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

It has been organized as follows:

- A Review of Events

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- A Chronology of Significant Events

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- August Casualty & Strength Statistics

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DIVIDED EVENTS

GENERAL

Activity in August increased over the previous month and included the initiation of the enemy's "Autumn Campaign" with a "highpoint" on 11-12 August consisting of widespread indirect fire attacks and some limited ground attacks.

I CORPS

Enemy-initiated activity during August was characterized by scattered attacks-by-fire and ground contacts which were limited in scope and intensity. On the night of 11-12 August the enemy initiated a total of 66 attacks-by-fire and 20 ground attacks, primarily in the southern three provinces. Seven of these attacks-by-fire and one ground attack were centered south of the eastern DMZ.

The 9th Regiment, 304th NVA Division, was identified by documents and equipment captured in a 7 August contact 7.5 kilometers north of the Rockpile. In central I Corps on the night of 11-12 August there were 12 attacks-by-fire and five ground attacks, primarily against U.S. forces and installations. POW's identified the one NVA Regiment as the enemy unit involved in a 24 August ground attack seven kilometers west-southwest of Da Nang. Major enemy units have generally moved south from the lowlands to mountainous base areas, where they were believed to be resupplying.

In southern I CTZ, on the night of 11-12 August, there were 20 attacks-by-fire and seven ground attacks. The enemy forces involved in a series of contacts in the Hiep Duc-Tien Phuoc area during the period 12-13 August were identified as elements of the 1st and 3rd Regiments, 2nd NVA Division. Since 11 August, the U.S. forces discovered 225 tons of salt cached at Dong Xuan, on the Batangan Peninsula. The 2nd Regiment, 3rd NVA Division, has been active in a series of ambushes and attacks-by-fire in the Duc Pho area since 22 August.

II CORPS

Enemy-initiated activity in II CTZ was limited in scope and intensity except for the period 11-12 August, when the enemy launched his Autumn Campaign with 50 indirect fire attacks and 20 ground attacks.

In the Western Highlands a prisoner captured on 30 July near the Plei Nrong Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) Camp identified his unit as an element of the 24th NVA Regiment, and stated that his battalion's mission was to interdict Route 14 along the Pleiku/Kontum border. Elements of the regiment have been assigned this mission during earlier offenses.

An ammunition cache, probably belonging to the 1st Battalion, was discovered near Plei Me on 15 August. The cache contained one-hundred and thirteen 82mm mortar rounds, 12 cases of small arms ammunition, and 70 mines. Elements of the 95B NVA Regiment were probably responsible for ambushing two U.S. convoys 15 kilometers west
of An Khe on 23 August, and for the 24 August attack on a U.S. Cavalry position eight kilometers west of An Khe. There were an increasing number of reports on sightings of large enemy troop concentrations in the southern highlands, and near the Bu Traong CIDG Camp. Two NVA regiments were mentioned in some of these reports and, if confirmed, these enemy forces could pose a significant threat to Allied installations located in Quang Duc Province.

In coastal II CTZ, a Hoi Chanh, previously a member of the Qui Nhon VC City Committee, stated that a country-wide campaign had been planned to begin on 2 August and last until 1 October. Possibly related to the campaign, on 25 August a terrorist detonated four grenades during a meeting between rural development cadre and civilians near Phu Cat in Binh Dinh Province. Friendly casualties from this incident were 26 killed and 103 wounded.

III CORPS

In III CTZ, except for a considerable increase in enemy activity from 11 to 16 August, the month was characterized by scattered low intensity attacks-by-fire and limited ground probes.

On 11 and 12 August the enemy initiated the first phase of the Autumn Campaign with major attacks in Binh Long, Phuoc Long, and Tay Ninh Provinces, and indirect fire attacks in the Subregions. Elements of all four divisions in III CTZ were identified in contacts during the month.

The 9th VC Division had two regiments deployed in west-central Binh Long Province and one regiment near Tay Ninh City. During the period 12 to 14 August the 271st and 272nd VC Regiments were identified in contacts in the An Loc-Quan Loi area, where they suffered over 200 KIA. Prisoners and ralliers stated that prior to 12 August these regiments also suffered heavy casualties from air strikes. Elements of the 23rd NVA Regiment were identified in three contacts in the Tay Ninh City area between 14 and 21 August, resulting in more than 150 KIA.

The 1st NVA Division was deployed in northern Tay Ninh Province and west-central Binh Long Province.

Documents captured in IV CTZ indicate that the 135th NVA Regiment of the division deployed to Chau Doc Province.

The 7th NVA Division remained concentrated in northern Binh Long Province. One regiment suffered 79 KIA in a 13 August contact northwest of Loc Minh.

The 5th VC Division was located in northeast and central Phuoc Long Province; however, a rallier provided information that the division was planning to conduct operations in the Phuoc Binh/Song Be area. The 275th VC Regiment was identified in contacts near Dru Phong CIDG Camp on 12 August and south of Song Be by a rallier on 27 August.

In southeastern III Corps, a Hoi Chanh stated that units planned to participate in the initiation of the Autumn Campaign but B-52 strikes had disrupted the plans.
preventing the dissemination and coordination of orders. Ralliers and prisoners identified one NVA regiment north of Dinh Quan, near the area where three large caches containing approximately 45 tons of foodstuffs and munitions were captured.

Sapper activity remained light in Saigon, and a considerable number of terrorists were apprehended in and along the infiltration routes into the city during the month. At the end of August, enemy units in III CTZ were probably refitting and preparing for the second phase of the Autumn Campaign, which documents and agents indicate will begin in early September.

**IV CORPS**

Enemy activity in IV CTZ during August was high-lighted by the relocation of parts of the 18B NVA Regiment from III CTZ to western Chau Doc Province. This is the first known instance of a solely NVA-manned unit entering IV CTZ. Elements of the 273rd VC Regiment were engaged in central Kien Giang Province while relocating from western Chau Doc Province, on route to the U Minh Forest.

On the night of 11-12 August the enemy conducted 41 attacks-by-fire and two limited ground attacks throughout IV CTZ. Enemy initiated activity increased during the month, predominantly in Dinh Tuong Province. Prisoners captured in Kien Tuong Province revealed that approximately 500 NVA replacements have been introduced into northern IV Corps. Most of the replacements were destined for enemy units in VC My Tho Province (GVN Dinh Tuong Province).

LVNAF elements uncovered 61.5 tons of rice in Ba Xuyen Province and three tons of mortar ammunition in Bac Lieu Province. During August, 2,473 VC rallied to the GVN, bringing the total for the first eight months of 1969 to 19,973.

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9-30 AUGUST

9,099
ENEMY KILLED

11-12 AUGUST

149 INDIRECT FIRE ATTACKS

* SIGNIFICANT INDIRECT FIRE AND GROUND ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. FORCES
AI I  O P E R A T I O N

AI I  S O U T H

U.S. Air Force pilots flew 3,501 tactical air sorties in support of allied ground forces. Marine Corps pilots flew 4,322 sorties, and Navy pilots flew another 1,032 for a total of 13,355 tactical sorties during the month.

Pilots and crews were credited by forward air controllers (FACs) and friendly forces making ground sweeps with killing 775 enemy while destroying or damaging 331 waterborne supply craft, 2,523 fortifications, and 10,592 bunkers. Their air-delivered ordnance also resulted in 2,012 secondary fires, and 1,357 secondary explosions.

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B-52 MISSIONS

Two-hundred and seventy-one missions were flown during the month by Air Force B-52s. Of these missions, 197 were directed against enemy targets in the III Corps Tactical Zone, 32 in II CTZ, 36 in I CTZ, and six in IV CTZ.

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AIRLIFT

Military Airlift Command (Inbound-Outbound, South Vietnam)

| Number of Passengers | 140,393 |
| Tons of Cargo         | 75,970 |

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

| Number of Passengers | 740,467 |
| Tons of Cargo         | 103,335 |

Medical Evacuation

| Number of Patients (Outbound, South Vietnam) | 5,276 (US Military) |
NAVAL OPERATIONS

The units of 13 Seventh Fleet warships pounded enemy targets throughout the Republic of Vietnam during August. Navy gunners left 1,076 military structures and 134 bunkers damaged or destroyed. Shells from the warships also were responsible for 140 secondary fires and 60 secondary explosions, cuts across 39 supply routes, and 51 enemy killed, according to reports from air and ground spotters. Additional damage reported included 87 tunnels and caves, 38 sampans, 13 weapons positions, three base camps, two ammunition caches, one assembly area, one storage area and 122 meters of trenchline damaged or destroyed.

The most effective day of the month for Navy gunners was August 11 when gunfire accounted for 27 military structures and 58 bunkers damaged or destroyed. Other damage reported that day included 11 secondary fires and two secondary explosions, one supply route interdicted, one base camp neutralized, 13 caves or tunnels destroyed, one enemy killed and 40 meters of trenchline destroyed. Navy warships also scored heavily the previous day, destroying or damaging 56 military structures, 59 bunkers and 13 caves or tunnels. They also caused 10 secondary fires, two secondary explosions, a cut across a supply route and an enemy death. In addition, one base camp was neutralized, and 30 meters of trenchline were destroyed.

United States destroyers on the gunline in August were the USS Cochrane, John F. Craig, Larry, Leonard F. Mason, Pritchett, O'Bannon, Benjamin Stoddert, John W. Thomason, Henry H. Tucker, Addle, and Walter. They were joined by the Australian destroyer HMAS Brisbane. Also shelling enemy positions during the month were the cruisers USS Boston, Oklahoma City and St. Paul, and the inshore fire support ships Clarion River, St. Francis River and White River.

NAVAl AIR STRIKES SOUTH VIETNAM

Navy pilots from the Seventh Fleet carriers USS Bon Homme Richard, Kitty Hawk, Oriskany and Ticonderoga flew 973 sorties, mostly in I Corps, against enemy targets in August. Enemy military structures, bunkers and supply routes were the main targets of the jets, which included 14 Skyhawks, A7 Corsairs, and F4 Phantoms. The main ordnance used in the attacks was 500-lb. bombs and 20 millimeter cannon fire. The warplanes were credited with 417 enemy military structures, 261 bunkers, 24 tunnels and caves and 16 weapons positions damaged or destroyed. Spotters also reported the strikes left 64 secondary fires, 51 secondary explosions. Additional damage included 26 supply routes interdicted and one sampan, six foxholes and 425 meters of trenchline destroyed.

The highest number of sorties flown in August was 64. That came on August 14 when jets from carriers destroyed or damaged 19 enemy bunkers, nine military structures, 55 meters of trenchline and left four secondary fires and two secondary explosions.

High-altitude bombing and radar-controlled ordnance drops precluded some of the damage from being assessed during the month.

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### ENEMY MATERIAL LOSSES
(CAPTURED/DESTROYED)

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**TOTAL TONS:** 32.98

### AMMUNITION

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**TOTAL TONS:** 57.59

### FOOD STUFFS:

A total of 189.44 tons of rice and 148.76 tons of salt.
SUMMARY
OF
MORNING AND EVENING NEWS RELEASES

1 August (Friday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, one significant indirect fire harassing attack was reported throughout the country. It was against a U.S. unit. Five other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following attack was against a U.S. force:

III MAF:

312020 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — An element of the 26th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, received less than 15 rounds of 60mm mortar fire while in night defense eight miles SSE of Da Nang. Light casualties, no damage.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 11 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, five of which were against U.S. units or installations. Of the total attacks, two caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities.

- HQ MACV — It was announced that the 3rd Marine Division's Regimental Landing Team Nine left the Republic of Vietnam today. Other units departing are the 312th Evacuation Hospital, the 313th and the 472d Medical Detachments, the 350th, the 889th and the 378th Medical Detachments, the 978th Army Postal Unit, and 200 men of the 452d Combat Support Company. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).

- I FFV (BINH THUAN PROVINCE) — At 1230 a U.S. Army Ranger element from I FFV's Task Force South, six miles NE of Song Cau (130 miles ENE of Saigon), engaged in a heavy exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire with an unknown size enemy force. As fighting continued, air cavalry troopers from the Task Force, supported by helicopter gunships, were air-assaulted into the area to reinforce the action at 1450. Contact was lost at an unreported time. While moving to a landing zone, the troopers were attacked by an unknown size enemy force. Action continued into the afternoon, and elements of the Republic of Vietnam 44th Infantry Regiment were air-assaulted into the vicinity and they engaged the enemy. At 1800, the enemy withdrew, leaving 24 of his dead in the battle area. U.S. casualties were two killed and six wounded. ARVN casualties were light, with no fatalities.

- III MAF (DMZ) — At 1010 a U.S. Forward Observer, south of the Demilitarized Zone, directed U.S. Marine artillery fire onto eight enemy soldiers he had sighted eight miles NNE of the Rockpile (105 miles NW of Da Nang) and about one mile inside the southern half of the DMZ. He reported two enemy dead following the strike.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 2130 helicopter crewmen of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division, eight miles NE of Trang Bang (27 miles NW of Saigon), attacked an estimated enemy squad with aerial machineguns, killing seven.
- **III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE)** — At 0600 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, received less than five rounds of unknown type and caliber indirect fire while in night defense 12 miles SSE of Hoi An (24 miles SSE of Da Nang). Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

- **HQ MACV** — It was announced that two more U.S. Army units will depart for the United States tomorrow as part of President Nixon's announced 25,000 man redeployment of forces. Some 200 men of the 630th Transportation Company, and more than 750 troops of the 6th Battalion, 56th Air Defense Artillery are involved in the redeployment move. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).

- **SVN TAC AIR**: U.S. pilots flew 411 sorties (USAF 235, USMC 137 and USN 39), killing 21 enemy soldiers, triggering 44 secondary explosions, and igniting 58 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 199 fortifications, 382 bunkers, and 10 enemy sampans.

- **B-52s flew 11 missions**: 14, 15, and 17 miles west of Cam Lo; 10 and 12 miles WSW of Da Nang; 5 miles east of Katum; 24 miles SE of Phuoc Binh; 12 miles NE of Xuan Loc; 13 and 14 miles NW of Lai Khe; 17 miles SE of Saigon.

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2 August (Saturday)

- **HQ MACV** — During the night, two significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, none of which was against a U.S. unit. Four other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties.

- **HQ MACV** — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, eight indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, four of which were against U.S. units. Two of the attacks caused casualties or damage. There were no U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE)** — At 1153 an element of the armored cavalry squadron of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division, three miles NE of Trang Bang (27 miles NW of Saigon), engaged an enemy force and were supported by F-100's of the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing. A sweep of the area following the action revealed 15 enemy bodies, all of whom had been killed by the air strike. There were no U.S. casualties.

- **I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE)** — At 1440 helicopter crewmen from an air cavalry element of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division, 12 miles north of An Khe (275 miles NNE of Saigon), engaged an unknown size enemy force with aerial machinegun and rocket fire. USAF tactical aircraft and U.S. Army artillery supported the action. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew, leaving 23 of his dead in the strike area. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE)** — At 1600 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force while sweeping an area nine miles NE of Trang Bang (28 miles NW of Saigon). Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged, and U.S. Army artillery and USAF tactical aircraft supported the infantrymen. At 1830, the enemy withdrew, leaving 13 of his dead, and four individual and one crew-served weapon. No U.S. casualties were one killed, four wounded.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — At 1300 a Ranger element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), four miles south of Quang Tri (80 miles NNW of Da Nang), engaged an unknown size enemy force. The troopers used unit weapons, and were supported by tanks from the brigade. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew. Seven dead enemy were found, and five individual and two crew-served weapons were captured. No U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (DMZ) — At 0715 a U.S. aerial observer, reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone, sighted eight enemy soldiers near a bunker complex eight miles NNE of the Rockpile (105 miles NW of Da Nang) and one mile inside the DMZ. U.S. Marine artillery and tactical aircraft were directed onto the location, destroying nine bunkers and causing two secondary explosions. Six enemy dead were observed following the engagement.

- III MAF (DMZ) — At 1235 a fire support base of the 3rd Marine Division and U.S. artillery units 4 miles SSE of Con Thien received about twenty rounds of enemy 107mm rocket fire from an enemy position four miles SSE of Con Thien (95 miles NNW of Da Nang) and about 300 meters inside the southern edge of the Demilitarized Zone. U.S. Marine artillery fire was directed onto the enemy firing position with unknown results. U.S. casualties were one wounded and no fatalities in the rocket attack. No damage.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 0930 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) discovered an enemy cache concealed in a bunker 12 miles WSW of Song Be (70 miles NNE of Saigon). It contained sixty-two 200-lb. bags of polished rice, and 12 bicycles. The 1st Cavalry Division troopers estimated the supplies had been stored one month.

- III MAF (DMZ) — At 0715 a combined U.S. and Republic of Vietnam artillery base camp located one-half mile north of Gio Linh (100 miles NNW of Da Nang) and about one mile south of the Demilitarized Zone received less than 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. There were no casualties or damage. An artillery forward observer, located south of the southern boundary of the DMZ, observed the mortars being fired from positions a mile to the west of the base camp and about 500 meters inside the DMZ. Army of the Republic of Vietnam artillery fire was directed onto the location, silencing the mortars. Enemy losses are unknown.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 2120 helicopter gunships of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division, eight miles NW of Trang Bang (29 miles NW of Saigon), sighted and attacked an unknown size enemy force, killing five.

- HQ MACV — It was announced that the U.S. Army 630th Transportation Company, and the 6th Battalion, 56th Air Defense Artillery, departed the Republic of Vietnam today. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT for the complete text of the release).

- HQ MACV — It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that another Mekong Delta base element of the 9th Infantry Division will depart the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow for Hawaii. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 408 sorties (USAF 267, USMC 111, and USN 30), killing 28 soldiers, triggering 22 secondary explosions, and igniting 51 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 259 fortifications, 386 bunkers, and 16 sampans.
- III MAF (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) — At 1200 a U.S. Army CH-47 helicopter and a USAF O-2 light observation aircraft collided in-air 15 miles SW of Tam Ky (45 miles SSE of Da Nang), killing all five crewmen aboard the helicopter and the one crewman of the O-2, and destroying both aircraft. An investigation is in progress.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 16 miles north of An Khe in Binh Dinh Province, wounding two men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- B-52s flew 8 missions: 6 and 7 miles WNW of Tri Ton; 17 miles east of Xuan Loc; 8 miles NW of Katum; 37 miles NE of Phuoc Vinh; 7 miles west of An Loc; 22 and 26 miles NE of Phuoc Vinh.

3 August (Sunday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, two significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, neither of which was against a U.S. unit or installation. Three other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, ten indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, four of which were against U.S. units or installations. Of the ten attacks, four caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one wounded with no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 0300 a patrol from the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, directed U.S. Army artillery fire onto an estimated enemy squad they had sighted two miles SW of Phu Khuong (53 miles W of Saigon), killing six. No U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (QUI NG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1100 an element of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, while sweeping an area six miles SE of An Hoa (24 miles south of Da Nang) attacked an unknown size enemy force that had fired on them with small arms and automatic weapons. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew, leaving behind five of his dead, and five individual weapons. U.S. casualties were two killed and 14 wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KHANH PROVINCE) — At 1445 an aerial reconnaissance aircraft of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), sighted the bodies of five enemy soldiers 30 miles NNW of Xuan Loc (50 miles NNE of Saigon). They apparently had been killed that day by a tactical air strike.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAI NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 1155 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, 15 miles west of Duc Hoa (30 miles west of Saigon), engaged in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire with an unknown size enemy force. Helicopter gunships and Army artillery was directed onto the enemy location, forcing him to withdraw at 1830. The bodies of 39 enemy dead were found, and seven suspects were detained. Also, six individual and two crew-served weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities.
- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) -- At 1515 an observation helicopter of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division's air cavalry squadron directed helicopter gunships onto five enemy soldiers they had sighted 16 miles NNW of An Khe (270 miles NE of Saigon). The five enemy were killed.

- OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) -- At 1800 infantrymen of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, discovered the bodies of nine enemy in graves 11 miles NW of Duc Pho (90 miles SSE of Da Nang). They all appeared to have been killed by air strikes, three of them the day before, and the others at an undeterminable time.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1250 a USAF forward air controller directed U.S. Army helicopter gunships and USAF tactical aircraft onto an unknown size enemy force he had sighted nine miles NW of Loc Minh (85 miles NNW of Saigon) and about one mile south of the Cambodian border. Eleven enemy were killed.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1200 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Air Mobile), discovered an enemy munitions cache, in good condition, buried in the ground 11 miles NE of Phu Khuong (55 miles NNW of Saigon). It contained fifteen 82mm mortar rounds, one 120mm mortar round, and seven modified overcaliber 107mm rockets.

- MONTGOMERY RENDEZVOUS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 2110 an armored cavalry element under the control of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Air Mobile), in night defense 30 miles WSW of Hue (70 miles NW of Da Nang), was attacked by an unknown size enemy force firing small arms and automatic weapons, supported by mortar fire. The troopers defended with unit weapons, including tank guns, and were supported by a USAF AC-47 gunship. The enemy withdrew at an unreported time, leaving nine of his dead, four individual and two crew-served weapons. No U.S. casualties.

- HQ MACV -- It was announced that the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry, departed the Republic of Vietnam today. The unit, which was part of the 9th Infantry Division's 1st Brigade, flew from Bien Hoa Air Force Base to Hickam AFB and will be based at nearby Schofield Barracks Hawaii.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 443 sorties (USAF 282, USMC 130, and USN 31), killing 28 enemy soldiers, triggering 24 secondary explosions, and igniting 45 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 404 fortifications, 168 bunkers and four sampans.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 16 west of Duc Hoa in Hau Nghia Province, wounding two men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- B-52s flew 7 missions: 11 miles SW of Da Nang; 12 and 13 miles WSW of Da Nang; 10 miles NW of Phu Cuong; 8 miles NW of Katum; 12 miles NW of Phuoc Binh; 32 miles SW of Hue.

4 August (Monday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, three significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, none of which was against a U.S. unit or installation. Three other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties.
HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, seven indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations. Three of the seven attacks caused casualties or damage. There were no U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) — At 0830 a reconnaissance team of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged an estimated 15 to 20 enemy soldiers 11 miles SE of Phuoc Binh (73 miles NNE of Saigon), and were supported by helicopter gunships. The enemy withdrew 50 minutes later, leaving 23 of his dead in the battle area. No U.S. casualties.

I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) — At 1745 helicopter crewmen from an air cavalry element of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division directed helicopter gunships from their unit onto an unknown number of enemy soldiers they had sighted 22 miles north of An Khe (275 miles NNE of Saigon). Twenty-four enemy dead were reported after the strike, and a number of bicycles and motorcycles being used by the enemy were destroyed. No U.S. casualties.

OPERATION MONTGOMERY RENDEZVOUS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — During the period of 0900 to 1130, a fire support base occupied by an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) and an element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 3rd Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, located 29 miles SW of Hue (65 miles WNW of Da Nang) and six miles east of the Laotian border, received about 20 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. There was light damage to materiel. ARVN casualties were light. U.S. casualties were light with no fatalities.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 1000 helicopter gunships of the U.S. 12th Combat Aviation Group, three miles NNW of Cu Chi (23 miles NW of Saigon), attacked five enemy soldiers with aerial machinegun and rocket fire. A short while later, U.S. and Republic of Vietnam combined reconnaissance elements of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, sweeping the same area, killed seven enemy in a sporadic contact. The troopers found the bodies of the five enemy killed by the gunships, and also captured 11 individual weapons — all rendered unserviceable in the action. There were no friendly casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NHIN PROVINCE) — At 1225 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), eight miles NE of Phu Khuong (55 miles NNW of Saigon) found a complex of 75 to 100 bunkers and an enemy cache. A portion of the complex was a medical facility, and a small amount of antibiotics and other medical supplies were among the items found. The cache included 12,000 AK-47 rounds, 40 CHICOM grenades, forty 82mm mortar rounds, 19 rocket-propelled grenades, and one rifle. The bodies of six enemy soldiers, who appeared to have been killed yesterday, were also found in the complex.

I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) — At 1230 an observation helicopter of an air cavalry element of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division, while reconnoitering the jungle area nine miles NE of An Khe (270 miles NNE of Saigon) observed an enemy bunker complex that had been previously struck by tactical aircraft at an unreported time. He reported five dead enemy in the area, and the destruction of 15 bunkers and 19 small structures.
- OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) — At 1715 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, received small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force 14 miles NW of Tam Ky (26 miles south of Da Nang). They fired back with unit weapons, and the enemy withdrew at an unreported time, leaving six of his dead. U.S. casualties were four wounded, no fatalities.

- DMAC (DINH TUONG PROVINCE) — At 1255 an element of the U.S. 9th Infantry Division six miles west of Dong Tam (44 miles SW of Saigon) engaged an unknown size enemy force in a fire fight. The enemy withdrew at 1630, leaving ten of his dead. Thirteen suspects were detained, and one AK-47 was captured. No U.S. casualties.

- DMAC (KIEU GIANG PROVINCE) — At 1735 a U.S. Navy helicopter gunship reconnoitering an area 17 miles WNW of Rach Gia (135 miles WSW of Saigon) drew small arms fire from an enemy junk. The gunship returned the fire, sinking the junk and killing five enemy. No U.S. casualties.

- HQ MACV — It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that additional elements of the 1st Logistical Command consisting of about 150 men will leave the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow for deactivation in the States as part of President Nixon's announced redeployment of 25,000 troops by the end of the month. (see the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text).

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 425 sorties (USAF 264, USMC 126, and USN 35), killing 16 enemy soldiers, triggering 24 secondary explosions, and igniting 24 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 252 fortifications, 234 bunkers, and 11 sampans.

- An Army AH-1 Huey Cobra helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 17 miles SW of Pleiku in Pleiku Province (225 miles NNE of Saigon), killing one man aboard and wounding another. The aircraft was destroyed.

- An Air Force F-4 Phantom was downed by enemy ground fire 16 miles NW of Quang Ngai City (65 miles SE of Da Nang) in Quang Ngai Province, killing both crewmen and destroying the aircraft.

- B-52s flew 8 missions: 33 and 34 miles SW of Hue; 31 miles SW of Hue; 6 miles NW of Katum; 23 miles NE of Phuoc Vinh; 10 miles east of Katum; 14 miles west of Katum; 15 miles WNW of Song Be.

5 August (Tuesday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, one significant indirect fire harassing attack was reported throughout the country and it was against a U.S. installation. Three other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following attack was against a U.S. installation:

II FFV:

042003 — The base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) near Phuoc Vinh (30 miles NNE of Saigon) received about five rounds of 107mm rocket fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities. There was light materiel damage.
HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, nine indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, seven of which were against U.S. units or installations. Two of the nine attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were two wounded with no fatalities.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1610 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, and an element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 2nd Airborne Battalion, in a combined sweep, engaged an unknown size enemy force 11 miles NE of Go Dau Ha (32 miles NW of Saigon). The infantrymen and airborne troops were supported by U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships. The enemy withdrew about an hour after contact, leaving 35 of his dead, and eight individual weapons. One U.S. soldier was killed and another wounded. ARVN casualties were light.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) — At 1420 a USAF forward air controller directed gunships from an assault helicopter element of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment onto an unknown size enemy force he had sighted seven miles NW of Loc Minh (80 miles NNW of Saigon). Eight enemy were killed. No U.S. casualties.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1125 a mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, 10 miles ENE of Tay Ninh City (50 miles NW of Saigon), engaged an unknown size enemy force with their unit weapons, including the heavy machineguns of their armored personnel carriers. U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships struck the enemy positions, and at an unreported time the enemy withdrew, leaving five of his dead. U.S. casualties were four wounded, no fatalities.

III MAF (DMZ) — At 1835 an aerial observer reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone directed tactical aircraft onto ten enemy soldiers he had sighted seven miles WSW of Con Thien (105 miles NW of Da Nang) and one mile north of the southern edge of the DMZ. The body of one enemy soldier was observed in the strike area.

III MAF (DMZ) — At 1730 a fire support base occupied by elements of the U.S. 3rd Marine Division and U.S. Army artillery units four miles SSE of Con Thien (95 miles NNW of Da Nang) received less than five rounds of an unreported type and caliber indirect fire from an enemy position four miles to the NW and 100 meters north of the southern boundary of the Demilitarized Zone. A U.S. forward observer south of the DMZ directed U.S. Army artillery onto the enemy position, silencing the fire. Enemy losses are unknown. No U.S. casualties or damage.

III MAF (DMZ) — At 1915 the U.S. Marines and Army of the Republic of Vietnam base at Con Thien received less than five rounds of 140mm rocket fire from an enemy position 4½ miles west of Con Thien (100 miles NW of Da Nang) and about 100 meters north of the southern boundary of the Demilitarized Zone. A U.S. forward observer south of the DMZ directed U.S. Army artillery onto the enemy location, silencing the rocket fire. Enemy losses are unknown. No U.S. damage or casualties.
- III MAF (DMZ) — At 1835 a U.S. aerial observer reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone observed ten enemy soldiers seven miles west of Con Thien (105 miles NW of Da Nang) and about one mile north of the southern boundary of the DMZ. U.S. Army artillery engaged the enemy, resulting in three secondary explosions and four secondary fires. Enemy casualties are unknown.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — Between 1420 and 1545 the U.S. Marines and Army of the Republic of Vietnam base at Con Thien (100 miles NW of Da Nang) received less than ten rounds of 140mm rocket fire. U.S. casualties were light with no fatalities. There were no ARVN casualties. No damage.

- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) — At 1715 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, 18 miles NE of An Khe (280 miles NNE of Saigon) received about 30 rounds of mixed 60mm and 82mm mortar fire. Light U.S. casualties, no fatalities or damage.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 398 sorties (USAF 249, USMC 127, and USN 22), killing six enemy soldiers, triggering 29 secondary explosions and igniting 33 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 354 fortifications, 365 bunkers and 11 sampans.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 40 miles south of Da Nang in Quang Tin Province, destroying the aircraft. There were no casualties.

- B-52s flew 8 missions: 10 and 11 miles ESE of Khe Sanh; 6 miles south of Khe Sanh; 20 miles NW of Lai Khe; 6 miles SE of Katum; 12 and 13 miles SE of Phuoc Binh; 13 miles NE of Vung Tau.

6 August (Wednesday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, one significant indirect fire harassing attack was reported throughout the country. It was against a U.S. unit. Four other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following was the attack directed against the U.S. force:

III MAF:

061900 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- A base camp occupied by elements of the U.S. 3rd Marine Division and U.S. Army artillery units four miles SSE of Con Thien received less than five rounds of 107mm rocket fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 15 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, twelve of which were against U.S. units or installations. Six of the 15 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were 21 wounded with no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) -- At 0900 infantrymen of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, six miles east of Rach Kien (13 miles south of Saigon) found the bodies of six enemy soldiers laying on the ground. They
apparently had been killed 12 hours earlier by artillery fire. In addition, 14 enemy bunkers in the vicinity had been destroyed, also by artillery.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE)** -- At 0725 a USAF forward air controller, five miles NE of Trang Bang (26 miles NW of Saigon), observed the bodies of 12 enemy soldiers who apparently had been killed earlier this morning by tactical aircraft.

- **HQ MACV** -- It was announced that two additional elements of the 1st Logistical Command, consisting of about 150 men, left the Republic of Vietnam yesterday as part of President Nixon's announced redeployment of 25,000 troops by the end of this month. The 173rd Quartermaster Company, a petroleum supply unit, departed Da Nang for Lawson Army Airfield at Ft. Benning, Ga., where it will be inactivated. The 950th General Postal Unit departed Bien Hoa for Standiford Airport in Louisville for inactivation at Fort Knox, Ky.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** -- At 1310 mechanized infantrymen of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engaged in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire with an estimated enemy platoon nine miles NE of Go Dau Ha (34 miles NNW of Saigon). The troopers were supported by U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships and USAF tactical aircraft, in addition to the heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers. At 1430, the enemy withdrew, leaving seven of his dead, and four individual weapons. U.S. casualties were one killed and six wounded. One former enemy, serving as a scout, was also wounded.

- **I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE)** -- Between 1220 and 1510 an air cavalry element of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division engaged two separate enemy forces of unknown size 22 miles NNE of An Khe (280 miles NE of Saigon). The air cavalry troopers received heavy ground fire and the gunships returned the fire. The bodies of 21 enemy were observed in the strike area.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE)** -- At 1800 helicopter gunships sighted and attacked an unknown size enemy force 11 miles NW of Loc Ninh (85 miles north of Saigon), killing 13. The gunships, which were from the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, suffered no casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE)** -- At 0935 elements of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 25th Infantry Division and elements of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, while on a combined sweep, engaged an unknown size enemy force four miles NE of Trang Bang (25 miles NW of Saigon). U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships supported until the enemy withdrew at 1440. Twenty-two enemy bodies were found, 11 of whom were apparently killed by artillery fire the previous day. Two individual and one-crew served weapon were captured, and eight individual weapons destroyed in the previous day's action were found. ARVN casualties were light. No U.S. casualties.

- **I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE)** -- At 1100 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, found a 136-lb. enemy cache 17 miles west of Pleiku (235 miles NNE of Saigon). It contained 7,000 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition, 2,000 rounds of 9mm ammunition, four anti-personnel mines.
- CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT (SAIGON) — At 1435 a U.S. Army UH-1 helicopter struck a power line and crashed into the Saigon River three miles SE of the center of Saigon at the SE edge of the city. The crew of four and one passenger, a U.S. serviceman, are missing. Operations are underway to recover the personnel. The accident is being investigated.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 423 sorties (USAF 265, USMC 125, and USN 33), killing 28 enemy soldiers, triggering 44 secondary explosions, and igniting 69 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 312 fortifications, 257 bunkers and 11 sampans.

- An Air Force F-100 was downed by enemy ground fire 15 miles SE of Di Linh in Lam Dong Province, destroying the aircraft. The pilot was recovered uninjured.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 11 miles NE of An Khe in Binh Dinh Province, wounding four men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 17 miles north of Nghia Duc in Quang Duc Province, wounding three men aboard, and destroying the aircraft.

- B-52s flew 8 missions: 23 miles SSE of Hue; 8 miles east of Dau Tieng; 29 miles SW of Hue; 9 miles east of Dau Tieng; 17 miles NW of Tay Minh City; 20 miles NW of Pleiku; 8 and 10 miles east of Katum.

7 August (Thursday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, eight significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, of which three were against a U.S. unit or installation. Four other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

  I FFV:

  070120 — KHANH HOA PROVINCE — The Cam Ranh Air Base (195 miles ENE of Saigon) received about 15 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. Casualties and damage unknown.

  070210 — KHANH HOA PROVINCE — The base camp of a U.S. Army combat support element near Nha Trang (200 miles NE of Saigon) received about 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no damage.

  070210 — KHANH HOA PROVINCE — The base camp of a U.S. Army combat support unit six miles north of Cam Ranh Bay (200 miles ENE of Saigon) received less than 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 12 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, six of which were against U.S. units or installations. Seven of the 12 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one killed and 26 wounded.
- I FFV (KHANH HOA PROVINCE) -- At 0120 this morning a number of satchel charges exploded within the confines of a U.S. Army convalescent hospital on the Cam Ranh Peninsula north of Cam Ranh Air Base (195 miles NE of Saigon). U.S. casualties were two killed and 98 wounded (light to serious). Of the total, four wounded (light) were hospital staff personnel and two killed and 53 wounded were patients. One hospital ward was destroyed and three other wards were heavily damaged. Other materiel damage was light to moderate. Six unexploded satchel charges were also found in the vicinity. The hospital area was clearly marked with the standard Red Cross insignia. It is now known that four to six sappers infiltrated through the defensive perimeter at the north end of the peninsula with an estimated 15 satchel charges. They all escaped.

- OPERATION MONTGOMERY RENDEZVOUS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) -- At 0730 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), operating in a jungle area 11 miles NW of A Shau and one mile east of the Laotian border (70 miles NW of Da Nang), received heavy small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force. The troopers fought back with unit weapons until 0315 when the enemy withdrew, leaving two of his dead, and one individual weapon. U.S. casualties were one killed and 16 wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 0725 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division, discovered a 17-ton enemy cache 12 miles SE of Katum (55 miles NW of Saigon). It contained 25 bicycles, 192 B-40 rocket grenades, 155 rounds of 82mm mortar ammunition, 50 rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle ammunition, twelve 60mm mortar rounds, 120 CHICOM grenades, 27 bangalore torpedoes, one CHICOM Claymore-type mine, and one CHICOM anti-tank mine. The cache also contained one-hundred and twenty-five 200-lb. bags of rice. All the items had been in place approximately two weeks.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 1200 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), while sweeping an area four miles WSW of Con Thien (105 miles NW of Da Nang) and one-half mile south of the southern edge of the Demilitarized Zone, engaged an estimated North Vietnamese Army Company in a heavy exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire. As the fighting continued, the infantrymen were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. The enemy withdrew at 1420, leaving 56 of his dead, and 26 weapons (three crew-served) in the battle area. U.S. casualties were three killed and 13 wounded.

- OPERATION LAMAR PLAIN (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 1310 a U.S. Army OH-6 light observation helicopter from an air cavalry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), on a reconnaissance mission nine miles south of Tam Ky (47 miles SSE of Da Nang) was downed by enemy ground fire, destroying the aircraft and wounding two crewmembers aboard. At 1630 another helicopter from the same unit was also hit by enemy ground fire and crashed nearby, wounding one crewman and destroying the aircraft. Air cavalry troopers were air-assaulted into the area and at 1730 engaged an unknown size enemy force in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew, leaving one of his dead in the battle area. U.S. casualties were one killed and 14 wounded, including the three crewmen rescued earlier.
III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) — Two events, close in proximity and involving the same unit, occurred:

1. At 0845 an element of the 3rd Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, while sweeping an area four miles NNE of the Rockpile (110 miles NW of Da Nang) and two miles south of the southern edge of the Demilitarized Zone, engaged an estimated two North Vietnamese Army companies in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire. Supported by gunships, artillery, and tactical aircraft, the Marines attacked the enemy fortified positions. At 1700, the enemy withdrew, leaving 29 of his dead and eight weapons (one crew-served) in the battle area. U.S. casualties were four killed and 32 wounded.

2. Four miles to the southwest at 1400 another element of the 3rd Marine Regiment, sweeping an area four miles NW of the Rockpile and three miles south of the southern edge of the DMZ, engaged an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force in a heavy exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew, leaving five of his dead. U.S. casualties were one killed and none wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1330 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division, discovered a three-ton enemy cache nine miles SE of Katum (60 miles NW of Saigon). It contained twenty-nine 200-lb. bags of rice, 10 bicycles and one M-1 carbine.

I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) — At 1000 helicopter gunships and observation helicopters from an air cavalry element of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division drew heavy ground fire from an enemy force 24 miles NNE of An Khe (280 miles NE of Saigon). The gunships returned the fire, and directed tactical air strikes onto the enemy. Sixteen enemy dead were counted in the strike area. One of the light helicopters received light damage. No U.S. casualties.

CMAC (SAIGON) — At 1605 an estimated 60-lb. explosive charge placed in a civilian automobile by suspected VC terrorists detonated near the MACV Language School on Tran Hung Dao Boulevard in Cholon. The blast killed 12 people (three Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces personnel and nine Vietnamese civilians) and wounded 67 (28 hospitalized). The 67 wounded included 28 USAF personnel (2 hospitalized), three Thai nationals, 30 RVNAF personnel and six Vietnamese civilians. A search of the immediate area following the explosion revealed a number of other packaged explosives, and the tank of a motorbike found parked across from the school was determined to contain a plastic-type explosive. The charges were disarmed by explosive ordnance demolition teams. The explosion also destroyed two houses and heavily damaged the language school. The terrorists escaped.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KHANH PROVINCE) — At 1200 an element of the U.S. 199th Light Infantry Brigade discovered an enemy bunker complex 11 miles NE of Xuan Loc (50 miles ENE of Saigon). While they were destroying the bunkers, they received small arms fire from an unknown number of enemy. The troopers fired back, and were supported by helicopter gunships. The enemy withdrew almost immediately. The infantrymen then continued to sweep and re-established contact at 1710. Small arms fire was again exchanged, and the troopers received fire support from U.S. artillery, USAF tactical aircraft, and USAF
AC-47's and AC-119's. The enemy withdrew three hours later, leaving 11 of his dead on the battlefield. U.S. casualties were three killed and eight wounded.

- III MAF (DMZ) -- At 1635 a forward observer located south of the Demilitarized Zone observed enemy small arms fire being directed at an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), operating in an area four miles WSW of Con Thien (105 miles NW of Da Nang). The 1st Brigade troopers were continuing their sweep of the area after an earlier contact with an estimated North Vietnamese Army Company in which 56 NVA soldiers were killed. The enemy small arms fire was coming from a position 100 to 200 meters inside the DMZ and about 1000 meters NW of the 1st Brigade unit. The observer directed U.S. Marine Corps artillery fire onto the enemy position and the small arms fire ceased. There were no U.S. casualties. Enemy losses are unknown.

- III MAF (DMZ) -- At 1930 a combined U.S. and Army of the Republic of Vietnam artillery position six miles north of Gio Linh (95 miles NW of Da Nang) received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. A forward observer located south of the Demilitarized Zone observed the enemy firing position in the DMZ three miles NNW of Gio Linh (100 miles NW of Da Nang) and 800 meters south of the Ben Hai River. He directed U.S. Army artillery fire onto the position, silencing the mortar. There were no casualties or damage at the friendly artillery position. Enemy losses are unknown.

- I FFV (Binh Dinh Province) -- At 1525 observation helicopters from an air cavalry element of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division spotted enemy troops in the vicinity of six huts 24 miles NNE of An Khe (280 miles NE of Saigon). They directed helicopter gunships onto the target, and USAF F-4's of the 31st Tactical Fighter Wing also struck the enemy positions. Sixteen dead enemy were later counted in the area. There were no U.S. casualties.

- HQ MACV -- It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that two more army units will leave the Republic of Vietnam today. They are the 311th Field Hospital, and Hq and Hq Company, 336th Ordnance Battalion. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDPLOYMENT for the complete text of the release).

- HQ MACV -- It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that another element of the 1st Brigade, 9th Infantry Division, the 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry, deploys tomorrow for Hawaii. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDPLOYMENT for the complete text of the release).

- SCN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 468 sorties (USAF 277, USMC 145, and USN 46), killing 41 enemy soldiers, triggering 19 secondary explosions and igniting 53 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 308 fortifications, 349 bunkers, and four enemy sampans.

- B-52s flew 7 missions: 28 miles west of Hue; 10 miles NW of Rach Gia; 18 miles SE of Phuoc Binh; 8 miles west of An Loc; 13 miles NW of Rach Gia; 12 miles NW of An Loc; 8 miles NE of An Loc.
8 August (Friday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, two significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, none of which was against a U.S. unit or installation. Four other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, ten enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, six of which were against U.S. units or installations. Three of the ten attacks caused casualties or damage. There were no U.S. casualties.

- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) — At 1900 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, 14 miles north of An Khe (275 miles NNE of Saigon), engaged an estimated enemy platoon in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire, with the troopers getting supporting fire from U.S. artillery. About one hour later the enemy withdrew, leaving 20 of his dead in the battle area. U.S. casualties were two killed.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 1110 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, discovered an enemy three-ton rice cache four miles east of Trang Bang (25 miles NW of Saigon). It was evacuated for later distribution to Vietnamese civilians.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) — At 1610 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, four miles SW of Trang Bang (24 miles NW of Saigon), engaged in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire with an unknown size enemy force. The fighting continued into the evening, with additional support for the infantrymen coming from U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships, and a USAF AC-47 gunship. At 2015 the enemy withdrew, leaving nine bodies in the area. U.S. casualties were two wounded with no fatalities.

- CMAC (SAIGON) — At 2200 a suspected VC terrorist threw a hand grenade into a U.S. 1/2-ton truck parked on Cach Mang Street in Saigon (one mile SE of Tan Son Nhut). Two U.S. servicemen and one U.S. civilian sitting in the vehicle were injured. One Vietnamese civilian was also injured. There were no fatalities. There was minor damage to the vehicle. The terrorist escaped.

- OPERATION GENEVA PARK (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 1000 an aerial observer of the 199th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, directed U.S. Army artillery onto 25 enemy soldiers he had sighted 13 miles SW of Hoi An (24 miles SSE of Da Nang), killing 15 of them. No U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (DMZ) — At 0710 a U.S. and Republic of Vietnam fire support base four miles south of Gio Linh (95 miles NW of Da Nang) received about five rounds of 140mm rocket fire from an enemy position three miles NE of Gio Linh and 300 meters inside the southern edge of the Demilitarized Zone (six miles NNE of the base). U.S. Marine artillery struck the enemy position with unknown results. U.S. casualties were two killed and ten wounded. In addition one Vietnamese civilian was killed and four others were wounded.
- III MAF (DMZ) -- In two attacks at 0845 and 1245 a U.S. Marine and Army fire support base seven miles SW of Gio Linh (100 miles NW of Da Nang) received a total of 10 rounds of enemy 122mm rocket fire resulting in no casualties or damage. The enemy rocket firing position was located six miles to the WNW and about 300 meters inside the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone. U.S. Army artillery fire was directed onto the location with unknown results.

- OPERATION LAMAR PLAIN (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 0935 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), under the operational control of the AMERICAL Division, 22 miles WSW of Chu Lai (50 miles SSE of Da Nang), found the bodies of five enemy soldiers in graves. They appeared to have been killed a month ago by artillery fire.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 1155 a light observation helicopter, reconnoitering an area four miles SW of Trang Bang, 28 miles WNW of Saigon, drew ground fire from an unknown size enemy force. USAF tactical aircraft were directed onto the location, and six enemy bodies were counted after the strike. The helicopter was not hit, and there were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG OFFENSIVE) -- At 1315 an element of the U.S. 11th Cavalry Regiment, six miles ENE of Dau Tieng (40 miles NNW of Saigon), discovered the bodies of five enemy soldiers who appeared to have been killed earlier by tactical air strikes. Elements of the air cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), in support of the 11th Cavalry troopers, engaged an unknown size enemy force in the same area, killing six before the remaining enemy withdrew. There were no U.S. casualties in the brief fight.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1120 Republic of Vietnam Regional Force elements and a mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, four miles west of Phu Khuong (55 miles NW of Saigon), engaged an unknown size enemy force in an exchange of small arms fire, and then attacked with the heavy machineguns of their armored personnel carriers. U.S. Army artillery and tactical aircraft of the USAF were directed onto the enemy location. Sporadic fighting continued until 1500, when the enemy withdrew, leaving nine of his dead. There were no U.S. or RF casualties.

- OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGOAI PROVINCE) -- At 2020 an element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, four miles WNW of Duc Pho (100 miles SSE of Da Nang), received small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force. The infantrymen fired back with their unit weapons, and at an unreported time the enemy withdrew, leaving two of his dead and one individual weapon. Two U.S. were killed and nine wounded.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 440 sorties (USAF 277, USMC 144, and USN 19), killing 17 enemy soldiers, triggering 44 secondary explosions, and igniting 62 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 273 fortifications, 263 bunkers, and 11 enemy sampans.

- B-52s flew 9 missions: 12 miles east of Phuoc Vinh; 5, 6, and 9 miles NW of An Loc; 10 and 13 miles NW of An Loc; 9 miles west of An Loc; 17 miles SE of Phuoc Vinh; 14 miles NW of An Loc.
9 August (Saturday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, one significant indirect fire harassing attack was reported throughout the country. It was not against a U.S. unit or installation. Six other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, ten indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, four of which were against U.S. units or installations. One of the nine attacks caused casualties or damage. There were no U.S. casualties.

- OPERATION LAMAR PLAIN (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 0715 an element of the AMERICAN Division, operating with the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) 13 miles SSW of Tam Ky (47 miles south of Da Nang), engaged 10 enemy soldiers in an exchange of small arms fire, killing five of them before the remainder withdrew. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1155 elements of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, and Army of the Republic of Vietnam 25th Infantry Division, five miles SSE of Dau Tieng, engaged an unknown size enemy force in an exchange of small arms fire, with the enemy also firing mortar rounds on the friendly forces. During the six-hour engagement that followed, U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships and USAF tactical aircraft struck the enemy positions. The enemy withdrew, leaving behind four of his dead, and three weapons (two crew-served) on the battlefield. One U.S. soldier was killed and four were wounded. ARVN casualties were light.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- Two events, close in proximity, occurred:

  1. At 0905 helicopter crewmen from an air cavalry element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, nine miles west of An Loc (65 miles north of Saigon), sighted and attacked an unknown size enemy force with aerial machineguns and rockets. Air cavalry troopers from the regiment were air-assaulted into the area and they found the bodies of 38 North Vietnamese Army soldiers killed in the engagement, and detained six suspects. No U.S. casualties.

  2. Ten miles to the north at 1145, helicopter gunships from an element of the air cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) observed an estimated 90 enemy soldiers in an open area nine miles WSW of Loc Ninh and two miles east of the Cambodian border and attacked them with aerial machinegun and rocket fire. Also, U.S. Army artillery and USAF F-100's from the 31st Tactical Fighter Wing were directed onto the enemy location. The enemy withdrew at an unreported time, leaving 25 of his dead. There were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1420 the air cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged an unknown number of NVA soldiers seven miles ESE of Katum (63 miles NNW of Saigon). The troopers were supported by helicopter gunships, U.S. Army artillery and tactical aircraft. At 1725, an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), reinforced the air cavalry squadron and the enemy withdrew shortly
afterwards. Enemy casualties were 30 NVA killed. U.S. casualties were one killed and nine wounded.

- HQ MACV — It was announced by USAV (LONG BINH) that the 126th Combat Support Company, a National Guard unit, departed Vietnam today for the United States. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).

- HQ MACV — It was announced in Washington, D.C., that Acting Secretary of the Army Thaddeus R. Beal announced the immediate inactivation of those elements of the 9th Infantry Division scheduled for deployment to Hawaii. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).

- HQ MACV — Two more units left the Republic of Vietnam today. They are the 1011th Composite Service Company, and the 126th Combat Support Company. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT for the complete text of the release).

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 419 sorties (USAF 281, USMC 127, and USN 11), killing 24 enemy soldiers, triggering 76 secondary explosions, and igniting 54 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 282 fortifications, 360 bunkers, and 18 enemy sampans.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire seven miles ESE of Katum in Tay Ninh Province, killing three men aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire six miles NNW of Phu Vinh in Vinh Binh Province, destroying the aircraft. There were no casualties.

- B-52s flew 9 missions: 9 miles west of An Loc; 8 miles SW of Loc Ninh; 15 miles NNE of An Loc; 14 miles NE of Phuoc Binh; 12 miles east of Phuoc Vinh; 14 miles NW of An Loc; 8 miles north of Loc Minh; 10 miles west of Loc Minh; 14 miles east of Katum.

10 August (Sunday)

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

II FFV:

092245 — LONG AN PROVINCE — A fire support base occupied by elements of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 82nd Airborne Division, 13 miles north of Tan An (17 miles WSW of Saigon) received less than five 107mm rockets. Light U.S. casualties, no fatalities or damage.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 11 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, five of which were against U.S. units or installations. Three of the 11 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one wounded with no fatalities.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 2200 yesterday (9 August) an element of
the 3rd Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, in night defense six miles NNW of the
Rockpile (110 miles NW of Da Nang) and two miles south of the Demilitarized
Zone, was attacked twice by unknown size North Vietnamese Army forces. The
enemy used automatic weapons and was supported by mortar fire. The Marines
returned fire with unit weapons and the enemy withdrew a short while later.
At 0415 today (10 August) another element of the same unit in night defense
in the same general area, two miles south of the DMZ, was attacked by an es­
timated two North Vietnamese Army companies. The enemy used automatic weap­
ons, rocket-propelled grenades, mortar fire, and satchel charges. The Mar­
ines returned fire and were supported by artillery, U.S. Marine Corps tacti­
cal aircraft, and a USAF AC-47 gunship. During the fighting, an unknown number
of enemy soldiers penetrated the perimeter but were repulsed or killed. At
0615 the remaining enemy withdrew. At about the same time, however, the first
location was again attacked by an unknown size NVA force using automatic weap­
ons, grenades and satchel charges. The enemy were repulsed and withdrew a
short while later. At 1030, during a sweep of the same area, an element of
the 3rd Marine Regiment received an unknown number of enemy 82mm mortar rounds
resulting in light U.S. casualties. The enemy firing position was not loca­
ed. Enemy losses were 37 NVA soldiers killed in the actions against the two
Marine units. U.S. casualties were 19 killed and 80 wounded in the fighting,
of whom 71 were evacuated. In actions over the past few days in this general
area, elements of the 9th Regiment of the 304th NVA Division have been identi­
fied. This marks the first appearance of elements of this regiment in the Re­
public of Vietnam since the battle of Khe Sanh which ended in April, 1968. The
9th Regiment was widely hearalded by the North Vietnamese as the "Heroes of
Khe Sanh," and marched in a victory parade in Hanoi. The enemy dead were
clean-shaven with new uniforms, rifles, and equipment. The 3rd Marine Regi­
ment, operating south of the DMZ set aside the historic infiltration routes
to the heavily populated Cam Lo and Cua Valley regions.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) -- At 0530 a ranger element from the
3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, engaged and killed six enemy soldiers
in a marsh area nine miles west of Ben Luc (25 miles SW of Saigon). They also
destroyed two sampans and captured 60 rocket-propelled grenades, five 122mm
rockets and one AK-47 rifle. No U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 0415 elements of the 3rd Regiment, U.S. 3rd
Marine Division, in night defense 13 miles WSW of Con Thien (110 miles NW of
Da Nang), were attacked by an unknown size enemy force using small arms, gre­
nares, and satchel charges. Some of the enemy penetrated the perimeter but
were repulsed by small arms and automatic weapons fire. U.S. Marine Corps ar­
tillery provided support until the enemy withdrew about two hours later. En­
emy casualties are unknown. U.S. casualties were 26 wounded, no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KHANH PROVINCE) -- At 1815 a helicopter from the
U.S. 12th Combat Aviation Group drew small arms fire from an estimated enemy
company seven miles SE of Dinh Quan (55 miles NE of Saigon). U.S. Army ar­
tillery and USAF tactical aircraft struck the position, killing six enemy and
silencing the fire. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1000 an element of the 1st Bri­
gade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, and an element of the Republic of Vietnam

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25th Infantry Division, 11 miles NE of Go Dau Ha (34 miles NNW of Saigon) found the bodies of ten enemy who had apparently been killed in contact with these same elements yesterday. No U.S. or ARVN casualties.

- OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 0730 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, seven miles SE of An Hoa (27 miles south of Da Nang), engaged an estimated enemy platoon, killing five of the enemy with small arms and automatic weapons fire before the remainders withdrew. One U.S. killed and five wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) — At 1310 helicopter gunships of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, nine miles NW of An Loc (65 miles NNW of Saigon) and two miles east of the Cambodian border, engaged an estimated enemy company with aerial machinegun and rocket fire. A short while later, air cavalry troopers from the regiment were air-assaulted into the vicinity. As fighting continued, elements of the air cavalry squadron, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), troopers from the Republic of Vietnam 9th Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, in armored personnel carriers, reinforced the action and engaged the enemy. At 1630 the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 31 enemy soldiers were counted, and four suspects were detained. In addition, four enemy soldiers rallied to the Government of Vietnam. U.S. casualties were five wounded with no fatalities. There were no reported ARVN casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KHANH PROVINCE) — At 1700 an observation helicopter of the 12th Combat Aviation Group drew small arms fire from an unknown number of enemy nine miles west of Dinh Quan (40 miles NE of Saigon). U.S. Army gunships and artillery engaged the enemy, killing five. No U.S. casualties.

- OPERATION MONTGOMERY RENDEZVOUS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — At 1400 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), engaged an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force 31 miles SW of Hue (70 miles WNW of Da Nang) and one-half mile east of the Laotian border. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the infantrymen assaulted the enemy positions. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew, leaving 11 of his dead. U.S. casualties were three wounded, no fatalities. While sweeping an area four miles to the north and one mile east of the Laotian border at 1530, another element of the same unit received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force. The enemy withdrew at an unreported time, leaving one of his dead and one individual weapon. U.S. casualties were five killed and six wounded.

- III MAF (DMZ) — Two incidents, involving the same unit and the same locale, occurred:

1. At 0630 a fire support base one mile north of Gio Linh (100 miles NW of Da Nang) received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire from an enemy firing position 200 meters north of the southern boundary of the Demilitarized zone and two miles NW of Gio Linh. U.S. Army artillery fire was directed onto the enemy location, silencing the fire. There were no U.S. casualties or damage from the mortar attack. Enemy losses are unknown.
2. At 0900 the same base received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire from an enemy position 600 meters north of the southern boundary of the DMZ and 2½ miles NW of Gio Linh. A forward observer directed artillery fire onto the enemy position, silencing the mortar fire. Enemy losses are unknown. No U.S. casualties or damage.

- OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) — At 1015 an air cavalry element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, 12 miles NW of Tam Ky (28 miles SSE of Da Nang), engaged an estimated enemy company in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire, and were supported by helicopter gunships. The enemy withdrew at an unreported time, leaving 20 of his dead, and ten weapons (one crew-served). No U.S. casualties.

- HQ MACV -- It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that the 737th Transportation Company will leave the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow as part of President Nixon's announced redeployment of 25,000 troops by the end of August. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 517 sorties (USAF 301, USMC 159, and USN 57), killing 25 enemy soldiers, triggering 33 secondary explosions, and igniting 53 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 245 fortifications, 425 bunkers, and 7 sampans.

- An Army AH-1 gunship was downed by enemy ground fire 13 miles SE of A Shau in Quang Nam Province 1½ miles east of the Laotian border, wounding two crewmen aboard and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army OH-6 on a reconnaissance mission and an escorting AH-1 were both downed by enemy ground fire 28 miles SSE of Da Nang in Quang Tin Province, killing two men aboard the AH-1. There were no casualties on the OH-6. Both aircraft were destroyed.

- B-52s flew 7 missions: 8 miles west of An Loc; 13 miles SE of Phuoc Binh; 33 miles SW of Hue; 19 miles NE of Xuan Loc; 13 miles NW of An Loc; 20 miles NE of Xuan Loc; 10 miles NNE of An Loc.

11 August (Monday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, seven significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, four of which were against U.S. installations. Five other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following attacks were against U.S. installations:

II FFV:

110340 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- A fire support base of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, 13 miles NE of Tay Ninh (60 miles NW of Saigon), received about 100 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. U.S. Army artillery, helicopter gunships, and a USAF AC-119 gunship fired on the suspected enemy positions with unknown results. U.S. casualties were light. No damage.

102115 -- BINH THUAN PROVINCE -- The night defense positions of a U.S.
Military Assistance Advisory Team four miles NE of Phan Thiet (100 miles east of Saigon) received less than 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light U.S. casualties, no fatalities.

III MAF:

110240 — QUANG TRI PROVINCE — The night defense positions of a U.S. Army XXIV Corps artillery element three miles west of Dong Ha (94 miles NW of Da Nang) received less than five rounds of an unknown type and caliber of indirect fire. Light U.S. casualties, no damage.

101920 — QUANG TRI PROVINCE — The U.S. Marine Vandegrift combat base 21 miles west of Quang Tri City (100 miles NW of Da Nang) received about five rounds of 122mm rocket fire. Light U.S. casualties, no fatalities or damage.

- HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 15 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country. Eleven of them were against U.S. units or installations. Eight of the 15 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were seven killed and 36 wounded.

- I PFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) — At 0900 a U.S. convoy from the Qui Nhon Support Command moving from west to east on highway 19 was ambushed by an estimated two enemy platoons, using small arms, automatic weapons, rocket-propelled grenades, and mortars. A reaction force consisting of elements of the Republic of Korea 1st Armored Cavalry Regiment moved to the area and attacked the enemy while getting support from helicopter gunships. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew, leaving 43 of his dead and 11 weapons (three crew-served). U.S. casualties were one slightly wounded. ROK casualties were one killed. There was no damage to the vehicles, and the convoy continued to its destination.

- OPERATION KENTUCKY JUMPER (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — The defensive positions of an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) received three separate mortar attacks during daylight hours. They occurred at 1134, 1500 and 1750. More than 30 rounds of 60mm mortar fire impacted during the three attacks, causing light U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 0300 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in night defense at a landing zone seven miles SE of Katum (65 miles NNW of Saigon) received about 50 rounds of 60mm and 82mm mortar fire followed by a ground attack from an estimated company size sapper unit. The enemy used small arms and automatic weapons along with satchel charges. The troopers defended with unit weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery and USAF AC-47 and AC-119 gunships. Contact was lost about 45 minutes later when the enemy withdrew, without having penetrated the perimeter. The bodies of 17 NVA soldiers were found, and the following items were captured: 190 CHICOM grenades, 13 bangalore torpedoes, 15 satchel charges, twenty 60mm mortar rounds, ten B-40/B-41 rocket-grenade rounds, three pair of wire cutters, one rifle grenade launcher and 12 loaded AK-47 magazines. U.S. casualties were four killed and 14 wounded.
- **OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE)** — At 1215 an armored cavalry element of the AMERICAL Division received small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force six miles WNW of Quang Ngai City (70 miles SSE of Da Nang). The troopers fired back with unit weapons, including tank guns and the heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers. At 1515 the enemy withdrew, leaving nine of his dead. U.S. casualties were one killed and seven wounded.

- **I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE)** — At 1130 a Ranger element from the 173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate) ambushed an unknown size enemy force 15 miles SW of Bong Son (285 miles NE of Saigon) while receiving support from helicopter gunships. Ten enemy were killed, two suspects were detained, and one individual weapon was captured. The remaining enemy soldiers fled from the ambush, and the U.S. troopers were later extracted from the area by helicopters. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE)** — At 1800 helicopter gunships of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force 12 miles NW of Lai Khe (40 miles NNW of Saigon). An armed reconnaissance element, also from the 3rd Brigade, was air-assaulted into the area and they engaged an estimated 50 enemy soldiers. Small arms fire was exchanged, and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, and USAF tactical aircraft. After a two-hour fire-fight, the enemy withdrew leaving six of his dead. U.S. casualties were two killed and one wounded.

- **III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE)** — At 1040 an element of the 3rd Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, supported by Marine tanks, engaged an estimated North Vietnamese Army platoon in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire four miles SW of Con Thien (100 miles NW of Da Nang). The enemy withdrew at 1200, and the Marines continued their sweep. At an unreported time, they engaged an estimated two NVA platoons in bunkers. The fighting continued until 1530, when the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 18 bodies, 11 individual weapons and two crew-served weapons. Marine casualties were 18 wounded, no fatalities.

- **HQ MACV** — It was announced that the 737th Transportation Company, an Army reserve unit of 183 men, departed Quang Tri today for inactivation at Ft. Lewis, Washington. It will be reconstituted in the Army Reserve at its home station in Yakima, Washington.

- **SVN TAC AIR** — U.S. pilots flew 458 sorties (USAF 303, USMC 135, and USN 20), killing 44 enemy soldiers, triggering 53 secondary explosions, and igniting 72 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 328 fortifications, 505 bunkers, and nine enemy sampans.

- **B-52s** flew 10 missions: 7 miles SW of Xuan Loc; 16 miles NW of Phu Cat; 17 miles NNW of Phu Cat; 21 miles NE of An Khe; 5, 6, and 7 miles north of Loc Ninh; 9, 10, and 11 miles NNE of Loc Ninh.

12 August (Tuesday)

- **HQ MACV** — During the night, 63 significant enemy indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country of which 29 were against U.S. units or installations. A total of 74 other indirect fire attacks, considered insignificant, were reported, none of which resulted in any casualties or damage.
Included in the total number of significant attacks were rocket attacks against the cities of Saigon and Hue. There were no reported casualties or damage at either city. The following were significant attacks against U.S. forces:

**III MAF:**

(Time unreported) -- THUA THIEN PROVINCE -- A base camp of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), 17 miles NW of Hue (65 miles NW of Da Nang) received about 10 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

120230 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- An element of the 1st Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, in night defense 21 miles SSE of Da Nang received an undetermined number of mortar rounds. Light casualties, no fatalities.

120145 -- QUANG TIN PROVINCE -- The U.S. installation at Chu Lai (55 miles SE of Da Nang) received about 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. No casualties, light damage.

120115 -- QUANG NGAI PROVINCE -- An artillery element supporting the 198th Brigade, AMERICAL Division position eight miles north of Quang Ngai City (70 miles SE of Da Nang) received less than five rounds of an unknown caliber mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

120145 -- QUANG TIN PROVINCE -- A landing zone of the AMERICAL Division 19 miles west of Tam Ky (30 miles SSE of Da Nang) received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

120130 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 15 miles SW of Da Nang, received about 30 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

120133 -- QUANG TIN PROVINCE -- A landing zone of the AMERICAL Division 20 miles SE of Tam Ky (60 miles SSE of Da Nang) received an unknown number and caliber mortar rounds. Very light casualties, no fatalities.

110235 -- QUANG TRI PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq U.S. 3rd Marine Division at Dong Ha (90 miles NW of Da Nang) received about five rounds of 140mm rocket fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

120125 -- QUANG NGAI PROVINCE -- A night defense position of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, nine miles NW of Quang Ngai City (65 miles SE of Da Nang) received less than 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties and damage.

120200 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- The base camp of the U.S. 1st Marine Division three miles west of Da Nang received about 15 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Light casualties and damage.

120110 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- A base camp of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, nine miles SSW of Da Nang received about 30 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light U.S. casualties. A Republic of Vietnam Popular Force unit located nearby received very light casualties with no fatalities.
112335 — QUANG TRI PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 3rd Marine Division at Dong Ha (90 miles NW of Da Nang) received less than five rounds of an unknown caliber rocket fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

120325 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — The U.S. Naval Support Activity Hospital two miles SSE of Da Nang received about five rounds of 82mm mortar fire, striking an operating room and one of the hospital wards. U.S. casualties were 18 wounded with no fatalities. Light damage.

I FFV:

120130 — BINH DINH PROVINCE — An I FFV artillery position nine miles north of Phu My (305 miles NE of Saigon) received an unreported number, type, and caliber of indirect fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

120300 — PLEIKU PROVINCE — An element of the U.S. Army 17th Combat Aviation Group at Camp Hollaway at Pleiku (240 miles NNE of Saigon) received about 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

120145 — DARLAC PROVINCE — An element of the 17th Combat Aviation Group at a landing zone three miles south of Ban Me Thuot (160 miles NE of Saigon) received about 30 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

120103 — PLEIKU PROVINCE — A U.S. Army artillery position 15 miles NE of Pleiku (255 miles NNE of Saigon) received less than five rounds of undetermined caliber mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

120115 — BINH THUAN PROVINCE — A fire support base of Task Force South four miles north of Phan Thiet (105 miles ENE of Saigon) received 10 to 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no damage.

120324 — BINH DINH PROVINCE — The Hq of 173rd Airborne Brigade at a landing zone four miles NE of Bong Son (300 miles NNE of Saigon) received less than ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

120130 — BINH DINH PROVINCE — The base camp of an I FFV artillery element 11 miles SSE of Bong Son (295 miles NNE of Saigon) received an unknown number of 82mm mortar rounds. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

II FFV:

120120 — HAU NGHIA PROVINCE — A patrol base of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division nine miles NE of Trang Bang (40 miles NNE of Saigon) received about five rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.

120205 — BIEN HOA PROVINCE — The air base at Bien Hoa (15 miles NE of Saigon) received about ten rounds of 12mm rocket fire. No casualties or damage.
112120 — BINH DUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Infantry Division near Lai Khe (30 miles north of Saigon) received about 15 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

120120 — TAY NINH PROVINCE — A base camp of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division three miles west of Tay Ninh City (55 miles NW of Saigon) received about twenty 120mm mortar rounds. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

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120111 — DINH TUONG PROVINCE — A U.S. 9th Infantry Division patrol base three miles NW of Dong Tam (41 miles SW of Saigon) received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

120106 — DINH TUONG PROVINCE — The base camp of Hq U.S. 9th Infantry Division at Dong Tam (40 miles SW of Saigon) received an unknown number of rounds of indirect fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

HQ MACV — During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 149 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 61 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Of the 149 attacks, 68 caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were 11 killed and 122 wounded.

III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) — At 0415 elements of the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, received heavy enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire four miles NW of An Hoa (19 miles SW of Da Nang). The Marines assaulted the position with the support of artillery fire, and the enemy withdrew at 0800. A short distance to the east, at 0630, another element of the same unit sweeping the area engaged an unknown size enemy force. Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and other elements of the regiment reinforced. The Marines again attacked the enemy with the support of artillery fire. Contact was lost at an unreported time when the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 169 enemy soldiers were found on the battlefield, and four enemy soldiers were detained. In addition, 39 individual weapons and 13 crew-served weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were 15 killed and 101 wounded, of whom 66 were evacuated.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) — At 0145 a landing zone occupied by an element of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and an element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 5th Infantry Division four miles WSW of An Loc (65 miles NW of Saigon) was attacked by an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force. The troopers repulsed the attack with unit weapons and were supported by U.S. Army artillery and a USAF AC-47 gunship. Seventy-eight NVA soldiers were killed and two suspects were detained in the night attack. U.S. casualties were two killed and two wounded, ARVN casualties were light to moderate.

OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) — At 0210 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, in night defense 19 miles west of Tam Ky (33 miles south of Da Nang) received an unknown number of 82mm mortar rounds followed by a ground attack from an unknown size enemy force. The troopers fired back with unit small arms and automatic weapons while U.S. Army artillery provided support. The enemy withdrew at daylight, leaving 50 of his dead. Two enemy soldiers were detained. U.S. casualties were 4 wounded, no fatalities.
- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 0400 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in night defense at a landing zone seven miles SE of Katum (65 miles NNW of Saigon) received a ground attack by an unknown size enemy force, and simultaneously received an unknown number of rounds of an unknown type of indirect fire. One of the rounds exploded in an ammunition storage area. Contact continued for about 50 minutes until the enemy withdrew, leaving the bodies of 59 NVA soldiers on the battlefield. Also left behind were one 12.7mm machinegun, one 60mm mortar tube, and two 82mm mortar tubes. U.S. casualties were 13 killed and 39 wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE)** — At 0220 the base camp of Hq 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and elements of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, four miles NE of An Loc (65 miles north of Saigon) was attacked from several directions by an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force, firing heavy small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades, and using satchel charges. As fighting continued, the camp received an unknown number of 107mm rocket rounds at 0355. The troopers fired back with unit weapons, including tank guns and the heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers, and were supported by point-blank artillery fire and helicopter gunships. During the action, an unknown number of NVA soldiers penetrated the perimeter but were either killed or repulsed. At 0430, the enemy withdrew, leaving 48 of his dead. In addition, seven enemy soldiers were detained. U.S. casualties were three killed, and 23 wounded. The enemy identified their unit as elements of the 271st and 272nd Regiments, 9th VC Division, which were previously deployed in the western Tay Ninh Province-Cambodia border area some 70 miles to the southwest. The 9th VC is composed primarily of North Vietnamese Army personnel.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE)** — At 0235 an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force attacked the night defense positions of an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) collocated with Republic of Vietnam Civilian Irregular Defense Group troops at a landing zone 17 miles ESE of Phuoc Binh (65 miles NNE of Saigon). The ground attack was preceded by an unknown number of 82mm mortar and 122mm rocket rounds. The troopers, supported by U.S. Army artillery, exchanged small arms and automatic weapons fire with the enemy until the enemy withdrew at 0445. The troopers counted 30 dead NVA, detained one suspect, and captured one crew-served and 15 individual weapons. U.S. casualties were two killed, eight wounded, CIDG casualties were light.

- **OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE)** — At 0245 a fire support base of elements of the armored cavalry squadron and supporting artillery of the AMERICAL Division six miles NW of Tam Ky (31 miles SSE of Da Nang) received a ground attack from an unknown size enemy sapper force. Some of the enemy soldiers breached the perimeter but were repulsed by the troops in fierce fighting. The enemy withdrew at an unreported time. A sweep of the battlefield has not yet been made, but one enemy body has been found thus far. U.S. casualties were 12 killed and 25 wounded. Material damage was moderate.

- **III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE)** — At 0610 the headquarters of the 1st Marine Division four miles west of Da Nang received about ten 122mm rockets followed by a ground attack from an unknown size enemy sapper force. The attack was repulsed at an unreported time by small arms and automatic weapons fire. When
the enemy withdrew, five bodies were found, and four enemy were detained. U.S. casualties were two killed and nine wounded. Light materiel damage.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE)** — At 0130 an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force, firing small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades, attacked the night defensive positions of an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment two miles west of Loc Ninh (75 miles NNW of Saigon). The troopers defended with unit weapons, including tank guns, and the heavy machineguns of their armored personnel carriers. At 0330, the enemy withdrew, without having penetrated the perimeter. Five dead NVA were found. U.S. casualties were eight wounded, no fatalities.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE)** — At 0230 a fire support base of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment four miles SSW of An Loc (55 miles north of Saigon) was attacked by an unknown size enemy force. The troopers engaged in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire, and were supported in the action by U.S. Army artillery. At 0400, the enemy withdrew, leaving 32 dead NVA in the battle area. One enemy was detained. U.S. casualties were one killed, nine wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE)** — At 0215 an ambush patrol from the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), two miles SE of Quan Loi (60 miles north of Saigon), engaged an estimated 100 North Vietnamese Army soldiers. The cavalry troopers were reinforced by an armored cavalry element of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division in tanks and armored personnel carriers and were supported by U.S. Army artillery and USAF AC-47 gunships. At 0340 the enemy withdrew, leaving 23 of his dead, and five weapons (two crew-served). U.S. casualties were one killed and 14 wounded. Light materiel damage.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE)** — At 0130 an element of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in night defense positions five miles SSW of Loc Ninh (60 miles NNW of Saigon) received less than five rounds of B-40 rocket-propelled grenade fire. The troopers fired back on the unknown size enemy force with unit weapons, including tank guns and heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers. In a short while, the enemy withdrew, leaving 11 of his dead. U.S. casualties were six killed, no wounded. Light damage.

- **III MAF (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE)** — At 0130 an armored cavalry element of the AMERICAL Division in night defense positions six miles north of Quang Ngai City (65 miles SE of Da Nang) received an unknown number of 60mm mortar rounds, followed by a ground attack from an enemy firing small arms and rocket-propelled grenades. The troopers fought back with unit weapons, killing 19 enemy. U.S. casualties were four wounded, no fatalities.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE)** — At 0800 an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force four miles SW of An Loc (55 miles north of Saigon). The troopers fired back with unit weapons, including tank guns and the heavy machineguns on their carriers, and were supported by helicopter gunships. About 30 minutes later, the enemy withdrew. Other elements of the regiment reinforced and the troopers pursued the enemy and re-established contact with an unknown size force in the same general area at 1300. Heavy
small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the armored cavalry troops, supported by helicopter gunships and USAF tactical aircraft, attacked the enemy. At 1600 the enemy withdrew, leaving 53 of his dead in the battle area. U.S. casualties were one killed and 23 wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE)** — At 1530 a mechanized infantry element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, received heavy small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force seven miles south of An Loc (53 miles north of Saigon). The mechanized mechanized element was providing security to a convoy on highway 13 enroute from Di An, in Bien Hoa Province, to Quan Loi when attacked. The troopers fired back with their unit weapons, including the heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers, and assaulted the enemy positions with the support of helicopter gunships. Action continued until 1645 when the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 61 enemy were found, and two enemy soldiers were detained. U.S. casualties were two killed and two wounded. There was no damage to the vehicles and the convoy continued to its destination.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 1545 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 12 miles SE of Katum (60 miles NNW of Saigon) found the bodies of 35 enemy soldiers on a trail. They appeared to have been killed a few hours earlier and brought to the area from another location. The troopers found one AK-47 rifle, one SKS carbine, and one light machine gun near the bodies.

- **III MAF (QUANG TIN PROVINCE)** — At 0400 an armored cavalry element of the AMERICAL Division, 12 miles NNW of Tam Ky (25 miles SE of Da Nang), engaged and killed 15 enemy soldiers. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE)** — At 1815 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), in night defense 14 miles east of Phuoc Binh (85 miles NNE of Saigon), received about 40 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, followed by a ground probe from an unknown size enemy force. The enemy was firing small arms and automatic weapons. The troopers fired back with unit weapons, and were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. At 1900, the enemy withdrew, leaving 16 of his dead, and four AK-47 rifles and one light machine gun. U.S. casualties were four killed and 12 wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE)** — At 0950 an element of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, in tanks and armored personnel carriers, engaged an unknown size enemy force five miles north of Loc Ninh (80 miles north of Saigon). Sporadic fighting continued into the afternoon and contact was lost at 1730 when the enemy withdrew. Six dead enemy were found. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 1230 gunships of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), four miles south of Katum (65 miles NNW of Saigon), sighted 25 enemy soldiers in an open area, and attacked them with aerial machinegun and rocket fire, killing 17. No U.S. casualties.

- **III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE)** — At 0630 an element of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, five miles SW of Hill 937 and one miles east of the Laotian
border (70 miles WNW of Da Nang), engaged an unknown size enemy force who were firing small arms and rounds of mortar fire. The infantrymen fought back with unit weapons, and after a 20-minute fire-fight the enemy withdrew leaving five bodies and four individual weapons and one crew-served weapon on the battlefield. A later sweep of the area revealed five graves, each containing one body, and a sixth body laying on the ground. The six apparently were killed by air strikes two days ago. U.S. casualties were five wounded, no fatalities.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 0710 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division (acting on intelligence), was air-assaulted into an area four miles north of Hiep Hoa (35 miles NW of Saigon), and immediately engaged an unknown size enemy force in an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire. As fighting continued into the morning, U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships and USAF tactical aircraft were directed onto the enemy positions. Other elements of the brigade reinforced the troops in contact during the afternoon, and action continued until 1940, when the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 16 enemy soldiers were found, and seven crew-served and two individual weapons were captured. One of the weapons was a 12.7 mm machinegun. U.S. casualties were four killed and 12 wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 0130 an element of the 1st Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division in night defense six miles south of Da Nang was attacked by an unknown size enemy force using small arms and grenades. The Marines fired back with unit weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew. Ten dead enemy were found and one suspect was detained. Nine individual and three crew-served weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were one killed and four wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 0745 a mechanized infantry element of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division (under operational control of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment) engaged an estimated reinforced enemy battalion three miles NE of An Loc (65 miles north of Saigon). The troopers engaged the enemy with small arms fire and heavy machineguns and were reinforced by an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, an element of the 1st Infantry Division, and an element from the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). The troopers also received fire support from U.S. Army artillery, helicopter gunships and USAF tactical aircraft. After a nine-hour engagement, the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 12 bodies. U.S. casualties were two killed and 26 wounded. Damage to armored cavalry vehicles was light.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 2010 the enemy fired about 30 rounds of 82 mm mortar fire into the city of Hoi An (14 miles SSE of Da Nang), killing two Vietnamese civilians and wounding 27 others.

- III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) -- At 0120 three rounds of 122 mm rocket fire impacted in the city of He, resulting in no casualties or damage. At 0300, three more rounds impacted, killing one Vietnamese child, wounding 15 Vietnamese civilians, and heavily damaging two civilian homes.

- OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) -- At 1530 the armored cavalry element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, six miles WNW of Quang Ngai
(70 miles SSE of Da Nang) engaged and killed seven enemy soldiers in a brief battle. No U.S. casualties.

CMAC (SAIGON) — At 0100 the enemy fired two 122mm rockets into the Saigon area. One impacted in the 4th Precinct (two miles ESE of the center of Saigon) and the other just outside the 4th Precinct and about one mile farther to the southeast. There were no casualties or damage.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (Binh Long Province) — At 0205 an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force attacked the night defense positions of an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment five miles south of Loc Ninh (70 miles north of Saigon). The enemy were supported by 60mm and 120mm mortar and five rounds of 107mm rocket fire. The attack was repulsed and the enemy withdrew at an unreported time. The troopers returned fire with unit weapons on their tanks and armored personnel carriers, and were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery and a USAF AC-47 gunship. The bodies of 12 NVA were found in the battle area. U.S. casualties were one killed and 12 wounded.

HQ MACV — It was announced by USARV (Long Binh) that Company "E" (Ranger), 75th Infantry, minus Hq and Hq Company, 1st Brigade, 9th Infantry Division will leave Vietnam tomorrow. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).

HQ MACV — It was announced by USARV (Long Binh) that three Army reserve units, the 319th Transportation Company, the 316th Medical Detachment and the 74th Field Hospital will leave Vietnam tomorrow. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).

SVN TAG AIR: U.S. pilots flew 533 sorties (USAF 345, USMC 148 and USN 40), killing 46 soldiers, triggering 46 secondary explosions and igniting 61 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 320 fortifications, 324 bunkers, and six enemy sampans.

An Army UH-l helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire four miles NW of Quang Ngai City in Quang Ngai Province, wounding one man aboard and destroying the aircraft.

B-52s flew 10 missions: 8 miles NNE of Loc Ninh; 7 and 8 miles NNE of Loc Ninh; 5 and 6 miles west of Katum; 4 and 5 miles NW of Katum; 4 miles ENE of Katum.

13 August (Wednesday)

HQ MACV — During the night, nine significant enemy indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, of which five were against U.S. units or installations. A total of 15 other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following were significant attacks against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

130410 — QUANG NAM PROVINCE — The U.S. airbase at Da Nang received less than ten 122mm rockets, causing no casualties and light damage.
I FFV:

122025 -- BINH THUAN PROVINCE -- A fire support base of Task Force South six miles NE of Phan Thiet (95 miles ENE of Saigon) received about five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no damage.

II FFV:

122035 -- BINH LONG PROVINCE -- A landing zone of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment near An Loc (60 miles north of Saigon) received about forty 82mm mortar rounds. Light casualties, no damage.

130200 -- HAU NGHIA PROVINCE -- A fire support base of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, two miles NNW of Duc Hoa (18 miles WNW of Saigon) received about 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

130553 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, near Dau Tieng (40 miles NNW of Saigon) received less than 10 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. No casualties, very light damage.

HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 32 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 20 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Sixteen of the 32 attacks resulted in casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were three killed and 37 wounded.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1200 an element of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment under the operational control of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), engaged in an exchange of heavy automatic weapons fire with an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force two miles MSW of Loc Ninh (75 miles north of Saigon) and six miles east of the Cambodian border. At an unreported time, other elements of the regiment, in tanks and armored personnel carriers, and troopers from the Republic of Vietnam 34th Ranger Battalion reinforced the unit in contact. Supported by helicopter gunships and artillery, the combined forces attacked. Fighting continued until 1620 when the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 79 NVA soldiers were found. Twenty AK-47 assault rifles, seven rocket-propelled grenade launchers, and 26 rounds of 60mm mortar ammunition were captured. U.S. casualties were two killed and six wounded. ARVN Ranger casualties were very light with no fatalities. Damage to vehicles was light. The enemy unit was identified as an element of the 7th NVA Division.

III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1315 elements of the 5th and 7th Regiments, U.S. 1st Marine Division, while conducting a combined sweep four miles north of An Hoa (16 miles SSW of Da Nang) received heavy small arms and mortar fire from an unknown size enemy force. The Marines fired back with small arms and automatic weapons, and were supported by U.S. Marine artillery. At 1945 the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 44 bodies, seven individual weapons and one crew-served weapon. Two enemy soldiers were detained. U.S. casualties were five killed and 70 wounded, of whom 40 were evacuated.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1630 helicopter gunships of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), nine miles NNW of Loc Ninh (80 miles north of Saigon), engaged an unknown size enemy force with aerial machinegun and rocket fire, killing 21. No U.S. casualties.
- **OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE)** — At 1145 elements of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, five miles WNW of Quang Ngai (73 miles SSE of Da Nang), engaged an unknown size enemy force. Sporadic fighting continued throughout the day as the troopers fought back with unit weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships. The enemy withdrew at an unreported time, leaving sight of his dead, eight individual weapons, and four crew-served weapons. U.S. casualties were five killed and five wounded.

- **III MAF** — The following significant indirect fire attacks were reported today:

  130849 — (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) — A landing zone of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, 16 miles west of Tam Ky (33 miles SSE of Da Nang) received about five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

  131540 — (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) — A U.S. installation at Chu Lai (55 miles SE of Da Nang) received less than five rounds of an unknown caliber rocket fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

  130515 — (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) — A landing zone of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, and an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division, under operational control of the AMERICAL Division, 10 miles west of Duc Pho (95 miles SSE of Da Nang) received about 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

- **III MAF (QUANG TIN PROVINCE)** — At 0745 elements of the 4th Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, in night defense eight miles WNW of the Rockpile (110 miles NW of Da Nang) and four miles south of the DMZ, were probed by an unknown size enemy force using small arms fire, grenades, and satchel charges. The Marines returned fire with unit weapons, 81mm mortars, and were supported by U.S. Marine artillery and AC-47 gunships. The enemy withdrew at an unreported time, leaving behind two bodies. U.S. Marine casualties were two killed and five wounded.

- **I FFV (BINH THUAN PROVINCE)** — At 0730 an element of the U.S. 173rd Airborne Brigade, under the operational control of Task Force South, five miles north of Phan Thiet (100 miles east of Saigon) received a stand-off attack by about five rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force. The troopers fired back with unit weapons until the enemy withdrew. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were one killed and 12 wounded.

- **OPERATION LAMAR PLAIN (QUANG TIN PROVINCE)** — ended today, and was announced on 17 August, 1969. See summaries of 17 August for details.

- **HQ MACV** — Three more Army Reserve units departed the Republic of Vietnam from Bien Hoa Air Base today as part of President Nixon's announced redeployment of 25,000 troops by the end of the month. The 319th Transportation Company, a 133-man unit, will be inactivated at Fort Gordon, Ga., its home station. Both the eight-man 316th Medical Detachment and the 184-man 74th Field Hospital will be deactivated at Fort Dix, N.J., and then reconstituted at their home station in New York City.
The departure of more units from the Republic of Vietnam as part of President Nixon's redeployment plan were announced. The units concerned, and their departure dates, are as follows:

- 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (13, 14, and 15 August).
- The main body A-B-C batteries, 1st Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion (13 and 14 August).
- Regimental Landing Team Nine, 3rd Marine Division (third and final major increment; 12 and 13 August).
- 1st Battalion, 11th Artillery, 9th Infantry Division (14 August).

(See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the releases concerning these units).

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 492 sorties (USAF 315, USMC 133, and USN 44), killing 28 enemy soldiers, triggering 54 secondary explosions, and igniting 61 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 300 fortifications, 358 bunkers, and five enemy sampans.

- B-52s flew 10 missions: 5 miles east of Katum; 3 miles NE of Katum; 3 miles north of Katum; 5 miles NW of the Rock Pile; 4 and 6 miles NNW of the Rock Pile; 5 and 6 miles north of the Rock Pile; 19 miles NW of Song Be; 15 miles NE of Xuan Loc.

14 August (Thursday)

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

III MAF:

132100 -- QUANG NGAI PROVINCE -- A base camp of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, 10 miles south of Da Nang received less than five rounds of an unknown type and caliber of indirect fire. U.S. casualties were light, with no fatalities. There was no damage reported.

132305 -- QUANG TIN PROVINCE -- The U.S. installation at Chu Lai (55 miles SSE of Da Nang) received less than ten rounds of 122mm rocket fire. No casualties or damage.

II FFV:

140135 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- The U.S. Special Forces advisor compound at Tay Ninh City (52 miles NW of Saigon) received less than five 107mm rockets. No casualties or damage.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 40 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country. Twenty of these attacks were against U.S. units or installations. Eight of the 40 attacks caused damage or casualties. U.S. casualties were twelve wounded with no fatalities.
TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (Binh Long Province) — Three events occurred, all in the same proximity, and involving the same units:

1. At 2340 yesterday (13 August), an element of the armored cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division, under the operational control of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), in night defense six miles east of An Loc (60 miles north of Saigon) received about 25 rounds of enemy 82mm mortar fire, and an unknown number of recoilless rifle rounds, followed by a ground probe by an unknown size enemy force. The enemy used small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenade fire. The troopers fought back with unit weapons, including tank guns and heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers. About 15 minutes later, the enemy withdrew. U.S. casualties were one killed and five wounded. Enemy losses are unknown.

2. At 0500 this morning, a landing zone of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) four miles NW of An Loc (65 miles north of Saigon) received an unknown number of 60mm and 82mm mortar fire, followed by a ground attack by an estimated North Vietnamese Army company-to-battalion-size force. The enemy used small arms and automatic weapons. The troopers returned fire with unit weapons, supported by point-blank artillery fire and helicopter gunships. Fighting continued until 1000 when the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 31 NVA soldiers were found in the battle area, and one enemy soldier was detained. U.S. casualties were 13 wounded, no fatalities.

3. To the north, at 1020 today, an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, under operational control of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), and elements of the Republic of Vietnam 34th Ranger Battalion, engaged an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force two miles NE of Loc Minh (80 miles north of Saigon). Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the combined ground elements attacked the enemy supported by artillery and USAF tactical aircraft. At 1140 the enemy withdrew, leaving 20 of his dead, three individual and two crew-served weapons. No U.S. casualties. The ARVN casualties were light.

III MAF (Quang Nam Province) — At 0045 elements of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, in night defense four miles NNW of An Hoa (18 miles SSW of Da Nang) received about 10 rounds of 60mm mortar fire followed by hand grenades from an unknown size enemy force. The Marines fired back with unit small arms, automatic weapons and 81mm mortars, and then called in U.S. Marine artillery and Air Force AC-47 gunships in support. At first light, the Marines found 13 enemy bodies and nine individual weapons. U.S. casualties were two wounded with no casualties.

I FFV (Binh Thuan Province) — At 1140 a U.S. convoy escorted by armored cavalry elements from I FFV's Task Force South received about 50 rounds of 60mm and 82mm mortar fire, rocket-propelled grenade fire, and automatic weapons fire from an unknown size enemy force while traveling on Highway 1, 20 miles NE of Phan Thiet (105 miles ENE of Saigon). The convoy security elements returned fire with the weapons on their tanks and armored personnel carriers, and were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, and USAF tactical aircraft. Republic of Vietnam Regional Force troops in the area also received enemy fire and engaged the enemy. At 1300 the enemy withdrew. The bodies
of 12 enemy soldiers were found in the battle area. U.S. casualties were one killed and 14 wounded, of whom 11 were evacuated. RF casualties were light. Two RF soldiers, an officer and a non-commissioned officer, reported missing in the action were later found in the vicinity shot and beheaded by the enemy. Also, two Vietnamese civilians in the area were wounded by the enemy fire. Damage was light, and the convoy continued to its destination.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE)** — At 2130 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, in night defense four miles north of Hiep Hoa (26 miles NW of Saigon) received an unknown number of mortar rounds followed by a ground attack by an unknown size enemy force using small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades. The infantrymen fired back with unit weapons, and were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, and a USAF AC-47 gunship. During the action, a U.S. Army UH-1 helicopter was hit by enemy fire and crashed in the vicinity, killing all seven personnel aboard, and destroying the aircraft. About 30 minutes later the enemy withdrew. No enemy are reported to have penetrated the perimeter. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were six wounded and no fatalities.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE)** — At 1310 an element of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, on a combined sweep with an element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 34th Ranger Battalion, engaged an unknown size enemy force of North Vietnamese soldiers in an area two miles NE of Loc Minh (75 miles north of Saigon). Supported by helicopter gunships, the troopers attacked, firing the weapons on their tanks and armored personnel carriers. The enemy withdrew at 1525, leaving 21 of his dead. There were no U.S. casualties. ARVN casualties were very light with no fatalities.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE)** — At 1130 a mechanized infantry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, escorting a convoy from Quan Loi to Lai Khe, received 30 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, rocket-propelled grenades, and small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force 14 miles south of An Loc (47 miles north of Saigon). The troopers fired back with unit weapons, including the heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers, and were supported by USAF tactical aircraft. At 1150 the enemy withdrew, leaving 20 of his dead, and five individual weapons. U.S. casualties were three wounded and no fatalities. There was light damage to vehicles. The convoy then proceeded to the Lai Khe base camp.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE)** — At 2150 a patrol from the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, six miles SSE of Dau Tieng (35 miles NNW of Saigon), ambushed an unknown size enemy force and were supported by artillery fire. The enemy fled the brief action, leaving 12 of his dead. There were no U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE)** — At 1530 a reconnaissance element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, 22 miles east of Tan An (16 miles south of Saigon), engaged an estimated enemy platoon in an exchange of small arms fire. USAF tactical aircraft were called to support, and the enemy withdrew in 15 minutes, leaving 12 of his dead on the battlefield. There were no U.S. casualties.
TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) — At 1955 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), in night defense 12 miles SSE of Katum (55 miles NNW of Saigon), received an unknown number of mortar rounds followed by a ground attack by an unknown size enemy force using automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades. The troopers fought back with unit weapons, and were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. Fighting continued for two hours until 2150, when the enemy withdrew, leaving 23 of his dead. In addition, one crew-served and three individual weapons were captured. No U.S. casualties.

III MAF (GUANG NGAI PROVINCE) — At 1130 a USAF forward air controller directed U.S. Marine air strikes onto an unknown size enemy force he had sighted four miles SW of Tam Ky (40 miles SSE of Da Nang), killing 25. No U.S. casualties.

OPERATION KENTUCKY JUMPER (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) — terminated today, and was announced on 17 August, 1969. See summaries of 17 August for details.

HQ MACV — It was announced that five more units of Regimental Landing Team Nine, 3rd Marine Division, departed the Republic of Vietnam yesterday. It was also announced that the 1st Battalion, 11th Artillery, 9th Infantry Division, left today for Hawaii. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT for the complete text of the release).

HQ MACV — It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that 812 men of the 86th Engineer Battalion, stationed at My Tho and attached to the 34th Engineer Group, 20th Engineer Brigade, will redeploy tomorrow for deactivation at Ft. Lewis, Wash. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT for the complete text of the release).

SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 537 sorties (USAF 317, USMC 156, and USN 64), killing 75 enemy soldiers, triggering 36 secondary explosions, and igniting 66 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 273 fortifications, 387 bunkers, and 5 enemy sampans.

An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 36 miles NE of Ban Me Thuot in Darlac Province, wounding two men aboard, and destroying the aircraft.

An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 17 miles north of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Province, killing one man and wounding two others aboard the aircraft. The helicopter was destroyed.

B-52s flew 7 missions: 12 miles WNW of An Loc; 5 miles north of the Rock Pile; 5 miles north of the Rock Pile; 14 miles NE of Xuan Loc; 10 miles north of Tay Ninh City; 9 miles NE of Dau Tieng; 17 miles SSE of Xuan Loc.

15 August (Friday)

HQ MACV — During the night, 15 significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, eight of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eighteen other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following attacks were against U.S. forces:
II FFV:

142225 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- A base camp of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division near Tay Ninh (52 miles NW of Saigon) received less than ten rounds of an unknown type and caliber of indirect fire. No casualties or damage.

150010 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- The base camp near Tay Ninh again received less than 10 rounds of an unknown type and caliber of indirect fire. No damage or casualties.

142355 -- BINH LONG PROVINCE -- A base camp of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, collocated with a Republic of Vietnam Civilian Irregular Defense Group camp near Loc Ninh (72 miles north of Saigon) received 150-200 rounds of 82mm mortar fire and 107mm rockets. U.S. casualties were light. There was light materiel damage. The CIDG received very light casualties.

142358 -- DINH TUONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq U.S. 9th Infantry Division at Dong Tam (40 miles SW of Saigon) received less than 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. No casualties or damage.

142225 -- BINH LONG PROVINCE -- A fire support base of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, located near An Loc (60 miles north of Saigon), received about thirty rounds of mixed 60mm and 82mm mortar fire. No U.S. casualties.

142230 -- BINH LONG PROVINCE -- The same fire support base received less than 10 82mm mortar rounds. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

150115 -- BINH LONG PROVINCE -- The same fire support base was hit for the third time, by an unknown number of 107mm rockets. U.S. casualties were light, no fatalities or damage.

150552 -- BIEN HOA PROVINCE -- The U.S. Army installation at Long Binh (15 miles NE of Saigon) received less than twenty-five 107mm rockets. U.S. and Thai artillery fired back at suspected enemy positions with unknown results. U.S. casualties were light with no fatalities. Light materiel damage was reported.

- HQ MACV -- Another indirect fire attack against a U.S. force which occurred since the cut-off time for overnight attacks was:

II FFV:

150610 -- HAU NGHIA PROVINCE -- The base camp of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division at Cu Chi (18 miles NW of Saigon) received less than ten 122mm rockets. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 41 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country. Eighteen of these attacks were against U.S. units or installations. Sixteen of the 41 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one killed and 53 wounded.
- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 0950 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, and an element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 25th Infantry Division, engaged an unknown number of enemy with small arms fire 15 miles west of Tay Ninh (60 miles NW of Saigon). The enemy force employed small arms and mortar fire. The U.S. and ARVN infantrymen were supported by U.S. artillery and helicopter gunships. The enemy withdrew at 1830, leaving behind 31 of his dead, and two 12.7 machineguns. U.S. casualties were one killed and one wounded. No ARVN casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE)** — At 2025 a fire support base near Loc Ninh (73 miles north of Saigon), occupied by elements of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, under the operational control of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), received a probe from an unknown size enemy force employing small arms, rocket-propelled grenades, mortar and rocket fire. The troopers fired back with unit weapons, and were supported by U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships. About 15 minutes later, the remaining enemy withdrew. Enemy losses are unknown at this time. U.S. casualties were 12 wounded with no fatalities.

- **IFFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE)** — At 1125 a reconnaissance patrol of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division operating 15 miles WSW of An Khe (250 miles NNE of Saigon) received small arms fire and hand grenades from an unknown size enemy force. The patrol fired back with unit weapons, and were supported by helicopter gunships until the enemy withdrew, leaving behind five bodies. No U.S. casualties.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE)** — At 1230 an air cavalry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 22 miles NE of Tay Ninh, received two rounds of an unknown size mortar, followed by small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force. The troopers fired back with unit weapons and were supported by U.S. Army artillery. The enemy withdrew after a brief contact. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were two killed and nine wounded.

- **TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE)** — At 2110 a combined patrol consisting of elements of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and Republic of Vietnam Regional Forces while operating 6 miles WNW of Loc Ninh (75 miles north of Saigon) received small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an unknown number of enemy. The patrol returned fire with small arms, and was supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. The enemy withdrew about ten minutes later. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. losses were 12 wounded with no fatalities. The Regional Force casualties were light.

- **IFFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE)** — At 1500 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, and a Republic of Vietnam Regional Force element, discovered a one-ton enemy munitions cache 24 miles south of Pleiku (220 miles NNE of Saigon). It contained one-hundred and thirteen 82mm mortar rounds, 12 cases of AK-47 ammunition, 70 mines and six cases of 82mm mortar fuzes.

- **III MAF (THUA THEIN PROVINCE)** — At 1120 a fire support base of the 1st and 3rd Brigades of the U.S. 101st Airborne Division 10 miles NW of A Shau (65 miles WNW of Da Nang) received less than 20 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. U.S. casualties were light with no fatalities. There was no reported damage to materiel.
TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- Two events occurred, both close in proximity and involving the same unit:

1. At 0055 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), at a landing zone 16 miles SE of Katum (55 miles NNW of Saigon), was attacked by an unknown size enemy force firing small arms and automatic weapons. During the action, the enemy also fired less than five 82mm mortar rounds. The troopers fired back with unit weapons, and were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. Light contact continued until 0210, when the enemy withdrew, leaving seven of his dead. U.S. casualties were one killed and four wounded.

2. At 2135 another element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), in night defense 12 miles SE of Katum (55 miles NNW of Saigon) was attacked by an unknown size enemy force using small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades. The troopers fired back with unit weapons and were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, and a USAF AC-119 gunship. At 2220 the enemy withdrew. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. casualties were seven wounded, no fatalities.

TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 2145 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, engaged an unknown number of enemy soldiers with claymore mines and small arms fire six miles ESE of Dau Tieng (35 miles NNW of Saigon). U.S. Army artillery provided support. The enemy withdrew at an unreported time, leaving nine of his dead and three AK-47 assault rifles. No U.S. casualties.

I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE) -- At 0705 a reconnaissance patrol of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division engaged an unknown number of enemy 22 miles east of Pleiku (245 miles NNE of Saigon). The patrol used M-79s and claymore mines against the enemy, killing 12 before the remainder withdrew. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities.

III MAF (DMZ) -- At 1830 a U.S. aerial observer reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone sighted ten enemy soldiers six miles WSW of Con Thien (105 miles NW of Da Nang) and one mile inside the southern edge of the DMZ. He directed U.S. Army artillery fire onto them, killing six. No U.S. casualties.

OPERATION MONTGOMERY RENDEZVOUS (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) -- terminated today, and was announced 18 August, 1969. See the summaries of 18 August for the details of the operation.

HQ MACV -- The colors of the 6th Battalion, 84th Artillery, were formally retired at An Khe, Binh Dinh Province, on 7 August, 1969, as the Army of the Republic of Vietnam's 45th Artillery Battalion assumed responsibility for the 6/84th area of operations in the Central Highlands. The battalion's 18 howitzers (155mm - towed) and other operational equipment were relinquished to the ARVN battalion last month. Most of the 6/84's personnel have been redeployed to other I Field Force Vietnam artillery units; however, a small contingent of men were on hand to watch battalion commander, Lt. Col. Parks W. Wilson (Baton Rouge, La.) receive the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.
- HQ MACV — It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that members of the U.S. 9th Infantry Division's 1st Battalion, 34th Artillery, will leave the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT for the complete text of the release).

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 511 sorties (USAF 295, USMC 174, and USN 42), killing 15 enemy soldiers, triggering 62 secondary explosions, and igniting 40 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 269 fortifications, 393 bunkers, and 16 sampans.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 38 miles SSE of Da Nang in Quan Tin Province, wounding one man and destroying the aircraft.

- An Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 12 miles SW of Duc Pho in Quang Ngai Province, killing ten men aboard, and destroying the aircraft.

- An Air Force U-10 utility airplane crashed after hitting a power line while attempting an emergency landing 9 miles east of Bien Hoa. The falling aircraft struck a civilian bus, killing four Vietnamese civilians and injuring nine others. The pilot was killed, and the aircraft was destroyed.

- B-52s flew 13 missions: 12 miles west of An Loc; 8, 9, and 11 miles west of An Loc; 11 miles SW of Loc Minh; 10 miles SW of Loc Minh; 9 miles WSW of Loc Minh; 9 miles west of Loc Minh; 6 miles east of Katum; 12 miles NE of Xuan Loc.

16 August (Saturday)

- HQ MACV — During the night, 16 significant indirect fire harassing attacks were reported throughout the country, five of which were against U.S. units or installations. Twenty-nine other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following attacks were against U.S. forces or installations:

III MAF:

151830 -- QUANG TIN PROVINCE -- An element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAN Division, in night defense 33 miles south of Da Nang, received about ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no damage or fatalities.

152040 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- A reconnaissance element of the U.S. 1st Marine Division 14 miles west of Da Nang received less than five rounds of an unknown caliber of mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

II FFV:

152027 -- BINH LONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Lai Khe (29 miles north of Saigon) received less than 10 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. No casualties or damage.

160025 -- BINH LONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq 1st Infantry Division at Lai Khe (29 miles north of Saigon) received less than 10 rounds of 107mm rocket fire. No casualties or damage.