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

It has been organized as follows:

- A Review of Events
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- A Summary of Morning and Evening News Releases

- A Chronology of Significant Events

- A Review of Ground Operations

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I CTZ

Enemy activity was light until the night of 11 May when the enemy conducted 92 indirect fire and 21 ground attacks. The majority were directed against US military installations and troop units. Although indirect fire attacks were experienced throughout the CTZ, all enemy-initiated ground attacks occurred in the southern three provinces. In the northern provinces, attacks-by-fire remained at a relatively high level, totalling 70 for the remainder of the month.

In Military Region Tri-Thien-Hue, enemy activity continued to be primarily in reaction to friendly operations.

In western Thua Thien Provinces, friendly units engaged elements of the 29th NVA Regiment, identified by FWs and documents during Operation Apache Snow. Documents from the 29th NVA Regiment reveal that the regiment relocated from South Vietnam to Quang Binh Province, North Vietnam, in July 1968 for replacements and retraining and returned to South Vietnam in February 1969. Its current mission is to protect supply depots and to restrict Allied incursions in western Military Region Tri-Thien-Hue. On 20 May US and ARVN elements occupied Hill 937 after overcoming stiff enemy resistance. The enemy sustained over 600 KIA. Most of the casualties belonged to the 29th NVA Regiment; its combat effectiveness was seriously reduced.

On 22 May, Fire Support Base Erskine received incoming enemy artillery rounds. The enemy was unidentified, but they were probably elements of an NVA artillery regiment. This is the first use of tube artillery since Operation Dewey Canyon in March.

In central I Corps, indications that the enemy was preparing for offensive activity became available several days prior to 11 May. On 9 and 10 May, USMC elements near An Hoa cordoned a 400 to 600-man enemy force which was moving north. There were 23 friendly KIA and 58 WIA, and the enemy lost 233 KIA and 5 FWs. The FWs were from three NVA regiments. In the 11 enemy-initiated ground attacks in the area on 11-12 May, FWs were captured who identified the attacking forces as elements of an NVA Sapper and a VC battalion and the 36th NVA Regiment.

In southern I CTZ significant enemy-initiated activity was limited to
the week of 11-17 May, in which a total of 37 indirect fire and 10 enemy-initiated ground attacks occurred. The ground attacks primarily took place around Tien Phuoc, Quang Tin Province, where elements of the 1st VC and 3rd NVA Regiments, 2nd NVA Division, were identified in contact with US and ARVN forces. There were 3 friendly KIA, 23 WIA, and the enemy suffered 181 KIA and 2 PWs.

No major incidents occurred in Quang Ngai Province; however, a PW captured on 28 May confirmed the presence of the 21st NVA Regiment in northern Quang Ngai Province.

During the last two weeks of the month, a low level of enemy-initiated activity was experienced throughout the CTZ, with the exception of an increase in indirect fire attacks north of Highway 9.

II CTZ

The number and intensity of enemy attacks in II CTZ increased sharply on 8 May and continued through the month at a level substantially higher than that of April. Attacks were concentrated near the Ben Het-Dak To area in Kontum Province where the enemy has several maneuver battalions, with artillery and engineer support. The 66th and 28th NVA Regiments, and an element of the 24th NVA Regiment, were all reported to be in this area. Also elements of the 40th NVA Artillery Regiment were probably in the area.

Artillery support in the area included 120mm mortars, 122mm rockets, and 85mm and 105mm conventional artillery.

A series of ground contacts in the Ben Het-Dak To area through the end of May resulted in approximately 1,000 enemy killed. To the south, several contacts north of Plei Mrong, probably with elements of the 24th NVA Regiment, resulted in over 250 enemy killed.

On 11 May, 22 kilometers north-northwest of the Plei Me Civilian Irregular Defense Group Camp, Landing Zone Oasis received over 300 rounds of mixed mortar, rocket, and recoilless rifle fire, followed by a ground attack. Later the same day, artillery and gunships were employed against unknown-sized enemy forces eight to nine kilometers west of the landing zone. Friendly casualties were 1 KIA, 25 WIA, while the enemy had 102 KIA. The enemy force was a sapper battalion supported by an artillery battalion.

In eastern Pleiku Province, elements of the 95B NVA Regiment were believed to have been responsible for indirect fire attacks and ambushes along Highway 19.

In the southern B-3 Front, enemy activity was restricted to indirect fire attacks and ground action of company size and smaller.

In coastal II CTZ on 12 May, Phu My City was attacked by an estimated enemy company. Friendly forces had 11 killed (10 civilians), 20 wounded (19
civilians), and 87 houses destroyed, while the enemy suffered two KIA. The enemy force was unidentified, but it may have been an element of a NVA sapper battalion.

On 16 May, nine kilometers northeast of An Khe, US elements attacked an unknown-sized enemy force. Friendly forces suffered 1 KIA, 12 WIA, while the enemy had 13 KIA. The enemy forces were probably elements of the 18th NVA Regiment. Most of the activity in the southern corps occurred on 11 and 12 May. The most significant action occurred on 12 May when the Song Mao District Headquarters received 80 rounds of unknown-type mortar, followed by a ground attack by an unknown-sized enemy force. On the same day, there were 7 friendly KIA (two civilians) and 10 WIA (two civilians), and the enemy lost 20 KIA and 4 detained. PW statements identified the enemy force as a Main Force battalion.

At the end of the month, enemy forces in the Ben Het-Dak To area did not appear to be withdrawing despite their heavy losses.

III CTZ

In III CTZ, enemy-initiated attacks increased to a moderate to heavy level during the nights of 11 and 22 May. Elements of the 9th VC Division remained deployed along the western Tay Ninh Province border; however, a regimental resubordination was evident. Documents and PWs indicated that the 88th NVA Regiment is now subordinate to the 9th VC Division, and the 273rd VC Regiment has deployed to Chau Doc Province in IV CTZ. The 271st VC Regiment sustained heavy casualties in two attacks against ARVN positions in southwestern Tay Ninh Province. The 272nd VC Regiment sustained light casualties in a contact with US forces. One element of the 88th NVA Regiment was contacted in Tay Ninh Province on 23 May.

The 1st NVA Division continued to operate in Tay Ninh Province. Elements of the three 1st NVA Division Regiments were identified in their usual areas of operation.

A 7th NVA Division's regiment sustained moderate casualties during three contacts in central Binh Long Province.

Elements of all three regiments of the 5th VC Division were deployed in an area north of Xuan Loc in central Long Khanh Province. Sapper elements from the three regiments and the division's sapper battalion were identified in the 18 May attack on Allied positions in the Xuan Loc area. One of the 5th Division's regiments sustained heavy casualties during a series of contacts and air strikes north to northeast of Xuan Loc.

In the subregions surrounding Saigon, enemy-initiated activity was at a low level. One VC regiment was identified in one of a series of contacts in northern Hau Nghia Province in which the enemy sustained more than 250 KIA. NVA elements sustained moderate casualties in an engagement in south-central Long An Province. In Saigon, the National Police arrested over 80 individuals.
associated with VC terrorists and sapper cells. These arrests may have pre-empted plans for extensive terrorist activity in the city.

In general, during May the enemy forces in III CTZ emphasized attacks-by-fire and small ground attacks by sapper-trained units.

IV CTZ

In IV CTZ the level of enemy-initiated activity during May reflected the trend of March and April. There was a high point in enemy activity on the night of 11 May, when there were 78 indirect fire attacks reported. Enemy activity decreased toward the end of the month. The majority of the attacks were low in intensity and harassing in nature. The use of 107mm rockets in IV CTZ was noted during the week of 11-17 May, when the Chi Lang Training Center north of Tri Ton in Chau Doc Province received four attacks by 107mm rockets and the Ben Xoai CIDG camp received two attacks.

On 21 May, Dong Tam Base in Dinh Tuong Province received two indirect fire attacks in which 107mm rockets were also used. Operations in the northern corps on 22 May resulted in 101 enemy killed.

There were 146 enemy KIA in an operation which continued from 13 to 18 May in the An Giang-Kien Phong Province border area.

The 273rd VC Regiment relocated from Tay Ninh Province in III CTZ to the Chau Doc Province area in IV CTZ. PWS have been captured from all of the unit's infantry battalions. In addition, during May, 1,968 VC rallied to the GVN, bringing the total for the first five months of 1969 to 9,927.

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MAY

2/12 INDIRECT FIRE ATTACKS DURING NIGHT

11-17 MAY

5,715 ENEMY KILLED
OPERATION APACHE SNOW

10 MAY -

U.S. FORCES KILL 565 NVA ON

HILL 937

TWO BATTALIONS OF 29th NVA REGIMENT
SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES
101st AIRBORNE DIVISION PRE-EMPTS ATTACKS IN HUE AREA

HILL 957
U.S. CASUALTIES:
55 KILLED
303 WOUNDED
AIR OPERATIONS

AIR SOUTH

U.S. Air Force pilots flew 9,041 tactical air sorties in support of Allied ground forces, Marine Corps pilots flew 5,372 sorties, and Navy pilots flew another 842 for a total of 15,255 tactical air sorties during the month. Of the total sorties flown, 6,173 were immediates, and 2,823 were flown in direct support of ground troops in contact with the enemy.

The aircrews were credited with killing more than one thousand enemy while destroying 570 waterborne supply craft, and numerous enemy fortifications, crew-served and automatic weapons positions. Their air-delivered ordnance also resulted in more than 1,400 secondary explosions & more than 1,800 fires.

B-52 MISSIONS

Two hundred and seventy-two missions were flown during the month by Air Force B-52s. Of these missions, 170 were directed against enemy targets in the III Corps Tactical Zone, 67 in II CTZ, 28 in I CTZ, and 7 in IV CTZ.

AIRLIFT

Military Airlift Command (Inbound-Outbound, South Vietnam)

| Number of Passengers | 123,342 |
| Tons of Cargo        | 31,823  |

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

| Number of Passengers | 758,077 |
| Tons of Cargo        | 117,773 |

Medical Evacuation

| Number of Patients (Outbound, South Vietnam) | 6,306 (US military) |

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NAVAL OPERATIONS

NAVAL GUNFIRE SOUTH VIETNAM

Enemy bunkers and structures throughout the Republic of Vietnam were the primary targets of Seventh Fleet ships in their gunfire support missions during the month of May. Air and ground spotters reported a total of 757 military structures and 702 enemy bunkers destroyed or damaged by shells and rockets from Seventh Fleet ships. A total of 25 warships fired from the gunline on targets in all tactical zones of the Republic.

The most significant damage from one day's missions occurred 21 May, when 10 Navy gunships shelled enemy positions in I, II and IV Corps. Damage was assessed as 88 military structures, 61 bunkers, 18 fortifications, 600 meters of trenchline, 2 tunnel complexes, a bunker complex, a base camp and an automatic weapons position destroyed or damaged, as well as 15 secondary fires and 7 secondary explosions ignited by Navy gunfire.

Other damage credited to Seventh Fleet forces included 131 secondary fires and 124 secondary explosions ignited, 2,435 meters of trenchline, 875 meters of supply routes, 117 weapons positions, 50 water supply craft, and 40 caves destroyed or damaged. A total of 44 enemy were also reported killed as a result of Navy missions.


In addition, the cruisers USS Saint Paul, Oklahoma City and Newport News fired missions in May, as well as the inshore fire support ships USS Carronade, White River and Clarion River and the Australian destroyer HMAS Brisbane.

NAVAL GUNFIRE DEMILITARIZED ZONE

On 24 May, the heavy cruiser USS Saint Paul turned her guns on five enemy soldiers with weapons who were observed in an area about three miles north-northeast of Con Thien, about 400 meters inside the Demilitarized Zone. Following the mission, the bodies of four enemy soldiers were observed in the impact area. One enemy bunker was also destroyed.

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### ENEMY MATERIAL LOSSES
(Captured/Destroyed)

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| A total of 562.16 tons of rice and 143,427 lbs of salt.

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SUMMARY
OF
MORNING AND EVENING NEWS RELEASES

1 May (Thursday)

- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 0140, the base camp of the US 1st Inf Div hqs at Lai Khe rec less than 10 rds of 107mm rkt fire. Cas & dam were lt.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROV) - At approx 0700, an elm of the 3rd Regt, US 3rd MAR Div eng an unk size NVA force 6 mi NW of the Rockpile. Hv SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged & act cont into the afternoon. Contact was lost at about 1600. The bodies of 7 NVA soldiers kd in the eng were found. One I/Wpn & 1 CSW were cptrd. MAR cas were 7 KIA & 17 WIA.

- HQ MACV - There were 8 significant indir fire harassing atks thruout the country last ni, of which 4 were against US forces or installations.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 2240, an elm of the 5th Regt, US 1st MAR Div in ni def psns about 3 mi ENE of An Hoa rec about 40 rds of mixed 82mm & 60mm mort fire. Res cas were lt. No mat dam was reptd.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 0900, an elm of the 11th Armd Cav Regt found an en rice cache 5 mi E of Katum. The cache cntn 87 bags of polished rice, ea weighing 250 lbs. The total wt of the rice was almost 11 tons. The rice was evac for later distr to VN civs.

- III MAF (DMZ) - At approx 1640, a US aerial obs, on a recon msn over the S half of the DMZ sighted an unreptd no of en soldiers near a bunker complex 3 mi NE of Gio Linh & about 1 mi inside the S edge of the DMZ. The en empl SA fire against the obs acft. The obs dir tac air onto the en loc res in 1 sec explos & the dest of 4 bunkers. The bodies of 4 en soldiers were obs. The obs acft was hit by en gnd fire & sustained lt dam, however the acft rtn safely fol the act. There were no US cas.

- VIRGINIA RIDGE (QUANG TRI PROV) - Commenced. The op is cen in an area 4 mi WNW of Cam Lo & involves elms of the 3rd & 9th Regts, 3rd MAR Div.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 461 sorties (USAF 266, USMC 157, USN 38). BDA incl dest or dam 904 ftns, 33 sampans, & ignited 25 sec explos & 45 fires. 11 BK were also reptd.
USA hel gunships reptd 31 en KIA, & dest 53 mil strucs & sinking 16 en sampans.

B-52s flew 7 msns: 6 mi E of Katum in Tay Ninh Prov, 5 mi E of Katum, 8 mi S of Katum, 6 mi SE of Katum, 10 mi SE of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 3 mi ENE of Katum, & 19 mi WNW of Quang Ngai City in Quang Ngai Prov.

2 May (Friday)

HQ MACV - There were 5 significant indir fire harassing atks thruout the country last ni, of which 3 were against US forces or installations.

TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 0230, the base camp of the hqs of the 1st Bde, US 25th Inf Div loc about 4 mi NW of Tay Ninh City rec less than 10 rds of 107mm rkt fire. US cas were It with no fatalities. Dam to mat was It.

TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 0400, an elm of the 1st Bde, US 25th Inf Div at a div fire spt base 12 mi NW of Tay Ninh City rec about 50 rds of en mixed 60mm & 82mm mort fire & about 5 rds of 107mm rkt fire res in It US cas with no fatalities. There was no reptd dam. Counterarty fire was dir onto the suspected en firing psns with unk res.

TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At 1000, elms of the US 1st Cav Div (AM) found a 15-ton en rice cache while swpg an area 19 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City. The rice was in 200 bags weighing 150 lbs ea.

TOAN THANG (BINH LONG PROV) - At approx 1115, a 1st Div sup convoy, under escort by mech inf elms of the div & tks, was ambs by an unk size en force on Rte 13, 6 mi S of An Loc. The en fired fr both sides of the hwy, while the trps rtn fire with organic & veh wpns, sptd by hel gunships, arty & tac air. Another mech inf elm of the div's 1st Bde, in armd pers carriers, reinf the hoty elms at an unreptd time & atkd the en psns. Contact was lost about 30 mins later at 1145. Several vehs were hit by the en fire, but overall dam was reptd lt. US cas were 4 KIA & 11 WIA. En losses were 11 KIA & 1 dtn.

TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 1445, elms of the armd cav sqdn of the US 25th Inf Div, swpg an area 8 mi NE of Go Dau Ha, contacted & eng an unk size en force. The en empl SA & RPG fire which the trps rtn with organic wpns fire. Hel gunships, arty & tac air sptd. At approx 1610, another elm of the cav sqdn reinf. The eng cont until 1900. Res: 28 en KIA & 4 OSW optrd. 2 suspects were dtn. US cas were 5 WIA.

TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 1320, an elm of the US 11th Armd Cav Regt found an en wpns cache while swpg an area 8 mi S of Phuoc Vinh. The cache cntn 22 I/Wpns & 3 CSW.

III MAF (DMZ) - At approx 1425, a US aerial obs on a recon msn over the S half of the DMZ, obs an unreptd no of en soldiers in & around a bunker complex 5 mi N of Gio Linh & on the S bank of the Ben Hai river.
obs dir US MAR arty fire onto the en psn res in 2 sec explos & the dest of 4 bunkers. The obs reptd seeing the bodies of 2 en soldiers lying in the impact area after the fire man.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROV) - At approx 0915, a US MAR CH-46 hel collided in mid-air with a US Army UH-1 hel while taking off fr a LZ in an area 6 mi NW of the Rockpile & 2 1/2 mi S of the S edge of the DMZ. The CH-46 hel crashed & was dest. All 12 MARS aboard (4 crew mbrs & 8 pax) were kd. The Army hel sustained minor dam but landed safely with no injts to the pers aboard. The incdt is being inves.

- MAINE CRAG (QUANG TRI PROV) - Op MAINE CRAG, a multi-bn search & clear op that commenced on 15 Mar 69 in an area cen 6 mi S of Khe Sanh term. The con hqs was the 3rd Regt, US 3rd MAR Div. Total en losses for the op were 157 kd. 52 suspects were dtn, & 444 I/wpns & 21 CSW were cptrd. US losses for the op were 21 KIA & 134 WIA.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 497 sorties (USAF 285, USMC 176, USN 36). BDA incl dest or dam 2 mil strucs, 440 ftns, 8 sampans, & ignited 24 sec explos & 35 fires. 13 en KIA were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 34 en KIA, & dest 84 mil strucs & sinking 9 en sampans.

- 2 US Army OH-6 hels were downed by en gnd fire. 1 crashed 16 mi NW of A Shau in Thua Thien Prov at 1020 wounding 2 men aboard. The second OH-6 crashed in the afternoon 9 mi NE of Quang Ngai City in Quang Ngai Prov. 2 men aboard were kd & 1 wounded.

- B-52s flew 6 msns: 9 mi S of Katum in Tay Ninh Prov, 17 mi WNW of Quang Ngai City in Quang Ngai Prov, 8 & 10 mi SSE of Katum, 20 mi WNW of Quang Ngai City, & 3 mi E of Katum.

3 May (Saturday)

- III MAF (QUANG TIN PROV) - At approx 1615, a US MAR & PF CAP eng an est en plat while swpg an area 3 mi SW of Tam Ky. The en empl SA & auto wpns fire while the MAR & PF trps atkd the en empl organic wpns sptd by hel gunships & tac air. Contact was lost at an unreptd later time. Res: 10 en KIA & 3 I/wpns were cptrd. US cas were 2 WIA. PF cas were very lt with no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG (BINH LONG PROV) - At approx 0820, an armd elm, under con of the US 1st Inf Div, eng an est en plat 10 mi S of An Loc. Auto wpns fire was exchanged & the armd trps dir fire fr their tk guns onto the en psns. The en empl RPG fire as act cont into the morning. At an unreptd later time, inf fr the div reinf the contact. Hel gunships & arty sptd. Contact was lost at about 1300. Res: 19 en KIA & 9 suspects were dtn. US cas were 1 KIA & 4 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At approx 1400, an elm of the US 3rd Bde, 82nd Abn Div eng an est en co while swpg an area 5 mi NE of Trang Bang.
Another elm of the bde & mech inf trps fr an elm of the 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div, in armd pers carriers, reinf. Hel gunships & arty sptd & contact cont for about 20 mins. Res: 20 en KIA. There were no US cas.

- III MAF (DMZ) - At approx 1345, a US aerial obs, on a recon msn over the S half of the DMZ, sighted an unreptd no of en soldiers in an open area near a bunker complex 3 mi NNE of Gio Linh & \frac{1}{2} mi inside the S edge of the DMZ. US MAR arty fire & tac air were dir onto the en loc res in the den of 4 bunkers. Res: 4 en KIA. There were no US cas.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 0900, an aerial obs flying in spt of an elm of the 5th Regt, US 1st MAR Div, about 8 mi NE of An Hoa, obs an unk size en force moving across some open terrain betwn 2 tree lines. The MAR moved to the area & atkd the en empl organic wpns. The en rtn fire with SA & auto wpns. Act cont until an unreptd later time. Res: 15 en KIA, & 5 suspects were dtn & 4 I/Wpns were cptrd. US cas were 2 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At approx 1530, an elm of the 3rd Bde, 82nd Abn Div, while swpg an area about 5 mi SE of Cu Chi, discovered an en munitions cache. The cache cntn 114 75mm RR rds, 106 RPG-2 rkt propelled grens, 150 lbs of TNT & 33 60mm mort rds.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - The bodies of 20 en soldiers were sighted by a USAF fwd air con (FAC) 9 mi NE of Go Dau Ha at approx 1445. The FAC was assessing an air strike made against an en loc about 1 hr earlier by F-100s fr the 35th TFW in spt of the US 25th Inf Div. The en bodies were lying among 29 bunkers dest in the air strike.

- III MAF (DMZ) - At approximately 2040, a US fwd obs, loc S of the DMZ, sighted an unreptd no of Its moving in an area about 9 mi NW of the Rockpile & about 400 meters S of the Ben Hai River. The obs dir arty fire onto the loc res in 10 sec explos. The Its were extinguished during the fire msn. En losses are unk.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 506 sorties (USAF 262, USMC 193, USN 51). BDA incl dest or dam a mil struc, 826 ftms, 15 sampans, & ignited 57 sec explos & 76 fires. 43 en KIA were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 42 en KIA, & dest 77 mil strucs & sinking 47 en sampans.

- 2 US Army hels were downed by en gnd fire, crashed & were dest. At approx 1000, a UH-1 went down 45 mi WSW of Da Nang in Quang Nam Prov. 4 men aboard were wounded. An OH-6 was downed at 1730 in Binh Duong Prov, 5 mi SE of Lai Khe. Both crew mbrs were kd.
- B-52s flew 8 msns: 10 mi SE of Xuan Loc, 15 mi ENE of Tay Ninh City, 13 & 15 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 5 mi ESE of Dau Tieng in Binh Duong Prov, & 3 msns 4, 5 & 8 mi E of Katum in Tay Ninh Prov.

4 May (Sunday)

- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 0005, an ambs ptl of the US 1st Inf Div, about 9 mi SE of Dau Tieng, eng an unk size en force. When the en force entered the planned ambs killing zone, the trps surprised them with intense SA & auto wpns fire. Contact was lost almost immed as the remaining en evaded & withdrew in the darkness. Arty fire was dir onto the possible en escape rtes. Res: 13 en KIA. There were no US cas. In addition, 3 AK-47 aslt rfls, 1 RPG launcher, 1 cbn, several backpacks & 100 lbs of rice were cptrd.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 0010, an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 25th Inf Div, in ni def psns about 5 mi E of Phu Khuong, rec about 15 rds of 82mm mort fire. Res cas were It with no fatalities. There was no mat dam reptd.

- HQ MACV - During the ni, there were 3 significant en indir fire harassing atks reptd thruout the country, of which one was against US forces.

- TOAN THANG (LONG AN PROV) - At approx 1535, an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 9th Inf Div, emp an est 15 to 20 en about 3 mi S of Binh Phuoc. The trps empl organic wpns in their atk which the en rtn with SA & auto wpns. The contact lasted about 15 mins. Res: 11 en KIA, & 2 I/Wpns, 6 NVA uniforms & 5 flags were cptrd. There were no US cas.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 1115, an elm of the 1st Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM), emp an unk size NVA force 9 mi S of Katum. SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged. Hel gunships & tac air sptd. Contact was lost about 1 hr later. Res: 3 en KIA. US cas were 4 KIA & 7 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 1830, inf fr an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 1st Inf Div, obs & emp an unk size en force in an area 9 mi W of Ben Cat. Auto wpns fire was exchanged & the trps were sptd by hel gunships. Act cont until about 1940. Res: 6 en KIA, & 4 AK-47 aslt rfles were cptrd. US cas were 1 KIA & 1 WIA.

- SPEEDY EXPRESS (DINH TUONG PROV) - At approx 0950, inf fr an elm of the 1st Bde, US 9th Inf Div, emp an est en sqd while swpg an area 8 mi W of Cai Be. SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged. The trps kd 7 en soldiers. US cas were 2 WIA.

- III MAF (DMZ) - At approx 1655, an aerial obs flying a recon msn over the S half of the DMZ, emp an en bunker complex 3 mi NNE of Gio Linh & about 500 meters S of the Ben Hai river. The obs dir arty onto the en psns causing 5 sec explos dam 4 bunkers.

BDA incl dest or dam 791 ftms, 21 sampans, & ignited 74 sec explos & 72 fires. 6 en KIA were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 47 en KIA, & dest 106 mil strucs & sinking 31 en sampans.

- 3 US Army hels were reptd dest. At approx 0800, 2 UH-1 hels collided in mid-air, 6 mi NNW of Bien Hoa. Both acft crashed & were dest. The 8 pers, all crew mbrs, aboard the 2 acft were kd. At approx 1605, an OH-6 was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 19 mi NNE of Phuoc Binh in Phuoc Long Prov. 2 men aboard were wounded.

- B-52s flew 7 msns: 2 msns 17 & 18 mi NE of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Prov, 15 mi NW of Tay Ninh City, 6 mi SE of Katum in Tay Ninh Prov, 3 mi ENE of Katum, 5 mi E of Katum, & 11 mi NE of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov.

5 May (Monday)

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 0945, elms of the 2nd Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM) contacted & eng an est 25 en soldiers entrenched in a bunker complex about 9 mi SE of Katum. The en empl SA, auto wpns & cmd detonated anti-pers mines against the trps as they atkd. Tac air, aerial rkt & MG fire fr hel gunships & fd arty were dir onto the en psns. Contact was lost about 1210. En cas are unk. US cas were 3 KIA & 15 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At approx 1145, an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 82nd Abn Div, eng an unk size en force about 9 mi NE of Trang Bang. The paratrprs exchanged SA fire with the en. The en was sptd with an unreptd no rds of an undetm cal mort fire. US Army arty & hel gunships sptd the trps in the act. Contact was lost at about 1250. Res: 16 en KIA, & 4 I/Wpns & 1 CSW were cptrd. There were no US cas.

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At approx 1150, a resup convoy enr fr Cu Chi to a fire spt base occupied by an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 25th Inf Div, was ambs by an unk size NVA force about 5 mi NE of Trang Bang. The en empl SA & RPG fire & eng the en while armd cav & inf elms of the 25th Div reinf. Hel gunships sptd with aerial MG fire until contact was lost at about 1245. Res: 11 en KIA. US cas were 1 KIA & 4 WIA. Although there was 1t dam to mat as a res of the act, the convoy proceeded to its destination.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 2100, an elm of the 1st Regt, US 1st MAR Div, in ni def psns about 8 mi SSE of Da Nang rec less than 15 rds of 82mm mort fire. The mort atk was immed fol by a gnd atk fr an unk size en force empl SA & auto wpns fire. The MAR eng the en with organic wpns. Arty & mort fire were adj onto the en. An AC-47 gunship fr the USAF 14th Spcl Ops Wg also sptd the MAR. No en were reptd to have pent the outer peri of the PSN. En losses were 6 kd. MAR cas were 3 KIA & 18 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 2320, the base camp of the hqs of the 1st Bde, US 25th Inf Div about 4 mi NW of Tay Ninh City, rec less
than 10 rds of 107mm rkt fire & about 5 rds of 82mm mort fire. Res
dam & cas were lt. There were no fatalities.

- III MAF (DMZ) - At approx 1820, an aerial obs flying a recon men in a lt
obs acft over the S half of the DMZ rec SA fire fr an unk size en force
in a bunker complex about 6 mi WSW of Con Thien & 1½ mi inside the S
boundary of the DMZ. The obs adj arty fire & tac air onto the en psn
which caused 3 sec explos & dest 8 bunkers. There were no hits on the
acft & no US cas. En losses are unk.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROV) - At approx 1045, a recon elm of the US 3rd
MAR Div eng an unk size en force in an area 8 mi ENE of Khe Sanh. The
MAR dir tac air onto the en with unk res. Later, the MAR eng another unk
size en force. Using SA fire in an intense but brief fire-fight, the
MAR kd 10 en soldiers. 1 MAR was wounded.

- KENTUCKY JUMPER (THUA THIEN PROV) - At approx 1630, an elm of the 3rd
Bde, US 101st Abn Div (AM) while swpg an area about 25 mi WSW of Hue
found several graves which cntn the bodies of 12 en soldiers. The en
appeared to have been kd by SA fire & air strikes & were est to have died
within the preceding 24 hrs.

- DARING REBEL (QUANG TIN PROV) - Op DARING REBEL, an amphib op involving
a US MAR bn lgd tm op in coordination with RVN & ROK forces, commenced.
The op is cen about 20 mi SE of Da Nang & is under the con of Amphib
Ready Op (ALFA), US 7th Fleet.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 564 sorties (USAF 326, USMC 192, USN 46).
BDA incl dest or dam 895 ftns, 8 sampans, & ignited 50 sec explos & 96
fires. 18 en KIA were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 74 en KIA, & dest 91 mil strucs & sinking 23 sampans.

- 2 US Army hels were hit by en gnd fire, crashed & were dest. A UH-1
was hit 13 mi SE of A Shau in Thua Thien Prov at 1005. One man aboard
was kd. At about 1100, an OH-6 crashed 23 mi NW of Tay Ninh City in
Tay Ninh Prov. 2 men were wounded.

- B-52s flew 4 msns: 5 mi ENE of Katum in Tay Ninh Prov, 10 mi NE of
Phuoc Vinh in Phuoc Long Prov, 10 mi NE of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov,
& 9 mi E of Katum in Tay Ninh Prov.

6 May (Tuesday)

- TOAN THANG (BINH LONG PROV) - At approx 0320, an elm of the US 1st Cav
Div (AM) in ni def psns about 15 mi SSW of An Loc, rec 150 rds of mixed
60mm & 82mm mort fire. The indir fire atk was fol about 35 mins later
by a standoff atk fr an unk size en force using SA. Hel gunships & arty
fire were dir onto suspected en firing psns with unk res. US cas were
lt. There was no reptd dam.

- HQ MACV - During the ni, there were 6 significant indir fire harassing
atks cdtd by the en thruout the country, of which 3 were against US forces or installations.

- **TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV)** - At approx 0035, an elm of the 1st Bde, US 1st Cav Div in ni def psns at a LZ about 7 mi S of Katum rec a gnd atk fr an unk size NVA force. The atk was preceded by RPG fire. 5 rds of 107mm rkt fire also impacted in the psn. The RPG fire cont until about 0215 at which time the en gnd atk began. Some en reptdly pent the outer peri at 2 places. The trps eng the en with organic wpns, incl hv auto wpns fire, & drove them fr within the peri. At approx 0300, the en, in the cont act, made an unsuccessful attempt to breech the N portion of the peri. The trps were sptd by hel gunships, arty, & AC-47 & AC-119 gunship spt by USAF 14th Spcl Ops Wg. The sptg acft rec gnd fire fr 3 different 12.7mm MG psns but no acft were reptd hit. The contact cont until about 0600. Res: 101 en KIA, 29 suspects dtn; & 48 I/Wpns, 23 CSW, 2 ChiCom rdos, 259 hand grens, 210 sat chrgs & a small amt of SA ammo were cptrd. US cas were 9 KIA & 62 WIA, of which 9 were reptd evac.

- **TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV)** - At approx 0730, an elm of the 1st Bde, US 1st Cav Div, obs an est 30 NVA soldiers about 5 mi SW of Katum. Tac air by F-100 acft fr the USAF 35th TFW were dir onto the en. The bodies of 10 NVA soldiers were found in a swp of the strike area. There were no US cas.

- **TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV)** - At approx 0505, an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM), in ni def psns at a LZ 11 mi SE of Katum, rec less than 35 rds of unk cal mort fire & about 2 rds of 107mm rkt fire. Res cas & dam were lt. There were no fatalities.

- **III MAF (DMZ)** - At 1630, a US obs acft on a recon msn over the S half of the DMZ, rec SA fire fr an unk no of en soldiers in a bunker complex 4 mi NW of Gio Linh & 150 meters N of the Ben Hai River in the N half of the DMZ. Arty fire was dir onto the loc res in 1 sec explos, 4 sec fires, & the dest of 9 bunkers. The bodies of 6 en soldiers were sighted lying in the strike area fol the eng. The obs acft was not hit. No US cas.

- **TOAN THANG (LONG AN PROV)** - At approx 2000, inf fr an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 9th Inf Div, obs & eng an unk size en force 1 mi NW of Ben Luc. SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged & the trps were sptd by hel gunships. Contact was lost about 15 mins later. Res: 9 en KIA, & 4 AK-47 rfs were cptrd. There were no US cas.

- **III MAF (DMZ)** - At approx noon, a US aerial obs, on a recon msn over the S half of the DMZ, sighted 6 en soldiers in an open area near a bunker complex, 5 mi WSW of Con Thien & 300 meters inside the S edge of the DMZ. The obs dir US MAR arty fire onto the loc & reptd obs the bodies of 5 en soldiers lying in the strike area fol the fire msn. 1 en bunker was dest. There were no US cas.

- **MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER (THUA THIEN PROV)** - At approx 1430, an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 101st Abn Div (AM) discovered an en wpns cache in bunkers while swpg an area 12 mi SE of A Shau. The cache cntn 16 I/Wpns, 1 flame-
thrower & 40 cases of med equip.

- III MAF (THUA THIEN PROV) - At approx 1945, an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 101st Abn Div (AM), in ni def psns 16 mi NW of A Shau, rec 20-30 rds of mixed 60mm & 82mm mort fire res in very lt US cas with no fatalities. There was no reptd mat dam.

- IFFV (PLEI KU PROV) - At approx 1330, an elm of the armd cav sqdn of the US 4th Inf Div, while swpg an area 17 mi NE of Plei Me, found a 10-ton en rice cache. The rice was evac for distr to VN refugees.

- II FFV (PHUOC LONG PROV) - At 1345, a US Army CH-47 hel, trans RVN trps, crashed due to apparent mech failure in an area 3 mi SW of Phuoc Vinh. All 83 pers aboard were kd or inj in the crash. Those kd incl 1 US crewman, 1 US advisor & 38 RVN soldiers. In addition, 4 US crewmen, 4 US advisors & 35 ARVN trps were inj.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 492 sorties (USAF 316, USMC 132, USN 44). BDA incl dest or dam 632 ftns, 24 sampans, & ignited 23 sec explos & 36 fires. 35 en KIA were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 48 en KIA, & dest 64 strucs & sinking 48 sampans.

- B-52s flew 9 msns: 8 mi E of Katum in Tay Ninh Prov, 7 & 8 mi SE of An Loc in Binh Long Prov, 21 & 22 mi NW of Pleiku City; 21, 23 & 24 mi SW of Quang Ngai City in Quang Ngai Prov, & 10 mi NE of Xuan Loc.

7 May (Wednesday)

- II FFV (BINH LONG PROV) - At approx 0255, an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM) at Quan Loi rec about 5 rds of 107mm rkt fire res in lt mat dam & lt US cas with no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 2030, a US aerial obs fr the 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div, detected 15 to 20 en soldiers 3 mi S of Ben Soi. The area was illum & arty fire was dir onto the en trps. The obs reptd sighting the bodies of 15 en soldiers lying in the strike area fol the fire msn. There were no US cas.

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At approx 1130, trps fr an elm of the armd cav sqdn of the US 25th Inf Div discovered a 20-ton en rice cache while searching an area 5 mi NE of Trang Bang. The rice is being evac for distr to VN refugees.

- CMAC (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - At approx 2100, ½ mi SE of the cen of Saigon, a terrorist on a motorbike threw a hand gren at a US ½-ton trk. The gren explo & wounded 2 US soldiers (1 in the veh). 5 VN cavs & 2 ARVN soldiers in the vic were also wounded. The terrorist escaped.

- CMAC (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - At approx 1820, 2 mi SW of Tan Son Nhut AB in Saigon, 2 terrorists passing on a motorbike threw a hand gren.
The gren explo killing 1 VN civ & wounding 7 others in the vic. 1 USAF airman nearby was also wounded as were 3 US MARS driving by in a ½-ton trk. 2 US busses were dam by the explos. The terrorists escaped.

- TOAN THANG (BINH LONG PROV) - At approx 1745, the base camp of the hqs of the 3rd Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM) near Quan Loi rec about 5 rds of 107mm rkt fire. Res dam was It. US cas were It with no fatalities.

- HQ MACV - During the ni, 8 significant en indir fire harassing atks were reptd thoughout the country, of which 2 were against US forces or installations.

- FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROV) - Anelm of the 196th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, found 2 en munitions & wpns caches. At approx 1045, while swpg an area 16 mi SW of Tam Ky, the trps found 450 ft of primer cord, 12 I/Wpns, 28 cases of AK-47 ammo, 52 ChiCom handgrens, 14 land mines, & 1 CSW. At about 1645, in the same area, a sec cache was found which cntn 1,680 ChiCom handgrens, 112 mort rds (60mm & 82mm), 72 cases of .30 cal ammo, 26 cases of AK-47 ammo, 20 bangalore torps, 44 RPGgrens, 56 57mm RR rds, 36 I/Wpns (29 SKS rfs), 2 cases of 12.7mm MG ammo, & 1 CSW. The total wt of the 2 caches was about 4½ tons.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 547 sorties (USAF 321, USMC 186, USN 40). BDA incl dest or dam 3 mil strucs, 804 ftns, 10 sampans, & ignited 71 sec explos & 40 fires. 40 en KIA were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 71 en KIA, & dest 114 mil strucs & sinking 58 en sampans.

- B-52s flew 9 msns: 6 & 8 mi NE of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 13 mi N of Xuan Loc, 22 & 23 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 23 mi SE of Tay Ninh City, & 11, 13 & 14 mi SW of Dak To in Kontum Prov.

8 May (Thursday)

- III MAF (THUA THIEN PROV) - At approx 0145, the en fired 6 122mm rkt into the city of Hue on the S side of the Perfurme River. 1 rkt hit the Hue provincial hosp res in hv dam to the sec floor. A sec rd impacted near the hosp. 1 rkt impacted near a TB hosp causing It dam to the facility. 2 rktks impacted near a RD compound, res in hv dam to 1 bldg. The 6th rd impacted near a high school. 3 VN civs, incl 2 children, were reptd kd in the indiscriminate atk. 1 VN civ & 1 US civ were wounded.

- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 0130, the base camp of the hqs of the US 1st Inf Div at Lai Khe rec less than 5 rds of 107mm rkt fire. There were no cas reptd. Res dam was It.

- HQ MACV - There were 3 significant en indir fire harassing atks reptd throughout the country last ni, of which 1 was against a US installation. A rkt atk against the city of Hue is incl in the fig.

- DARING REBEL (QUANG TIN PROV) - Op DARING REBEL, an amphib op involving a US MAR bn ldg tm op in coordination with RVN & ROK forces was announced.
The op, which is cen in an area about 20 mi SE of Da Nang, commenced on 5 May 69.

- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 1310, inf elms of the 2nd Bde, US 25th Inf Div, accomp by tks fr the div contacted & eng an unk size NVA force 2 mi NW of Phu Cuong. The en empl SA, auto wpns & RPG fire fr fortified psns. The trps atkd the en bunkers empl organic wpns incl 90mm tk guns. Hel gunships & arty sptd until 1730 when contact was lost. Res: 29 en KIA. US cas were 1 KIA.

- IFFV (KONTUM PROV) - At approx 1630, a US 4th Inf Div fire spt base & RVN CIDG camp at Ben Het (275 mi NNE of Saigon) rec less than 30 rds of 120mm mort fire & about 5 rds of 85mm arty fire. The indir fire atk res in very lt US cas with no fatalities & lt dam to mat. There were no reptd VN cas. Counter-arty & tac air were dir against the suspected en firing psns to the W & SW (2 to 6 km, 1½ to 4 mi, E of the Cambodian border) with unk res.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROV) - At approx 0830, an elm of the 3rd Regt, US 3rd MAR Div, while ptlg in an area 5 mi NNE of the Rockpile, & 1½ mi S of the DMZ, eng a reinf NVA sqd occupying bunkers. The MAR atkd the psns empl organic wpns & sptg arty fires. Contact was lost when the en evaded & withdraw at an unreptd time. Res: 5 en KIA. MAR losses were 2 KIA & 7 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 2010, an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 25th Inf Div in ni def psns about 6 mi SW of Go Dau Ha, detected an unk size en force moving across their front & called arty fire onto the en. The area of movement was illum & an obs in a hel reptd the bodies of 22 en soldiers were lying in the impact area after the fire msn. There were no US cas.

- II FFV (BINH LONG PROV) - At approx 2115, an elm of the US 11th Armd Cav Regt, in ni def psns 19 mi SW of An Loc, rec about 10 rds of indir fire. The type & cal was not reptd. US cas were very lt with no fatalities. There was no reptd dam.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 0705, an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM), while swpg an area about 12 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, eng an unk size en force. The en, who were in bunkers, were taken under SA & auto wpns fire by the trps. Hel gunships, arty & tac air sptd. The act term when the en withdrew at an unreptd time. Res: 8 en KIA. 4 US soldiers were kd & 10 wounded.

- PURPLE MARTIN (QUANG TRI PROV) - Op PURPLE MARTIN, a multi-bn search & clear op under the con of the US 3rd MAR Div & cen 9 mi NW of Khe Sanh, terminated. Res: 252 NVA soldiers were kd, 6 suspects were dtn & 202 wpns (192 IJWpns & 10 CSW) were cptrd. MAR cas were 79 KIA & 268 WIA. There were 464 tac air sorties flown in spt of the op.

- MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER (THUA THIEN PROV) - Op MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER, a multi-bn search & clear op under the con of the US 101st Abn Div (AM),
cen in an area 25 mi SW of Hue, terminated. Res: 176 en KIA, & among lrg qts of en sups & equip ctrd in the op were 859 I/Wps & 34 CSW. US cas were 72 KIA & 259 WIA. The op commenced on 1 Mar 69.

- III MAF (DMZ) - At approx 1100, a US obs acft on a recon msn over the S half of the DMZ rec auto wpns fire fr an unk no of en in a wpns psn about 8 mi NNW of the Rockpile & 100 meters N of the Ben Hai River in the N half of the DMZ. The obs dir arty fire onto the loc dest the en wpns psn & silencing the en fire. En losses are unk. The acft was not hit & there were no US cas.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 500 sorties (USAF 283, USMC 181, USN 36). BDA incl dest or dam 2 wpns psns, 3 strucs, 861 ftms, 18 sampans, & ignited 44 sec expls & 65 fires. 18 en KIA were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 43 en KIA, & dest 152 strucs & sinking 33 sampans.

- B-52s flew 10 mns: 13, 14 & 15 mi SW of An Loc in Binh Long Prov, 9 & 11 mi E of the cen of Saigon & in the vic of the central market, a terrorist threw a 1/2-lb TNT chrg under a US 1/2-ton trk. The expls wounded 3 US servicemen & the trk sustained minor dam. 1 suspect was apprehended by NP.

- III MAF (THUA THIEN PROV) - At approx 0130, the US Army XXIV Corps hqs area at Phu Bai rec about 10 rds of 122mm rkt fire res in 1t US cas with no fatalities & 1t mat dam.

- IFFV (PLEIKU PROV) - At approx 0210, an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 4th Inf Div, in ni def psns 16 mi NNW of Pleiku City, rec about 30 rds of mort fire fol by a gnd atk by an unk size NVA force. Hy SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged & during the fighting, 8 en soldiers empl sat chrgs, pent the peri barbed wire. All 8 were kd. Arty & a AC-47 gunship, fr the 14th Spcl Ops Wg, sptd. Contact was lost at about 0400. Res: 52 en KIA & 1 wounded NVA soldier was dtn. 13 AK-47 aslt rfls & 8 RPG launchers along with 1 ChiCom rdo, misc ammo & a no of sat chrgs were cptrd. US cas were 3 KIA & 33 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 0935, an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 25th Div, while swpg an area about 3 mi W of Phu Cuong discovered an en cache cntn 8 compl 122mm rktts.

- HQ MACV - The US Comd announced that it will suspend ops during the period 0600, 30 May, to 0600, 31 May 69.
III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - In several sightings, beginning at about 0700, an est 400 to 600 armd en soldiers, some of whom were carrying RR & suspected rkt's, were obs 5 to 6 mi NE of An Hoa. Elms of the 5th Regt, US 1st MAR Div dir arty fire & tac air fr the 1st MAW, & the USAF 366th & 37th TFW's onto the en causing dispersal of his forces. En elms were later eng by the MAR swpg in the vic of the strikes. As act cont, other elms of the div's 1st & 7th MAR Regts, moved into blocking psns. The en empl SA, auto wpns & RPG rkt-gren fire. The MAR atkd, empl organic wpns with spt fr arty & tac air. Act cont into the afternoon. Sporadic contact with various unk size en elms which were apparently attempting to evade, was made during the ni but contact was lost at an unreptd time. Res: 233 en KIA, & 3 CSW & 41 I/Wpns were ctrd. US cas were 23 KIA & 58 WIA.

TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 1045, inf elms, some of whom were in armd pers carriers, fr the 3rd Bde, US 25th Inf Div, contacted & eng an unk size NVA force while cdg a swp 5 mi SE of Dau Tieng. Hv SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged & the trps atkd the en psns sptd by arty, hel gunships & tac air. Act cont until about 1845. Res: 102 en KIA & 1 en soldier was dtn. US cas were 2 KIA & 9 WIA. In addition, 8 I/Wpns, 1 lt MG, 44 60mm mort rds, 22 82mm mort rds & a 24-ton rice cache were ctrd.

TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 1745, inf fr an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 25th Inf Div eng an est en plat in fortified psns 9 mi SW of Ben Cat. The en empl SA, auto wpns & RPG fire. The trps atkd empl organic wpns sptd by hel gunships & arty. Act cont for about 1 hr. Res: 15 en KIA. There were no US cas in the eng.

TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 1815, hel gunship crews of an elm of the air cav sqdn of the US 1st Cav Div (AM) obs an est 20 en soldiers in a bunker complex 8 mi SE of Katum. Aerial MG & rkt fire & an arty fire msn sptd. 3 sec explos were obs. Res: 8 en bodies were sighted lying in the area fol the act. There were no US cas.

III MAF (THUA THIEN PROV) - At approx 0115, a USN Mbl Const Bn camp about 9 mi SE of Hue rec less than 5 rds of 122mm rkt fire. Res cas were lt with no fatalities. Dam was lt.

TOAN THANG (BINH LONG PROV) - At approx 2035, an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM) in ni def psns about 17 mi SW of An Loc, rec about 10 rds of 82mm mort fire. There were 1t US cas with no fatalities. There was no reptd dam.

TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 1045, an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM), while swpg an area about 7 mi NE of Phu Khuong, eng an unk size en force. Arty fire, hel gunships, & tac air sptd. Contact was lost about 45 mins later. Res: 2 en KIA. 3 US soldiers were kd & 16 WIA.

III MAF (DMZ) - At approx 1535, an aerial obs on a recon msn over the S half of the DMZ obs an est 15 en soldiers about 8 mi NNW of the Rockpile & about 100 meters S of the Ben Hai River. The obs called US MAR arty fire in on the en. 3 sec explos res & the bodies of 3 en soldiers were
obs in the impact area fol the fire msn. The remaining en evaded.

- HERKIMER MOUNTAIN (QUANG TRI PROV) - Op HERKIMER MOUNTAIN, a multi-bn search & clear op involving elms of the 4th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, commenced. The op is cen in an area 9 mi NNE of Khe Sanh.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 535 sorties (USAF 323, USMC 181, USN 31). BDA incl dest or dam a wpns psn, 717 ftns, 25 sampans, & ignited 74 sec expls & 113 fires. 64 en KIA were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 48 en KIA, & dest 55 strucs & sinking 21 sampans.

- An Army OH-6 hel was hit by en gnd fire & crashed at 1440 hrs 7 mi NNE of Go Dau Ha in Tay Ninh Prov. 3 men aboard were wounded. The acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 9 msns: 28 mi SSW of Quang Ngai City, 21 mi SSW of An Loc in Binh Long Prov, 20 & 21 mi SSW of An Loc, 29 mi SSW of Quang Tri City, 31 & 34 mi WSW of Hue in Thua Thien Prov, & 29 & 30 mi SSW of Quang Tri City.

10 May (Saturday)

- HQ MACV - During the ni, 2 significant en indir fire harassing atks were reptd thruout the country of which 1 was against a US unit.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 0820, hel gunship crews of an elm of the air cav sqdn, US 1st Cav Div (AM) obs an unk size en force occupying trenches in an area 9 mi NE of Phu Khuong. The gunship crews atkd the en with air-to-gnd rkts & MG's. The bodies of 20 en soldiers were obs lying in the area after the act. There were no US cas.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROV) - At approx 0945, an aerial obs fr the US 3rd MAR Div obs an est 40 en soldiers on a trail about 25 mi SSW of Quang Tri City. Arty & tac air were dir onto the en. A total of 27 en were kd. There were no US cas.

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At approx 1630, trps fr an elm of the air cav sqdn of the US 1st Cav Div (AM) discovered the bodies of 16 en soldiers who
had apparently been kd as a res of tac air strikes ctd in an area 10 mi NE of Phu Khuong.

TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 1400, hel gunships fr the air cay sqdn of the 1st Cav Div (AM) eng an unk no of en sighted in an area 14 mi SE of Katum. The gunship crews dir aerial rkt & MG fire onto the en loc & the bodies of 10 en soldiers were obs lying in the area fol the eng. There were no US cas.

III MAF (QUANG TRI PROV) - At approx 1015, a recon elm of the US 3rd MAR Div, while obs an area about 9 mi W of Khe Sanh, obs 15 en soldiers & 2 parked 2½ ton trks. The MAR dir tac air strikes onto the loc of the sightings. The trks were dest. The bodies of 9 en soldiers were obs in the area fol the strike. The remaining en evaded further obs.

TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 1400, trps fr an elm of the 1st Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM) contacted & eng an unk size en force 6 rni SW of Katum. Hv SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged. As act cont, the trps were sptd by arty, hel gunships & tac air. Contact cont for about 40 mins. En losses are unk. US cas were 1 KIA & 13 WIA.

CMAC (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - At approx 1715, 2 suspected VC terrorists, riding on a motorbike, threw an explos chrg into a US Army ½-ton veh, with a driver & l pax, moving on a rd about ½ mi S of Tan Son Nhut AB on the NW edge of Saigon. The chrg, cons of 4 ½-lb blocks of TNT with a time fuze, was thrown over the front windshield of the veh by the approaching terrorists & it ld behind the front seats. The pax, Capt Larry Walton, Columbus, Ga., assigned to the 199th Lt Inf Bde, immed grabbed the chrg, pulled off the burning time fuze and threw the explos away fr the veh. The chrg did not detonate & was removed by RVN mil pers. The terrorists escaped. Capt Walton was slightly burned.

III MAF (QUANG TRI PROV) - At approx 0415, an elm of the 3rd Regt, US 3rd MAR Div in ni def psns about 5 mi N of the Rockpile & 2 mi S of the DMZ, rec a gnd probe fr an unk size NVA force empl SA & RPG fire. The MAR rtn fire with organic auto wpns & mort fire. A USAF AC-47 gunships sptd. Act cont until an urr eptd time. En losses are unk. MAR cas were 8 KIA & 8 WIA.

III MAF (THUA THIEN PROV) - At approx 1130, a US Army engr elm fr the 45th Engr Gp discovered an en 85mm fld gun in an area 18 mi SW of Hue. The arty piece was in op cond.

APACHE SNOW (QUANG TRI & THUA THIEN PROVS) - Op APACHE SNOW, a multi-regt search & clear op cen in an area about 30 mi WSW of Hue, commenced. Elms of the 9th Regt, US 3rd MAR Div & the 3rd ABN Bde, US 101st Abn Div (AM) are participating in the op in conj with elms of the ARVN 1st Inf Div.

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 539 sorties (USAF 341, USMC 181, USN 17). BDA incl dest or dam 4 wpns psns, 874 ftms, 55 sampans, & ignited 45 sec explos & 45 fires. 96 en KIA were also reptd.

USA hel gunships reptd 44 en KIA, & dest 58 strucs & sinking an en sampan.
- 4 US Army hels were downed by en gnd fire & dest. An OH-6 was downed 31 mi SW of Pleiku City in Pleiku Prov at 1210. 2 men aboard were wounded. Another OH-6 was hit 20 mi NE of Tay Ninh City at 1405. 2 men aboard were wounded. Four men aboard a UH-1 were kd at 1700 when their acft was downed 2 mi S of Trang Bang in Hau Nghia Prov. A CH-47 was downed 28 mi WSW of Hue. There were no inj.

- A MAR hel was hit by en gnd fire & crashed 25 mi SE of Khe Sanh in Quang Tri Prov at 1030. 6 men aboard were kd, 6 wounded & the acft dest.

- B-52s flew 8 msns: 28 mi SSW of Quang Tri City in Quang Tri Prov, 11 & 14 mi N of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 22 mi SE of Phu Vinh in Vinh Binh Prov, 12 mi N of Xuan Loc, 25 mi SSE of An Khe in Binh Dinh Prov, 19 mi SW of Tam Ky in Quang Tin Prov, & 7 mi SSW of Dak To in Kontum Prov.

11 May (Sunday)

- HQ MACV - During the ni, there were 2 significant en indir fire harassing atks reptd thruout the country, none of which were against US forces.

- IFFV (KONTUM PROV) - At approx 0135, a fire spt base of the US 4th Inf Div at Dak To rec less than 10 rds of mort fire fol by a gnd atk fr an unk size en force. Some of the en soldiers pent the outer peri. The atk was repulsed by the trps empl organic wpns & the sptg fires of arty & USAF AC-47 & AC-119 gunships. Contact was lost about 0230. 6 en soldiers were kd. US cas were 16 wounded with no fatalities. There was It dam to mat reptd.

- IFFV (KONTUM PROV) - At approx 0200, the Kontum afld rec about 30 rds of undetm cal mort & RPG fire. Arty fire was dir onto the suspected en firing psns which silenced the fire. En losses are unk. US cas were very It with no fatalities. There was It dam to mat.

- IFFV (PLEIKU PROV) - Early this morning, forty-five North Vietnamese Army soldiers fr an est NVA bn were kd in an atk against the ni def psns of an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 4th Inf Div at a base camp 13 mi SW of Pleiku City. Act began at approx 0200 when about 300 rds of mixed 60mm & 82mm mort, 122mm rkt & RPG fire impacted in the vic of the camp. The en empl SA & auto wpns fire while the trps rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by div tks & arty. USAF gunships fr the 14th Spcl Ops Wg sptd. 4 sec explos were obs. During the atk, 10 NVA sappers with sat chrgs pent a portion of the peri, but all were kd. Air cav trps fr an armd cav sqdn of the div moved to the area later & eng an unk no of en. Fighting cont until about 0530. US cas were 11 KIA & 25 WIA. Mat dam was It.

- IFFV (PLEIKU PROV) - At approx 1545, an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 4th Inf Div while swpg an area about 4 mi NW of Plei Mrong contacted & eng an unk size NVA force. The en were atkd with organic wpns & sptg fires fr hel gunships & arty. The en rtn the fire with hv auto wpns & SA fire until contact was lost at an unreptd time. NVA losses were 10 kd. US cas were 9 KIA & 23 WIA.
- TOAN THANG (LONG KHANH PROV) - At approx 0240, a ptl fr an elm of the 11th Armd Cav Regt, ambush an unk no of en soldiers 7 mi SSW of Xuan Loc. The en rtn fire with auto wpns & as act cont, another ptl fr the regt moved to the area to reinf. Hel gunships & a USAF AC-47 gunship sptd until contact was lost at about 0440. 4 en were kd in the eng & 6 I/Wpns were cptrd. US cas were 4 WIA. The trps pursued the en in their armd vehs & contact was re-established with an unk size en force in the same general area at 0630. An elm of the 1st AUSTR TF along with other tks & armd pers carriers also reinf. Contact was lost at about 1740. An additional 14 en bodies were found in the battle area raising the total to 18 en kd. 4 more I/Wpns were cptrd. 1 more US trpr was WIA. There were no reptd AUSTR cas.

- SPEEDY EXPRESS (KIEN HOA PROV) - At approx 1020, hel crewmen of an air cav elm, US 9th Inf Div, obs 5 en enter a woodline about 6 mi NW of Ben Tre. At approx 1215, an elm of the same unit eng an unk size en force at the loc of the earlier sighting. After hel gunships atkd the en, an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 9th Inf Div moved into the area. While swpg the area, the inf found the bodies of 16 en soldiers. 8 I/Wpns & 2 CSW were cptrd. There were no US cas. Later, the same air cav & inf elms eng several small gps of en & kd 21 raising the total to 37 en kd. 14 I/Wpns & 2 CSW were cptrd in the day's act. US cas were 1 KIA & 2 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (LONG AN PROV) - At approx 1300, trps fr an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 9th Inf Div eng an est en plat 2 mi SE of Ben Luc. SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged. Hel gunships & arty sptd. Contact cont for about 30 mins. Res: 15 en KIA & 2 suspects were dtn. One I/Wpn was cptrd. US cas were 1 WIA with no fatalities.

- CMAC (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - At approx 2030, a suspected VC terrorist threw a hand gren into a gp of US mil pers & VN civs near a US enl qtrs (Utah BBQ), 1 mi E of Tan Son Nhut AB. The explos res in 3 US wounded & 3 VN civs wounded. The terrorist escaped.

- IFFV (PLEIKU PROV) - At approx 1335, hel crewmen of the air cav elm of a US 4th Inf Div armd cav sqdn obs an unk size NVA force 18 mi SW of Pleiku City. Hel gunships sptd. Arty & tac air were also dir onto the en loc. Res: 37 en KIA. There were no US cas. At approx 1650, the same 4th Inf Div air cav elm obs an est 30 to 50 more NVA soldiers in an open area about 1 km fr the earlier act. The hel gunship eng the en & an arty fire man was dir onto the en. The bodies of 20 NVA soldiers were obs lying in the area fol the act. Total en losses for the 2 acts were 57 kd. No US cas.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 1415, hel crewmen of the air cav sqdn, US 1st Cav Div, obs an unk size en force in a bunker complex 11 mi NE of Phu Khuong. The air cav eng the en psn with aerial MG & rkt fire. Tac air sptd. Res: 13 en KIA, & 4 huts & a .50 cal MG were reptd dest. There were no US cas.

- IFFV (KONTUM PROV) - At approx 1500, a US 4th Inf Div fire spt base & RVN CIDG camp co-loc at Ben Het rec about 55 rds of en 85mm arty fire res in lt US cas & no reptd mat dam. There were no reptd VN cas.
- **IFFV (PLEIKU PROV)** - At approx 0300, the Pleiku AB near Pleiku City rec less than 5 en 122mm rkt res in no reptd cas & lt mat dam.

- **III MAF (DMZ)** - At approx 1735, an aerial obs, on a recon msn over the S half of the DMZ, obs a no of en in the open about 3 mi WNW of Con Thien & 400 meters S of the Ben Hai River. The obs dir arty fire onto the en as well as tac air. Res: 19 en KIA. There were no US cas.

- **SWN TAC AIR:** US pilots flew 522 sorties (USAF 316, USMC 186, USN 20). BDA incl dest or dam 627 en ftns, 16 sampans, & ignited 28 sec explos & 80 fires. 67 en KIA were also reptd.

- **USA hel gunships reptd 62 en KIA, & dest 37 strucs & sinking 24 sampans.

- 2 US Army hels were downed by en gnd fire: A UH-1 9 mi SW of Kontum in Kontum Prov (2 men aboard were wounded & the acft was dest), & an OH-6 12 mi E of Bien Hoa in Bien Hoa Prov (1 man aboard was kd, 1 wounded & the acft was dest).

- B-52s flew 9 msns: 20 mi SW of Tam Ky in Quang Tin Prov, 6 mi SSW of Dak To in Kontum Prov, 16 mi NNE of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 14 mi ENE of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Prov, 14 mi E of Tay Ninh City, 7 mi SW of Dak To, 14 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 13 mi NW of Dak To & 16 mi NNE of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov.

12 May (Monday)

- **HQ MACV** - During the ni, 105 significant en indir fire harassing atks were reptd thruout the country, of which 54 were against US forces & installations. One-hundred & seven other fire atcks were cons insignificant.

- **HQ MACV** - The 174th Tac Ftr Sqdn assigned to & under the op con of the 37th TFW for the past yr, departed Phu Cat AB for redeployment to the US.

- **III MAF (THUA THIEN PROV)** - At approx 0215, a US Army XXIV Corps arty unit in a psn about 11 mi SW of Hue rec a no of rds of undetm cal mort fire. In a gnd probe in conj with the atk by fire, an unk size en force atkd the psn with SA & RPG fire. The fire was rtn by the arty-men & contact was lost at an unreptd time. US cas were 18 WIA. Dam to mat was hv. En losses are unk.

- **III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV)** - At approx 0050, an elm of the 1st Regt, US 1st MAR Div, in ni def psns about 5 mi W of Hoi An rec about 50 rds of 82mm mort fire. The atk by fire was fol by a gnd atk fr an unk size en force empl SA & auto wpns fire. Contact was lost at an unreptd time. The bodies of 15 en soldiers were found. 4 I/Wpns were cptrd. US cas were 1 KIA & 37 WIA.

- **III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV)** - At approx 1800, an elm of the 1st Regt, US 1st MAR Div & RVN RF trps eng an unk size en force 6 mi SSW of Da Nang. The comb force, with tks & arty spt, atkd the en. Act cont until about 1600 on 13 May as the MAR & RF trps maintained sporadic contact with the en & dir tac air onto the en psns. The bodies of 81 en soldiers were found. A small qty of misc equip & ammo as well as 1 I/Wpn were cptrd. MAR cas were 11 KIA & 22 WIA. There were no reptd RF cas.
- III MAF (THUA THIEN PROV) - At approx 1610, an engr elm of the 3rd Abn Bde, US 101st Abn Div (AM), in an area about 22 mi SW of Hue, cptrd an en 85mm fld gun. The Soviet made arty piece was hidden in an undergnd bunker & is in op cond.

- IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROV) - At approx 0220, an arty elm of the AMERICAL Div in a psn about 6 mi SE of Quang Ngai City rec a no of rds of undetm cal mort fire. The atk by fire was fol by a gnd atk fr an unk size en forceempl SA, grens & auto wpns fire. The arty-men rtn the en fire & repulsed the atk. Res: 23 en KIA, US cas were 2 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (LONG AN PROV) - At approx 1030, a mech inf elm of the 3rd Bde, US 9th Inf Div, eng an est en bn while swpg an area 4 mi NW of Tan An. Hel gunships, arty & tac air sptd. At an unreptd later time, elms fr the 50th Regt, 25th ARVN Inf Div, RF & other elms of the 3rd Bde reinf the act. The contact cont into the morning when the en withdrew. Res: 83 en KIA, & 6 AK-47 rfs, 7 lt MG's & 5 RPG launchers were cptrd. A small amt of RPG & MG ammo was also cptrd. US cas were 2 KIA & 33 WIA. VN cas were very It with no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 0030, an elm of the 3rd Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM) in ni def psns at a LZ 13 mi ESE of Katum rec about 300 rds of unreptd cal mort fire fol by about 50 rds of 75mm RR fire. About 1 hr later, the psn rec a gnd probe fr an unk size en forceempl SA, auto wpns & RPG fire. The trps rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by arty & a USAF AC-119 gunship. Act cont until an unreptd time. The psn also rec less than 5 107mm rktts at 0520. The body of 1 en soldier was found along with 1 SKS cbn. US cas were 2 KIA & 24 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (LONG KHANH PROV) - At approx 0850, a hel fr an air cav elm of the US 12th Cbt Avn Gp rec gnd fire fr an unk size en force about 5 mi WSW of Xuan Loc. The hel rtn the en's fire with aerial MG fire. Res: the bodies of 10 en soldiers were obs in the area after the act. The hel was not hit. There were no US cas. About 20 mins later, another hel fr the same unit spotted an unk size en force about 8 mi to the NE of Xuan Loc. The en were atkd by MG fire fr the hel. 8 en dead were obs after the act. There were no US cas. Total en losses for the 2 acts were 18 kd.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 0135, trps fr an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM), occupying ni def psns in a fire spt base 13 mi SE of Katum, detected an unk no of en soldiers approaching the area of their psns, & eng them with organic wpns. En losses are unk. At about 0300, the base rec more than 200 rds of mixed 82mm mort & 107mm rkt fire fol by a gnd atlt at 0345 by an unk size en force. The en atkt the base firing SA, auto wpns & RPG fire. Some en pent a portion of the peri but were kd or repulsed by the air cav trps. Artt, hel gunships & a USAF AC-47 gunship, as well as tac air sptd the defenders. The enempl 12.7mm AA MG fire against the sptg acft. Act cont until 0615. Res: 73 en KIA. US cas were 7 KIA & 35 WIA.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 1300, an elm of the 5th Regt, US 1st MAR Div, while swpg an area about 5 mi NE of An Hoa, eng an unk size en
force. The MAR atkd the en with SA & auto wpns. Tac air sptd. Res: 10 en KIA. There were no US cas.

- FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROV) - At approx 1800, an elm of the 196th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div while swpg an area around a LZ 13 mi SW of Tam Ky discovered the bodies of 20 en soldiers. The dead appeared to have been kd 11 May. Cause was undetm. 11 I/Wpns & 2 CSW were cptrd. About 150 hand grens were cptrd. There were no US cas.

- TOAN THANG (PHUOC LONG PROV) - At approx 0330, a LZ 1 mi W of Song Be occupied by an elm of the 1st Bde, US 1st Inf Div rec a gnd probe fr an unk size en force empl SA & auto wpns fire. The inf rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by arty. Contact was lost at about 0700. Res: 33 en KIA, & 2 en flamethrowers were cptrd. There was no rept of the flamethrowers being empl during the probe. There were no US cas.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 0300, an elm of the 5th Regt, US 1st MAR Div, in ni def psns about 7 mi NE of An Hoa rec a gnd atk fr an unk size en force. The MAR repulsed the en atk with organic wpns. The en empll hv SA & auto wpns fire in their atk. No en were reptd to have pent the peri. Res: 15 en KIA & 1 suspect was dtn. 4 I/Wpns & 3 CSW were cptrd. US cas were 5 WIA with no fatalities.

- DMAC (AN XUYEN PROV) - At approx 0800, hel gunship crews fr the 164th Cbt Avn Gp, sighted & eng an unk size en force 12 mi SW of Ca Mau. The gun­ ships empl aerial rkt & MG fire against the dispersed en for about 2 hrs. The bodies of 25 VC soldiers were obs lying in the strike area fol the act. 7 en sampans were also dest. There were no US cas.

- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 0145, an 11th Armd Cav Regt fire spt base 8 mi NW of Ben Cat rec about 20 rds of 82mm mort fire as an unk size en force was detected moving in the vic of the psn. The en loc was eng by hel gunships & a USAF AC-47 gunship. The acft reptd rec 12.7mm AA fire during the act. US cas as a res of the indir fire atk were lt. In a swp of the area, soldiers fr the 1st Inf Div found the bodies of 28 NVA soldiers kd by the gunships & 8 I/Wpns & 1 CSW scattered in the area.

- FREDERICK HILL (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 0124, an elm of the 196th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div in ni def psns about 8 mi S of Hoi An rec a gnd atk fr an unk size en force. The en empl SA fire, RPG grens & sat chrgs. The en empll SA & auto wpns fire in their atk. The US trps rtn the en's fire with organic wpns. No en were reptd to have pent the peri of the psn. Res: 36 en KIA, & 11 I/Wpns & 7 CSW were cptrd. US cas were 4 KIA & 25 WIA.

- IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROV) - At approx 0900, an elm of the 11th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, while swpg an area about 4 mi SE of Duc Pho eng an est en co. The trps atkd the en with organic wpns & hv MG fire fr armd pers carriers as well as 90mm tk gun fire. Contact was lost about 1600. Res: 18 en KIA, & 1 CSW was cptrd. US cas were 7 KIA & 31 WIA.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 1230, an elm of the 5th Regt, US 1st MAR Div in psns about 4 mi NNE of An Hoa rec about 40 rds of mixed 60mm & 82mm mort fire. Res cas were lt with no fatalities. Counter-mort fire was fired at suspected en firing psns with unk res.
- IFFV (PLEIKU PROV) - At approx 2325, an elm of the 1st Bde, US 4th Inf Div in ni def psns about 4 mi E of Plei Mrong rec a standoff RPG atk. The en fired about 30 grens. It US cas res. USAF AC-47 aerial MG fire & arty sptd. The trps swept the area & found the bodies of 19 en soldiers.

- IFFV (PLEIKU PROV) - At approx 1400, an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 4th Inf Div eng an est reinf en co while swpg an area 20 mi NW of Pleiku City. Hv SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged & the inf were sptd by hel gunships & arty. Act cont until 1900. En losses are unk. US cas were 9 KIA & 12 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 0315, an elm of the 1st Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM), in ni def psns at a LZ about 4 mi NE of Phu Khuong rec an atk by fire fol by a gnd atk by an unk size en force. The act was init when the en fired a no of 82mm mort & 107mm rkt rds at the psns. The en fol with a gnd atk, empl hv SA, auto wpns & RPG fire as well as sat chrgs. The air cav eng with organic wpns. Some en pent the outer peri & were kd by the defenders. Arty & USAF AC-47 & AC-119 gunships & tac air sptd. Contact was lost at about 0445. Res: 45 en KIA, & 6 I/Wpns & 8 RPG launchers were cptrd along with misc munitions & equip. US cas: 7 KIA & 40 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (RUNG SAT SPECIAL ZONE) - Five en atks were launched on civ shipping causing very lt cas & little dam. The atks took place on the Long Tau shipping channel betwn Vung Tau & Saigon. Only 1 of the 5 ships atkd was hit, the Robin Grey, as she was starting up the channel towards Saigon. 1 civ seaman was reptd wounded by RPG fire. Dam to the ship was very lt. The fol were the ships atkd: Robin Grey, Cibao, Phu San, Pacific Alliance, & the Tamashima Maru. Ptl bts, hel gunships & VN RF trps responded to all 5 atks on the Long Tau eng en firing psns with unk res.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 0145, a CAP of US MAR & RVN PF trps in ni def psns near a sep RF Co's ni def psns 3 mi NE of An Hoa rec a no of rds of undetm cal mort fire & a gnd probe fr an unk size en force. The en fire was rtn by the CAP & the RF co with their organic wpns. Contact cont until about 0515. Res: 19 en KIA, & 5 I/Wpns were cptrd. 3 US MAR were WIA. There were no VN cas reptd.

- III MAF (DMZ) - During the period 0230-1830, the en fired mort & rkt rds against several Allied locs in the vic of Gia Linh, the Rockpile & Con Thien fr 15 firing psns loc in the S half of the DMZ. All of the en firing psns were eng with either naval gunfire fr the 7th Fleet hv cruiser St. Paul or US MAR arty fire, silencing the en wpns. More than 10 sec explos were obs. En losses are unk. More than 60 rds of mixed mort & rkt fire impacted at the Allied loc. 5 MAR fr an elm of the 4th Regt, 3rd MAR Div, were wounded when their pans 6 mi NW of the Rockpile, & 300 meters S of the DMZ, rec a total of about 25 rds of mort fire. The 2 en firing psns were loc in the S half of the zone 1 mi to the N & 1 mi to the NNE of the MAR loc. US MAR & Army arty fire were dir onto the en locs with unk res.

- III MAF (DMZ) - At approx 1740, a US fwd obs loc S of the DMZ, sighted 5 en soldiers moving in an area 3 mi NNE of Con Thien & 400 meters inside the S edge of the DMZ. The obs dir US MAR arty fire onto the loc res in 1 sec
The bodies of 3 en soldiers were obs lying in the strike area fol the eng.

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 546 sorties (USAF 354, USMC 173, USN 19). BDA incl dest or dam 759 ftns, 5 sampans, & ignited 53 sec explos & 72 fires. 33 en KIA were also reptd.

5 US Army hels were hit by en gnd fire, crashed & were dest: A UH-1 hel was downed 3 mi W of Duc Pho in Quang Ngai Prov. 1 man aboard was kd, 3 were wounded. Another UH-1 went down 3 mi SSE of Dak To in Kontum Prov. 2 men aboard were wounded. A third UH-1 was downed 28 mi WSW of Hue in Thua Thien Prov. 4 men aboard were wounded. An OH-6 went down 4 mi NE of Ben Tre in Kien Hoa Prov. 2 crew mbrs were kd. In Tay Ninh Prov, an AH-1 crashed 13 mi W of An Loc. 1 man aboard was wounded.

USA hel gunships reptd 92 en KIA, & dest 44 strucs & sinking 16 sampans.


13 May (Tuesday)

CMAC (CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT) - At approx 0530, one 122mm rkt rd impacted in Saigon, 1½ mi ESE of the cen of the city near the border of the 1st & 4th Precincts. There were no reptd cas. One 4-ton veh rec It dam.

TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 0315, an elm of the 1st Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM), in ni def psns at a LZ about 4 mi NE of Phu Khuong rec an atk by fire fol by a gnd atk by an unk size en force. The act commenced when the en fired a no of 82mm mort & 107mm rkt rds at the psns. The en fol the shelling with a gnd atk, empl hv SA, auto wpns & RPG rkt gren fire as well as satchel chrgs. The air cav eng with organic wpns. Some en pent the outer peri & were kd by the defenders. Art'y & USAF gunships & tac air sptd. Contact was lost at about 0445. Res: 45 en KIA, & 6 I/Wpns & 8 RPG launchers were cptrd along with misc munitions & equip. US cas were 7 KIA & 40 WIA.

III MAF (THUA THIEN PROV) - At approx 0330, an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 101st Abn Div (AM) at a fire spt base 27 mi SW of Hue rec a gnd atk fr an unk size NVA force. The en atkd fr several dirs, empl hv SA & auto wpns fire along with RPG. The trps dir organic wpns & point blank arty fire at the atkg en. No en were reptd to have pent the peri & contact was lost at an unreptd time. Res: 31 NVA soldiers kd. US cas were 25 KIA & 51 WIA. 9 I/Wpns & 1 CSW was cptrd.

HQ MACV - During the ni, 18 significant indir fire harassing atks were reptd thruout the country, of which 7 were against US forces or installations. Twenty-two other fire atks were cons insignificant.

FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROV) - At approx 1900, an elm of the 196th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, in ni def psns 12 mi SW of Tam Ky rec a gnd probe fr an unk size en force empl SA & auto wpns fire. The inf rtn fire with
organic wpns sptd by arty. Contact was lost at about 2030. Res: 22 en KIA. US cas were 4 WIA of whom 3 were evac.

III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 0900, MAR fr an elm of the 5th Regt, US 1st MAR Div, eng an unk size en force in a treeline 1 mi NE of An Hoa. The en empl auto wpns & RPG fire sptd by mort fire. The MAR, sptd by tks, atkd the en psns. Contact was lost at an unreptd time. In a cont swp at about 1600, another elm of the same unit eng an unk size en force in the general vic of the init eng. The en empl auto wpns sptd by mort fire. The MAR atkd empl organic wpns. Fighting cont until an unreptd later time. The bodies of 4 en soldiers, kd in the acts, were found in the battle area. 1 I/Wpn & 3 CSW were cptrd. MAR cas were 4 KIA & 23 WIA.

III MAF (QUANG TIN PROV) - At approx 1700, a US MAR & RVN PF CAP discovered the bodies of 20 en soldiers & 5 I/Wpns 5 mi NW of Tam Ky. The en had been kd about 24 hrs earlier. While cont the swp, the CAP eng an unk size en force at 1830. Fighting cont until an unreptd time. 15 en were kd in the act & 1 CSW was cptrd. PF cas were lt with no fatalities. There were no US cas. Early on 14 May, the comb force cont a swp of the area of contact & found 12 more en bodies nearby along with 3 I/Wpns. Cum res in the area were 47 en kd, 8 I/Wpns & 1 CSW cptrd. There were no additional cas in the swp on 14 May.

III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 2145, an elm of the 7th Regt, US 1st MAR Div, in ni def psns 6 mi SW of Da Nang, detected an unk no of en moving in the general area of their psn. Arty fire was dir onto the loc with unk res. The arty impact area was swept on 14 May, and the bodies of 10 en soldiers kd by arty fire & 8 I/Wpns were found.

TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At approx 1000, elms of the 2nd Bde, US 25th Inf Div, while swpg an area about 9 mi NE of Trang Bang made contact with & eng an unk size en force in fortified psns. The inf were sptd by hel gunships, arty & tac air. The en rtn fire with SA, auto wpns & RPG. Contact was lost at 1415. The bodies of 50 en soldiers were found. 18 I/Wpns & 8 CSW were cptrd. US cas were 3 KIA.

III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 1135, the base camp of the hqs of the 5th Regt, US 1st MAR Div at An Hoa rec less than 10 rds of 122mm rkt fire. US MAR arty sptd. En losses are unk. US cas were lt with no fatalities. Dam to mat was lt.

IFFV (KONTUM PROV) - At approx 1750, the afld at Dak To rec about 20 rds of 122mm rkt fire. Counter-rkt fire by US Army arty was dir against suspected en rkt firing sites with unk res. US cas & dam to mat was lt.

III MAF (DMZ) - At approx 1505, an elm of the 3rd Regt, US 3rd MAR Div, in psns 7 mi WSW of Con Thien & 1 km S of the DMZ, rec about 15 rds of 82mm mort fire fr an en psn to the N & 500 meters inside the S edge of the DMZ. US MAR arty fire was dir onto the en firing psn res in 1 sec explos & silencing the fire. En losses are unk. There were no US cas & no reptd dam.

III MAF (DMZ) - At approx 1740, a US fwd obs loc S of the DMZ, sighted 5
en soldiers moving in an area 3 mi NNE of Con Thien & 400 meters inside the S edge of the DMZ. The obs dir arty fire onto the loc res in 1 sec explos. The bodies of 3 en soldiers were obs lying in the strike area.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 480 sorties (USAF 314, USMC 166). BDA incl dest or dam an auto wpns psn, 759 ftns, 5 sampans, & ignited 53 sec explos & 72 fires. 33 en KIA were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 42 en KIA, & dest 89 strucs & sinking 1 sampan.

- 3 US Army hels were hit by en gnd fire, crashed & were dest: At 1130, a UH-1 was downed in Quang Tin Prov, 3 mi SW of Tam Ky. There were no cas. In Binh Thuan Prov at 1300, an OH-6 went down 7 mi N of Phan Thiet. 2 men aboard were wounded. Another UH-1 was downed at 1550, 24 mi SW of Hue in Thua Thien Prov. 3 men were kd & 1 was wounded.

- B-52s flew 12 msns: 12 mi NE of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 14 mi SW of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 27 mi ESE of Saigon in Bien Hoa Prov, 20 mi NE of An Khe in Binh Dinh Prov, 5 & 6 mi NW of Tri Ton in Chau Duc Prov, 13 mi WNW of Dak To in Kontum Prov, 20 & 21 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 19 mi SSE of An Loc in Binh Long Prov, 15 mi N of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 23 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City.

14 May (Wednesday)

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 0155, the en fired 10 122mm rkts into the city of Da Nang. Init repts indic 10 VN cavs were kd & 24 were wounded. There were no reptd US cas. Several RVN soldiers were also kd or wounded according to init repts. No immed rept of dam.

- HQ MACV - During the ni, 19 significant indir fire harassing atks were reptd thruout the country, of which 10 were against US forces & installations. A rkt atk against Da Nang is incl in the overall fig. Twenty-seven others were cons insignificant.

- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 0445, a mech inf elm of the 1st Bde, US 25th Inf Div, in ni def psns about 4 mi NW of Dau Tieng, rec a no of undetm cal mort rds. The mort atk was fol by a gnd aslt by an unk size NVA force. The en empl SA, auto wpns & RPG fire. The trps rtn the en's fire with organic wpns & hv MG fire fr their armd pers carriers. Hel gunships &arty sptd the act. Contact was lost at 0600. Res: 51 en KIA, 4 suspects were dtn, & 17 I/Wpns & 6 CSW were cptrd. US cas were 2 KIA & 3 WIA.

- III MAF (THUA THIEN PROV) - At approx 0755, trps fr elms of the 3rd Bde, US 101st Abn Div (AM) eng an unk size NVA force 32 mi WSW of Hue & 2 mi E of the Laotian border. Hv SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged. Tac air & arty sptd. Act cont until an unreptd time in the eve. Res: 53 en KIA. US cas were 1 KIA & 18 WIA.

- FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROV) - At approx 0645, an elm of the 196th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, eng an unk size en force 9 mi SW of Tam. The trps empl organic wpns sptd by arty & tac air. The en empl hv SA & auto wpns fire. Act cont until 1300. En losses are unk. US cas were 1 KIA & 21 WIA.
- **TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV)** - At approx 1310, an elm of the 1st Bde, US 25th Inf Div, eng 4 NVA soldiers about 11 mi N of Ben Soi. After a brief fight, contact was lost. The Inf cont their swp, they regained contact with an unk size en force at 1500. SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged & hel gunships & arty sptd. Contact was again lost at 1525. Res: 23 en KIA & 5 I/Wpns were cptrd. US cas were 2 KIA & 10 WIA.

- **TOAN THANG (LONG AN PROV)** - At approx 1630, elms of the 3rd Bde, US 9th Inf Div, while swpg an area about 2 mi SE of Ben Luc, contacted & eng an unk size en force. The en was atkd with organic wpns of the trps as well as sptg fires fr hel gunships & arty. Contact was lost at 1735. En losses were 13 kd. One US soldier was wounded.

- **TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV)** - At approx 1345, hel crewmen fr an air cav elm of the US 25th Inf Div obs 15 en soldiers in an area about 5 mi WSW of Cu Chi. The en were taken under fire with aerial MG's & air-to-gnd rkts. Air cav trps fr the div were aaslt into the strike area where they found the bodies of 12 en soldiers. 4 suspects were dtn. There was no rtn fire at the hel gunships & there were no US cas.

- **TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV)** - At approx 1210, an inf elm, reinf by mech inf trps fr the 2nd Bde, US 25th Inf Div, swpg an area 10 mi W of Ben Cat, obs & atkd an unk size NVA force. The NVA were eng with organic wpns incl MG's on armd pers carriers. Hel gunships & arty sptd. Contact was lost a short while later. The bodies of 34 NVA soldiers were found. 13 AK-47 aslt rfls & 3 RPG launchers were cptrd. There were no US cas.

- **IFFV (PLEIKU PROV)** - At approx 0330, an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 4th Inf Div, in ni def psns 4 mi N of Plei Mrong rec a gnd probe of 40 to 50 rds of RPG fire plus SA fire fr an unk no of en. The en firing psns were eng with the organic wpns of the trps. A USAF AC-47 gunship eng the en loc. In a swp of the area, the bodies of 16 en were found. There were no US cas.

- **SVN TAC AIR**: US pilots flew 558 sorties (USAF 319, USMC 207, USN 32). BDA incl dest or dam 6 strucs, 952 ftns, & ignited 110 sec explos & 100 fires. 85 en KIA were also reptd.

- **USA hel gunships reptd 30 en KIA, & dest 35 ftns & sinking 31 sampans.**

- **B-52s flew 10 mans**: 20 & 21 mi NNW of Tay Minh City in Tay Minh Prov, 20 mi SSE of An Loc in Binh Long Prov, 14 mi E of Tay Minh City in Tay Minh Prov, 6 mi NW of Phuoc Vinh in Binh Long Prov, 21 & 22 mi N of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 12 mi WNW of Dak To in Kontum Prov, 8 mi SW of Dak To in Kontum Prov, & 27 mi SE of Saigon in Bien Hoa Prov.

15 May (Thursday)

- **HQ MACV** - During the ni, 16 significant indir fire harassing atks were reptd thruout the country, of which 5 were against US forces or installations.

- **TOAN THANG (LONG AN PROV)** - At approx 0700, an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 9th Inf Div, while swpg an area 3 mi SE of Ben Luc, contacted & eng an unk size
en force with SA & auto wpns fire in the lst of several small contacts which occurred over the period of about an hr. In the series of brief fights, the trps kd 13 en soldiers & cptrd 6 I/Wpns & about 1,000 rds of SA ammo. There were no US cas.

- **APACHE SNOW (QUANG TRI & THUA THIEN PROVS)** - Op APACHE SNOW, a multi-regt search & clear op cen in an area about 30 mi WSW of Hue, was announced. The op commenced on 10 May 69.

- **DMAC (VINH BINH PROV)** - US hel gunships fr the 164th Cbt Avn Gp, op in an area 16 mi SW of Phu Vinh, obs & eng an est plat of en with aerial rkt & MG fire betw 1400 & 1600 hrs. Fol the eng, the bodies of 10 en were obs lying in the area where the act took place. There were no US cas.

- **APACHE SNOW (THUA THIEN PROV)** - At approx 1315, an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 101st Abn Div (AM) contacted & eng an unk size NVA force 30 mi WSW of Hue & about 2 mi E of the Laotian border. The en empl hv SA, auto wpns & RPG fire. The trps atkd the en empl organic wpns sptd by arty. Act cont until about 1510. Res: 74 en KIA. US cas were 1 KIA & 47 WIA. This is the same area where elms of the bde kd 53 NVA soldiers on 14 May. US cas in that act were 1 KIA & 18 WIA.

- **III MAF (DMZ)** - At approx 1150, an aerial obs flying on a recon msn over the S half of the DMZ obs 6 to 8 en about 6 mi WSW of Con Thien & about 2 km inside the S edge of the DMZ. The obs dir arty fire onto the en, causing 1 sec fire. The bodies of 5 en soldiers were obs lying in the impact area fol the fire msn. The remaining en evaded further obs.

- **TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV)** - At approx 0950, an elm of the 11th Armd Cav Regt eng an unk size en force about 6 to 8 en about 6 mi WSW of Dau Tieng. The en was atkd with tk-gun & MG fire as they fired SA, auto wpns & RPG fire at the armd cav. Hel gunships &arty sptd. Contact cont until about 1215. 1 US soldier was wounded while en losses were 12 kd. 1 RPG launcher was cptrd.

- **IFFV (PLEIKU PROV)** - At approx 1315, an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 4th Inf Div, while swpg an area about 18 mi SW of Pleiku City, found the bodies of 15 en soldiers. The bodies were buried in fighting psns & were est to have been kd by air strikes made in the area about 2 mos ago. 3 RPG launchers were also found with the bodies.

- **TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV)** - At approx 1510, a div base occupied by an elm of the 1st Bde, US 25th Inf Div, 12 mi S of Tay Ninh City & about 1 mi E of the Cambodian border rec less than 15 rds of 82mm mort fire which caused no dam or cas. Arty fire was dir onto the suspected en mort firing psn. Trps of the 1st Bde swept the area where the en fire came fr & found the bodies of 11 NVA soldiers who had been kd by the arty fire.

- **FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROV)** - At approx 0200, an elm of the 196th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, in m def psns 4 mi SE of Tam Ky, rec hv auto wpns & RPG fire fr an unk size en force. The fire, which was rtn by the trps, cont sporadically until 0700. A gunship & hel gunships sptd. The trps found the bodies of 5 en & then, at about 0950, eng an est 10 en in a SA & auto wpns fire fight. 10 en soldiers were kd. At approx 1015, the
same elm discovered the bodies of 17 en soldiers who had apparently been kd by the acft sptg the earlier eng. Total en losses were 32 kd. 3 I/Wpns & 1 CS'f were cptrd. US losses for the entire act were 5 KIA & 20 WIA.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 2120, CAP elms, cons of US MAR & RVN PF trps, eng an unk size en force 7 mi WNW of Da Nang. A short while later, MAR fr an elm of the 26th MAR Regt, reinf with tks & amphib tracked vehs, moved to the area & eng an unk size force. Contact cont until an unreptd time. In a swp of the battle area, the bodies of 21 en soldiers kd in the eng were found & 8 I/Wpns were cptrd. US cas were 1 KIA & 5 WIA. PF cas were very It with no fatalities.

- GENEVA PARK (QUANG NGAI PROV) - At approx 1715, an elm of the 198th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, in pans 9 mi NW of Quang Ngai City, rec less than 10 rds of 82mm mort fire & a gnd probe fr an unk no of en firing RPG launchers. The inf rtn fire with organic wpns. Contact was lost at an unreptd time. Res: 8 en KIA & 1 I/Wpn was cptrd. US cas were 1 KIA & 8 WIA.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 1730, MAR fr an elm of the 5th Regt, US 1st MAR Div eng an est en plat while swpg an area 1 mi NW of An Hoa. Hv SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged & the en empl RPG fire. Arty fire & tac air sptd. As act cont, another elm fr the regt moved to reinf in the area & eng an unk size en force. Tks sptd the MAR along with arty & tac air. Fighting cont until an unreptd time. En losses are unk. US cas were 11 KIA & 27 WIA.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 528 sorties (USAF 308, USMC 199, USN 21). BDA incl dest or dam 4 auto wpns pans, 2 strucs, 1,171 ftns, 11 sampans, & ignited 70 sec explos & 101 fires. 14 en KIA were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 24 en KIA, & dest 69 strucs & 16 en sampans.

- 4 US Army hels were hit by en gnd fire, crashed & were dest: An AH-1 6 mi SE of Tay Ninh City. 1 man aboard was kd, 1 was wounded. At approx 0900, a CH-47 crashed 22 mi W of Chu Lai in Quang Tin Prov. There were no cas. Another AH-1 crashed at approx 1430 in An Giang Prov, 8 mi N of Long Xuyen. 2 men aboard were wounded. In Binh Long Prov, 7 mi SW of An Loc, an OH-6 hel went down at 1530. 1 man aboard was kd, & 2 were wounded.

- B-52s flew 11 msns: 37 mi SE of Phuoc Vinh in Long Khanh Prov, 20 mi NE of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Prov, 13 mi E of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Prov, 16 mi NE of An Khe in Binh Dinh Prov; 7, 8 & 9 mi SW of Dak To in Kontum Prov, 19 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 30 mi ESE of Saigon in Binh Hoa Prov, 17 mi NE of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Prov, 6 mi NNE of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov.

16 May (Friday)

- HQ MACV - During the ni, 12 significant indir fire harassing atks were reptd thruout the country, of which 4 were against US forces & installations.

- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 0950, an elm of the 1st Bde, US 1st
Inf Div discovered the bodies of 9 NVA soldiers 7 mi SE of Dau Tieng. The en apparently had been kd by arty fire about 4 days earlier. Also found were 3 AK-47 ChiCom aslt rfls & 1 compl 82mm mort along with a small amt of med sup.

- IFFV (BINH DINH PROV) - At 1605, elms of the 1st Bde, US 4th Inf Div, swpg an area 6 mi ENE of An Khe contacted an est en co loc in bunkers. The trps eng the en with organic wpns & called for arty & hel gunship spt. The en rtn fire with SA & auto wpns. During the eng, elms of the div's arm unit in tks reinf the trps in contact. The act cont until an unreptd later time. Res: 30 en KIA. US cas were 1 KIA & 3 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 1320, elms of the 3rd Bde, US 82nd Abn Div, op in an area 11 mi SW of Ben Cat, made contact with & eng an eng an unk size NVA force. The contact lasted for approx 50 mins. Arty & hel gunships sptd. Res: 38 NVA dead, & 14 I/Wpns & 4 CSW were cptrd. There were no US cas.

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At approx 1030, while op in an area 6 mi NE of Trang Bang, elms of the arm cav sqdn of the US 25th Inf Div, discovered a 9.2 ton en rice cache in 100-lb bags.

- APACHE SNOW (THUA THIEN PROV) - At O110, elms of the 3rd Bde, US 101st Abn Div (AM), while in mi def psns 13 mi NW of A Shau rec sporadic SA & RPG fire fr an unk size en force until about 0530. The trps rtn fire with organic wpns. No en are reptd to have pent the unit peri. At first 1t, a swp of the area revealed the bodies of 14 en soldiers. No US cas.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 1130, a recon ptl fr the US 1st MAR Div, made contact with an unk size en force in an area 11 mi SW of Da Nang. The MAR eng the en with SA fire & were sptd by tac air. The ptl maintained contact until approx 1515. En losses were 18 kd. There were no MAR cas.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 0955, elms of the 3rd Bde, US 25th Inf Div, while swpg an area 10 mi SE of Phu Khuong, discovered a complex of 20 en bunkers, of which 14 had apparently been dest by tac air. The bodies of 10 en, who had been dead about 2 days, were found in the area. Cause of death was not reptd.

- IFFV (BINH DINH PROV) - At approx 2315, a US Army spt unit loc ½ mi SW of Qui Nhon rec about 10 rds of RPG-2 fire fr an unk size en force. The trps rtn fire with organic wpns & were sptd by hel gunships. En losses are unk. US cas were reptd 1t with no fatalities.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROV) - At approx 2340, a recon elm of the 3rd MAR Div eng an est en plat while swpg an area 2 mi NE of Dong Ha. As act cont, other elms of the div reinf the trps in contact. The en empl SA, auto wpns & RPG fire. The MAR empl organic wpns. Contact cont sporadically until 0530, 17 May. Res: 8 en KIA & 1 I/Wpn was cptrd. MAR cas were 7 WIA.

- FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROV) - a. At approx noon, inf fr an elm of the 196th Lt Inf Bde, AMERICAL Div, discovered the bodies of 25 en soldiers 11 mi SW of Tam Ky. The en apparently had been kd by arty & tac air 2
to 3 days earlier. b. At approx 1650, trps fr an elm of the armd cav sqdn of the AMERICAL Div discovered the bodies of 16 en soldiers 4 mi SW of Tam Ky. The en apparently had been kd by tac air & arty about 1 to 2 days earlier. The 41 en bodies found raise the total to 162 en kd in the area by AMERICAL Div trps & sptg fires, during the period 13 to 15 May. The en unit ident in contact was an elm of the NVA 2nd Div.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 1645, the US MAR Cbt Base at An Hoa rec about 5 rds of en 140mm rkt fire res in it US cas. There was no reptd mat dam. Counter-arty fire was dir against the suspected en firing psns with unk res.

- LAMAR PLAIN (QUANG TIN PROV) - Op LAMAR PLAIN, a multi-bn search & clear op, under the con of the 1st Bde, US 101st Abn Div (AM) commenced. The op is cen in an area 10 mi SW of Tam Ky.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots 549 sorties (USAF 307, USMC 218, USN 24). BDA incl dest or dam 3 mil strucs, an auto wpns psn, 742 ftns, 8 sampans, & ignited 53 sec expls & 61 fires. 23 en KIA were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 65 en KIA, & dest 12 strucs & 58 en sampans.

- A US Army OH-6 hel was hit by en gnd fire & dest 6 mi SE of Dak To in Kontum Prov. 2 crew mbrs were wounded.

- B-52s flew 10 msns: 12 mi NE of An Loc in Binh Long Prov, 9 & 10 mi SW of Dak To in Kontum Prov, 12 mi NE of An Loc in Binh Loc Prov, 14 mi SW of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 16 mi NNW of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Prov, 12 & 15 mi W of Dak To, & 12 & 13 mi WSW of Dak To.

17 May (Saturday)

- CMAC (GIA DINH PROV) - At approx 0420, a suspected 122mm rkt impacted in the 9th Precinct about ½ mi E of the Saigon River (2½ mi E of the cen of Saigon). 1 VN civ was reptd wounded. No dam was reptd. Counter-rkt arty fires were dir onto the suspected en firing psns with unk res.

- HQ MACV - During the ni, there were 8 significant en indir fire harassing atks reptd thruout the country of which 5 were against US units or install­ations.

- III MAF (QUANG TIN PROV) - At approx 0630, the US mil complex at Chu Lai rec about 5 rds of suspected 122mm rkt fire res in no reptd cas or dam. Counter-arty fire was dir against the suspected en firing psns with unk res.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROV) - At approx 0930, a recon elm of the 3rd MAR Div eng an unk size NVA force 4 mi NW of the Rockpile & about 3 mi S of the DMZ. SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged & the MAR dirarty & tac air onto the en loc. Contact was lost at an unreptd time. There were no MAR cas. An aerial obs, flying over the area, reptd sighting the bodies of 12 en soldiers lying in the battle area.

- GENEVA PARK (QUANG NGAI PROV) - At approx 1150, air cav trps fr an elm of
the AMERICAL Div obs 40 en soldiers in an area 8 mi NW of Quang Ngai City. The trps moved & atkd the en with organic wpns. Hv SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged. Fighting cont with hel gunships & arty sptg the gnd force until an unreptd time when the remaining en withdrew. Res: 27 en KIA. US cas were 4 KIA & 13 WIA.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 1130, a recon elm of the 1st MAR Div sighted 30 en soldiers moving in an area 5 mi S of An Hoa. Arty fire dir onto the en trps res in 1 sec explos. The bodies of 12 en soldiers were obs lying in the strike area fol the fire msn. There were no US cas.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 2115, an elm of the 1st Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM) obs & eng with organic wpns an unk no of en soldiers 12 mi N of Tay Ninh City. Contact was lost almost immed. The bodies of 7 en soldiers were found in the area & 2 en soldiers were dtm. 3 107mm rkts being moved by the en were cptrd. There were no US cas.

- IPPV (KONTUM PROV) - At approx 1740, an aerial obs fr an armd cav sqdn of the 4th Inf Div sighted an est NVA co in an area 8 mi SW of Kontum City. An armd cav elm, in tks & armd pers carriers, moved to the area & eng the en force. Hv SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged & the en empl RPG fire. The trps empl organic wpns on their armd vehs. At 1 pt in the close fighting, some en were kd while climbing onto a dam tk. Contact was lost at about 1805. Res: 40 NVA soldiers kd. US cas were 2 KIA & 5 WIA.

- SPEEDY EXPRESS (KIEN HOA PROV) - At approx 1945, an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 9th Inf Div, sptd by hel gunships fr an air cav elm of the div, eng an unk no of en 5 mi S of Ben Tre. Sporadic contact was made as the trps swept the area during the next 2 hrs. Contact was lost at about 2210. Res: 14 en KIA & 6 en sampans were dest. There were no US cas.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 499 sorties (USAF 292, USMC 177, USN 30). BDA incl dest or dam 2 strucs, 1,227 ftns, 16 sampans, & ignited 49 sec explos & 88 fires. 12 en KIA were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 49 en KIA, & dest 58 strucs & sinking 16 en sampans.

- B-52s flew 10 msns: 25 mi E of Saigon in Bien Hoa Prov, 27 mi E of Saigon, 6 mi SW of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov; 15, 18 & 22 mi NNE of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Prov; 14 & 15 mi W of Dak To in Kontum Prov, 9 mi SW of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, & 17 mi NW of Tay Ninh City.

18 May (Sunday)

- HQ MACV - During the ni, there were 16 significant en indir fire harassing atks reptd thruout the country of which 8 were against US units or installations.

- HQ MACV - The 188th Tac Ftr Sqn assigned to & under the op con of the 31st TFW for the past yr, departed Tuy Hoa AB for redpl to the US.

- VIRGINIA RIDGE (QUANG TRI PROV) - Op VIRGINIA RIDGE, a multi-bn search & clear op involving elms of the 3rd & 9th Regts, 3rd MAR Div, was announced. The op commenced on 1 May 69.
- TOAN THANG (GIA DINH PROV) - At approx 1120, inf fr an elm of the US 199th Lt Inf Bde discovered an en wpns cache 3 mi NW of Binh Chanh. The cache cntn 7 compl 107mm rkt & 8 AT mines, all were reptd to be in good cond.

- TOAN THANG (LONG KHANH PROV) - At approx 0100, an elm of the US 54th Arty Gp, in def pns 1 mi E of Xuan Loc rec an unreptd no & cal indir fire rds fol by a gnd aslt by an unk size en force empl SA, auto wpns & RPG fire as well as sat chrgs. Some en were reptd to have pent a portion of the peri but were driven out by the arty-men. The arty trps empl organic wpns, pt-blank arty fire & .50 cal MG fire against the asltg en. Hel gunships & tac air along with AC-47 gunships sptd. As act cont, an elm of the 11th Armd Cav Regt, in tks & armd pers carriers moved to the area & eng an unk size en force. Fighting cont until approx 0600. Res: 24 en KIA. Some of the en kd were on the peri barbed wire. US cas were 14 KIA & 39 WIA. Mat dam was lt. The en unit was ident as an NVA elm of the 5th Div.

- APACHE SNOW (THUA THIEN PROV) - At approx 0715, an elm of the 3rd Bde, 101st Abn Div (AM) eng an unk size NVA force occupying fortified pns 30 mi WSW of Hue & about 2 mi E of the Laotian border. The trps atkd empl organic wpns sptd by arty fire. The en empl hv SA, auto wpns & RPG fire. About 1 hr later, other elms of the bde reinf. Hv fighting cont with tac air & hel gunships sptg. Later, additional trps fr the bde reinf & also eng the well dug-in en. Contact was lost at about 2100. The res: 125 en KIA. US cas were 12 KIA & 79 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 1315, the base camp of an elm of the US 25th Inf Div, at Dau Tieng rec less than 10 rds of en 82mm mort fire res in lt cas with no fatalities & no reptd dam. Counter-arty fire was dir against the suspected en firing psn. The bodies of 2 en soldiers were sighted in the strike area fol the fire msn.

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At approx 1235, trps fr an elm of the armd cav sqdn of the 25th Inf Div, in tks & armd pers carriers, contacted & eng an unk size en force 5 mi NNE of Trang Bang. As act cont another elm of the sqdn reinf & eng the en. Arty & hel gunships sptd the armd force until contact was lost at about 1715. Res: 14 en KIA, & 1 AK-47 aslt rfl & 1 RPG launcher were cptrd. US cas were 3 WIA. b. At approx 1245, in the same general area, 3 mi NNE of Trang Bang, inf fr an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 25th Inf Div, obs & eng an unk size en force while cdig a cbt swp. SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged & the trps were sptd by hel gunships & arty. Act cont until about 1750. Res: 14 more en bodies were found & 4 AK-47 aslt rfls were cptrd. There were no US cas.

- IFFV (KONTUM PROV) - At approx 0830, inf fr an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 4th Inf Div, eng an unk size en force 9 mi SW of Kontum City. Hv SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged & the inf atkd the en. Tac air & hel gunships along with arty sptd. Contact was lost at about 1900. Res: 41 en KIA. US cas were 5 KIA & 20 WIA.

- III MAF (THUA THIEN PROV) - At approx 1330, a US MAR F-4 Phantom acft apparently collided in mid-air with a MAR KC-130 refueler trans acft over the S China Sea about 7 mi NE of Phu Bai. The KC-130 was refueling 2 other
MAR F-4s when the third acft apparently collided with the tanker. One of F-4s, which was refueling, disengaged & rtn safely to its home base. The other refueling F-4 was dam by fragments fr the collision but disengaged. The 2 crew mbrs ejected & were res with no reptd inj's. Their acft crashed & was dest. The KC-130 & F-4, which collided, both crashed.

- III MAF (DMZ) - At approx 0900, a US obs acft, on a recon msn over the S half of the DMZ, rec SA fire fr an unk no of en in an area 4 mi NNE of Gio Linh & near the S bank of the Ben Hai River. The acft was hit by the en fire; however, there was no maj dam reptd & the acft rtn to its base safely. There were no US cas. The en firing psn was not pinpointed, therefore no react was taken.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 501 sorties (USAF 296, USMC 183, USN 22). BDA incl dest or dam an auto wpns psn, 1 sampan, 1,180 ftns, & ignited 39 sec explos & 39 fires. 23 en KIA were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 38 en kd, & dest 72 strucs & sinking 4 en sampans.

- A US Army UH-1 hel was downed by en gnd fire 2 mi N of Tay Ninh City. One man aboard was wounded & the acft was dest.

- B-52s flew 9 msns: 11 mi ENE of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Prov, 21 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 12 mi SW of Dak To in Kontum Prov, 14 mi WSW of Dak To, 24 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 18 mi NW of Pleiku City in Pleiku Prov, 25 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 22 mi NNE of Xuan Loc in Lonh Khanh Prov, & 24 mi SSW of Quang Ngai City in Quang Ngai Prov.

19 May (Monday)

- HQ MACV - During the ni, there were 6 significant en indir fire harassing atks reptd thruout the country, of which 2 were against US units or installations.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 0210, a US MAR arty unit fr the 11th Regt, 1st MAR Div, in ni def pens 6 mi SW of Da Nang, was atkd by an unk size en force. The en asltd the pan empl SA, auto wpns & RPG fire along with sat chrgs. The MAR rtn fire with organic wpns & pt-blank arty fire. An elm of the div's 1st Regt reinf. Contact was lost at an unk later time. No en were reptd to have pent the peri. Res: 18 en kd & 5 en soldiers were dtn. 8 I/Wpns & 2 CSW, 60 sat chrgs & 90 ChiCom hand grens were cptrd. MAR cas were 5 WIA. No mat dam was reptd.

- APACHE SNOW (THUA THIEN PROV) - At an unreptd time, elms of the 3rd Bde, 101st Abn Div (AM) contacted & eng an unk size NVA force occupying fortified pens 30 mi WSW of Hue & about 2 mi E of the Laotian border. The en empl hv SA, auto wpns & RPG rkt-gren fire. The trps atkd the en pens empl organic wpns sptd by hel gunships, arty & tac air. Contact was lost at darkness. Res: 28 NVA soldiers were kd, & 5 I/Wpns & 6 CSW were cptrd. US cas were 2 KIA & 19 WIA.
TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At 1045, an elm of the 1st Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AH), contacted & eng an est en co while swpg an area 4 mi to the SE of Phu Khuong. Hv SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged & the trps atkd the en empl organic wpns sptd by arty, hel gunships & tac air. Act cont until 1230. Res: 2 en kd. US cas were 3 KIA & 14 WIA.

TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 1640, an armd elm of the US 25th Inf Div eng an unk size en force 7 mi SW of Ben Cat. The en empl auto wpns & RPG fire. The trps rtn fire with organic wpns on their tks & atkd the en sptd by hel gunships. Contact cont for about 1 hr. Res: 15 en kd, & 6 AK-47 aslt rfls & 2 RPG launchers were cptrd. There were no US cas.

TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At approx noon, trps fr the armd cav sqdn of the US 25th Inf Div discovered the bodies of 12 en soldiers while swpg an area 5 mi N of Trang Bang. The en apparently had been kd by air strikes orarty about 48 hrs earlier.

SPEEDY EXPRESS (Kien Hoa Prov) - At approx 1800, inf fr an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 9th Inf Div eng an unk size en force 3 mi E of Ben Tre. SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged & the trps were sptd by arty. Fighting cont until 1950. En losses were 17 kd. US cas were 1 WIA with no fatalities.

III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 2330, an elm of the 5th Regt, 1st MAR Div, in def pens 2 mi N of An Hoa was atkd by an est en plat. The en empl SA, auto wpns, & RPG fire. The MAR rtn fire with organic wpns sptd by arty & a USAF AC-47 gunship. Contact was lost at an unreptd time. The bodies of 12 en soldiers & 8 I/Wpns were found. MAR cas were 8 WIA.

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 481 sorties (USAF 272, USMC 182, USN 27). BDA incl dest or dam 2 strucs, 2 wpns psns, 787 ftns, 12 sampans, & ignited 22 sec explos & 61 fires. 16 en kd were also reptd.

USA hel gunships reptd 81 en kd, & dest 171 mil strucs & sinking 28 sampans.


20 May (Tuesday)

HQ MACV - During the ni, 12 significant en indir fire harassing atks were reptd throughout the country, of which 8 were against US units or installations.

III MAF (DMZ) - At approx 1045, a US obs acft, on a recon msn over the S half of the DMZ, rec 12.7mm MG fire fr an area 4 mi NNE of Con Thien & about ½ mi inside the S edge of the DMZ. The acft was hit; however, no major dam was reptd. The acft rtn to base safely. There were no US cas. The en firing psn was not specifically loc, therefore no react was taken.

DARING REBEL - Op DARING REBEL, under con of Amphib Ready Gp ALFA, US 7th fleet, terminated. The op commenced 5 May 69. En losses were 105 kd. US
cas totaled 2 kd & 59 wounded.

- APACHE SNOW (THUA THIEN PROV) - At an unreptd time, an elm of the 3rd Bde, 101st Abn Div (AM) contacted & eng an unk size NVA force occupying well-fortified psns on a mt 30 mi WSW of Hue & about 2 mi E of the Laotian border. The trps, stpd by tac air, hel gunships & arty, atkd the en psns. Hv fighting cont, & act became 1t at about 1530 as the en psns on the top of the mt were overrun & contact term at an unreptd time. Res: 91 NVA soldiers were kd & 1 was dtn. US cas were 1 KIA & 45 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At approx 1420, an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 82nd Abn Div, while swpg an area 6 mi NE of Trang Bang, eng an unk size en force. The en empl SA & auto wpns fire. The trps rtn fire with organic wpns & were spd by hel gunships. Contact lasted until 1800. Res: 16 en were kd & 7 I/Wpns were cptrd. There were no US cas.

- VIRGINIA RIDGE (QUANG TRI PROV) - a. At approx 0045, an elm of the 3rd Regt, US 3rd MAR Div, in ni def psns 18 mi NW of Quang Tri City, & 1 mi S of the DMZ, rec a gnd probe fr an unk size NVA force empl SA & auto wpns fire. The MAR rtn fire with organic wpns & hand grens. Contact was lost at an unreptd time. The bodies of 8 NVA soldiers were found. 3 I/Wpns & 1 CSW were cptrd. There were no US cas. b. Later, at approx 0320, another elm of the 3rd MAR Regt, in ni def psns nearby, 17 mi NW of Quang Tri, rec a gnd probe fr an est NVA plat. SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged & the MAR were spd by arty. Contact was lost at an unreptd time. The bodies of 13 NVA soldiers were found. 5 I/Wpns & 1 CSW were cptrd. US cas were 3 KIA & 13 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (LONG AN PROV) - At approx 1110, a mech inf elm of the 3rd Bde, US 9th Inf Div, eng an unk size en force 9 mi SE of Tan An. The en empl SA & auto wpns fire. The trps rtn fire with organic wpns on their armd pers carriers & were spd by arty & tac air. Contact cont for about 1 hr. Res: 14 en soldiers were kd. US cas were 2 WIA with no fatalities. 4 I/Wpns were cptrd.

- III MAF (DMZ) - At approx 1830, a US aerial obs, on a recon msn over the S half of the DMZ, sighted a no of en soldiers in an open area 3 mi N of Con Thien & about 200 meters S of the Ben Hai River. The obs dir tac air & arty fire onto the loc res in 4 sec explos. The bodies of 5 en soldiers were obs lying in the strike area. There were no US cas.

- TOAN THANG (LONG AN PROV) - At approx 1600, inf fr an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 9th Inf Div, obs & eng an unk size en force 6 mi SW of Rach Kien. The trps eng the en with organic wpns. Contact was lost almost immed. Res: 12 en were kd & 2 I/Wpns were cptrd. There were no US cas.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 517 sorties (USAF 310, USMC 198, USN 9). BDA incl dest or dam 2 auto wpns psns, 895 ftms, 26 sampans, & ignited 37 sec explos & 77 fires. 39 en kd were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 9 en kd, & dest 58 strucs & sinking 1 sampan.

- An Army UH-1 hel was downed by en gnd fire 12 mi NE of Phu Khuong in Tay Ninh Prov at 1130. There were no cas. The acft was dest.
- B-52s flew 8 msns: 14 mi NNE of An Loc in Binh Long Prov, 4 mi SSE of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 13 mi NE of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Prov, 25 mi SSW of Da Nang in Quang Nam Prov, 27 mi SW of Da Nang, 6 mi SSW of Dak To in Kontum Prov, & 10 & 11 mi ENE of Tay Ninh City.

21 May (Wednesday)

- HQ MACV - During the ni, there were 8 significant en indir fire harassing atks reptd thruout the country of which 1 was against US units or installations.

- III MAF (QUANG NGAI PROV) - At approx 0240, the base camp of the hqs of the 11th Lt Bde, AMERICAL Div, near Duc Pho, rec less than 10 rds of 75mm RR fire res in very lt US cas. Mat dam was reptd It to mod. Arty fire was dir against the suspected en firing psns with unk res.

- II FFV (TAY NIN PROV) - At approx 0645, the base camp of an elm of the US 25th Inf Div near Tay Ninh City rec about 15 rds of 107mm rkt fire res in lt US cas & lt dam.

- APACHE SNOW (THUA THIEN PROV) - Betwn 1110 & 1300, an elm of the 3rd Bde, 101st Abn Div (AM) discovered the bodies of 48 NVA soldiers kd by air strikes or arty while swpg a mt 30 mi WSW of Hue & about 2 mi E of the Laotian border. 37 I/Wpns & 13 CSW were cptrd. The en apparently had been kd about 24 hrs earlier.

- IFFV (PLEIKU PROV) - At approx 1000, an armd cav elm of the 4th Inf Div eng an unk size en force 13 mi NW of Pleiku City. The en empl hv SA, auto wpns & RPG fire while the trps rtn fire with organic wpns incl MG's on their armd pers carriers. At an unreptd time, inf fr an elm of the div's 3rd Bde reinf the contact & atkd the en. Hel gunships sptd until contact was lost at about 1510. The bodies of 9 en soldiers were found, & 13 RPG rds, 20 lbs of TNT & 17 hand grens were cptrd. US cas were 8 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At approx 1115, a mech inf elm fr the 2nd Bde, US 25th Inf Div, contacted & eng an est 15 to 20 en soldiers occupying fortified psns 2 mi NW of Cu Chi. SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged. A short while later, another mech inf elm of the bde reinf. Arty & tac air sptd. Contact was lost at about noon. The bodies of 17 en soldiers were found, & 1 CSW & 6 I/Wpns were cptrd. There were no US cas.

- SPEEDY EXPRESS (KIEN HOA PROV) - At approx 1930, inf fr an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 9th Inf Div, sptd by hel gunships fr an air cav elm of the div, eng an est en plat in an area 2 mi NE of Ben Tre. The en were eng with organic wpns & aerial rkt & MG fire. 12 sec explos were obs. Act cont until 2130. En losses were 21 kd. US cas were 3 WIA.

- III MAF (QUANG TIN PROV) - At approx 1300, a CAP cons of US MAR & RVN PF trps, discovered the bodies of 20 en soldiers while swpg an area 7 mi S of Tam Ky. The en apparently had been kd by tac air or arty on 20 May. The plat also cptrd 1 CSW & 9 I/Wpns left scattered near the bodies.

- DMAC (DINH TUONG PROV) - The base camp of the hqs of the US 9th Inf Div, loc at Dong Tam rec about 5 rds of mixed 107mm & 82mm mort fire. US cas were
very lt with no fatalities. No reptd dam. This is the first reptd empl of the 107mm rkt against a US unit or installation in the IV CTZ.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 0100, an elm of the 1st Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM) in ni def pns 11 mi S of Katum obs 10 to 15 en soldiers infiltrating thru the outer wire of their peri. The trps eng the en with organic SA & auto wpns. The en rtn fire & act cont until about 0440 when contact was lost. USAF AC-119 & AC-47 gunships along with arty & hel gunships sptd. The bodies of 12 NVA soldiers were found & 1 en soldier was dtn. 6 I/Wpns & 2 CSW were cptrd. US cas were 2 WIA.

- SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 492 sorties (USAF 289, USMC 180, USN 23). BDA incl dest or dam 3 auto wpns pns, 734 ftms, 35 sampans, & ignited 50 sec explos & 37 fires. 30 en kd were also reptd.

- USA hel gunships reptd 53 en kd, & dest 115 mil strucs & sinking 43 sampans.

- 2 US Army hels were downed by en gnd fire & dest: a UH-1 .6 mi E of Duc Hoa at 1435 in Hau Nghia Prov, in which 3 persons aboard were wounded, & another UH-1 11 mi SW of Tam Ky at 1630 in Quang Tin Prov, in which there were no cas.

- B-52s flew 10 msns: 5 mi SSW of Dak To in Kontum Prov, 10 mi NE of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 11 mi NE of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Prov, 5 mi SSW of Phuoc Binh in Phuoc Long Prov, 10 mi NE of Xuan Loc, 3 mi SSW of Dak To, 18 mi NW of Tay Ninh City, 13 mi ENE of Tay Ninh City, & 10 & 11 mi E of Dak To.

22 May (Thursday)

- VIRGINIA RIDGE (QUANG TRI PROV) - At approx 0800, an elm of the 3rd Regt, US 3rd MAR Div, obs & eng an est 40 NVA soldiers moving S in an area 6 mi NNW of Cam Lo & about 2 mi S of the DMZ. The MAR empl organic SA & auto wpns. Contact was lost a short while later. The bodies of 19 NVA soldiers were found & 8 I/Wpns were cptrd. There were no MAR cas.

- SPEEDY EXPRESS (DINH TUONG PROV) - At approx 0930, elms of the 1st Bde, US 9th Inf Div, contacted & eng an est en co while spgw an area 9 mi W of Cai Be. Hv SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged & the inf were sptd by hel gunships & arty. Contact was lost at about 2310. The bodies of 101 en were found in the battle area & 21 I/Wpns were cptrd. US cas were 4 WIA.

- HQ MACV - During the ni, 5 significant en indir fire harassing atks were reptd throughout the country, all 5 of which were against US units or installations.

- APACHE SNOW (THUA THIEN PROV) - At approx 1350, trps fr an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 101st Abn Div (AM) while spgw en pns on a mt 29 mi SW of Hue discovered the bodies of 26 NVA soldiers in fresh graves. Earlier, at about 1030, an elm of the bde found the bodies of 9 NVA soldiers in bunkers nearby. At approx 1500, in the same general area, the same elm of the 3rd Bde discovered 13 more bodies of NVA soldiers in a bunker complex. The en had apparently been kd 3 to 4 days earlier. A total of 53 NVA bodies were found in the area.
SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 496 sorties (USAF 292, USMC 192, USN 12). BDA incl dest or dam 4 strucs, 4 wpns sites, 764 ftns, 50 sampans, & ignited 50 sec explos & 73 fires. 14 en kd were also reptd.

USA hel gunships reptd 46 en kd, & dest 74 strucs & sinking 46 en sampans.

2 US Army hels were downed by en gnd fire & dest: At 0415, an AH-1 was hit 11 mi N of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov. 2 men aboard were kd & the acft was dest. An OH-6 was hit 4 mi S of Trang Bang in Hau Nghia Prov at 1545. 1 man aboard was wounded.

B-52s flew 6 msns: 15 mi WNW of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Prov, 8 & 9 mi SE of Dau Tieng in Binh Duong Prov, 14 mi W of Lai Khe in Binh Duong Prov, 24 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, & 15 mi W of Dak To in Kontum Prov.

23 May (Friday)

HQ MACV - During the ni, 16 en indir fire harassing atks were reptd thruout the country of which 7 were against US units or installations.

IFFV (PLEIKU PROV) - At approx 1430, an air cav elm of the US 4th Inf Div while swpg an area about 8 mi S of Plei Mrong found an unreptd no of graves cntng the bodies of 5 en soldiers. In addition, there were 20 more bodies lying on the gnd near the grave site. It was est that the en soldiers had been kd about 1 week ago. The cause of death was not reptd.

TOAN THANG (BINH LONG PROV) - At approx 0445, a RVN RF outpost, loc 4 mi SW of An Loc rec about 100 rds of mixed 60mm & 82mm mort fire fol by a gnd atk by an unk size NVA force. As act cont, other RF trps reinf & eng the NVA unit at an unreptd later time. At 0930, an elm of a mech inf unit fr the 1st Bde, US 1st Inf Div moved to the area & also eng the en. Later, other mech inf trps fr the bde, in armd pers carriers, reinf. Hel gunships, arty & tac air sptd. Contact was lost when the remaining en withdrew & a swp of the area was compl at 1500. Res: 53 NVA soldiers were kd, & 2 I/Wpns, 2 ChiCom 12.7mm MG's & one 57mm RR were cptrd. US cas were 2 KIA & none wounded. RF cas were very lt with no fatalities.

TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 1300, a mech inf elm fr the 1st Bde, US 25th Inf Div, discovered an unreptd no of graves cntng the bodies of 15 NVA soldiers while swpg an area 10 mi SE of Tay Ninh City. The en apparently had been kd about 2 days earlier. The cause of death was not reptd.

SPEEDY EXPRESS (KIEN HOA PROV) - At approx 1115, elms of the 2nd Bde, US 9th Inf Div contacted & eng an unk size en force 10 mi NW of Ben Tre. The trps atkd the en empl organic wpns sptd by hel gunships & arty. Fighting cont until about 1710. Res: 22 en were kd while US cas were 6 KIA & 9 WIA.

III MAF (QUANG NAM PROV) - At approx 1000, an elm of the 5th Regt, 1st MAR Div, discovered the bodies of 11 en soldiers 1 mi N of An Hoa. The en apparently had been kd about 10 days earlier. The cause of death was not reptd.

IFFV (NINH THUAN PROV) - At approx 0915, hel crewmen of an air cav elm of the
US 17th Cbt Avn Gp obs 10 to 15 en soldiers about 12 mi SSW of Phan Rang. The en were eng with aerial MG fire fr the hel gunships after which air cav trps were aaslt into the area of the contact. While swpg the area the trps made contact with an unk size en force. The en were eng with the unit's organic wpns & tac air was dir onto the en psns. Contact cont until about 1645. The bodies of 8 en soldiers were found in the area. 5 I/Wpns & 1 CSW were cptrd. 1 US soldier was wounded in the eng.

SVN TAC AIR: US pilots flew 466 sorties (USAF 262, USMC 171, USN 33). BDA incl dest or dam 2 wpns psns, 2 trks, 570 ftns, 22 sampans, & ignited 46 sec explos & 51 fires. 106 en kd were reptd.

USA hel gunships reptd 65 en kd, & dest 83 strucs & sinking 18 en sampans.

An Army OH-6 hel was downed by en gnd fire 9 mi SW of My Tho. There were no cas, but the acft was dest.

B-52s flew 10 msns: 18 mi NW of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 24 & 25 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 15 mi SW of Dak To in Kontum Prov, 23 mi NE of Tay Ninh City, 10 mi NE of Xuan Loc in Long Khanh Prov, 15 mi NW of Tay Ninh City, 10 mi SW of Xuan Loc, & 15 & 16 mi SW of Dak To in Kontum Prov.

24 May (Saturday)

HQ MACV - During the ni, 11 significant en indir fire harassing atks were reptd thruout the country, of which 5 were against US forces & installations.

APACHE SNOW (THUA THIEN PROV) - At approx 0820, an elm of the 3rd 101st Abn Div (AM) discovered an en wpns cache 30 mi WSW of Hue. The cache cntn 47 I/Wpns.

III MAF (QUANG TRI PROV) - At approx 1400, an elm of the 4th Regt, US 3rd MAR Div, while swpg an area about 8 mi NW of the Rockpile, discovered an en wpns & munitions cache. The cache cntn 90 82mm mort rds, 46 AT mines, 263 claymore type mines, 90 RPG grens, 4 60mm mort base plates of ChiCom mftr, 25 RR rds, 957 elect fuzes, 127 boxes of 12.7mm MG ammo, 41 boxes of 7.62mm Sh ammo.

IFFV (PLEIKU PROV) - At approx 1344, an aerial obs fr an air cav elm of the US 4th Inf Div obs an est 15 en soldiers in a treeline about 10 mi W of Pleiku City. Another elm of the div moved to the en sighting & at 1445 made contact with an unk size en force in fortified psns. Tac air, hel gunships & arty sptd. Contact was lost at an unreptd time. Res: 39 en kd. No US cas.

TOAN THANG (BINH DUONG PROV) - At approx 1310, an elm of the 3rd Bde, US 1st Inf Div, eng an unk size en force 11 mi N of Ben Cat. SA & auto wpns fire was exchanged with the en. Other inf elms of the bde reinf. Tac air, arty & hel gunships sptd. Contact was lost at 1850. Res: 14 en were kd, US cas were 1 KIA & 10 WIA. One AK-47 rfl was cptrd.

TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 1245, an air cav elm of the US 1st Cav Div (AM), in an area about 14 mi SE of Katum, obs 2 NVA soldiers near a bunker complex. The en were taken under fire & kd. While searching the bunkers,
the trps found 5 tons of salt in 100 lb bags & 40 tons of rice in 200 lb bags. There were no US cas.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 2140, an elm of the 1st Bde, US 25th Inf Div in ni def psns at a fire spt base loc about 6 mi NW of Ben Soi obs en movement near their psn. The area was illum by a USAF AC-119 flareship. Aerial MG & rkt fire fr hel gunships as well as fld arty fire was dir onto the en locs. Contact was lost at 0013. The bodies of 20 en soldiers were obs in the strike area. There were no US cas.

- TOAN THANG (BINH LONG PROV) - At approx 1515, an elm of the 1st Bde, US 1st Inf Div, eng an unk size en force about 5 mi WSW of An Loc. The mech inf atkd the en with organic wpns incl the hv MG's fr their armd pers carriers. At an unreptd later time a scout elm of the bde reinf the act. Arty & hel gunships sptd. Contact was lost at 1640. In a swp of the area, the trps found the bodies of 96 en soldiers. 1 suspect was dtn. 3 75mm RR were cptrd along with 2 57mm RR's, 2 60mm morts, 24 AK-47 rfs, 2 pistols, & 1 ChiCom lt MG. US losses were 2 KIA & 46 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (BIEN HOA PROV) - At approx 0907, an elm of the 11th Armd Cav Regt made contact with an unk size en force 4 mi ENE of Bear Cat. The en empl hv SA, auto wpns & RPG fire. The trps rtn the en's fire with organic wpns. Tac air & arty sptd. The contact cont until 1800. Res: 15 en were kd, & 1 RPG launcher, 2 12.7mm MG's 2 82mm mort tubes & 10 RPG were cptrd. US losses were 1 KIA & 13 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (TAY NINH PROV) - At approx 1525, elms fr an air cav sqdn & the 2nd Bde, US 1st Cav Div (AM) while swpg an area about 15 mi SSE of Katum, discovered an en bunker complex. The bunker complex cntn 103 107mm rkt rds, 124 RPG grens, & 125 200-lb bags of polished rice (12.5 tons).

- DMAC (VINH BINH PROV) - During the period betwn 0800 & 1130, hel crewmen of the 164th Cbt Avn Gp obs & eng several unk size en forces 20 mi SW of Phu Vinh. The en was atkd with aerial MG & rkt fire fr the hel gunships during the series of acts. The bodies of 25 en soldiers were obs. There were no US cas.

- SPEEDY EXPRESS (KIEN HOA PROV) - At approx 1500, an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 9th Inf Div, eng an est en plat 6 mi NW of Ben Tre. Hel gunships sptd. As the contact developed, it was est that the trps had eng an en co. At 1630 an inf elm of the bde reinf. At approx 1820 contact had diminished to sporadic sniper contact as the remaining en withdrew. En losses were 92 kd. US cas were 4 WIA.

- TOAN THANG (HAU NGHIA PROV) - At approx 1420, an elm of the 2nd Bde, US 25th Inf Div, in an area about 4 mi NE of Trang Bang, eng an unk size en force. The trps exchanged SA fire with the en in a brief firefight which was over at 1455. The bodies of 9 en soldiers were found. 4 I/Wps & 1 CSW were cptrd. There were no US cas.

- IFFV (PLEIKU PROV) - At approx 1730, a cav elm of the US 4th Inf Div, while swpg an area 10 mi W of Pleiku City found 17 graves cntn the bodies of 17 en