hel rec sniper fire & obs several en snipers in trees in the vic of the contact. As contact cont into the afternoon, another elm of the bde reinf. Hel Gunships & arty sptd the inf into the ni until 2300 when contact was lost as the en withdrew. Res: 23 EK, US cas were 2 KIA & 15 WIA.

- IFFV (KONTUM PROV) - At approx 0830, the CIDG Camp & US 4th Inf Div fire spt base co-loc at Ben Het 34 mi NW of Kontum rec about 5 rds of en 85mm arty fire res in very lt US cas with no fatalities. There were no reptd VN cas & no reptd dam. US Air Force tac air strikes fr the 31st, 35th & 37th TFW's were dir onto the en firing psn 5½ mi W of the camp & just E of the Cambodian border in SVN. One 85mm arty piece was reptd dest by the strikes.

- IFFV (Bình Long PROV) - During a 2-hr period fr 1940 to 2140, hel gunships fr the air cav sqdn of the US 12th Cbt Avn Gp cdng ni recon ops in a general area 19 mi SSW of An Loc eng an unk size en force in the open. The air cav trpsempl aerial MG & 2.75-in rkt fire kd 18 en soldiers. There were no US cas.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 1215, elms of the 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div, cdng ops 9 mi N of Tay Ninh City eng & rec SA & auto wpns fire fr an unk size en force. The inf were sptd by arty & aerial rkt arty gunships until 1645 when the remaining en withdrew. Res: 19 EK, US cas were 1 KIA & 5 WIA.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 452 sorties (USAF 310, USMC 120, USN 22). BDA incl dest or dam 9 strucs, 690 ftns, 9 sampans & ignited 30 sec explos & 11 fires. 13 EK were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 61 EK, & dest 38 ftns & sinking 40 sampans.

- An Army OH-6 lt obs hel rec en gnd fire & crashed 7 mi NE of Dau Tieng. One crew mbr was wounded. The acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 10 msns: 3 msns 14, 17 & 20 mi NW of Lai Khe in Bình Long
13 March (Thursday)

- IV CORPS (DINH TUONG PROV) - At approx 0340, an elm of the 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div cdtd swp ops 12 mi WNW of Cai Be eng an est 2 VC plts. Act cont until 0540 when the em withdrew. Res: 17 VC kd, US cas were 2 KIA & 13 WIA.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROV) - At approx 1115, an elm of the 4th Regt, US 3rd MAR Div obs & eng an unk size NVA force 4 mi NW of the Rockpile. Act cont into the afternoon; arty, morts & hel gunships spptg the gnd trps. The enempl hand grns, SA & auto wpns fire spptd by 60mm mort fire. The en mort atk ceased at 1715. However, at 0300, the elm again rec SA & hand grns fr an unk size en force. The peri was pent by a few en soldiers who were repulsed. Contact was lost at 0800. Res: 23 EK, US call were 10 KIA & 40 WIA.

- HQ MACV (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - During the ni, there were about 14 en indir fire harassing atks reptd against US, Free World & RVN units & installations. Overall cas & dam were reptd lt. There were no significant gnd probes reptd. The fol are significant acts involving US forces:

IFPV:

130040 (DARLAC PROV) - A US Army unit at the Ban Me Thuot afd rec about 20 rds of 82mm mort fire res in no cas & lt dam.

IFPV:

130117 (BINH DUONG PROV) - The base camp of an elm of the US 25th Inf Div at Dau Tieng rec less than 15 rds of unreptd cal RR fire res in no reptd cas or dam.

130100 (LONG AN PROV) - An elm of the 3rd Bde, US 9th Inf Div at Tan An rec about 10 rds of 107mm rkt fire res in no reptd cas or dam.


- USA hel gunships reptd 44 EK, & dest 47 ftms & sinking 16 sampans.

- B-52s flew 11 mns: 14 mi E of Tay Ninh City, 2 mns 8 & 9 mi NNW of Lai Khe in Binh Duong Prov, 15 mi SE of Bien Hoa City in Bien Hoa Prov, 20 mi NE of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Prov, 8 mi NNW of Lai Khe, 3 mi
S of Tri Ton in Chau Doc Prov, 8 mi NNW of Lai Khe, 14 mi SSW of Xuan Loc, 4 mi W of Duc Hoa in Hau Nghia Prov, & 6 mi NW of An Hoa in Quang Nam Prov. Bomb dam assessment (BDA) res fr 2 strikes in Chau Doc Prov on 10 & 13 Mar incl 26 KBA, 17 sec explos, 14 bunkers dest, 16 strucs dest & 300 meters of trench dest.

14 March (Friday)

- TOAN THANG (BIEN HOA PROV) - At approx 0115, an elm of the 3rd Bde, 1st Inf Div obs an unk size en force while cdtg swp ops 15 mi NNE of Bien Hoa City. The inf, spptd by hel gunships & arty, atkd the en force & contact was lost immed. During a swp of the area after the contact, 13 en bodies were found. In addition, 5 I/Wpns were cptrd. No US cas.

- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 1430, the base camp of an elm of the US 25th Inf Div at Dau Tieng rec about 5 rds of en 107mm rkt fire res in lt dam & lt US cas but no US fatalities. 4 VN civ laborers in the base were reptd kd & one other wounded in the indir fire atk. Counter-arty fire was dir against the suspected en firing pens with unk res.

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At about 1430, a recon elm of the 3rd Bde, 82nd Abn Div, discovered an en wpns cache 4 mi SE of Duc Hoa. The cache cntn 5 compl 122mm rkt launchers (tube & tripod).

- IV CORPS (KIEN HOA PROV) - At approx 2015, an elm fr the 2nd Bde, 9th Inf Div cdtg ops 2 mi NE of Ben Tre eng an unk size en force. The inf, spptd by hel gunships & arty, kd 24 en soldiers. Contact was lost later at an unk time. US cas were 3 WIA with no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At approx 1245, an elm of the 1st Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM) discovered a significant en wpns cache while cdtg swp ops in an area 6 mi NW of Tra Cu. The cache weighed approx 8.5 tons & cntn 1,027 82mm mort rds, 1,188 60mm mort rds, 179 75mm RR rds, 149 57mm RR rds, 3,916 12.7 MJ rds, 486 RPG rkt-propelled gren rds, 21,160 rds of 7.62 SA ammo, 1,344 grens of ChiCom origin, 40 AT mines, & 5 107mm rkt warheads.

- IV CORPS (CHUONG THIEN PROV) - At 1600, hel gunships fr the air cay sqdn of the 164th Cbt Avn Gp sptg VN forces in the area eng an unk size en force 6 mi W of Kien Hung. Res: 36 EK, US cas were 3 WIA. There were no reptd VN cas.

- HQ MACV (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - During the ni, there were about 45 en indir fire harassing atks against US & RVN units & installations thruout the country. Overall cas & dam were reptd lt. There were no significant gnd probes reptd. The fol are significant acts:

IFFV:

140200 (BINH THUAN PROV) - An elm of IFFV TF South, loc at a LZ 4 mi
N of Phan Thiet rec about 25 rds of 82mm mort fire res in lt dam &
very lt cas with no fatalities.

IIFFV:

140215 (TAY NINH PROV) - A US arty elm in ni def pens 3 mi NE of Ben
Soi rec about 15 rds of 82mm mort fire res in no dam or cas.

  BDA incl dest or dam 4 strucs, 709 ftms, 20 sampans & ignited 23 sec
  expls & 19 fires.

- USA hel gunships reptd 100 EK, & dest 135 ftms & sinking 22 sampans.

- An Air Force F-100 acft was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 19 mi SE of
  Dak To in Kontum Prov. The pilot was wounded & res. The acft was dest.

- 2 Army hels were downed by en gnd fire & dest: A UH-1 was downed 15
  mi N of Kien Long in Chuong Thien Prov. There were no cas. An OH-6
  was downed 14 mi NNW of Kien Long in Chuong Thien Prov. One crew mbr
  was inj.

- A USMC CH-47 hel was downed by en gnd fire 8 mi NW of Camp Carroll in
  Quang Tri Prov. 3 pers aboard were wounded.

- B-52s flew 9 msns: 3 msns 3, 4 & 5 mi S of Phuoc Vinh in Binh Duong
  Prov, 2 msns 5 & 6 mi NE of An Hoa in Quang Nam Prov, 13 mi ENE of Tay
  Ninh City, 2 msns 17 & 19 mi NNW of Lai Khe in Binh Long Prov, & 6 mi
  W of Duc Hoa in Hau Nghia Prov.

15 March (Saturday)

- III MAF (QUANG NGAI PROV) - At 1430, inf fr the 11th Lt Inf Bde of the
  AMERICAL Div, cdtg ops 9 mi NNW of Quang Ngai City found 15 en bodies
  in graves that appeared to be 1 wk old. The en soldiers were apparently
  kd by arty.

- SPEEDY EXPRESS (KIEN HOA PROV) - At 1930, a recon plat fr the 2nd Bde,
  9th Inf Div ambs an en plat in an area 6 mi NW of Ben Tre. Contact was
  lost at 2010 when the remaining en exfiltrated out of the area. 19 en
  bodies were found. There were no US cas.

- SPEEDY EXPRESS (KIEN HOA PROV) - At 0040, an elm fr the 9th Inf Div's
  2nd Bde cdtg ops 7 mi NW of Ben Tre eng an est en sqd with organic wpns
  & kd 6. Later, other elms fr the bde, op in the same area, kd 20 en
  soldiers in scattered acts. At an unreptd time later, hel gunships fr
  the cav sqdn of the div cdtg ni recon msns kd 18 en soldiers. The cum
  totals for the scattered acts in the general area were 44 EK. US cas
  were 2 WIA with no fatalities.

- SPEEDY EXPRESS (DINH TUONG PROV) - During a 2-hr period commencing at
1940, hel crews fr the air cav sqdn of the 164th Cbt Avn Gp, cdtg ni
armd recon msns, obs small gps of en trps 9 mi NW of Cai Be. The air cav
trps eng the en trps with MG & rkt fire & reptd killing 16 in scattered
contacts. There were no US cas.

- SPEEDY EXPRESS (Kien Phong Prov) - A recon elm fr the 1st Bde, 9th Inf
Div, cdtg ops at 2100 in an area 3 mi NW of Cai Be, eng an est en plat.
During the contact, which lasted for 30 mins, the inf kd 15 en soldiers &
dest 2 sampans. There were no US cas.

- IFFV (Kontum Prov) - Betwn 1640 & 1710, US Air Force F-100s fr the 31st
& 37th TFW's kd 14 NVA soldiers in a wpns psn & bunker complex 25 mi
WNW of Kontum City. Six bunkers & one CSW were also dest in the strikes.
The strike res were cfm by a US Army air cav unit fr the 4th Inf Div.

- III MAF (Quang Ngai Prov) - At 1100, elms of the 11th Lt Inf Bde, 23rd
Inf (AMERICAN) Div, made contact with an unk size en force while op in
an area 9 mi SE of Quang Ngai City. The US elms were reinf & sporadic
contacts cont into the ni. The act res in 33 en kd, with 1 CSW & 13
I/Wpns cptrd. US cas were reptd 1t.

- DEWEY CANYON (Quang Tri Prov) - At 1100, an elm fr the 9th Regt, US 3rd
MAR Div, cdtg ops 30 mi SSW of Quang Tri City obs an est reinf en sqd in
a trenchline. The MAR, sptd by hel gunships, aslt the en psn. Later,
at approx 1615, approx 20 en soldiers were obs in the same general area.
Arty fire was dir onto the en psns. Res: 17 EK, US cas were 7 WIA.

- HQ MACV (Capital Military District) - During the ni, there were about
30 en indir fire harassing atks against US, Free World & RVN units &
installations reptd thruout the country. Overall cas & dam are reptd
1t. The fol are significant acts:

**III MAF:**

150422-0615 (Thua Thien Prov) - Three or 4 rds of 122mm rkt fire impacted
in the city of Hue. No cas or dam were reptd.

150120 (Thuan Thien Prov) - A fire spt base of the US 101st Abn Div (AM)
loc 10 mi SE of Hue rec about 80 rds of 82mm mort fire res in very lt US
cas but no fatalities.

150600 (Quang Tri Prov) - At approx 0600, the en fired 15 mixed 122mm
& 140mm rkt rds into & near the US logistics area in Cua Viet in Quang
Tri Prov. Less than 5 additional 140mm rkts impacted into another US
logistical area near the beach to the N of Cua Viet. An unreptd no of
the rds impacted in a village on the N side of the Cua Viet river res
in 1 VN civ reptd kd & 6 VN civs reptd wounded. There were no US cas
& no dam to the US installation reptd. A US FAC at Gio Linh sighted the
rkt firing psns 4 mi NE of Gio Linh inside the DMZ. Arty fire & naval
gunfire fr the USS Mullinnix were dir onto the loc & 1 sec explos was obs.
A MAR recon ptl, inside the S edge of the DMZ, also obs the firing of
the rkts fr the area about 1½ mi inside the DMZ. The MAR moved to inves
& eng an unk size NVA force before reaching the site about 3 mi NE of Gio Linh & about 1 mi inside the Zone. SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged & as contact cont, the ptl requested assistance. MAR armd amphib vehs moved to the area fr pens S of the DMZ & reinf the act at 0730. Fighting cont, with arty & naval gunfire sptg the gnd trps until approx 1040 when contact was lost as the remaining en withdrew. In a swp of the battle area, the bodies of 10 NVA soldiers kd in the eng were found. In addition, 2 NVA soldiers, 1 of whom was wounded, were dtn. The MAR also cptrd one 82mm mort tube, 55 rds of 82mm mort ammo, 10 mines & unreptd no of en uniforms. There were no US cas & the MAR rtn to their pens S of the DMZ at about 1400 fol the swp.

**IFFV:**

150117 (NINH THUAN PROV) - A US logistics spt act area loc 4 mi NW of Phan Rang rec about 20 rds of 82mm mort fire res in lt dam & very lt US cas but no fatalities.

**IFFV:**

150150 (BINH DUONG PROV) - A US 25th Inf Div fire spt base loc 3 mi SE of Dau Tieng rec about 60 rds of mixed 60/82mm mort fire & a gnd probe fr an unk no of en, empl RPG rkt gren fire. The inf rtn fire with organic wpns & arty was fired onto the suspected en firing pens. The bodies of 21 NVA soldiers were found, 4 suspects were dtn & 17 I/Wpns & CSW were cptrd (incl one 60mm mort tube & one flamethrower). The flamethrower was not reptd empl in the act. US cas were 1 WIA.

150220 (BINH DUONG PROV) - The base camp of an elm of the US 25th Inf Div at Dau Tieng rec 1 rd of 82mm mort fire & about 5 rds of 107mm rkt fire & about 5 rds of 107mm rkt fire res in lt dam & no reptd cas.

152310 (BINH DUONG PROV) - The base camp of an elm of the US 25th Inf Div at Dau Tieng rec more than 10 rds of 107mm rkt fire res in very lt US cas & lt dam.

**IV CTZ:**

150130 (DINH TUONG PROV) - The US 9th Inf Div base camp at Dong Tam rec about 45 rds of mixed 82mm & RPG rkt-gren fire res in lt dam & very lt US cas with no fatalities.

152235 (BA XUYEN PROV) - About 10 rds of 82mm mort fire impacted in & near the US MACV advisory compound at Sox Trang rec in 1 VN civ kd & 2 VN civs wounded. There was no reptd dam.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 1130, an elm fr the 2nd Bde, US 25th Inf Div, cdtg ops 6 mi NW of Ben Soi rec SA & RPG rkt-gren fire fr an est en plat. The inf, sptd by hel gunships, arty & US Air Force tac acft, rtn the fire & at 1330 were reinf by other elms of the bde. Contact was lost at 1700. Res: 14 EK. There were no US cas in the 5½-hr battle.

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- MAINE CRAG (QUANG TRI PROV) - Op MAINE CRAG commenced.
- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At 1445, a mech co fr the 1st Bde, 25th
  Inf Div, rec SA & an unk no of mort rds fr an unk size NVA force while
cdtg ops 3 mi SE of Phu Khuong. The inf rtn the fire & kd 10 en soldiers.
  During a swp of the battlefield after the brief eng, 4 additional NVA
  bodies were found bringing the total kd to 14. 4 I/Wpns, 10 NVA carrying
  packs & 10 RPG rkt-gren rds were also cptrd. There were no US cas.
  BDA incl dest or dam a mort psn, 759 ftns, 14 sampans & ignited 30 sec
  explos & 31 fires. In addition, 9 mil strucs & a rkt site were dest.
- USA hel gunships reptd 55 EK, & dest 96 ftns & sinking 59 sampans.
- 2 Army hels were hit by en gnd fire & crashed: a UH-1 was downed 7 mi
  SW of Long My in Chuong Thien Prov. 3 pers aboard the acft were kd &
  1 was wounded. The hel was dest. An OH-6 was downed 14 mi E of Bien
  Hoa City. One man aboard was inj & the acft was dest.
- B-52s flew 9 mans: 13 mi ESE of Phuoc Vinh, 15 mi NW of Lai Khe in Binh
  Long Prov, 13 mi ESE of Phuoc Vinh in Long Khanh Prov, 9 mi NE of Tay
  Ninh City, 16 mi NE of Bien Hoa in Bien Hoa Prov, 2 mans 11 & 12 mi
  NE of Tay Ninh City, & 2 mans 13 & 14 mi ENE of Tay Ninh City.

16 March (Sunday)

- HQ MACV (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - At approx 0230, four 122mm rktks
  fired by the en impacted within the city of Saigon as fols: One 122mm
  rkt impacted in the river near the I Precinct, 1 ½ ml E of the cen of
  Saigon; two 122mm rktks impacted in the IV Precinct, 1 ½-2 ml ESE of the
  cen of Saigon; & one 122mm rkt impacted in an open fld in the IX Precinct
  2 ml E of the cen of Saigon. Init repts indicate 1 VN civ was wounded
  & 1 home was dam as a res of the indiscriminate atks. Arty units of the
  Army of the Rep of Vietnam & also the US Army fired on 2 suspected
  launch locs 6 ml SE of the impact pts within 2 mins of the rkt ignitions.
The res are unk.
- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 0900, an elm fr the 1st Bde,
  1st Cav Div (AM) cdtg swp ops 9 ml NNE of Dau Tieng found a 1.7 ton en
  munitions cache that cntn 630 82mrn mort rds, 6 120mm mort rds, 1 107mm
  rkt (compl), 2 RPG rkt-gren rds & 2 AK-47 rfls. All of the munitions
  were in good condition.
- IPPV (PLEIKU PROV) - At approx 1250, an elm of the US 4th Inf Div eng
  an est en plat while swpg an area 11 ml N of Pleiku City. Arty & hel
  gunships sptd. Contact was lost at about 1340. Res: 27 EK, US cas
  were 15 WIA.
- III MAF (QUANG TIN PROV) - At 0800, a co fr the 196th Lt Inf Bde of the
  AMERICAL Div cdtg swp ops 9 ml W of Tam Ky found 35 lg graves cntn 140
  en bodies. The en soldiers had been kd by arty, air & 5A fire. The
  bodies appeared to be 4 days old. At 1330, the inf found another 5
  graves cntn 12 en bodies. The cum total of en bodies found was 152.
  There were no US cas.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROV) - At approx 0215, a comb act plat cdtg ptrlg ops 1 mi NNW of Dong Ha was atkd by an est en co. Cont was lost at an unreptd time when the en withdrew to the NW. While the CAP was rtng to their compound, they were again eng by an unk size en force. Contact was again lost at an unreptd time when the en withdrew. 6 US memb of the CAP were kd (5 USMC & 1 USN) & 4 others were wounded. VN losses were hv. In addition, 4 civos were also kd (incl one village chief & 2 hamlet chiefs). En losses are unk.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NDNH PROV) - At approx 1400, an elm fr the armd cav sqdn of the US 25th Inf Div cdtg swn ops 9 mi NE of Go Dau Ha rec SA & RPG rkt-gren fire fr an unk size en force. The mech trps, sptd by hel gunships, arty & US Air Force tac acft, empl their organic wpns. Contact was lost at about 1630. Res: 11 En, there were no US cas during the 24-hr battle.

- IV CORPS (AN XUYEN PROV) - During a 5-hr period commencing at 1000, aviators fr the 164th Cbt Avn Gp flying AH-1 Cobra & UH-1 Huey hls kd 9 en soldiers while cdtg armd recon ops 15 mi N of Cau Mau. 96 en strucs & 38 sampans were also dest. One sec explos was obs. There were no US cas in the engs.

- SPEEDY EXPRESS (DINH TUONG PROV) - At 2000, an elm fr the US 9th Inf Div's 1st Bde cdtg ptrlg ops 5 mi N of Cai Be obs an est 35 en soldiers in the open. The inf empl SA, auto wpns & arty fire against the en force killing 23. About 25 mins later, another en force was obs in the same general area & the inf atkd the en trps with organic wpns & kd 14. There were no US cas.

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At 1215, an elm fr the 1st Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM) cdtg ops 6 mi SW of Hiep Hoe found a half-ton munitions cache that cntn 13 rds of 107mm rkt ammo & 90 rds of RPG rkt-gren ammo. The rds were found in water-tight containers buried in the bank of a canal. The munitions were in good cond.

- IFFV (BINH DINH PROV) - At 1430, an elm fr the 173rd Abn Bde was aslt into a LZ loc 18 mi SE of Bong Son & immed rec SA & auto wpns fire fr an unk size en force. An OH-6 flying in the area was hit by approx 15 rds of auto wpns fire. The acft crashed, burned & was dest. One of the aviators was wounded. Contact cont in the LZ until 1745 when the en withdrew. Res: 19 En, & 4 I/Wps & 25 hand grens were optrd. US losses were 1 kd & 6 wounded (incl the wounded pilot).

- HQ MACV (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - During the ni, there were about 20 en indir fire harassing atks against US & RVN units & installations thruout the country. Overall cas & dam were reptd lt. There were no significant gnd probes reptd. The fol are significant acts:

III MAF:

161942–2134 (THUAN THIEN PROV) - The hqs of the 101st Abn Div (AM) loc 4 mi SSE of Hue rec less than 20 rds of 122mm rkt fire res in lt US cas
with no dam reptd.

**IPPV:**

161915 (NIHN THUAN PROV) - The Phan Rang Afld rec about 5 rds of 107mm rkt fire res in very lt cas with no fatalities reptd. There was no dam reptd.

**IPPV:**

160230 (BIEN HOA PROV) - The US Army installation at Long Binh rec one rd of 107mm rkt fire res in no reptd cas or dam.

160232 (GIA DINH PROV) - The fuel storage area at Nha Be rec less than 5 rds of 107mm rkt fire res in no reptd cas & lt dam. A fire ignited by the explos was extinguished within 1 hr.

161850 (BINH DUONG PROV) - The base camp of an elm of the US 25th Inf Div rec less than 10 rds of 107mm rkt fire res in lt cas with no fatalities. Dam to mat & equip was also lt.

**IV CTZ:**

162100 (DINH TUONG PROV) - The hqs of the US 9th Inf Div rec less than 5 rds of 120mm mort fire res in lt cas & no dam reptd.

- DEWEY CANYON (QUANG TRI PROV) - In 3 atks by indir fire, the en fired a total of about 85 rds of 82mm mort ammo & about 15 rds of 122mm arty ammo into a fire spt base of an elm of the 9th Regt, US 3rd MAR Div 27 mi SSW of Quang Tri City. MAR cas were lt with no fatalities. There was no reptd dam. Counter-arty fire was dir against the suspected en firing pens with unk res.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 475 sorties (USAF 312, USMC 135, USN 28). BDA incl dest or dam 494 ftns, 26 sampans, & ignited 33 sec explos & 21 fires. 7 EK were also reptd.

- A US Army O-1 obs acft was downed by en gnd fire 7 mi NW of Ben Tre in Kien Hoa Prov. Both crew mbrs were kd & the acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 9 mns: 12 mi SW of Tay Ninh City, 14 & 19 mi SE of Tay Ninh City, 2 mns 9 & 10 mi SSE of Can Tho in Phong Dinh Prov, 29 mi SE of Tay Ninh City, 31 mi SW of Kontum City in Kontum Prov, 3 mi SW of Ben Tre in Hau Nghia Prov, & 19 mi SE of Tay Ninh City.

17 March (Monday)

- TOAN THANG (BIEN HOA PROV) - At approx 0145, an est 2 en plats cdtd a gnd probe against an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM), in ni def pens 9 mi NNE of Bien Hoa. The enempl SA, auto wpns & RPG rkt-gren fire while the trps rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by hel gunships & arty. Contact was lost at about 0515. Res: 12 EK & 1 I/Wpn was found. US cas were 10 kd & 13 wounded.

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TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At about 0400, a mech inf elm of the 2nd Bde, US 25th Inf Div, in ni def psns 6 mi NE of Trang Bang, rec about 10 rds of 60mm mort fire fol by a gnd probe fr an unk size en force. The en empl SA & RPG rkt-gren fire while the trps rtn fire with organic wpns incl .50 cal MG's mtd on their armd pers carriers. Act cont with arty & hel gunships sptg the inf until 0545 when contact was lost. Res: 30 EK, US cas were 1 WIA. In addition, 1 I/Wpn & 2 CSW along with a qty of misc munitions were cptrd.

TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 1830, recon hel of the 2nd Bde, US 1st Cay Div (AM), obs & eng an unk size en force 5 mi NE of Lai Khe. The en rtn fire with SA & auto wpns. The area was illum & hel gunships & arty fire were dir onto the en loc. Act cont until 1930 when contact was lost. The bodies of 16 en soldiers were sighted lying in the strike area fol the eng. There were no US cas.

TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 1000, hel gunships fr an elm of the 11th Armd Cav Regt rec hv gnd fire fr an est 2 en comps 6 mi NE of Dau Tieng. The gunships eng the en trps & as contact cont, arty & US Air Force tac acft fr the 12th, 31st & 35th TFW's were dir onto the loc. Contact was lost at an unreptd time. The bodies of 28 en soldiers were obs lying in the strike area. There were no US cas.

TOAN THANG (BIEN HOA PROV) - At approx 0145, an est 2 en plts cdtd a gnd probe against an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 1st Cay Div (AM) in ni def psns 9 mi NE of Bien Hoa. The en empl SA, auto wpns & RPG rkt-gren fire while the trps rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by hel gunships & arty. Contact was lost at about 0515. In a swp of the battle area, the bodies of 33 en kd in the eng were found. In addition, 9 AK-47 rfs & 1 lt MG were cptrd. There were no US cas.

HQ MACV (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - During the ni, there were about 12 en indir fire harassing atks against US & RVN units & installations thru­out the country. Overall cas & dam were reptd lt. There were no sig­nificant gnd probes reptd. The fol are significant acts against US forces:

IIFFV:

171905 (BINH DUONG PROV) - At a base camp loc in the vic of Dau Tieng, an elm of the 25th Inf Div rec less than 10 rds of 107mm rkt fire res in lt cas but no fatalities. There was no reptd dam to mat & equip.

171946 (BIEN HOA PROV) - The US Army installation at Long Binh rec about 10 rds of 122mm rkt fire res in no reptd cas or dam to mat or equip.

170345 (BINH DUONG PROV) - The hqs of the US 1st Inf Div loc at Lai Khe rec about 5 rds of unreptd mort fire res in no cas or dam.

III MAF (DMZ) - At approx 1700, a US fwd obs loc S of the DMZ sighted a complex of newly const en bunkers with evidence of recent use in an area 5 mi NE of Gio Linh & about 1 km S of the Ben Hai River in the S half of the DMZ. The obs dir naval gunfire fr a US 7th Fleet cruiser onto the
en loc res in 9 lg sec expls. In addition, 10 bunkers were reptd
dest & 4 dam by the fire msn. En losses are unk.

E& including dest or dam 5 strucs, 759 ftns, 19 sampans & ignited 24 sec
expls & 26 fires. 13 EK were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 77 EK, & dest 81 ftns & sinking 62 sampans.

- B-52s flew 7 msns: 8 mi SW of Tay Ninh City, 17 mi NW of Xuan Loc in
Long Khanh Prov, 5 mi SE of An Hoa in Quang Nam Prov, 19 mi SW of Xuan
Loc in Bien Hoa Prov, 6 mi SE of An Hoa in Quang Nam Prov, 8 mi SW of
Tay Ninh City, & 7 mi E of Phuoc Vinh in Phuoc Long Prov.

18 March (Tuesday)

- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 2030, an elm of the 2nd Bde,
US 1st Inf Div ambs an unk size en force in an area 6 mi E of Dau Tieng.
The en rtn fire & as contact cont, arty & hel gunships along with AC-47
gunships sptd the inf. Contact was lost at about 2230. In a swp of
the area, the bodies of 10 en soldiers were found & 1 RPG rkt-gren
launcher was cptrd. US cas were 1 KIA & 7 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At about 0700, hel gunships fr the 11th
Armd Cav Regt obs & eng an unk size en force 11 mi NE of Phu Khuong.
The gunships eng the en in sporadic contacts which lasted thruout the
day. Contact was lost at 1930. The bodies of 36 en soldiers were
sighted lying in the strike area during the fighting. There were no
US cas.

- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 1500, an elm of the US 11th
Armd Cav Regt eng an unk size en force while swpg an area 6 mi NE of
Dau Tieng. The en empl SA, auto wpns & RPG rkt-gren fire while the trps
rtn fire with organic wpns incl those on their mech vehs. Act cont into
the late afternoon with hel gunships sptg the gnd trps until about 1915
when contact was lost. Res: 61 EK, US cas were 16 WIA. 5 suspects
were dtn.

- TOAN THANG (LONG AN PROV) - At approx 1100, an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 9th
Inf Div eng an unk size en force while swpg an area 16 mi NW of Tan An.
The en empl SA, RPG rkt-gren & auto wpns fire while the trps rtn fire
with organic wpns sptd by hel gunships & arty & tac acf't fr the 3rd
TFW. As act cont into the early afternoon, other elms of the bde reinf.
Contact was lost at an unreptd later time. In a swp of the battle area,
the inf found the bodes of 33 en soldiers & dtn 7 suspects. In addition,
7 AK-47 rfls, 143 RPG-2 rkt-grens, 10 compl 107mm rkts, 92 ChiCom hand
grens & 5 rds of 57mm RR ammo were cptrd. US cas were 2 KIA & 2 WIA.

- HQ MACV (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - During the ni, there were about
25 en indir fire harassing atks reptd against US & RVN units & install-
ations thruout the country. A rkt atk against the city of Da Nang is incl
in this figure. Overall cas & dam were reptd 1t. There were no signif-
icant gnd probes against US forces reptd.
installations or mat.

- TOAN THANG (GIA DINH PROV) - At approx 0650, an elm of the US 1st Inf Div, under op con of the CMAC, discovered an en rkt firing site while swpg an area 8 mi E of the cen of Saigon. The site cntn 5 122mm rktcs fused & in launching psn & 1 other compl 122mm rkt on the gnd nearby. The rktcs were aimed at Saigon & were within range of the 1st, 4th & 9th Precincts.

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At approx 0500, an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 25th Inf Div in ni def psns 5 mi E of Trang Bang rec an unreptd no & type of mort rds & a gnd probe by an unk size en force empl SA & auto wpns fire. The inf rttn fire with organic wpns & were sptd by hel gun­ships & arty. Act cont for about 1 hr until contact was lost as the remaining en withdrew. Res: 32 EK, & 14 I/Wpns (incl 12 AK-47s) & 6 CSW (5 RPG launchers & 1 MG) wpns were cptrd. US cas were 2 KIA & 1 WIA.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 0245, an elm of the 5th Regt, US 1st MAR Div, in ni def psns 7 mi NE of An Hoa, rec an unreptd no of 82mm mort rds fol by a gnd atk by an unk size en force. The en empl hv SA, auto wpns & RPG rkt-gren fire. The MAR rttn fire with organic wpns & were sptd by arty. Contact was lost at an unreptd time. Res: 72 EK, & 20 I/Wpns & 6 CSW & 200 ChiCom hand grens were cptrd. MAR cas were 12 KIA & 30 WIA & evac. Dam at the loc was reptd lt.

- IFFV (KONTUM PROV) - At approx 0545, a US 4th Inf Div fire spt base & VN CIDG camp co-loc at Ben Het, 34 mi NW of Kontum City, rec about 10 rds of en 82mm arty fire res in no reptd cas or dam.

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At approx 1145, trps fr the 3rd Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM) while swpg an area 5 mi NE of Trang Bang discovered graves cntn the bodies of 10 en soldiers. The en had been kd within the past two days.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 1410, the US MAR obt base at An Hoa rec about 10 rds of an unreptd cal rkt fire res in 1t US cas & no reptd dam. Tac air strikes were dir against the suspected en firing psns with unk res.

- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 1610, an elm of the US 11th Armd Cav Regt rec SA & auto wpns fire fr an unk no of en 5 mi NE of Dau Tieng. The trps rttn fire with organic wpns on their mech vehs & were also sptd by hel gunships & arty. Contact was lost about 20 mins later. Res: 20 EK & 1 suspect was dtn. There were no US cas.

- TOAN THANG (LONG AN PROV) - At approx 1400, elms of the 3rd Bde, US 9th Inf Div discovered a significant en wpns & munitions cache while swpg an area 9 mi NW of Ben Luc. The cache cntn the fol: 134,000 7.62mm AK-47 SA rds, 656 82mm mort rds, 400 ChiCom hand-grens, 66 107mm rktcs, 48 57mm BR rds, 32 75mm BR rds, 12 60mm mort rds & 1 AK-47 rfl. The wt of the cache was about 9½ tons.
III MAF:

QUANG TIN PROV – The afd at Chu Lai rec less than 20 rds of 82mm mort fire res in no reptd cas or dam.

IFFV:

NINH THUAN PROV – The afd at Phan Rang rec about 5 rds of 107mm rkt fire res in lt dam & no reptd cas.

IV CTZ:

DINH TUONG PROV – The base camp of the US 9th Inf Div at Dong Tam rec 2 rds of 75mm RR fire res in no reptd dam or cas.

- GENEVA PARK (QUANG NGAI PROV) - Op GENEVA PARK, a multi-bn search & clear op commenced. The op is under the con of the AMERICAL Div & is cen in an area 22 mi NW of Quang Ngai City.

- FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROV) - Op FREDERICK HILL, a multi-bn search & clear op commenced. The op is under the con of the AMERICAL Div & is cen in an area about 18 mi W of Tam Ky.

- IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROV) - Op IRON MOUNTAIN, a multi-bn search & clear op commenced. The op is under the con of the AMERICAL Div & is cen in an area about 16 mi SSW of Quang Ngai City.

- DEWEY CANYON (QUANG TRI PROV) - Op DEWEY CANYON, a multi-bn search & clear op under the con of the US 3rd MAR Div & cen in an area 29 mi SSW of Quang Tri City term. During this op which commenced on 22 Jan, the MAR kd 1,355 NVA soldiers, dtn 14 suspects & cptrd 1,341 wpns (1,126 indiv & 215 CSW). US losses were 121 kd & 803 wounded (616 evac). There were 611 tac air sorties flown in spt of the op.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 542 sorties (USAF 339, USMC 193, USN 10). BDA incl dest or dam 744 ftns, 13 sampans, & ignited 37 sec explos & 44 fires. 24 EK were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 83 EK, & dest 92 ftns & sinking 34 sampans.

- B-52s flew 10 mns: 6 mns 28 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 2 mns 10 & 11 mi WNW of An Loc in Binh Long Prov, & 2 mns 25 & 29 mi S of Ca Mau in Xuyen Prov. BDA reptd by FACs covering strikes flown on this date showed hv dam to an en base camp area 29 mi S of Ca Mau, res in 84 ftns, 38 bunkers & 25 sampans dest or dam. 20 sec explos were also reptd.

19 March (Wednesday)

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 0330 today, the en fired 6 122mm rktts into the city of Da Nang. Init repts indic 10 WN civs were kd & 23 were wounded in the indiscriminate atk. 11 civ homes were dest. US cas were very lt with no fatalities.