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SUMMARY OF  
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GENERAL:

Allied forces achieved notable successes against the enemy during 1966, inflicting heavy personnel and materiel losses on his forces, spoiling his preparations for offensives, forcing him to remain on the move, exacting an increasing toll on his logistical efforts, eliminating the VC infrastructure in areas selected for Revolutionary Development. We have taken the initiative away from the enemy and dealt him some heavy blows. Heavier blows will follow. Any hope that the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese may have had of achieving a military victory is gone.

ENEMY SITUATION:

During 1966, the enemy continued to build-up his forces by recruiting in the South and by infiltrating from the North. During the year he placed increased reliance upon regular troops from North Vietnam. The infiltration from North Vietnam averaged more than 8,000 per month.

During the year the enemy expanded his military structure to include division-size units. It appears that he now has in being, or in the process of formation, nine divisions. Seven of these divisions are North Vietnamese Army. His total strength in the Republic exceeds 280,000.

Many of the enemy's units are understrength because of combat losses, sickness and desertion. He lost at least 50,000 killed during 1966 (55% more than in 1965). More than 20,000 VC or VC sympathizers returned to the Government of Vietnam under the Chieu Hoi Program during the year. This is nearly twice the number during the previous year. Nearly 20,000 weapons were captured from the enemy during the year, and this also is nearly twice the number captured during 1965.

Enemy military activity in RVN during first half 1966 began with the familiar pattern of small unit raids and ambushes, sabotage and interdiction, terrorism and harassment. Beneath this overt activity

the enemy increased his potential for initiating major offensives in various areas. As the enemy endeavored to launch these offensives, allied forces countered his preparations with spoiling attacks. Smaller scale enemy attacks were mounted only in favorable tactical situations against isolated or lightly defended objectives. Having been frustrated in their attempt to mount major spring offensives, the enemy increased interdiction of GVN lines of communication, increased guerrilla activity, and retired his major combat units to remote areas.

The enemy's only notable success in battle occurred in mid-March when an NVA regiment overran the A Shau Special Forces Camp at considerable loss to the attacking NVA regiment.

During May, allied units initiated a series of actions which kept the enemy off-balance. New enemy units were infiltrating from NVN and threatening control of the central highlands through domination of Pleiku Province. Operation HAWTHORNE caused heavy losses within an NVA Regiment and blunted its drive towards Kontum City and Tou Morong. Preparations of three other NVA regiments to drive towards Pleiku City and Duc To Special Forces Camp were stalled by Operations PAUL REVERE and HOOKER. Operation NATHAN HALE completely disrupted the plans of an NVA Regiment in Phu Yen Province.

During July, the 324B NVA Division invaded RVN through the DMZ. Allied forces initiated Operation HASTINGS which resulted in a series of actions with enemy battalions. During the final phase of Operation HASTINGS, the 324B Division broke contact and withdrew to the DMZ area. In August, however, elements of that Division again deployed into Quang Tri Province.

I Force, in late July and early August, enemy activity centered in the western highlands where major units of the 630th NVA Division moved into Pleiku Province. By late August, this division had been dealt severe losses in Operation PAUL REVERE II. In II Force, enemy divisions continued to avoid decisive combat but carried out harassing attacks and reconnoitered potential targets. The 9th VC Division suffered heavy losses 9 July in attempted ambush of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division in Binh Long Province. Major elements of the 5th VC Division remained in Phuoc Tuy Province, but generally avoided contact with allied units on search and destroy operations. In IV CTZ, enemy activity consisted mostly of attacks on outposts and installations, sabotage of bridges and highways and terror acts.

Infiltration of men and materials from NVN to RVN continued. In late September, allied forces contacted the enemy in northern Quang Tri Province from the eastern to the central portion of the province. Contacts continued into October throughout III MAF, but by the end of that month intelligence indicated that elements of the 324B NVA Division had withdrawn to north of the Ben Hai River.

During September, enemy forces in I Force also avoided engaging friendly forces in combat. Enemy activity consisted principally of mortar attacks on installations and district towns. Operations launched against the 610th Division (Operations THAYER and MAENG HO 6) resulted in heavy enemy losses in Binh Dinh Province that month. In October, elements of the 610th Division attempted to exfiltrate the Phu Cat Mountain operational area. During MAENG HO 6, IRVING and DAI BANG 800, more than 2,240 enemy soldiers were killed. These operations thwarted VC/NVA plans for a southwest monsoon offensive.

In II Force, enemy forces continued to avoid decisive combat through October. The 9th VC Division during this period was probably regrouping, training and replacing losses. During the first half of November, elements of this division suffered 966 KIA as a result of friendly probing operations. In IV CTZ, enemy activity remained at the level of small-scale attacks on outposts and installations, sabotage and terrorism. VC preoccupation with internal problems and ARVN military pressure prevented the enemy from undertaking more ambitious actions.

NVA elements were detected moving back into Quang Tri Province south of the DMZ in November. During Operation RIO BLANCO in Quang Ngai Province, contact was made with a VC battalion that month. In I Force, Operation PAUL REVERE IV apparently thwarted VC plans for offensive action in the highland area. In II Force, Operation ATTLEBORO in Tay Ninh Province resulted in heavy losses to the 9th VC Division and 101st NVA Regiment. Enemy casualties totaled 1,106 killed, 44 captured.

In December, enemy activity was largely guerrilla or local force activity. NVA and VC Main Force units avoided contact, but maintained unit integrity and attempted to rebuild and reinforce.

The enemy was hurt in many areas during 1966, and his principal concentrations near sanctuaries at the DMZ, in the Chu Pong Region, and in the Tay Ninh - Binh Long area were contained by allied preemptive operations which inflicted heavy losses. However, the enemy strength increased during 1966 (by some 42,000 men) indicating that he has been more than able to replace losses by infiltration and by conscription.

The enemy has been kept on the defensive and prevented from winning a significant military victory which he badly needs, politically and psychologically. The cost of the conflict increased sharply for the enemy during the year just ended.

## GROUND OPERATIONS

In III MAF, Operation HASTINGS, and its successor, Operation PRAIRIE, in Quang Tri Province, were particularly significant. They scattered the 324B NVA Division and continued to frustrate enemy plans for military success in that region after massive infiltration across the DMZ during May and June. The same can be said of Operations Macon, ALLEGHENY and COLORADO, and of the hundreds of small unit actions and patrols on the plains and hills around Hue, Da Nang, Chu Lai and Quang Ngai. Conversely, Operation GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1 was primarily a rice harvest protection operation which enabled Vietnamese farmers to harvest over 7,500 tons of rice, which, without protection, would have been claimed by VC.

In the I Force area of the Coastal Plains and Central Highlands, there were numerous significant allied operations. The most outstanding of the year started with coordinated operations MASHER (later named WHITE WING) and THAN PHONG II in January. These operations accounted for over 1,700 enemy killed in Binh Dinh and Quang Ngai Provinces and part of War Zone "D". Concurrently, Operation VAN BUREN in Phu Yen Province doubled as a rice harvest protection operation wherein over 30,000 tons of rice was gathered by local farmers while friendly forces killed 650 enemy. Operations DAVY CROCKETT and CRAZY HORSE followed in Binh Dinh Province as S&D operations. Operation LINCOLN was a very successful S&D operation in southern Pleiku and northern Darlac Provinces during April. PAUL REVERE operations in Pleiku and Kontum Provinces gained momentum during the late summer and early autumn, frustrating enemy attempts to assemble in large force in those areas and inflicting heavy losses on the NVA 1st (630th) Division as it moved to and from sanctuary. Other operations in the I Force area such as HAWTHORNE and NATHAN HALE produced large numbers of enemy killed. SUBOK, JOHN PAUL JONES and SEWARD helped clear and secure the roads and waterways from Vung Ro Bay north to Tuy Hoa and Qui Nhon. MAENG HO 6, DIA BANG 800 and IRVING made possible the extension of secure areas north through the Phu Cat mountains to the southern edge of the Siem Giang Valley and the Hung Lac Peninsula in Binh Dinh Province. THAYER in the Bong Son Mountains of Binh Dinh Province is carrying search and destroy operations to the north and west in furtherance of the campaign against the NVA 3 (610th) Division started earlier in the year.

In II Force, BIRMINGHAM penetrated part of War Zone "C" in Tay Ninh Province during April. The operation resulted in destruction of many base camps and structures, capture 1300 tons rice and interdiction of one exit of the Ho Chi Minh Trail. EL PASO II in Binh Long Province had notable success with over 850 enemy killed when it terminated in mid-July. ATTLEBORO produced significant contact in November, with the 9th VC Division and 101st NVA Regiment, and developed into the first U.S. corps-controlled operation in RVN. The enemy took heavy losses in both men and materiel.

The operation penetrated and cleared parts of War Zone "C" which had been Communist dominated for over 20 years.

Not so apparent, but equally important, were the results of operations TOLEDO, HOBART, SMITHFIELD, and others. TOLEDO caused few enemy casualties, but diminished enemy support capability in terms of destroyed fortifications, captured supplies and weapons. SMITHFIELD resulted in 245 enemy killed in a smashing Australian victory in just one afternoon in Phuoc Tuy Province. Operations like HOBART countered the VC infrastructure in central Phuoc Tuy Province.

Two other operations in the II Force area portend the nature of operations in 1967. These two are BATON ROUGE and LANIKAI. BATON ROUGE was a battalion-size operation in the Rung Sat Special Zone. Its contributions to GAME WARDEN in that area and the added security provided the Long Tao River Channel to Saigon have validated this support of ARVN forces.

LANIKAI is a battalion operation with a multiple mission - search and destroy against VC forces, interdiction of VC traffic, support of local forces and support of Revolutionary Development. LANIKAI proved that U.S. Forces can operate effectively under conditions imposed by Delta geography without upsetting the local order of things. It marks a positive step in a plan to place more emphasis on support of Revolutionary Development.

In the Delta, the enemy has elected to operate primarily in company or platoon strength. Because of this, there have been few major operations there, in terms of enemy killed and materiel captured or destroyed in single operations. CUU LONG 15, in Kien Tuong Province during March, was significant in that over 200 enemy were killed. DAN CHI 219C during April in Chuong Thien Province produced nearly 250 enemy killed. In May, DAN CHI 227 in An Xuyen Province accounted for over 200 enemy killed. DAN CHI 261, in An Xuyen Province and Bac Lieu Province during September, resulted in nearly 500 enemy killed, large amounts of weapons and munitions captured. The impetus was followed up by DAN CHI 263 in Ba Xuyen Province and CUU LONG 22 in Dinh Tuong Province during October wherein combined enemy casualties totaled nearly 300.

The importance of these and smaller operations in the Delta area by the RVNAF cannot be overstressed. Most of the rice produced in this country is produced in the Delta. Similarly, about five and one-half million of the country's approximately 16½ million people live in the area. These operations protect the food producing areas and large numbers of the populace.

Search and destroy operations and spoiling attacks against enemy base camps and marshalling areas have frustrated his battle plans, particularly his hopes for a successful offensive. The enemy has not scored a single major victory since last March when he overran the A Shau Special Forces Camp. GVN, Free World and U.S. Forces control the

battlefield and continue to maintain the initiative.

But even more significantly, the GVN and allied military forces in Vietnam have established the overall national level of security required for the conduct of Revolutionary Development - a program which will have major emphasis in 1967. Battles make the headlines, but real progress in this war will be measured by the success of the total effort to free the Vietnamese people from the spectre of violent death, terror, domination, harassment, coercion and the denial of self-determination by the Viet Cong and NVA.

## AIR OPERATIONS

1966 was the year of build-up for air power in Southeast Asia. In North and South Vietnam, the air war damaged the enemy's ability to function effectively and complemented ground efforts in arresting his aggression.

The Air Force added nine new squadrons and a new air field at Tuy Hoa to the in-country capability, and more than doubled tactical reconnaissance activity.

The growing airlift requirements have been met. The 834th Air Division was activated to handle airlift in the Republic. The new airlift request system provides flexibility in airlift equal to that of the tactical air strike system.

U.S. tactical fighters have had an all-weather capability since 1 May 1966. Using radar bombing techniques, enemy targets are struck accurately regardless of weather.

FAC pilots constantly look for signs of enemy activity. From over 100 airfields in the Republic, the range of air power is brought to bear on the enemy.

B-52's doubled the number of sorties flown and have shifted emphasis increasingly to a direct support role. Tied directly into the ground commander's plan, the great weight of ordnance delivered by these aircraft can clear large areas of enemy troops. The raids have been followed up with ground sweeps. Use of this essentially strategic weapon in a tactical role is a significant development which is saving many ground soldiers' lives.

At night, AC-47s and flareships respond to the enemy's attacks. Their response to a call for help is immediate and effective.

The growing success of the Chieu Hoi returnee program is related to the increased effectiveness of the psy war effort being conducted by the loud-speaker and leaflet campaigns over enemy positions.

U.S. strike forces are fully capable of supporting ground actions anywhere in the Republic, and the capability is growing. Air support leaves the enemy little opportunity to stop, rest or establish base camps and staging areas from which to attack.

Air action has been instituted in and just north of the DMZ to stop NVA build-up and infiltration.

Air Force, Navy and Marine aircraft hammered the 324B NVA Division which attempted to wrest control of Quang Tri Province. The ground-air team thwarted the enemy's offensive plans in this area.

In and just north of the DMZ, air strikes touched off 1,433 secondary explosions, destroyed or damaged 140 trucks and 126 AAA or automatic weapons sites since 20 July. The enemy's storage and staging areas have been under constant air bombardment which destroyed materiel and seriously damaged his ability to launch and sustain an offensive.

U.S. air strikes in North Vietnam have made this war costly for the enemy. Although we have limited these strikes to military targets, the strikes have cost the North Vietnamese in money, equipment and manpower.

The best measure of the effectiveness of the bombing is the intensified propaganda campaign they have launched to get the bombing stopped.

There is no question about the requirement for continued bombing of military targets in North Vietnam. The interdiction campaign has destroyed great quantities of materiel heading toward South Vietnam which would eventually be used against our troops. The destruction of this materiel in North Vietnam helps to prevent US and Free World casualties in South Vietnam.



### NAVAL OPERATIONS

(Market Time - Game Warden)

Game Warden operations were initiated in the Rung Sat Special Zone in early April of 1966. In late April other elements were deployed to the Delta (My Tho - Vinh Long - Can Tho - Sa Dec - Chau Doc). All programmed PBR's (120) have arrived and are operational. This program has been effective in disrupting enemy infiltration and resupply routes in the Rung Sat Special Zone and along the main waterways of the Delta (Co Chien - Mekong - Bassac). Experience gained by PBR crews and Naval Advisors to Vietnamese River Assault Groups (RAG's) is invaluable.

### NAVAL OPERATIONS

(Naval Gunfire North)

In October (25th), 1966, a surveillance of the lower coast of North Vietnam was initiated using U.S. Seventh Fleet destroyers. Watercraft traffic in the area under surveillance has become insignificant, except for the two short truce periods when a large number of craft were observed moving supplies and men south. In a little over two months of operation the patrol has accounted for 267 watercraft destroyed and 290 damaged.

## LOGISTICS

Great progress has been made during the past year in improving our logistics posture. As one example, the short tons of cargo moved into RVN (390,000 during December 1965) increased to 600,000 during December 1966. The average waiting time for an unloading berth in December 1965 was more than 10 days. Now it is two days. Thirty percent more of the road net is open to daily traffic now than at this time last year.

At the end of 1965 there were three jet capable airfields in-country. We now have nine. At the end of 1965 there were 15 airfields that were C-130 capable. Now there are 73.

A year ago there were two deep draft ports and five shallow draft ports. Now there are five and seven respectively. During the year, through-put capacity for all ports increased from 375,000 short tons to more than 970,000 short tons. POL capacity increased from 780,000 barrels to 2 million barrels. Square feet of storage for ammunition increased from 550,000 to over 2½ million. Square feet of covered storage increased from 1½ million to 2,700,000.

A year ago we handled 51,000 line items in our supply system. We are now handling 182,000 line items.

Our logistics base is now well developed and fully effective in supporting our operational requirements.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR OPERATIONS 1966

Following is the basic reference data for the major U.S. and Free World ground operations of 1966 referred to in this review.

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OPERATION

DATA

VAN BUREN

Conducted 19 Jan - 21 Feb in I FFV in Phu Yen Province by 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div and 2d ROK Mar Bde. Bde-size opn. Results: 679 enemy killed, 49 captured. Frd cas: lt.

MASHIEE

Conducted 24 Jan - 4 Feb in I FFV in Binh Dinh Province by 3d Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM) and Cap ROK Inf Div. Bde+ size opn. Results: 697 enemy killed, 131 captured. Frd cas: lt.

WHITE WING

Conducted 4 Feb - 6 Mar in I FFV in Binh Dinh Province by 3d Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM) and Cap ROK Inf Div. Bde+ size opn. Results: 1,047 enemy killed, 445 captured. Frd cas: lt.

LINCOLN

Conducted 25 Mar - 8 Apr in I FFV in Pleiku Province by 1st Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM) and 3d Bde Task Force, 25th Inf Div. Results: 453 killed, 12 captured. Frd cas: lt.

SU BOK

Conducted 26 Mar - 22 Sept in I FFV in Binh Dinh Province by 1st Regt, Cap ROK Inf Div. Results: 299 enemy killed, 33 captured. Frd cas: lt. Bnt+ size opn.

BIRMINGHAM

Conducted 24 Apr - 17 May in II FFV in Tay Ninh Province by 1st Inf Div. Bde+ size opn. Results: 119 enemy killed, 28 captured. Frd cas: lt.

DAVY CROCKETT

Conducted 4 May - 16 May in I FFV in Binh Dinh Province by 3d Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM). Bde size opn. Results: 374 enemy killed, 82 captured. Frd cas: lt.

CRAZY HORSE

Conducted 16 May - 5 Jun in I FFV in Binh Dinh Province by 1st Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM) - Cap ROK Inf Div. Results: 478 enemy killed, 27 captured. Frd cas: lt.

EL PASO II

Conducted 2 Jun - 13 Jun in II FFV in Binh Long Province by 1st & 3d Bdes, 1st Inf Div. Bde+ size opn. Results: 855 enemy killed, 37 captured. Frd cas: lt.

PAUL REVERE I

Conducted 10 May - 31 July in I FFV in Pleiku Province by 3d Bde, 25th Inf Div. Bde size opn. Results: 546 enemy killed, 68 captured. Frd cas: mod.

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HAWTHORNE

Conducted 3 Jun - 20 Jun in I FFV in Kontum Province by 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div. Bn+ size opn. Results: 531 enemy killed, 22 captured. Frd cas: lt.

NATHAN HALE

Conducted 19 Jun - 1 Jul in I FFV in Phu Yen Province by 1st and 3d Bdes, 1st Cav Div (AM). Bde size opn. Results: 459 enemy killed, 36 captured. Frd cas: lt.

MACON

Conducted 4 Jul - 28 Oct in III MAF in Thua Thien Province and Quang Nam Province by 9th Mar. Bn size opn. Results: 507 enemy killed, 5 captured. Frd cas: mod.

HASTINGS

Conducted 7 Jul - 3 Aug in III MAF in Quang Tri Province by Task Force Delta. Bde size opn. Results: 882 enemy killed, 15 captured. Frd cas: mod.

JOHN PAUL JONES

Conducted 21 Jul - 5 Sep in I FFV in Phu Yen Province by 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div and 2d ROK Mar Bde. Bn+ size opn. Results: 262 enemy killed, 39 captured. Frd cas: lt.

HOBART I

Conducted 24 Jul - 28 Jul in II FFV in Phuoc Tuy Province by 6th RAR, 1st Aust Task Force. Bn size opn. Results: 8 enemy killed, Frd cas: lt.

PAUL REVERE II

Conducted 1 Aug - 25 Aug in I FFV in Pleiku Province by 1st Cav Div (AM) and 3d Bde, 25th Inf Div and 3d Bn, Cav Regt, Cap ROK Inf Div. Bde+ size opn. Results: 809 enemy killed, 104 captured. Frd cas: lt.

PRAIRIE

Conducted 3 Aug - (cont) in III MAF, Quang Tri Province by III MAF units. Bde size opn. Results: continuing.

COLORADO

Conducted 6 Aug - 22 Aug in III MAF in Quang Nam and Quang Tin Provinces by 5th Mar. Bn+ size opn. Results: 170 enemy killed, 13 captured. Frd cas: lt.

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TOLEDO Conducted 10 Aug - 7 Sep in II FFV in Binh Tuy, Long Khanh and Phuoc Tuy Province by 173d Abn Bde (Sep) and 1st Aust Task Force, Bde size opn. Results: 7 enemy killed, 2 captured. Frd cas: lt.

SMITHFIELD Conducted 18 Aug - 21 Aug in II FFV in Phuoc Tuy Province by 1st Aust Task Force. Bnt size opn. Results: 245 enemy killed, 3 captured. Frd cas: lt.

ALLEGHENY Conducted 20 Aug - 29 Aug in III MAF in Quang Nam Province by 3d Mar. Bn size opn. Results: 113 enemy killed, Frd cas: mod.

PAUL REVERE III Conducted 26 Aug - 18 Oct in I FFV in Pleiku Province by 3d Bde, 25th Inf Div and 2d Bde, 4th Inf Div. Bde size opn. Results: 36 enemy killed, 20 captured. Frd cas: lt.

BATON ROUGE Conducted 4 Sept - 8 Oct in II FFV in Bien Hoa Province by 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div. Bn size opn. Results: 59 enemy killed. Frd cas: lt.

SEWARD Conducted 5 Sept - 25 Oct in I FFV in Phu Yen Province by 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div. Bde size opn. Results: 239 enemy killed, 34 captured. Frd cas: lt.

THAYER I Conducted 13 Sept - 23 Oct in I FFV in Binh Dinh Province by 1st & 2d Bdes, 1st Cav Div (AM). Bde+ size opn. Results: 230 enemy killed, 66 captured. Frd cas: lt.

LANIKAI Conducted 14 Sept - (cont) in II FFV in Long An Province by 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div. Bn size opn. Results: continuing.

GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1 Conducted 17 Sept - 27 Sep in III MAF in Quang Ngai Province by 7th Marines. Bn size opn. Results: 244 enemy killed, 1 captured. Frd cas: lt.

MAENG HO 6 Conducted 23 Sept - 9 Nov in I FFV in Binh Dinh Province by 1st & 26th Regts, Cap ROK Inf Div. Bnt size opn. Results: 1,161 enemy killed, 518 captured. Frd cas: lt.

IRVING Conducted 2 Oct - 24 Oct in I FFV in Binh Dinh Province by 1st Cav Div (AM), 1st & 3d Bdes. Bde+ size opn. Results: 681 enemy killed, 690 captured. Frd cas: lt.

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ATTLEBORO

Conducted 15 Oct - 25 Nov in II FFV in Tay Ninh Province and Binh Duong Province by II FFV. Bde+ size opn. Results: 1,106 enemy killed, 44 captured. Frd cas: lt.

PAUL REVERE IV

Conducted 18 Oct - 31 Dec in I FFV in Pleiku Province by 3d Bde, 25th Inf Div, 2d Bde, 4th Inf Div and 2d Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM). Bde+ size opn. Results: 977 enemy killed, 90 captured. Frd cas: lt.

THAYER II

Conducted 25 Oct - cont in I FFV in Binh Dinh Province by Div troops and 3d Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM). Bde+ size opn. Results: continuing.

CHRONOLOGY 1966

JAN

- 1 - MARAUDER. Initiated in Hau Nghia Province by 173d Abn Bde and 1/RAR.
  - JEFFERSON. Initiated in Phu Yen Province by ROK and ARVN forces.
- 2 - En bombed 5th Special Forces Headquarters at Nha Trang.
- 4 - First confirmed en use of 120mm mortars in RVN during mortar attack on Khe Sanh Special Forces Camp in Quang Tri Province. 25-75 rounds of 120mm mortar fired.
  - JEFFERSON. Frd forces used riot control agents.
- 5 - First elements (advance party) of 2d Bde 25th Inf Div arrived in RVN.
- 6-7 - VC detonated claymore at Tan Son Nhut main gate killing 2 persons and injuring 12.
- 8 - CRIMP. Initiated in Hau Nghia and Binh Duong Provinces by 1/RAR and 1st Inf Div units.
  - Two VC junks were beached and ammunition recovered after fire-fight off Go Cong Province.
- 9 - FLYING TIGER VI - Initiated in Binh Dinh Province by Cap ROK Inf Div units.
- 10 - First C-130 cargo drop in RVN (USSF camp near Dalat).
- 12 - Terrorists bombed NCO Club at Da Nang.
  - BUCKSKIN. Initiated in Hau Nghia Province by 1st Inf Div units.
- 14 - USN Swift boats moved from An Thoi to Da Nang.
- 16 - JEFFERSON. Term in Phu Yen Province. Final results: 391 EK, 14 EC Frd cas lt.
- 17 - Elements of 1st Mar Rgt arrived in RVN from Okinawa. Landed at Chu Lai.
  - Main body 2d Bde 25th Inf Div arrived in RVN. Landed at Vung Tao. Positioned at Bien Hoa.
  - VV overran CIDG outpost at Bien Niep in Long An Province. Frd cas hvy.

JAN

- 19 - VAN BUREN. Initiated in Phu Yen Province by 1st Bde 101st Abn Div and 2d ROK Iar Bde. Rice harvest security opn.
  - VC bombed military billet at Can Tho.
- 20 - US other Free World and RVN forces undertook 84-hour cease-fire over the Lunar New Year (TET) holiday. Stand down commenced 1200H. En initiated incidents of violation of the cease-fire totalled 106 (77 against US and Free world forces and 29 against RVNAF units).
- 21 - USAF helicopter, USS NICHOLAS, and VN units rescued crew of grounded Panamanian merchant ship BRIGHT STAR grounded near Chu Lai.
  - VAN BUREN. Term in Phu Yen Province. Final results: 679 EK, 49 EC. Frd cas lt.
- 22 - Terrorists bombed army billet in Saigon.
- 24 - End of TET stand down. (1800H)
  - MASHER - Initiated near Bong Son in Binh Dinh Province by 3d Bde 1st Cav Div (AM) and bn of Cap ROK Inf Div.
- 25 - VC attacked Da Nang airfield and nearby I Corps Headquarters with 120mm mortars inflicting minor damage and lt cas.
  - USAF C-123 crashed near An Khe. All 46 aboard killed. Worst air crash in RVN to date involving US troops.
- 28 - DOUBLE EAGLE I. Initiated in Quang Ngai Province by U.S. Marines.
- 31 - U.S. aircraft resumed bombing in NVN after 37-day lull.
  - VC detonated two charges at US BEQ in Dalat. 1 US killed, 10 US wounded, 1 US missing, 1 VN wounded.

FEB

- 3 - USS BRINKLEY BASS and USS WADDELL received NVN shore battery fire during effort rescue downed pilot. No damage.
- 4 - MASHER/WHITE WING. MASHER entered second phase and re-named WHITE WING. Final results MASHER: 697 EK 131 EC. Frd cas lt.
- 5 - Terrorist detonated claymore in bar in Vinh Long City. 7 killed (2 US 5 VN) and 16 wounded (6 US 10 VN). 1 VC killed and 2 suspects detained.



FEB

- 7 - Formal commencement of television in RVN.
- 13 - Number of USN Swift boats in RVN reached 22.
- 14 - MARKET TIME. USN Swift boat sunk by VC controlled mine 15 miles NW of Rach Gia off Kien Giang Province. 4 USN killed 2 USN wounded.
- 15 - B-52s struck major en command center in Tay Ninh Province.
- 17 - DOUBLE EAGLE: Phase I term.
- 19 - DOUBLE EAGLE I. Term in Quang Ngai Province. Final results; 312 EK 19 EC. Frd cas lt.
- 20 - En mortared 1st Cav Div (AM) base camp at An Khe. Lt frd cas and lt aircraft damage. 7 VCK.
- 23 - 9 USCG cutters arrived in RVN bringing total to 26.
- 28 - DOD a/c loss figures: (Fx-Wg) NVN 180 RVN 89 (all DOD a/c losses cumulative from 5Aug64 for NVN and 1Jan61 for RVN).

MAR

- 4 - Seaplane tender USS SALISBURY SOUND arrived at Cam Ranh Bay with squadron of seaplanes.
  - UTAH. Initiated in Quang Ngai Province by Task Force D (USMC).
  - MIGs attacked US a/c over NVN. First MIG attack since resumption of strikes on NVN.
- 6 - WHITE WING. Term in Binh Dinh Province. Final results: 1,047 EK 445 EC 226 TW 28 C/S. Frd cas lt.
- 7 - SILVER CITY. Initiated along Song Be River in Binh Duong and Long Khanh Provincial border area by 1st Bde 1st Inf Div, 173d Abn Bde and 1/RAR.
- 8 - UTAH. Term in Quang Ngai Province. Final results: 358 EK 4 EC. Frd cas lt.
- 9 - Est NVA Regt attacked A Shau Special Forces Camp in Thua Thien Province. Three days hvy fighting.
  - USCG cutter POINT WHITE intercepted, rammed, and sank 25-foot VC motor junk in Rung Sat Special Zone near mouth of Vam Sat River. 7 VCK 4 VCC.

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- 10 - USN units began river mine-sweeping operations in RVN.
- 11 - Frd forces evacuated A Shau Special Forces Camp in Thua Thien Province. Results of three-day battle: Frd cas hvy. En losses unk.
  - Terrorists threw grenade into US Army truck in Saigon injuring 4 US and 3 VN.
- 12 - Maj Gen John C. F. Tillson, USA, named ACoFS J-3 replacing Brig Gen Wm E. Du Puy, USA, who took command 1st Inf Div.
- 13 - En mortared Vung Tau airfield.
- 14 - First USAF squadron arrived at newly activated Phan Rang airbase.
  - USAF F-4 downed by ground fire Hon Me Island 30 miles SSE Thanh Hoa NVN. During rescue effort, HU-16 Albatross seaplane hit by NVN shore fire and sunk. USS BERKELEY and USS ISBELL took shore positions under fire while USN hcptrs rescued 6 of the total 8 USAF personnel from the 2 a/c.
- 15 - Field Force Vietnam redesignated I Field Force Vietnam. Remained at Nha Trang under Maj. Gen. Stanley R. Larsen, USA. II Field Force Vietnam activated at Bien Hoa under Maj Gen Jonathan O. Seaman, USA.
- 19 - TEXAS. Initiated in Quang Ngai Province by 1st Mar Div units to assist ARVN recapture of An Hoa outpost from VC main force units.
- 21 - First 11 USN PBRs arrived in RVN.
- 23 - MAENG HO 5. Initiated in Binh Dinh Province by Cap ROK Inf Div units.
  - SILVER CITY. Term in Long Khanh and Binh Long Provinces. Final results: 336 EK 1 EC.
- 24 - USCG cutter Point Cypress sank VC junk at mouth of Soi Rap River.
- 25 - LINCOLN. Initiated in Pleiku, Darlac and Phu Bon Provinces by 1st Cav Div (AM) and 3d Bde 25th Inf Div.
  - FILLMORE. Initiated.
  - JACK STAY. Initiated. Southernmost large scale employment of US units to date.
- 26 - JACK STAY. US Marines of the Special Landing Force conducted amphibious assault on Long Thanh Peninsula in Rung Sat Special Zone.

MAR

- 26 - JACK STAY. 9 USCG cutters and 6 Swift boats participated in JACK STAY. TF 115 "river flotilla" acted as blocking force with command center aboard USS BELLE GROVE (LSM-2).
  - SU BOK. Initiated in Binh Dinh Province by Cap ROK Inf Div.
- 27 - MAENG HO 5. Term in Binh Dinh Province. Final results: 349 EK 281 EC. Frd cas lt.
  - DOD a/c loss figures: (Ex-Wg) NVN 201 RVN 98.
- 29 - Hqs 1st Mar Div established Chu Lai relieving 3d Mar Div of Chu Lai TAOR.

APR

- 1 - 2d Air Div was redesignated as 7th Air Force. The command continued as USAF component USMACV.
  - US Naval Forces, Vietnam (COMNAVFORV) was established to exercise operational control of US Naval Forces in RVN as naval component USMACV.
  - USARV Signal Bde, USASTRATCOM Signal Bde SEA activated.
  - Hqs Area Command activated to assume support functions formerly performed by HEDSUPPACT.
  - Hqs 25th Inf Div closed RVN.
  - At 0510H, VC detonated est 450 pounds explosives at entrance Victoria BOQ in Saigon/Cholon. First three floors extensively damaged, upper floors and surrounding buildings mod damage. Frd cas 6 killed (3 US 3 VN) 116 wounded (107 US 3 AUS 6 VN).
- 2 - Some US vehicles damaged in wave of Saigon demonstrations.
- 4 - US dependents evacuated from Dalat where demonstrators burned radio station and clashed with police. US jeep burned in continued Saigon demonstrations. Martial law declared in Nha Trang. Hue demonstrators threaten US installations.
  - Converted seaplane tender USS CORPUS CHRISTI BAY arrived Cam Ranh Bay to provide floating aviation maintenance facility for US Army helicopters.
- 8 - LINCOLN. Term in Pleiku, Darlac and Phu Bon Provinces. Final results: 453 EK 12 EC. Frd cas lt.
- 10 - USN introduced river patrol boats (PBRs) into service in RVN.
- 12 - B-52s struck in NVN for first time. They struck Yu Gia Pass.
- Mid Apr - US strength in RVN exceeded 240,000, making USMACV the second largest command of the US armed forces outside the continental US. Of this number, 146,000 were US Army, 48,600 US Marine Corps, 32,000 US Air Force and 12,600 US Navy. Only the US European Command with a strength in excess of 300,000 was larger.

APR:

- 13 - En shelled Tan Son Nhut Airbase with about 157 rounds of 82mm mortar / 75mm RR fire inflicting lt cas and mod materiel damage.
- 16 - First elements ROK 26th RCT arrived in RVN. Landed at Qui Nhon. Assigned in II Corps area.
  - Capt. C. L. Stewart assumed command of CTF 115.
- 17 - USAF aircraft hit SAM sites 15 and 17 miles from Hanoi in closest strikes to Hanoi to date.
  - USAF pilots cut Phu Ly RR bridge 35 miles south of Hanoi.
  - USN pilots cut Hai Duong bridge 21 miles NW of Haiphong.
- 18 - USN pilots again struck the Uong Bi thermal power plant 14 miles NNE of Haiphong. It was previously hit Dec 1965.
- 19 - Rear Admiral Norwell G. Ward, USN, assumed command as COMNAVFORV and Naval Component Commander.
- 20 - Est 15 VC penetrated An Khe airfield inflicting lt aircraft damage with satchel charges.
  - First elements Royal Australian Army Task Force arrived in RVN.
  - DOD a/c loss figures: (F-4) NVN 215 RVN 102.
- 22 - VC mortared and infiltrated New Pleiku airfield causing lt cas and damage.
- 23 - MIG-21s engaged US aircraft for first time in the conflict, unsuccessfully attacking a mission support aircraft during F-105 strike against the Bac Giang railroad bridge 25 miles NE of Hanoi. F-4C escort aircraft countered the 2 MIG-21s and 8 MIG-17s. USAF pilots downed 2 of the MIG-17s.
- 26 - USAF F-4C pilots over NVN shot down the first MIG-21 to be shot down in this conflict. The MIG was downed in a brief engagement involving 2 F-4Cs and 2 MIG-21s 65 miles NNW of Hanoi. The MIG was downed by a sidewinder missile. The F-4Cs were undamaged. The MIG pilot ejected.
- 27 - B-52s struck for the second time in NVN. The strike was again on Mu Gia Pass.
- 29 - USAF F-4 pilots shot down two MIG-17s.

APR

- 29 - 1st Bde 25th Inf Div arrived in RVN, completing the deployment of the 25th Inf Div. Landed at Vung Tau.
- 30 - USAF F-4 pilot shot down MIG-17.

MAY

- 2 - First three USN patrol air cushion vehicles (PACV) arrived in RVN.
- 3 - Maj. Gen. K. MacKay assumed command of Australian Forces, Vietnam.
- 4 - DAVY CROCKETT. Initiated in Binh Dinh Province by 3d Bde 1st Cav Div (AM) and ARVN units.
- 5 - B-52s struck in support of BIRMINGHAM.
- 6 - Maj. Gen Norton assumed command of 1st Cav Div (AM).
- 10 - PAUL REVERE I. Initiated in Fleiku Province by 3d Bde 25th Inf Div.
  - A 120-foot steel-hulled en trawler was detected, attacked and heavily damaged by Coast Guard cutter POINT GREY and US and VNAF planes along E coast of Ca Mau Peninsula. Salvage operations yield 15 tons of weapons and ammunition manufactured in Communist China in 1965, movie projectors, film, and other propaganda material.
  - In confused firing after VC detonated mine near Brink BOQ in Saigon, 5 VN civilians killed, 21 VN wounded and 8 US wounded.
- 11 - USN jets struck SAM site 10 miles from Haiphong, the closest strike to Haiphong to date.
  - DOD a/c loss figures: (Ex-Wg) NVN 243 RVN 104.
- 12 - USAF F-4 downed MIG.
  - III MAF. Major action. 175 EK.
- 16 - DAVY CROCKETT. Term in Binh Dinh Province. Final results: 374 EK \$2 EC. Frd cas lt.
  - CRAZY HORSE/BUN KHE 66-7. Initiated in Binh Dinh Province by 1st Bde 1st Cav Div (AM) and Cap ROK Inf Div.
- 17 - HSAS officially disestablished and the Naval Support Activity Saigon simultaneously established under Captain H. T. King to provide support to US Naval Forces in II, III and IV CTZs and coastal waters.
  - Air sorties flown at termination of BIRMINGHAM 1196.

MAY

- 18 - VC attacked Soc Trang airfield in Ba Xuyen Province.
- 23 - USN Swift boat sunk by en recoilless rifle fire in RSSZ.
- 30-31 - US pilots attacked Yen Bay facilities in NVN. This was the largest strike against a single target in NVN to date. Two US planes were downed by ground fire.

JUN

- 1 - Struggle force mobs in Hue sacked and burned US Consulate and several residences and seized a large number of weapons. US Army aircraft evacuated to Phu Bai. US personnel confined to Hue MACV compound.
- 2 - EL PASO II. Initiated in Binh Long Province by 1st and 3d Bde 1st Inf Div.
  - DOD a/c loss figures (Ex-Wg) NVN 255 RVN 106.
- 3 - HAWTHORNE. Initiated in Kontum Province by 1st Bde 101st Abn Div.
- 5 - 1st ATF became operational under II FFV.
  - CRAZY HORSE/ BUN KHE 66-7. Term in Binh Dinh Province. Final results: 478 EK 27 EC. Frd cas lt.
- 6 - En attacked An Khe airfield.
- 9 - Buddhist altars halted US and ARVN troop movement through Hue.
- 11 - USMC jets killed 79 en.
  - B-52s struck in support of HAWTHORNE.
- 12 - EL PASO. Day's results: 93 EK.
  - USN F-8 downed MIG-17.
- 13 - B-52s struck in support of HAWTHORNE.
- 14 - USN F-4B engaged enemy a/c to NE of Thanh Hoa in night encounter. One enemy a/c probably destroyed.
- 15 - COMUSMACV departed for Hawaii conference with CINCPAC.
- 16 - USMC recon plat held off en bn.
- 18 - USCG cutters engaged 3 en junks.

JUN

- 19 - USMC co thwarted an attempt to blow-up ESSO fuel tanks.
  - NATHAN HALE. Initiated in Phu Yen Province by 1st and 3d Bdes 1st Cav Div (AM).
- 20 - HAWTHORNE. Term in Kontum Province. Final results: 531 EK 22 EC.
  - MARKET TIME. USCGC POINT LEAGUE shadowed and forced 100-foot en trawler aground near mouth of Co Chien River in Vinh Binh Province. Trawler was captured intact with 100 tons cargo including more than 2,300 weapons, many of 1966 CHICOM manufacture.
- 21 - USN F-8 downed by MIG-17.
  - USN F-8 shot down MIG-17.
- 22 - En attacked Soc Trang airfield for 6th time in 9 month period. Attacked with est 20 rounds 75mm RR fire. Frd cas lt.
- 23 - USMC co was helilifted into former A Shau Special Forces camp and destroyed large en ammunition cache there.
- 29 - USAF and USN a/c struck the POL facilities 3 1/2 miles NE of Hanoi (USAF) and 2 1/2 miles WNW of Haiphong (USN) for the first time. Inflicted hvy damage. 4 MIG-17s encountered and 1 probably destroyed by USAF F-105s. No SAMs sighted.
  - USN pilots struck Do Son POL facility 10 miles SSE of Haiphong.
- 30 - USAF pilots hit Viet Tri and Nguyen Khe POL in NVN.
  - USN pilots hit Bac Giang POL and Kep radar in NVN.

JUL

- 1 - Flight of F-100s attempted jettison ordnance in ordnance jettison area. Ordnance hung up and hit village of Tan Nyen near Bien Hoa killing five civ and wounding 43 civ.
  - NATHAN HALE. Term in Phu Yen Province. Final results: 459 EK 36 EC. Frd cas lt.
  - USN PBR captured en sampan two miles E of My Tho. 5 EK.
  - First USAF medical evacuation flight from RVN direct to US was made by C-141 with 60 patients aboard from Tan Son Nhut to Travis Air Force Base, Calif.
  - USN sank 3 NVN PT boats in Tonkin Gulf and picked up 19 of the PT crewmen.

JUL

- 1 - 5 US a/c down over NVN.
- 2 - EL PASO II. Hvy contact. 78 EK.
  - Est two en cos attacked Plei Djereng Special Force Camp. Lt frd cas.
  - US military personnel cas in Vietnam cumulative from 1 Jan 1961: 4,129 dead; 22,791 wounded; 267 missing or captured.
- 3 - PAUL REVERE I. Hvy contact between 25th Inf Div co and est two en cos.
  - USAF F-4Cs and B-57s hit two 20-truck convoys near Dong Hoi destroying 29 trucks, causing 22 secondary explosions, and leaving 31 fires burning.
- 4 - III MAF. Mar units in battle near Thu Bon River 17 miles SW of Da Nang in Quang Nam Province. 60 EK.
  - MACON. Initiated in Thua Thien and Quang Nam Provinces by 3d Mar Div.
  - USMC jets attacked bn-size force near Tra Bong River SW of Chu Lai. 45 EK.
- 5 - US pilots over NVN reported 29 SAMs fired at them during the day, the highest number reported for any previous day.
- 7 - USN jets attacked 4 NVN PT boats near Hon Gay Island 30 miles ESE of Haiphong. The strike sank 2 boats, heavily damaged the 3rd boat, left the 4th boat beached and burning.
  - USN A-4s and F-8s struck the Haiphong POL storage area two miles NW of Haiphong. Pilots reported four POL tanks destroyed, four probably destroyed, two pump houses destroyed, and a secondary explosion with a 1,000-foot fireball and heavy black smoke visible from 80 miles.
  - DOD a/c loss figures: (Ex-Wg) NVN 286 RVN 110 (Hcptr) NVN 3 RVN 176.
  - Two MIG-21s using missiles attacked flight of F-105s near Hanoi. No damage.
  - USMC A-4s hit en co position destroying three .50 caliber machine guns and ten anti-aircraft positions.
  - HASTINGS. Initiated in Quang Tri Province. Conducted by Task Force D (USMC).
- 8 - En attacked Binh Tuy airfield in Phuong Dinh Province with 40 rounds 75mm RR fire shortly after midnight. Lt cas. Lt equipment and structure damage.



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- 9 - EL PASO II. Hvy contact between 1st Inf Div units and est reinf VC regt. 238 EK.
- Two USN Swift boats approached junk 40 miles N of Qui Nhon and recd fire. They returned fire capsizing the junk and capturing 8 VC, 1 rifle and 4 bayonets.
- 10 - Two USMC A-4s from Chu Lai sank armed motorized en sampan that was heading toward 2 downed USAF crewmen awaiting rescue in the water 8 miles N of DMZ.
- 11 - USN pilots attacked about 200 barges and junks in NVN, destroying or damaging at least 55.
- 12 - USAF a/c dropped more than three million leaflets over Thanh Hoa and Vinh. USN A-4s struck Dong Nahm POL storage area 16 miles NW of Haiphong.
- Three flights of USMC F-4Bs and USAF A-1Es struck en troop concentration 38 miles N of Qui Nhon. 71 EK.
- 13 - EL PASO II. Term in Binh Long Province. Final results: 855 EK 37 EC over 1,500 tons rice. Frd cas lt.
- Four USN F-4Bs engaged six MIG-17s 38 miles SE of Hanoi destroying one.
- 14 - USAF F-4Cs scoring with sidewinder missiles downed two MIG-21s 30 miles NW of Hanoi.
- Three USN F-8s engaged 2 MIG-17s 28 miles SSE of Hanoi. One MIG and 1 F-8 were damaged.
- 15 - USAF pilots struck 31 storage and staging areas in southern panhandle NVN, setting-off 22 secondary explosions and more than 50 fires.
- III MAF. Est 75 en using RR, 60mm mortars and small-arms attacked USMC co outpost 10 miles S of Chu Lai in two-hour pre-dawn attack. 27 EK. Marine cas mod.
  - USMC recon team 20 miles S of Da Nang directed arty and air strikes on en force est 300 men. 30 EK.
  - Est en co attacked USMC co position at 2000H. Attack repulsed at 0045H. 35 EK. Lt frd cas.
  - DECKHOUSE II. Special Landing Force BLT landed in amphibious assault in Quang Tri Province 40 miles N of Hue.
- 18 - En attacked 4th Mar co in Quang Tri Province. Attack lasted over 5 hours. 138 EK. Frd cas lt.

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- 18 - DECKHOUSE II. Term. The BLT commenced role in HASTINGS.
- HASTINGS. Near Cam Lo, two Mar rear-guard platoons were attacked by large NVA force from 1500H to 1900H. The 2 platoons had heavy casualties.
- 19 - USAF and USN pilots sighted 29 SAMs over NVN.
- USAF F-104s arrived in Southeast Asia.
  - 2d Bde, 25th Inf Div co was heavily engaged by est multi-co VC main-force unit in Hau Nghia Province, 55 EK. Frd cas hvy.
  - Encounter between USAF F-105s and MIG-17s, 20 miles NW of Hanoi. One F-105 downed and 3 MIG-17s damaged.
  - Two USN PBRs sank 30-foot junk on Co Chien River when challenged junk fired on the PBRs.
  - USN Swift boat and ocean minesweeper engaged evading junk/sampan force near Chu Lai. They destroyed 30-foot junk, damaged another, and damaged 3 sampans. No frd cas.
- 20 - USN jets in NVN attacked more than 240 cargo barges, 100 trucks, and 65 railroad cars, destroying or damaging 135 barges, 24 railroad cars, 21 trucks and 2 railroad engines.
- 21 - En attacked 1st Mar CP shortly after midnight with 50 rounds 81mm mortar fire. Lt frd cas.
- 1st Mar bn blocked large en unit moving W out of HASTINGS area. Contact was hvy and lasted over 4 hours. Mar cas lt.
  - 19-man Marine recon patrol N of Chu Lai engaged en force and killed 24 en. Mar cas lt.
  - En squad using grenades and satchel charges attacked Mar arty position near Quang Ngai airfield. Frd cas mod. Lt equip damage.
  - SAM impacted in village of Ha Gia, 19 miles N of Hanoi.
  - FILLMOHE. Term in Phu Yen Province. Final results: 373 EK 73 EC. The opn protected the Tuy Hoa rice harvest and was extremely successful.
  - GAME WARDEN. USA armed helicopters from USS TORTUGA received fire from and struck several junks and sampans.
  - Three MIG-17s attacked flight of F-105s, 65 miles WSW of Hanoi. MIGs fired four rockets but missed.

JUL

- 22 - USN pilot escaped communist captors and returned to US control in RVN.
- HASTINGS. 5th Mar unit in five-hour battle. 25 EK. Mod frd cas.
- 23 - HASTINGS. Opposing en force identified as the 324B NVA Div. Presence confirmed of elements 812th, 90th and 803d Regts that Div.
- One-hour battle developed between 1st Inf Div multi-bn force and large en force 25 miles N of Saigon.
  - USN PBR engaged 30-foot en sampan 40 miles SSW of Saigon. 8 VCK. The sampan was captured and contained one weapon, numerous documents, mines and ammunition. No frd cas.
  - En attacked Marble Mountain Air Facility outside Da Nang with est 75 rounds 81/82mm mortar fire. Frd cas lt. Equipment damage lt.
  - En attacked Trai Bi Special Forces Camp 15 miles NW of Tay Ninh City with 100 to 200 rounds 81mm/82mm mortar fire. Frd cas lt. Equipment and structure damage lt.
- 24 - HASTINGS. En losses reached 618 EK, 10 EC, 157 weapons captured. Frd cas remained lt.
- USAF F-4Cs struck fortified position 20 miles SE of Hue. 59 EK.
  - HASTINGS. 5th Mar units engaged est 100 NVA attempting move NE in operation area. 17 EK. Frd cas lt.
  - En mortared 4th Mar bn. Frd cas lt.
  - First tactical air strike in DMZ.
- 25 - USAF F-4C crews set-off more than 20 secondary explosions and started large fire in en staging area 15 miles S Vinh.
- 26 - En attacked 25th Inf Div base camp at Cu Chi, 18 miles NW of Saigon twice during night with mortar and RR fire. Frd cas lt. Equipment/structure damage lt.
- En attacked Soc Trang airfield 35 miles SW of Can Tho in Ba Xuyen Province with 20 rounds mortar fire. No frd cas or damage.
- 27 - Record 542 strikes flown RVN by US a/c.
- 28 - The USN pilot who escaped communist captors and returned to US control was identified as LtJG Dieter Dengler, USN, 28, of Pacifica, California.
- In Binh Dinh Province on Highway 1, ARVN troops found 90 EK result of USAF F-100 strike 39 miles NNW of Qui Nhon.

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- 28 - Ground follow-up of B-52 strikes in Binh Duong Province found hvy damage to tunnels, bunkers, and supply structures, a VC truck destroyed, six tons rice, 150 documents, individual weapons and ammunition.
- HASTINGS. USMC recon team directed arty and airstrikes on est 200 en spotted 20 miles W of Dong Ha. 65 NVAK.
- 30 - First B-52 strike in DMZ. Target was in S half of DMZ.
- 31 - USAF C-47 on classified mission missing over NVN since 29 Jul. Crew of eight.
- PAUL REVERE I. Term in Pleiku Province. Final results: 546 EK 68 EC. Frd cas mod.

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- 1 - PAUL REVERE II. Initiated in Pleiku Province by 3d Bde 25th Inf Div and Cap ROK Inf Div bn.
- PAUL REVERE II. 3d Bde 25th Inf Div units took hvy en fire in Pleiku Province. Frd cas lt.
- 2d Bde 25th Inf Div units discovered arms cache containing 90,000 rounds small-arms and other munitions in Binh Duong Province.
- 7 US a/c down over NVN.
- 2 - PAUL REVERE II. 25th Inf Div 3d Bde Task Force units engaged est en bn shortly after noon in Pleiku Province. 100 EK. Frd cas mod.
- 3 - PAUL REVERE II. 1st Cav Div (AM) units joined opn increasing opn to multi-bde size. Opn continued under 1st Cav Div (AM) control with 3d Bde, 25th Inf Div role continuing.
- HASTINGS. Term in Quang Tri Province. Final results: 882 EK 15 EC. Tactical air sorties: 1,209. Frd cas mod.
- PRAIRIE. Initiated in Quang Tri Province by TF Delta (USMC)
- 4 - DOD a/c loss figures: (Fx-Wg) NVN 319 RVN 115.
- Last day USN a/c flights from Dixie station in RVN.
- 5 - JOHN PAUL JONES. ROK Marines engaged fleet en sampans at 2210H, 18 miles SE of Tuy Hoa. 17 EK. 7 sampans destroyed. No frd cas.
- 9th Mar co found bodies 12 VN (4 men, 4 women and 4 children) who had been murdered in a village by VC.

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- 5 - USAF F-4Cs hit 40-truck convoy on Route 1A just N of DMZ. 26 secondary explosions; 25 secondary fires.
  - USN jets from carrier CONSTELLATION attacked POL storage area at Do Son, 13 miles SSE of Haiphong, destroying three large oil tanks and damaging another.
  - Three USN carriers on Yankee station.
- 6 - USN A-4s and A-6s destroyed four NVN PT boats and damaged one at two locations 40 and 50 miles ENE of Haiphong.
  - 4th Inf Div elements arrived in RVN. Arrived at Qui Nhon from Fort Lewis, Washington.
- 7 - Seven US strike aircraft downed by en action over NVN: Five USAF F-105s, 1 USAF F-101 and 1 USN A-1H.
  - USAF F-105 hit twenty-car train 67 miles NW of Hanoi and another 50 miles NE of Hanoi. The engine and all 20 boxcars were damaged at the NW location. The engine and all 20 boxcars were destroyed at the NE location.
- 8 - Pilot of F-101 downed over NVN 7 Aug was picked-up by USAF HH-43 rescue helicopter, 100 miles NW of Hanoi. Pilot had evaded for 26 hours.
  - PAUL REVERE II. 1st Cav Div (AM) co engaged est three en cos in two-hour battle 10 miles W of Plei Me. The Cav unit was reinf. 90 EK. Hvy cas in first frd co engaged. Overall frd cas mod.
- 9 - Two USAF F-100s under FAC control expended bombs and 20mm rounds on target along canal bank near Truong Thanh 8 miles W of Can Tho in Phong Dinh Province. Pilots hit the target as directed; however, 24 civ killed, 82 civ wounded.
  - PAUL REVERE II. Est reinf en bn attacked Cap ROK Inf Div co just before midnight. Three hours later the ROK co reinf by other ROK units and US armor elements, launched counter-attack. En broke contact 0540H. 170 EK. Frd cas lt.
  - DOD a/c loss figures: (Hcptr) NVN 3 RVN 202 (adjusted figure-difference not all downed since 7 Jul 66).
- 10 - USAF F-100s struck staging area near coast 47 miles S of Saigon. 71 sampans destroyed or damaged.
  - COLORADO. 5th Mar units engaged multi-bn en force 5 miles W of Tam Khe. 121 EK. Frd cas mod.

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- 11 - US military Police detail suffered two killed and 17 wounded from an mine explosion at Binh Tri Dong pistol range Sw of Saigon.
- USCG cutter POINT WILCOX struck by US a/c off mouth of Qua Viet River, 35 miles up coast from Hue. Strike cas were 2 USCG killed, 3 USCG wounded, 1 VN translator wounded, and 1 US newsman (U.K. subject) wounded. Cutter proceeded Da Nang under own power.
- 12 - COLORADO. Two bar CPs were hit by an mortar, RR and small arms fire 18 miles NW of Chu Lai in Quang Tin Province. Frd cas lt. Equipment damage lt.
- Flight of F-105s engaged two MIG-17s, 60 miles NW of Hanoi. Two MIGs damaged and one F-105 slightly damaged. MIGs disengaged.
  - Ground follow-up of area struck by US a/c 22 miles WSW of Hue found 34 EK.
- 13 - USAF jets destroyed or damaged 33 POL storage areas in NVN along with 32 other en storage facilities. 130 secondary explosions, 133 secondary fires.
- USN A-4 pilots from USS ORISKANY destroyed two PT boats 25 miles ENE of Haiphong.
- 15 - USN A-4s hit Tuc Tranh POL area 3 miles S of Thanh Hoa causing smoke to 6,000 feet, visible 30 miles away.
- PAUL BEVERE II. 1st Cav Div (AM) bn heavily engaged est en bn in S portion Chu Phong Mountains, 18 miles Sw of Plei Me. 175 NVAK. Frd cas lt.
  - 1st Inf Div CP near Lai Khe, 27 miles NNW of Saigon, received 82 rounds 82mm mortar and small-arms fire from 2315H to 0050H. Frd cas lt.
  - Two MIG-17s attacked flight USN A-4s over NVA. MIGs broke-off. No a/c damage.
- 16 - SAM fired at USN jet in Haiphong area missed and detonated in populated area 1-2 kilometers E of Haiphong. A fire was observed in the area after impact.
- DECKHOUSE III PHASE I. Initiated when USMC BLT landed in Binh Tuy Province 35 miles NW of Vung Tao.
- 17 - An unit mortared USMC tank and amphibian tractor CP area 5 miles SSW of Da Nang. Lt damage. Reaction force killed 10 VC. Frd cas lt.

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- 17 - USMC F-8E crashed on take-off from Da Lang into village 3/4 mile S of end of runway. Pilot ejected, uninjured. Ordnance on plane detonated on impact. Gas in village, 30 killed, 15 injured.
- At 0242H, en force mortared 1st ATF CP in Phuoc Tuy Province.
  - En force using anti-tank rockets and grenades attacked 1st Logistical Command Motor Pool at 2115H. Frd cas lt. Damage lt.
  - VNAF A-1s and USAF F-100s struck en 90 miles NNE of Saigon in Phuoc Long Province. 103 EK.
  - At 1710H, Marines observed group est 60 en 15 miles S of Da Lang. Called in air strikes and swept area. 37 EK. No frd cas.
  - USMC recon patrol engaged est en plat 22 miles SW of Da Lang. Directed supporting tank fire and air strikes. 21 EK. Frd cas lt.
  - En force hit CIDG unit at 1400H 35 miles SW of Fleiku. CIDG unit was reinf. Contact later established with est reinf en bn. 6 EK. Cas in CIDG unit hvy.
- 18 - Two MIG-17s attacked 4 USAF F-105s 25 miles N of Lanol. One MIG-17 downed by 20mm cannon fire. Other MIG disengaged.
- SMITHFIELD. Initiated in Phuoc Tuy Province by 1st ATF.
- 19 - B-52s struck in N half DMZ.
- 20 - Large en force assaulted USMC recon plat few miles N. of Chu Lai. En supported by mortars. Marines repulsed assault. 11 EK.
- Two terrorists threw 5 grenades Da Lang ICC club wounding 8 US servicemen and 4 others. One terrorist shot and killed. Other terrorist captured. Three suspects arrested.
  - 5th Bn 7th Cav arrived RVN to join 1st Cav Div (AR). Arrived Qui Nhon from Fort Carson, Colorado.
- 21 - MARKET TIME. USN Swift boat fired on from shore at 0900h 165 miles SW of Saigon. Swift returned fire with .50 caliber machine guns and 81mm mortar, obtaining two secondary explosions and silencing en fire. No frd cas.
- SMITHFIELD. Term in Phuoc Tuy Province. Final results: 245 EK 3 EC. Aust cas 17 killed 22 wounded.
  - B-52s bombed supply and storage area just N of DMZ.

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- 22 - DECK OUSE III PHASE II. Initiated 0800h with USMC air and sea assault 50 miles SE of Saigon in Phuoc Tuy Province.
- 23 - USN A-4s destroyed NVN PT boat and damaged two others 25 miles ENE of Laiphong.
  - ESTS BATON ROUGE VICTORY mined at 0910h in Long Tau River, 22 miles SE of Saigon. Ship badly damaged and grounded near bank. One person wounded; seven missing presumed dead. The channel, which is main channel to Saigon, was restricted by the mined ship, but not blocked.
  - USMC co engaged est en plat 16 miles Sw of Da Nang. 23 EK.
  - JOHN PAUL JONES. 2d ROK Marine Bde term participation.
- 24 - GAME WARDEN. USF PBRs killed 2 VC and captured 91 classified documents in en sampan result fire-fight with en force attempting cross by Tho River at night, 7 miles W of My Tho. PBRs received fire from banks but suffered only lt boat damage. 1o frd cas.
- 25 - PAUL REVERE II. Term in Fleiku Province. Final results: 809 EK 104 EC. Frd cas lt.
- 26 - US pilots flew 156 missions in NVN (new high).
  - ALLEGHENY. Bn killed rose to 98 result en bodies found in area previous fighting 15 miles Sw of Da Nang.
  - PRAIRIE. 4th and 12th Mar units repulsed early morning attack on their perimeter. 73 EK 40 LW.
  - AMARILLO. Maj. Gen. Du Puy gave special press briefing on 1st Inf Div battle 25-26 Aug with est reinf VC bn 28 miles N of Saigon in Phu Loc area. 93 EK.
  - TOLEDO. 173d Abn Bde units uncovered major en resupply area and base camp area in N Phuoc Tuy Province.
- 28 - En attacked Vinh Long Airfield 62 miles Sw of Saigon with 10 to 12 rounds RR fire. Lt equipment damage. No frd cas.
  - GAME WARDEN. VC attacked USF PBR with mine attempt and automatic weapons fire on Co Chien River 55 miles SSW of Saigon. No frd cas or PBR damage.
- 29 - USF jets destroyed 2 NVN PT boats and damaged 2 others about 55 miles ENE of Laiphong.



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- 29 - USN MSB jarred by explosion; companion MSB taken under en fire on Long Tau River. No MSB cas.
- 30 - USN jets destroyed NVN PT boat and damaged another 55 miles ENE of Iai Phong.
  - Mined merchant vessel BATON ROUGE VICTORY broke loose from salvage moorings shortly after midnight in flood tide, causing Long Tau River to be closed temporarily. Ship was towed to Vung Tau, clearing mouth of river at 1318H.
- 31 - DOD a/c loss figures: (Px-wg) NVN 353 RVN 115.

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- 1 - AMARILLO. Term in Binh Luong Province with 102 BK 6 LC. Overall frd cas lt; however, cas in bn-size force most heavily engaged were mod.
- 3 - IACON. 9th Mar unit directed air strikes and arty on group 50 en 16 miles S of Da Nang. 32 BK.
  - 1st Cav Div (AM) support area An Khe hit by about 40 rounds in 10 minute 82mm mortar attack. Mod damage to aircraft. Lt damage to airfield. Lt frd cas.
- 5 - JOHN PAUL JONES. Term in Phu Yen Province. Final results: 262 BK 39 LC.
  - USN A-4s and F-8s attacked 34 boxcars and 18 tankcars 47 miles NNE of Thanh Hoa. 25 boxcars destroyed, 10 heavily damaged, 15 slightly damaged.
  - First major elements 9th ROK Inf Div (white horse Div) arrived RVN. Arrived 0900H at Nha Trang.
  - USA CV-2 crashed in village 21 miles Nw of Tuy Hoa. 3 US injured, 4 VN civ killed, 20 to 25 VN civ injured.
  - IACON. 9th Mar units attack bn-size en force 15 miles SSw of Da Nang. 73 BK.
- 7 - Vanguard 11th Armor Cav Regt arrived RVN. Arrived in Vung Tau from Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.
- 8 - VC unsuccessfully attempted mine USN MSB on Long Tau River 17 miles SE of Saigon.
- 9 - AMARILLO. PACV spokesman announced on record that US cas from napalm strike 25-26 Aug battle were 3 killed, 19 wounded.

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- 9 - USN A-4s and A-6s sank NVN PT boat and damaged 2 others.
- 11 - US pilots flew 171 msn over NVN - destroyed 25 barges and damaged 82 others, obtained over 70 secondary explosions and 60 secondary fires. 55 of the secondaries were repta by USAF pilots hitting in the DMZ.
  - En attacked Phan Thiet airfield 93 miles E of Saigon with mortar and small-arms fire. Lt aircraft damage, no frd cas, no airfield damage.
  - Shortly after midnight en launched attacks by fire on four 5th Mar positions about 5 miles W of Chu Lai. Frd cas lt.
- 12 - 2d Bn, 34th Armd Cav Regt arrived in RVN. Landed at Vung Tau.
- 14 - USN A-4, A-6s and F-4Cs destroyed or damaged 35 to 40 boxcars, 31 miles NNE of Thanh Hoa. Targets were 2 trains of 30 and 50 boxcars respectively.
  - En plat attacked combined USMC and PF patrol 13 miles SE of Da Nang. 5 EK. Frd cas hvy.
  - En attacked 1st Mar CP with 100 rounds 81mm mortar fire 3 miles WNW of Hoi An in Quang Nam Province. Frd cas lt.
  - DOD a/c loss figures: (Hcptr) NVN 3 RVN 206.
- 15 - DECKHOUSE IV. Initiated when BLT 1/26 landed in amphibious operation in Quang Tri Province. BLT recon team met est en co, was heavily engaged at close range, and was extracted with mod cas. 9 EK.
- 16 - USAF F-4C firing sidewinder downed MIG-17 45 miles NE of Hanoi during clash between 3 F-4Cs and 4 MIGs. Two MIGs fled following brief encounter with 4 USAF F-105s.
  - BATON ROUGE. In 30-minute action 2 en sampans sunk and 11 EK.
  - PRAIRIE. 3 4th Mar cos heavily engaged in battle 2½ miles N of "Rockpile". 171 EK.
  - USN jets destroyed or damaged 50 trucks and 35 railroad cars in attacks on Ninh Binh and Thanh Hoa railroad yards and adjacent areas.
- 17 - GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1. Initiated in Quang Ngai Province by 7th Mar. Bn-size rice harvest protection opn.
  - SEWARD. US paratrooper co and est en bn fought one-hour battle 15 miles N of Tuy Hoa. Frd cas lt.

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- 17 - TRAYER I. US air cav troops uncovered 2 en munitions factories and an arms cache.
- PRAIRIE. 4th Mar co outflanked and assaulted en ambush force 10 miles w of Cam Lo.
- 18 - USN pilots hit Ninh Binh railroad yards for third straight day. Of 80 boxcars in the yard, 70 were hit hard. 60 trucks attempting unload the railroad cars also were hit with over half destroyed or damaged.
- DECKHOUSE IV. Est en co attacked BLT 1/26 unit. Marines called in naval gunfire support. 52 EK.
  - PRAIRIE. BLT 1/26 added to PRAIRIE Task Force upon term DECKHOUSE IV.
  - PRAIRIE. 4th Mar unit in close contact with en force requested and received extremely close supporting airstrike. 3 frd killed and 4 frd wounded from the strike. En cas unknown.
  - USAF F-105s had two separate MIG-17 encounters with MIGs making single firing passes. No aircraft damage.
- 19 - PRAIRIE. Three significant contacts. 63 EK.
- 20 - USN A-6s sank NVN PT boat 52 miles NE of Haiphong.
- B-57s hit 2 ammunition dumps and triggered 9 secondary explosions 17 miles S of Dong Ha.
- 21 - En mortared Chu Lai airstrip with 10 to 12 rounds. Lt damage to aircraft and lt frd cas.
- USN jets pounded Thanh Hoa railroad yards, ferry junction and flak sites. 16 buildings destroyed, 4 secondary explosions, numerous fires, heavy smoke, and 7 AA sites silenced. Of 89 railroad cars in the area, 66 received total or hvy damage, 10 others mod damage.
  - USAF pilots reported 9 MIG sightings or encounters NE of Hanoi. USAF F-105s 35 miles NE of Hanoi downed 2 MIG-17s and probably destroyed another. Another MIG-17 and a MIG-21 were damaged.
  - PRAIRIE. Evy fighting 10 miles Nw of Long Ha. 51 NVAK.
  - TRAYER I. 1st Cav Div (AM) co engaged en co 9 miles S of Bong Son in prolonged fight.
  - PRAIRIE. En mortared 4th Mar bn CP 25 miles WNW of Quang Tri. Mar reaction killed 14 en. Frd cas lt.

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- 22 - 1st Inf Div unit working in minefield 38 miles N of Saigon had 7 killed and 14 wounded from accidental mine detonations.
- SU BOK. Term in Binh Dinh Province. Final results: 299 EK 33 EC. Frd cas lt.
  - En attacked 2 USN MSBs on Long Tau River with fire from both banks and RR or rocket fire from W bank. One MSB took hit in pilothouse resulting heavy cas. Other MSB not hit.
- 23 - En attacked Hammond airstrip with mortar, automatic weapon and small-arms fire. Lt frd cas. Lt damage to airstrip and aircraft.
- Results naval gunfire, artillery and Marine patrol action since 17 Sep in the coastal plain area S of Quang Ngai City: 151 EK.
  - MAUNG HO 6. Initiated in Binh Dinh Province by Cap ROE Inf Div.
- 24 - Two flights USAF B-57s struck fortified en camp destroying or damaging 54 military structures and setting area on fire.
- SEWARD. 1st Bde 101st Abn Div unit located 12 VN who had been abandoned 40 minutes before by VC captors. The VC had withdrawn with 46 VN prisoners. Of the 12 left behind, one was dead and 11 in poor condition.
  - 7th Mar outpost called naval gunfire and arty on est en co 11 miles S of Quang Ngai. 25 EK.
  - PRAIRIE. Two 7th Mar co heavily engaged est en bn for several hours. 58 EK. Mod frd cas. Mar recon team 17 miles S of Dong Ha engaged 30-man en force. 16 EK. Team extracted with lt cas.
- 25 - PRAIRIE. BLT 1/26 returned to operational control of naval task force afloat.
- PRAIRIE. 4th Mar co engaged entrenched reinf en plat 15 miles WNW of Dong Ha. 12 EK.
  - USN A-4s destroyed PT boat 50 miles ENE of Haiphong.
- 26 - Nine USAF F-100s hit large en camp 30 miles WSW of Dalat, destroying or damaging 82 military structures.
- Three separate naval gunfire and arty firing missions during past two days in Quang Ngai Province. 33 EK.
  - MAUNG HO 6. Mod contact.
  - 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div unit captured en rice cache 65 miles NW of Saigon. Est 293 tons rice.

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- 26 - 2d ROK Mar Bde co 12 miles N of Quang Ngai engaged en force. 22 EK.
- 27 - 7th Mar outpost 11 miles S of Quang Ngai directed arty fire on est 300 en in open area. 27 EK.
- USAF A-6s hit NVN PT boat 25 miles ESE of Haiphong.
  - 60 officers and men of 1st PHILCAGV arrived in RVN. Arrived Tan Son Nhut from Philippines.
  - 29th Regt 9th ROK (white horse) Div arrived in RVN. Arrived at Iha Trang.
  - While conducting airstrike 2 USMC A-4s from 1st Mar Air wing dropped ordnance on village killing 28 civilians and wounding 17 civilians.
  - GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1. Term in Quang Ngai Province. Final results: 244 EK 1 EC. A VN work force harvested 7,620 tons rice under protection this 7th Mar bn opn and ARVN forces. Mar cas lt.
  - DOD a/c loss figures: (Fx-wg) NVN 589 RVN 123.
- 28 - PRAIRIE. Evy fighting 2 1/2 miles N of "Rock File". 50 NVAK.
- USAF A-4s hit NVN PT boat 25 miles ESE of Haiphong.
- 29 - PRAIRIE. Marines found 51 EK in en regt LCP area containing bunkers, tunnels, spider holes, and graves.
- 30 - About 2,500 troops of 4th Inf Div arrived in RVN. Landed at Qui Nhon after 23-day trip from Tacoma, Washington.
- USAF B-57s surprised 200-300 en in camp 13 miles WNW of Quang Ngai. 53 EK.

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- 2 - IRVING. Initiated in Binh Dinh Province by 1st Cav Div (AM).
- 1st Bde 101st Abn Div unit liberated 23 prisoners from VC camp in jungle 17 miles Sw of Tuy Hoa in Phu Yen Province. The abn unit was led to camp by VN liberated last week from another camp same area.
- 3 - USAF F-100 downed by en ground fire 35 miles W of Can Tho in RVN. Pilots rescued.

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- 4 - IRVING. - At 1530H, 1st Cav Div (AM) multi-co force engaged en force near downed helicopter in mangrove swamp just E of Nuoc Ngot Bay 25 miles NW of Qui Nhon. Contact term 1845H. 43 EK 60 EC 208 ES. Frd cas lt.
- GAME WARDEN. Two USN PBRs intercepted and captured VC sampan at 2029H on Co Chien River 50 miles SW of Saigon. 3 VCK 3 I/W. No frd cas.
  - CV-2 crashed on Hong Kong Mountain 3 1/2 miles NW of An Khe at 1545H. The two-engined aircraft had 4-man crew and was on administrative flight with 27 passengers. Cas were 12 killed, 19 injured.
  - B-52s struck in Quang Tri Province.
- 5 - MAENG HO 6. ROK inf troops inflicted 77 EK 3 EC 35 ES in hvy contact.
- First troops of 1st Bde 4th Inf Div arrived in RVN. Landed at Nha Trang 1020H.
  - IRVING. 45 EK 31 EC.
  - DOD a/c loss figures: (Ex-Wg) NVN 394 RVN 124.
- 6 - IRVING and MAENG HO 6. Continued with mod contact in Binh Dinh Province. MACV spokesman announced that major elements 12th Regt 610 NVA Div identified in the opns.
- 3d Mar Div unit observed 11 en, 21 miles SW of Da Nang, and directed arty on them. 11 EK. Mar unit dest en bn hq area in PRAIRIE.
  - IRVING. 7th Cav co burned small VC hamlet 22 miles NNW of Qui Nhon and obtained secondary explosion.
  - MAENG HO 6. At 1715H, 26th ROK Regt co found three natural caves on N side of Phu Cat Mountains 35 miles N of Qui Nhon. Bitter hand-to-hand fights with VC in the caves. 50 VCK. Frd cas lt.
  - B-57 downed by en fire 8 miles NW of Dong Ha in RVN. Pilot rescued.
  - B-52s bombed Route 103 in NVN.
- 7 - 1st Mar unit found 2 VC caves 10 miles S of Da Nang. VC threw grenades from the caves. Marines attacked. 9 VCK 1 VCC. No frd cas.
- MARKET TIME. Junks received en small-arms fire while supporting Mar co 16 miles SSE of Da Nang. Air strikes called-in. 26 EK.
  - SEWARD. 14 en boats sighted on Cai River 17 miles NNW Tuy Hoa. Arty fire sank 12.

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- 7 - MAENG HO 6. Mod contact.
- 7 - B-52s struck en base camp in Binh Dinh Province.
- 8 - B-52s struck infiltration routes in DMZ. Raid was on Demarcation Line.
  - USAF F-105 pilots reported 5 MIG sightings and 2 encounters N of Hanoi.
- 9 - PRAIRIE. 4th Mar unit found 25 EK in fresh graves 4 miles N of Thon Son Lam outpost 16 miles W of Dong Ha.
  - 5th RAR 1st ATF co uncovered VC administrative headquarters 10 miles NW of Phuoc Le in Phuoc Tuy Province.
  - IRVING. 1st Cav Div (AM) co chased VC group into cave at tip Hung Lac Peninsula. 46 VCC. One was female nurse. 9th Cav helicopter gunships accounted for additional 12 VCK 3 VCC.
  - 1st Bde 1st Cav Div (AM) units conducted helicopter assault on two small islands 33 miles N of Qui Nhon off N coast of Hung Lac Peninsula. VC were in caves with underwater entrances. 2 VCK 40 VCC.
  - USN F-8 pilot downed MIG-21. USN A-1 pilot downed MIG near Phu Ly. USN A-1 pilot was credited with a probable.
- 10 - A series of unit moves were made in III MAF to enhance combat posture. 3d Mar Div Headquarters moved from Da Nang to Phu Bai. 3d Mar Div elements deployed to Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces. 1st Mar Div Headquarters and some units moved from Chu Lai to Da Nang. 4th Bn 503d Inf 173d Abn Bde moved from II FFV to Da Nang.
  - B-52 crews struck targets in NVN.
- 11 - 1st Cav Div (AM) unit was led to VC camp 33 miles NNW of Qui Nhon by 5 VN males who had been prisoners at the camp. Camp contained bodies 12 VN males shot and killed with hands tied behind backs, and an old man unable walk because burned feet.
  - USAF pilots struck en positions 25 miles SE of Ban Me Thuot for third day. Results three days attacks: 28 secondary explosions and over 500 structures destroyed or damaged.
- 12 - Last contingent 4th Inf Div (4,000 men of 3d Bde) arrived RVN. Landed Vung Tau 0600H after 19-day voyage aboard USNS WALKER from Seattle, Washington.
  - Two USAF F-100s downed in Chuong Thien Province 32 miles SSW of Can Tho. Crews rescued.
  - USAF pilots located and destroyed SAM site 15 miles NW of Dong Hoi. Site contained 4 missiles and 1 radar van. All destroyed.

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- 12 - DOD a/c loss figures: (Heptr) NVN 3 RVN 213.
- 13 - IRVING. Cav co located en medical center. Center included mess facilities and fighting and protective bunkers. VC were spotted moving W from the area.
  - SEWARD. 1st Bde 101st Abn Div co engaged 7-10 VC at 1030H near My Phu 2 Hamlet 11 miles SSE of Tuy Hoa. Armed VC used 15 VN civ from the hamlet as shields during the action, and then fled. Two of the civ were wounded. En cas unknown. No frd cas.
  - US pilots flew 173 missions NVN.
- 14 - ATTLEBORO (TAOR PHASE). Term in Tay Ninh Province with 12 EK 0 EC.
  - TULSA. 1st Inf Div co located and destroyed mined 230 yard tunnel complex 31 miles NNW of Saigon.
  - PRAIRIE. Three separate actions near DMZ. 27 NVAK. Frd cas lt.
  - 1st Mar Div unit apprehended 9 VCS and found about 40,000 NVN plasters in house near Chu Lai.
  - US pilots flew 175 missions NVN.
- 15 - Mission spokesman announced arrival today in Tay Ninh of 239 PHILCAGV officers and men. Announced over 1,000 more to arrive next few days.
  - ATTLEBORO. Initiated in Tay Ninh Province.
  - IRVING. CIDG co engaged en force at 1500H in two hour battle in Binh Dinh Province. En cas unknown. Frd cas lt. At 1635H, a few miles to SW, 1st Cav Div (AM) unit engaged est en co. En cas unknown. Frd cas lt. Day's results: 7 EK 47 EC. A camera was found that belonged to Mr. Sam Casten, senior editor of LOOK Magazine killed during Operation CRAZY HORSE in May 1966.
  - B-52s struck in S half DMZ.
- 16 - Marines 5 miles S of Da Nang threw cordon around VC inhabited Tra Khe Village. Day's results: 20 VCK 4 VCC. Frd cas none.
  - IRVING. 5th Cav 1st Cav Div (AM) co engaged VC co in 7-hour battle. Day's results IRVING: 41 EK 29 EC 11.5 tons rice.
- 17 - In Binh Thuan Province at 0035H a VC threw several hand grenades Phan Rang Beach Pumping Station causing 1t US cas and 1t equipment damage. The VC escaped.



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- 17 - In Gia Dinh Province at 0630H, VC detonated claymore mine in front Ky Son BEQ in Saigon. 1 US killed, 7 US wounded (all military) 1 VN civ killed (woman) and 2 VN civ wounded.
- IRVING. 5th Cav co found two en weapons caches. Day's results 40 EK 19 EC.
  - 85 missions flown in NVN.
- 18 - At 0625H near Tien BOQ near Tan Son Nhut, terrorist grenade explosion caused 5 US wounded (4 slight).
- En attacked 173d Abn Bde CP just N of Bien Hoa, using claymore, small arms and grenades. Attack commenced 2215H term 2230H. En cas unknown. Lt frd cas. Lt aircraft damage, lt equipment damage.
- 19 - DOD a/c loss figures: (Fx-Wg) NVN 406 RVN 130.
- At 1230H, USN Swift boat sighted 87-foot trawler beached 4 miles SE of Tam Ky in Quang Tin Province. Trawler was RVN vessel beached due engine trouble. 40 VC had boarded, taken away 5 of the 8 crew members, and were unloading cargo. Swift fired warning shot, received return fire, and called for air. Strike delivered by two USMC A-4s. USMC rifle co helilifted in and swept area. 1 VCK 6 VCC 1 VCS 3 IW. Trawler, partially unloaded, and with 60 percent damage from strike, was recovered.
  - IRVING. 21 EK 19 EC 18 tons salt.
  - Improved weather some areas NVN enabled US pilots fly 77 missions.
- 20 - PAUL REVERE IV. At 1040H, 3d Bde 25th Inf Div co engaged en force 22 miles W of Pleiku City. The frd co was reinf by another 3d Bde co. 4 EK. Air strike during action resulted 9 US slightly injured from 20mm fragments.
- 1st Mar squad patrol found about 390,000 piasters (about US \$3,305) in cave 8 miles SW of Da Nang.
- 21 - En attacked 5th Mar unit 6 miles W of Chu Lai airstrip with mortar rounds, grenades and small-arms fire. 1 EK. Lt frd cas.
- ATTLEBORO. 196th Lt Inf Bde unit uncovered en cache 21 miles NNW of Cu Chi in Tay Ninh Province. Cache contained 13 tons rice, .5 tons salt, over 1 ton peanuts and 750 pounds fish. No frd cas.
  - QUEANBEYAN. 5th RAR units captured en high-powered radio transmitter/receiver and power unit on mountain 17 miles N of Vung Tau in Phuoc Tuy Province.

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- 21 - USN pilots sighted and struck 300 barges in the inland waterways and coastal area of NVN. Pilots reported 125 barges damaged or destroyed.
- 22 - IRVING. 1st Cav Div (AM) units captured 155 tons salt, 28 miles NW of Qui Nhon.
- 23 - PAUL REVERE IV. 3d Bde 25th Inf Div co engaged est en plat 1310H - 1835H about 5 miles NE of Plei Djereng. 13 EK 2 EC. Frd cas lt.
  - MAENG HO 6. 10 EK 13 EC.
  - THAYER I. Term in Binh Dinh Province. Final results: 230 EK 66 EC.
  - At 1500H, 9th Mar element directed arty fire on est 200 en 27 miles SSW of Da Nang. 25 EK.
- 24 - IRVING. Term in Binh Dinh Prov. Final results: 681 EK 690 EC, over 60 tons rice and 267 tons salt. Frd cas lt.
  - At 0230H, en attacked 173d Abn Bde unit 8 miles NW of Da Nang airfield with 15 rds mortar fire. Frd cas lt.
  - PRAIRIE. At 0145H, en attacked 7th Mar CP 7 miles NNW of Dong Ha with 30-40 rounds 60mm mortar fire. Frd cas lt.
- 25 - At 1355H, USN MSB discovered and disarmed en mine in Saigon main shipping channel 17 miles from Saigon. Mine was rigged for command detonation.
  - SEWARD. Term in Phu Yen Province. Final results: 239 EK 34 EC.
  - BYRD. 1st Cav Div (AM) co engaged est en co in two-hour firefight 16 miles NE of Phan Thiet. 48 EK 2 EC. Frd cas lt.
  - USN ships commenced surveillance southern NVN coast.
  - USS HANSEN and MANSFIELD were patrolling off S coast NVN. NVN shore batteries fired on them. They returned fire. During the morning, two exchanges. During the afternoon, one exchange. Results: en unknown. No frd cas or damage.
- 26 - US President Lyndon B. Johnson visited Cam Ranh Bay.
  - At 0745H, fire broke out aboard USS ORISKANY (CVA-34). Fire extinguished. 43 killed, 3 injured seriously, 35 injured (minor).
  - PAUL REVERE IV. 2d Bde 4th Inf Div co engaged est NVA co 9 miles NNW of Plei Djereng. 17 EK 4 EC. Frd cas lt.
  - 1st Mar co detained 163 ES during search of tunnel and cave area 11 miles SSW of Da Nang.

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- 27 - PAUL REVERE IV. At 0010H, est NVA co attacked 12th Inf co from 0010H - 0215H. 17 EK. Frd cas lt.
- ALLENTOWN. At 0414H, 1st Inf Div ambush patrol 8 miles N of Saigon was approached by group persons during curfew hours without lights or noises. VN Natl policeman with ambush advised group must be VC. Patrol opened fire. 8 VN civ killed, 7 VN civ wounded, all women/children.
- 28 - MAGON. Term in Thua Thien and Quang Nam Provinces. Final results: 507 EK 5 EC. Frd cas mod.
- PAUL REVERE IV. Est NVA co attacked 35th Inf co 1855H - 2040H about 6 miles NW of Plei Djereng. 8 EK 1 EC. Frd cas lt.
  - SHENANDOAH. 1st Inf Div units in afternoon battle near Michelin Plantation 41 miles NNW of Saigon. 74 EK 2 EC. Frd cas lt.
  - In Bien Hoa Province at 2045H, 13 miles NE of Saigon, VC attacked USARV ammunition dump near Long Binh with mortar fire and demolitions. Frd cas lt. Pallet 8-inch howitzer ammunition detonated.
  - USA CV-2 crashed into ridge line 10 miles E of An Khe about noon. One killed, 20 injured, 1 missing.
  - F-100 lost in RVN to gunfire.
- 29 - PAUL REVERE IV. Est en reinf co attacked 8th Inf co 0230H - 0445H; est en reinf co attacked another 8th Inf co 0315H - 1030H. 41 EK 1 EC. Frd cas lt.
- SHENANDOAH. 65 EK 2 EC
  - ATTLEBORO. 196th Lt Inf Bde units found large en rice and salt cache 45 miles NW of Saigon. The rice was protected by over 500 punji pits 512 1/2 tons rice 25 tons salt.
- 31 - ATTLEBORO. Nineteen en tunnels destroyed and 271 tons rice captured.
- Navy UH-1B and PBRs sunk 43 sampans and 7 junks on My Tho River 47 miles SW Saigon while stopping VC crossing of river.

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- 1 - THAYER II. Mod contact with est en bn. 38 EK 50 tons rice. Lt frd cas.
- ATTLEBORO. US infantry bn operating 2-3 miles NW of Dau Tieng conducted saturation patrolling and captured 55 tons rice and other supplies.

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- 1 - LAM SON II. 2d Bde 1st Inf Div units engaged en force in sweep of suspected VC base camp area 8-10 miles NE of Saigon. Other scattered actions. 19 EK 6 EC. Frd cas lt.
  - At 0710H, VC fired 14 rounds long-range 75mm RR fire at National Day parade in Saigon. Four rounds were duds. Results: 1 US killed 2 US wounded 6 VN killed 39 VN wounded and lt damage to buildings. At 0845H, VC again fired 14 rounds long-range 75mm RR fire at the parade. Three rounds were duds. Results: 2 US civ wounded 1 VN wounded and lt damage to buildings. The parade continued.
  - At 0420H, VC detonated mine on Long Tau River 14 miles SE of Saigon sinking USN MSB with hvy cas to 6-man crew. Companion MSB attempted immediate rescue and received hvy small arms and automatic weapons fire from riverbank.
  - Weather cleared in NVN. US pilots flew 122 missions in NVN, hitting in the southern panhandle, Haiphong and Hanoi areas. Targets were lines of communication, military areas, and staging and storage areas. USN flew 66 missions, USAF 48, USMC 8. USN pilots hit SAM site near Haiphong destroying 2 SAMs and a radar van.
- 2 - US pilots flew 165 missions over NVN (USN 86 USAF 66 USMC 13). Targets were lines of communication, SAM sites and military areas. USAF pilots reported 3 MIG sightings but no contact.
  - DOD a/c loss figures: (Fx-Wg) NVN 416 RVN 131. Losses to SAMs: 22.
- 3 - ATTLEBORO. At 1148H, a US inf co engaged en force 4-5 miles NW of Dau Tieng. En were dug-in and used small arms, hand grenades and claymores. At 1040H, another US inf co engaged est en plat in fortified positions 5-6 miles NW of Dau Tieng.
  - US pilots flew 165 missions in NVN (USN 85 USAF 66 USMC 14). Targets were in southern panhandle, Hanoi and Haiphong areas.
- 4 - ATTLEBORO. At 0208H, 196th Lt Inf Bde base camp near Tay Ninh received 20 minute mortar attack (approximately 150 rounds 60mm and 82mm). Camp hit again at 0540H (11 rounds). Frd cas and damage lt. Bde continued the opn with units becoming heavily engaged. 1/27 Inf commanded by Major Guy S. Meloy III was operating 6-7 miles NW of Dau Tieng in dense jungle. At 1315H, Co C that bn and co from another bn became heavily engaged with est VC bn. During the battle, VC attempted co size assault. VC assault thrown back with hvy losses. 1/27 Inf established defensive position. Contact continued. Reaction forces moved into area. Another US co captured 215 tons rice. Day's results: Significant en losses. Frd cas lt overall.

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- 4 - Destroyers USS PERKIN and USS BRAINE were fired on by NVN shore batteries while patrolling off NVN coast 35 miles SE Dong Hoi. Both ships returned fire and called in air strikes. 2 en guns damaged, 2 large secondary explosions and 3 large fires ashore. No frd cas.
- At 1745H, fire broke out on USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. Fire lasted until 1801H. 8 men killed, 14 injured. Minor fire and smoke damage to lower deck storage and supply areas.
- 5 - ATTLEBORO. Control of 196th Lt Inf Bde and ATTLEBORO shifted from 25th Inf Div to 1st Inf Div. Opn reinforced. Hvy contact continued.
- USAF F-4Cs downed 2 MIG-21s 100 miles NNW of Hanoi.
- Five US a/c down over NVN.
- 6 - ATTLEBORO. Frd forces committed to the opn totalled 11 inf bns, hvy arty support, and numerous support units. The opn continued under operational control of II FFV. Units participating were from 1st Inf Div, 25th Inf Div, 173d Abn Bde, 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div and 11th Armd Cav Regt. At 1930H, 3d Bde 1st Inf Div co adjusted arty fire on 150 VC moving S on trail 15 miles NE Tay Ninh. 70 VCK.
- 7 - THAYER II. 7th Cav co engaged est NVA co 1435H-1930H in N Cay Giap Mountains. Cav co was supported by tactical aircraft and cav armed helicopters. 55 EK. Another 7th Cav co had significant contact.
- ATTLEBORO. At 1101H in main area of contact, 2d Bde 1st Inf Div co located bn size VC base camp of 50 bunkers and destroyed it. Search of battlefield produced 54 VC bodies. At 1400H, 196th Lt Inf Bde co was engaged by en force. En employed 3 claymore mines and intense small arms causing lt frd cas. Hvy arty fire and aerial suppressive fires were called-in.
- At 0530H, 5th Bn RAR (+) conducted cordon and search of Long Phuoc Hoa (YS 2862) in Phuoc Tuy Province. Search completed at 1306H. 497 suspects evacuated to sector headquarters at Ba Ria for investigation.
- 8 - ATTLEBORO. At 0625H, est 2 VC bns attacked 3d Bde 1st Inf Div bn 13 miles NNW of Dau Tieng. Initial en assault came from NW with fire spreading down W side of frd perimeter. At 0642H, VC co attacked from SW and was repulsed. At 0720H, another VC co attacked from NW and was beaten back by massive air strikes and arty fire at 0731H. At 0755H, final VC attack was launched from N and continued until 0916H. Results of the attacks: 293 VCK. Elsewhere in the opn, there were numerous small contacts. A VC tunnel complex was located which contained 4,000 grenades and other weapons and equipment. One arms cache contained 1,299 tear gas grenades of CHICOM manufacture.

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- 8 - HAYMAN. Opn initiated in Phuoc Tuy Province (Long Son Island).
- 9 - MAENG HO 6. Term in Binh Dinh Province. Final results: 1161 EK  
518 EC. 454 IW 43 CS 67 tons rice. Frd cas lt.
- HAYMAN. Opn continued on Long Son Island. At 0720H, 23 boats loaded with civilians were intercepted leaving the island. 200 suspects were evacuated to Ba Ria. At 0800H, 1 VCC. At 0900H, 60 VCS. At 0930H, several well-constructed bunkers destroyed. At 1235H, 15 VCS. At 1500H, 3 camouflaged sampans. At 1520H, 6 sampans (4 with inboard engines). At 1545H, 3 camouflaged sampans. At 1625H, patrol engaged 5 VC. No frd cas.
  - ATTIEBORO. Shortly after noon, 2d Bde 1st Inf Div bn conducted air-mobile assault 9-10 miles NNW of Dau Tieng. Armed helicopters covering the assault received small arms fire and called in air strikes in response. By 1300H, the bn had located extensive fortifications on SW side of the LZ. Fresh blood trails were prevalent throughout the area. At 1038H, 3d Bde 1st Inf Div bn located bn size VC base camp. Another 3d Bde bn located bunker containing 85 VC bodies. At 1020H, a co of that bn located a VC base camp S of Suoi Tre. The camp contained a mine factory with 450 dynamites. At 1100H the bn located 7 VC bodies and another base camp containing large amount munitions and supplies. Another 3d Bde 1st Inf Div bn located 2 large en base camps in same general area. Cumulative results for ATTIEBORO: 875 EK 9 EC. Frd cas lt. Number of tactical air sorties flown in support of the opn exceeded 500.
  - DOD a/c loss figures: (Hcptr) NVN 4 EVN 215.
- 11 - At 0900H near An Trach Village 7-8 miles SSW of Da Nang, 3d Mar patrol engaged est 25 VC, called in arty and air. 16 VCK 40 VCS 1 ton rice captured.
- PAUL REVERE IV. 10 NVAK 1 NVAC. Frd cas lt. 3 UH-1Bs downed by en ground fire W of Plei Djereng with hvy cas to crews.
  - GERONIMO I. Sporadic contact 16 miles NW Tuy Hoa. 9 EK 27 EC.
  - BYRD. 30 tons rice.
- 12 - In Thua Thien Province at 0130H, 1st Mar pl't at An Trach Village 7-8 miles SSW Da Nang was infiltrated and attacked by VC force using small arms, grenades and satchel charges. 3 EK. Frd cas hvy.
- PAUL REVERE IV. 2d Bde 4th Inf Div multi-co force engaged est 2 en bns 17 miles W of Plei Djereng in Kontum Province. 500-600 rounds en mortar fire received. 76 EK 2 EC. Frd cas lt.

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- 12 - ATTLEBORO. Between 112055H and 120230H, VC mortared the base camp area of the 25th Inf Div and 196th Lt Inf Bde at Tay Ninh and the airfield and 1st Inf Div operating base at Dau Tieng. Frd cas lt and equipment damage lt in both attacks. Fire returned.
- HAYMAN. Term. Final results: 10 EK 8 EC 23 ES 23 sampans destroyed. Frd cas lt.
- 13 - PAUL REVERE IV. At 1305H 3d Bde 25th Inf Div co engaged est en plat 18 miles W Plei Djereng. Contact term 1330H. 8 EK. Frd cas lt. At 1530H, same frd co engaged est NVA bn NE of previous contact. Frd ground reinforcements, air strikes and arty supported. Contact term 1700H. 26 EK. Frd cas hvy in co making initial contact. Overall frd cas lt. At 1445H another 25th Inf Div co engaged en force 12 miles NW of Plei Djereng. Contact term 1500H. 5 EK. No frd cas.
- ATTLEBORO. Light contact. Scattered engagements 14 miles ESE Tay Ninh. 1st Bde 1st Inf Div units found three separate VC rice caches 7 miles NW of Dau Tieng. They totalled 358 tons. A 2d Bde 1st Inf Div bn and VN national police killed 1 VC and captured 27 VC in the village of Ben Qui II. Day's results: 14 EK 28 EC.
  - Two USN PBRs from Sa Dec provided fire support for ARVN outpost under attack on My Tho River 85 miles W of Saigon. Two USN PBRs from Can Tho provided medical evacuation support for ARVN outpost at Tra On (XS 0101), evacuating 5 ARVN WIA to Can Tho.
- 14 - III MAF. Lt scattered contact. At 0205H, VC detonated satchel charge against generator bunker near quarters of CG III MAF at Da Nang East. No frd cas. Generator bunker and adjacent armory were destroyed, nearby storage building extensively damaged, minor damage to other buildings.
- ATTLEBORO. Scattered lt contact. 1st Inf Div units captured 10 tons rice. 25th Inf Div units captured 20 tons rice and rice milling machine.
  - At 1400H, USS JOHN R CRAIG and USS HAMNER were fired on by NVN shore batteries while patrolling off NVN in international waters 25 miles NNW of Dong Hoi. Ships took evasive action and called in air strikes. Ships made neutralization pass and received no more fire. Observed numerous secondary explosions with smoke to 1,000 feet. No frd cas or damage.
- 15 - ATTLEBORO. Lt scattered contact. A 1st Inf Div bn was airlifted from Soui Da to landing zone NNW of Suoi Tre. Received hvy automatic weapons fire while going into the landing zone. Three UH-1Ds were downed by en ground fire. Air strikes and arty were employed to neutralize the en fire. Contact term 1615H. Large VC base camp uncovered. 15 VC bodies found in the area next day. The 3 helicopters were extracted. Frd cas lt in the action.

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- 15 - Tuy Hoa Air Base opened. USMC and USAF pilots flew 322 sorties RVN. Bad weather.
- USN, USMC and USAF pilots flew 25 missions NVN.
- 16 - PRAIRIE. At 0730H, 9th Mar co engaged by NVA co. Another 9th Mar co reinforced. Mar co first engaged assaulted with tanks. A third 9th Mar co helilifted in. All cos in contact until 2230H. Location 10 1/2 miles SW Dong Ha. 28 EK 1 EC. Frd cas lt.
- LAM SON II. VC attacked US inf co at 0200H. Attack beaten back by arty and small arms fire. Contact sporadic by 0240H. 43 EK 1 EC. Frd cas mod.
  - In Long Khanh Province 7 miles S of Xuan Loc from 2015H-2025H, en attacked 11th Armd Cav Regt tactical CP with 37 rounds mortar, est 82mm, and 16 rounds RR fire. Fire returned. Frd cas lt.
  - ATTLEBORO. More rice caches uncovered. Total rice seized in ATTLEBORO reached 2,217 tons, a new high for any one operation. Previous high was BIRMINGHAM with 2,103 tons.
- 17 - ATTLEBORO. Lt. contact. VC base camp destroyed. Several rice caches discovered.
- 18 - At 0115H, VC attacked Long Binh ammunition supply point 13 miles NE of Saigon with 2-3 rounds mortar fire and 2 satchel charges. One satchel charge did not detonate. Fire returned. No frd cas. Lt damage.
- ATTLEBORO. Scattered lt contact. 3d Bde 1st Inf Div co found 40 VC bodies in recently dug graves.
  - MARKET TIME. USCG cutter POINT BANKS on patrol off coast Ca Mau Peninsula fired on 2 junks and 6 sampans with 26 rounds 81mm mortar. Two sampans damaged. POINT BANKS then came under automatic weapons fire from en position at river mouth. POINT BANKS returned fire with .50 caliber machine guns and 81mm mortar, damaging a camouflaged junk and obtaining 5 secondary explosions.
  - About 0900H, Seventh Fleet destroyers USS JOHN R. CRAIG and USS HAMNER fired 5-inch naval guns on NVN fire control radar located 2 miles N of DMZ. The radar was tracking the ships. Several secondary fires in target area. About 1000H, the ships observed 12 cargo craft beached along the coast near the radar site. Ships destroyed 3 boats and damaged 3.
- 19 - In Quang Nam Province about 2200H, en attacked with 30 rounds mortar fire 9th Mar bn CP 23 miles SW of Da Nang. Frd cas lt.



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- 19 - PAUL REVERE IV. At 1205H, CIDG co and two 3d Bde 25th Inf Div cos engaged est 2 NVA cos due W of Plei Djereng 2 km from border. Mod contact until 1815H. Sporadic contact until 1945H. 166 EK. Frd cas mod.
- Seventh Fleet destroyers USS HAMNER and USS JOHN R. CRAIG on patrol 25 miles NNW of Dong Hoi observed two groups en logistics craft and engaged with 5-inch naval guns. NVN coastal battery opened fire at the destroyers but received direct hits when the destroyers returned fire. Large secondary explosion in the shore battery area. Five en logistics craft destroyed, 15 damaged. No frd damage.
  - DOD a/c loss figures: (Ex-Wg) NVN 426 (since 5 Aug 1964); 134 (since 1 Jan 1961).
- 20 - VC bn attacked ROK Mar co resulting in 2 1/2 hour battle near central coast 8-9 miles NW of Quang Ngai City. 91 EK 1 EC. Frd cas lt.
- 21 - III MAF. At 1110H a 1st Mar plat combat patrol received hvy en small arms fire 7 miles SSW of Da Nang. Fire returned and arty called in. 13 EK. At 0945H, Mar squad from combined action co found 2 VN women and 1 VN boy injured from a booby-trapped table in market place 3 miles SE of Hue. Injured were evacuated to Phu Bai.
- PAUL REVERE IV. At 1010H, 2d Bde 1st Cav Div (AM) co(-) made hvy contact with est en bn 23 miles SSW of Plei Djereng. During the fight a cav plat was overrun by est 150-200 en who deliberately shot several US wounded as they overran the plat. Hvy contact until 1545H. Sniper fire until 1800H. En broke contact and withdrew NW. Cav blocking forces made lt contact. Results this engagement: 146 EK. Frd cas hvy to co(-). Elsewhere in PAUL REVERE IV, 2d Bde 4th Inf Div units killed 48 en.
  - ATTLEBORO. Lt contact. 19 EK.
  - At 1020H, est 75-100 VC attacked supply convoy of 11th Armd Cav Regt unit on Hwy 1 about 28 miles NE of Saigon. Fire exchanged for nearly an hour. Arty, armed helicopters and air strikes called in. 28 VCK 1 VCC and a 57mm RR captured. Frd cas lt.
  - INGHAM. Lt contact. Two bn size VC base camps and a small base camp destroyed.
  - US pilots flew 473 sorties in RVN. USAF pilots flew 293 (new high).
- 22 - RIO BLANCO. Several small unit contacts. 22 EK 1 EC 4 ES.

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- 22 - III MAF. At 0600H, a 7th Mar combined action co squad patrol engaged 20 VC 11 miles ESE of Chu Lai. Reaction squad reinforced. Contact continued. Arty, naval gunfire and air strikes employed. At 1045H, a 5th Mar co was helilifted into the area and engaged est 100 VC. 25 EK 7 IW 3 CS. Frd cas lt.
- ATTLEBORO. Sporadic lt sniper contact. Search operations continued. Between 2150H-2200H, CIDG and US arty units at the Soui Da Fire Support Base received 20 rounds 81/82mm mortar fire. Frd cas lt. Earlier, between 0205H-0210H, the 2d Bde 25th Inf Div CP 22-23 miles N of Tay Ninh received 20 to 30 rounds of 81/82mm mortar fire. Frd cas lt.
- 23 - THAYER II. Scattered contact. 26 EK 3 tons salt. 4 US troops wounded by short 500 lb. bomb dropped by F-100.
- INGHAM. Australian units destroyed 2 VC bn base camps, 3 VC co base camps, and located over 6 tons rice. The rice was paddy rice in USAID bags.
  - Destroyers USS WARRINGTON and USS MULLANY sighted 60 cargo barges off coast NVN just N of Dong Hoi. Destroyers engaged with naval gunfire. 47 barges damaged or destroyed.
  - US pilots flew 377 sorties RVN.
  - USN pilots struck Can Thon POL storage area (40 miles NW of Hanoi).
- 24 - THAYER II. Lt contact throughout day 4 miles W of Bong Son between 7th Cav unit and scattered VC force. 32 VCK 57 grenades 56 bangalore torpedoes. Frd cas lt. During an action 4 miles W of Bong Son, 5 US wounded when armed helicopter overshot target. Two OH-13 helicopters downed by en ground fire 7 miles W of Bong Son. Both aircraft destroyed. One US killed; one US injured.
- PAUL REVERE IV. 3d Bde 25th Inf Div co found 66 en bodies and 90 destroyed en bunkers in and around a cave complex 14 miles W of Plei Djereng in Kontum Province. The area had been struck by B-52s 5 days before. The inf units destroyed 204 en bunkers with demotions during the ground sweep.
  - Near Dalat in Tuyen Duc Province, at 0730H, est VC plat attacked 8-vehicle construction convoy of 54 workers and 7 US military. The workers were all civilian employees of Page Communication Company. 1 US military, 1 US civilian and 7 foreign nationals were killed. 6 US military, 1 US civilian and 3 foreign nationals were wounded. 2 vehicles were destroyed, other vehicles damaged. Contact term 1000H.
  - In Hau Nghia Province 28 miles NW of Saigon a 2d Bde 25th Inf Div unit ambushed VC ox cart convoy at 1848H. Search next morning revealed 15 oxen killed, 4 carts, 2 IW, a radio and documents.