VIETNAM COMBAT OPERATIONS
A chronology of Allied combat operations in Vietnam

1967

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Front cover:
Members of Company C, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, descend the side of Hill 742 located five miles northwest of Dak To, Operation MACARTHUR, November 1967.
(Center of Military History)
This volume is the third in a series of chronologies of Allied combat operations conducted during the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1973, interspersed with significant military events and augmented with a listing of US and FWF units arrival and departure for each month. It is based on a chronology prepared for the Vietnam Combat Operations series of scenarios for The Operational Art of War III. I've been working on for more than four years, completed with additional information obtained in primary source documents. It does not pretend to be a comprehensive listing, data are scarcely available when dealing with South Vietnamese or Korean operations, for example.

Each operation is presented in the following format:

Date: name of the operation, when available
Location: population centers, landmarks, province. Type: type of operation, when available. Controlling headquarters: when available. Task organization: friendly units involved, when available. Intelligence: enemy situation and forces, when available. Execution: brief description, when available. Results: friendly and enemy casualties, when available.

A glossary of acronyms and abbreviations is available on page 59.

Color Code:
- United States Army
- United States Marine Corps
- United States Air Force
- United States Navy
- Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces
- Free World Forces

JANUARY

1 Jan. A new CIDG Camp opens at Con Thien, Quang Tri Province, for detachment A-110.
1 Jan. US military strength in the RVN is 395,000.
1 Jan. 7th Air Force takes over operational control of 140 USA Caribou (CV-2) aircraft, redesignated C-7A and assigned to 834th Air Division.
1 Jan. MARKET TIME Swift boats intercept 70-foot steel-hulled trawler 20 km off southern coast of An Xuyen; trawler beached 1 Jan.

Operation THAYER II and coming under opcon of the 1st Bde on 1 Jan.
7th Inf Div: 1-8 Inf, 3-8 Inf, 1-12 Inf, C/2-8 Inf, C/3-4 Cav (-), 6-29 Art (-), C/2-9 Art, A/4th Eng. 2d Bde, 4th Inf Div: 1-12 Inf, 1-22 Inf, 4-42 Art (-), B/4th Eng; TF 2-8 Inf: 2-8 Inf (-), B/6-29 Art, A/4-42 Art; TF 1-69 Arm: 1-69 Arm (-), Plt 2-8 Inf, B/3-6 Art, A/5-16 Art; TF 1-10 Cav: 1-10 Cav (-), Co 1-69 Arm, C/3-4 Cav (-), Plt 2-8 Inf, 3-6 Art (-), B/7-13 Art; Div: 6-14 Art, 5-16 Art (-), Plt 4-42 Inf; Div Troops: 4th Eng Bn (-);

Task organization (effective 8 March): 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div: 1-8 Inf, 3-8 Inf, 2-35 Inf, 6-29 Art (-), C/2-9 Art, A/4th Eng. 2d Bde, 4th Inf Div: 1-12 Inf, C/2-9 Art, 6-29 Art (-), B/4th Eng; TF 2-8 Inf: 2-8 Inf (-), B/6-29 Art, A/4-42 Art; TF 1-69 Arm: 1-69 Arm (-), Co 2-8 Inf, B/3-6 Art, A/5-16 Art; TF 1-10 Cav: 1-10 Cav (-), Co 1-69 Arm, C/3-4 Cav (-), Plt 2-8 Inf, 3-6 Art (-), B/7-13 Art; Div: 6-14 Art, 5-16 Art (-), Plt 4-42 Inf; Div Troops: 4th Eng Bn (-);

Task organization (effective 28 March): 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div: 1-8 Inf, 3-8 Inf, 1-12 Inf, C/2-8 Inf, C/3-4 Cav (-), 6-29 Art (-), B/4-42 Art, C/4-42 Art, A/4th Eng. 2d Bde, 4th Inf Div: 2-8 Inf (-), 1-12 Inf, 4-42 Art (-), C/2-9 Art, A/3-6 Art, Plt B/6-42 Art; Div: 6-14 Art, 5-16 Art (-), 1-92 Art, D/6-40 Art; Div Troops: 4th Eng Bn (-);

Intelligence: 1st PAVN Div: 32nd, 33rd and 66th Rgs; 10th PAVN Div: 88th, 95th and 101C Rgs; 24th PAVN Rgt; 200th PAVN Art Bn; 407th PLAF MF Bn; H15 PLAF LF Bn.

Execution: Operation PAUL REVERE V (renamed SAM HOUSTON on 12 Feb) started on 1 Jan 67, but did not really get going until the division crossed the Nam Sathay River in mid February. Then, in the next five weeks, the division had nine major contacts and a small number of contacts with NVA squadron or platoon sized elements. The operation unfolded in five phases. During Phase 1 (1 Jan-14 Feb), screening and search and destroy operations were conducted along the Cambodian border while the cavalry squadron in the inner border had responsibility for conducting route security. From 14 to 28 February, the division moved to the 8th Bn, 66th PAVN on LZ 501 NORTH, killing 113 and suffering 12 KIA and 32 WIA. On 16 Feb, C/2-8 Inf was ambushed by elts of the 32nd PAVN Rgt, enemy casualties were 114 KIA while US losses were 23 KIA and 21 WIA. That same day, A/1-22 Inf also made contact with the enemy, killing 33 but losing 20 KIA and 21 WIA. On 19 February, the 1st Bde HQ began moving from Tuy Hoa to New Plei Biereng and the division lost 114 KIA while US losses were 23 KIA and 21 WIA. That same day, A/1-22 Inf also made contact with the enemy, killing 33 but losing 20 KIA and 21 WIA. On 21 Feb, B/8-Inf investigating the results of a B-52 strike, was ambushed by an estimated NVA battalion east of the Nam Sathay. 43 enemy were killed, 7 US KIA and 34 US WIA. During Phase 3 (22 Feb-15 Mar) the AO was divided between the two brigades, the 1st assumed responsibility of the area between the Se San and Nam Sathay Rivers and the 2d operated west of the Nam Sathay to the Cambodian border. On 25 Feb, A/1-12 Inf moving out of FSB 501 detected an L-shaped area between the two brigades, the 1st Bde HQ was ambushed and engaged the enemy, killing 48 whiling suffering 1 KIA and 30 WIA. On 27 Feb, a LRP team from the 4th Inf Div on a BDA mission landed on the Cambodian side of the Nam Sathay River by error and had a brief contact with enemy forces before being whisked away. On 13 March, 2-35 Inf made heavy contact near the border, killing 55 by bodycount while losing 14 KIA and 46 WIA. Phase 4 (16-28 Mar) saw the two brigades moving to an area bordered by the Se San to the north, the Pleiku defense sector to the east, the 20 grid line to the south and the Cambodian border to the west. The 2d Bde searched an area called the Plei Doc 15 km southwest of 3 TANGO and an equal distance northwest from Duc Co. On 22 Mar a recondo patrol from 1-8 Inf lost radio contact for an extended period, and A/1-8 Inf sent in a search for them detaining into a battalion of the 95th PAVN Rgt. 136 enemy were killed while US losses were 27 KIA and 48 WIA. Phase 5 (29 Mar-5 Apr) saw the removal of the bridge across the Se San and extensive cordon and search operations of villages and hamlets within the AO. The Edap Enang resettlement project was started by the GVN during this period and supported by the division.

Results: 733 enemy killed, 17 detained, 172 US KIA, 802 US WIA.

1 The 3d Bde deployed to Binh Dinh Province on 3 Jan, joining Operation THAYER II and coming under opcon of the 1st Cav Div (see VCO 1966, p. 34).
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2 Jan. New Year’s stand-down period ended 0700. US MACV recorded total 111 incidents during the period and reported 24 to the press as significant.

2 Jan. Operation: BOLO
Location: Phuc Yen Airfield, Route Package 6A, North Vietnam.
Type: MiG sweep. Controlling headquarters: 7th AF. Task organization: 8th and 366th TFW. Intelligence: 16 VPAF MiG-21s. Execution: BOLO was a deception operation aimed at luring the VPAF MiG-21s into air-combat. Largest air-to-air battle of the war. Results: 7 MiG-21s shot down, 2 probable (VPAF only admitted losing 5).

2-3 Jan. Operations: GLEN BURNIE
Location: Bien Loc, Long Khanh Province. Type: cordon and search. Controlling headquarters: 11th ACR. Task organization: 3/11 ACR, 52d ARVN Rgr Bn. Execution: A systematic search and interrogation of the villagers produced no significant results but the operation removed the village from Viet Cong domination and opened it for Revolutionary Development. Results: 29 enemy detained.

3 Jan. In Saigon at 2200, terrorist tossed grenade vicinity 108/60 Tran Quang Dieu. 1 US killed, 5 US wounded and 1 VN child killed.

3 Jan.-4 Mar. Operation: MAENG HO 8
Location: Cu Mong, Song Cau, Binh Dinh and Phu Yen Province. Type: search and destroy, cordon and search. Controlling headquarters: CRID. Task organization: 26th ROK Inf Rgt. Intelligence: 5th Bn, 95th PAVN Rgt, H65 PLAF LF Bn. Execution: 26th ROK Inf Rgt was to conduct a deception operation south from Qui Nhon into Phu Yen Province, conducting a series of cordon and search operations, trapping many NVA and VC soldiers trying to escape disguised as peasants. Results: 211 enemy killed, 403 captured, 673 detained, 7 ROK KIA, 17 ROK WIA.


4 Jan. Two American engineers and a Filipina released vicinity Xuan Loc after being maintained as prisoners of the Viet Cong.

4-9 Jan. Operation: LINCOLN
Location: Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 7th Marines. Task organization: 2/5 Marines. Execution: Operation conducted in the southern portion of the Da Nang TAOR with light contact. Results: 1 enemy enemy killed, 1 captured, 2 detained, 5 US WIA.

5-7 Jan. Operations: NIAGARRA FALLS
Location: Cau Dinh Jungle, Song Sai Gon, Song Thi Tinh, Rach Ong Nang, Binh Duong Province Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 173d Abn Bde. Task organization: TF ALPHA: 1-503 Inf, B/2-34 Arm, C/3-319 Art, Tank Plt 1-4 Cav, 35th ARVN Rgr Bn. Intelligence: 2nd and 3rd Bns, 165A PLAF Rgt, Phu Loi PLAF LF Bn, C63 PLAF LF Co. Execution: The mission was to conduct a deceptive feint into the Cau Dinh Jungle and begin search and destroy operations in preparation for the larger, multi-division Operation CEDAR FALLS. Results: included in Operation CEDAR FALLS.

5-8 Jan. Operations: COUNTY FAIR 1-25

5-14 Jan. Operation: SEINE
Location: Quang Ngai Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 2d ROKMC Bde. Task organization: 1st, 2d and 3d ROKMC Bns. Results: 140 enemy killed, 76 detained, 31 ROK KIA, 57 ROK WIA.

6 Jan. The Thai Government announces more than 1,000 RTA volunteers went to Phuket Volunteer Information Center and assume the mission of evacuating the inhabitants of Ben Suc to Phu Cuong, the provincial capital. On 8 Jan, the 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div initiated CEDAR FALLS with 1-26 Inf and A/2-18 Inf conducting an air-assault in 60 UH-1D helicopters on Ben Suc, encountering sporadic sniper fire but discovering an extensive underground bunker complex below the village. On 9 Jan, 1-2 Inf, 1-16 Inf, 1-28 Inf and 2-28 Inf air-assaulted into the Thanh Dien Forestry Reserve with minimal
contact. At the same time the two squadrons of the 11th ACR crossed the Thi Tinh near Ben Suc and attacked along a dirt road to cut the Triangle in half and aiming for an enemy headquarters reported to be at the small village of Rach Bap. On 10 Jan, the evacuation of the 6,000 inhabitants of Ben Suc began. It was a helter-skelter affair, thoroughly mixing up the Vietnamese evacuees with the belongings. On 13 Jan, after the departure of the last refugees, the destruction of both the surface and underground facilities commenced, a job completed by 17 Jan after poisoners detonated 5 tons of explosives, mostly captured enemy munitions, buried in a hole in the center of what was left of Ben Suc. Elsewhere in the Triangle, Allied forces discovered numerous rice caches and bunker complexes but made no major contact with the enemy until the operation was terminated on 26 Jan. Results: 750 enemy killed, 280 captured, 540 returnees, 512 detained, 72 US KIA, 337 US WIA, 11 ARVN KIA, 8 ARVN WIA.

9 Jan. An AC-47 gunship was downed by probable ground fire 42 km southeast of Quang Ngai City, 7 US KIA.

9-10 Jan. Operation: CALOUNDIA
Location: Xa Binh Ba, Route 2, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: cordon and search. Controlling headquarters: 1ATF. Task organization: 5RAR, 103 Fld Bty. Execution: CALOUNDIA was a cordon and search of Xa Binh Ba, a village located on Route 2, 7 km north of Nui Dat. Results: 9 enemy detained.

7-9 Jan. Operation: COUNTY FAIR 1-29

8 Jan.-7 Feb. Operation: BLACKJACK 31
Location: Long Khanh and Phuoc Tuy Provinces. Type: mobile guerrilla. Controlling headquarters: 5th SFAGA. Task organization: A-304 MGF. Execution: A-304 conducted mobile guerrilla operations in southern Phuoc Long and northern Long Khanh Provinces. 53 contacts were made and 77 airstrokes were directed against enemy forces. Results: 56 enemy killed, 1 CIDG KIA, 4 CIDG WIA.

9 Jan. World’s fourth-largest dredge, the JAMAICA BAY, mined the southern portion of the Da Nang TAOR with no contact.


10 Jan.-23 Mar. Operation: BLACKJACK 41
Location: Quang Nam Province. Type: mobile guerrilla. Controlling headquarters: 5th SFAGA. Execution: mobile guerrilla operation conducted in the Seven Mountains region of IV CTZ. Results: (no info).

11-14 Jan. Operation: WOLLONGONG
Location: Route 2, Route 15, Binh Ba Rubber Plantation, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1ATF. Task organization: 5RAR, 6RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav. Execution: Operation conducted west of Nui Dat and northwest of Nui Dat with negative contact. Results: 1 enemy killed.

12 Jan. At 0120 in Phong Dinh Province, the enemy attacked the Binh Thuy airfield 10 km northwest of Can Tho with 50 rounds of mortar and recoilless rifle fire.

14 Jan. The US Navy announces SEAL units operational in RVN.

14-16 Jan. Operation: DAN CHI 275/B
Location: Chuong Thien Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 21st ARVN Div. Results: 181 enemy killed, 7 detained, 22 ARVN KIA, 43 ARVN WIA.

14-21 Jan. Operation: LAM SON 142
Location: Quang Tri Province. Type: security. Controlling headquarters: 1st ARVN Div. Results: 70 enemy killed, 3 detained, 14 ARVN KIA, 35 ARVN WIA.

15 Jan. A US Army CH-47 helicopter was downed by suspected ground fire 12 km southwest of Can Tho, Phong Dinh Province. 8 US KIA and 1 US MIA.

16 Jan. US announces resumption of air strikes in Hanoi area.

16-17 Jan. Operation: INTOSHI JOYCE 2
Location: Bien Hoa Province. Type: search and destroy (no other info).

Location: Hoa Long, Route 2, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: cordon and search. Controlling headquarters: 1ATF. Task organization: 5RAR, 6RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav, 1st Fld Rgt, A/2-35 Art. Execution: Operation conducted 1 km south of Nui Dat with negative contact. Results: 10 enemy captured, 19 enemy killed.


20 Jan. At about 0200, USMC installation at Phu Bai in Thua Thien Province 16 km southeast of Hue received 30-35 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light friendly casualties.

20-22 Jan. Operation: COUNTY FAIR 1-32

20-28 Jan. Operation: COLBY
Location: Phy Mły, Binh Son, Onq Que Rubber Plantation, Phuc Chi Secret Zone Bien Hoa and Phuoc Tuy Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div. Task organization: 2-39 Inf, 4-39 Inf, 5-60 Inf (M), 3-5 Cav, 3/11 ACR (-). Execution: COLBY was the second operation conducted by the 9th Inf Div in Vietnam, searching the Phuc Chi Secret Zone in western Phuoc Tuy Province. Results: 14 enemy killed.

20 Jan.-26 Feb. Operation: REGINA
Location: Phu Long Province. Type: reconnaissance. Controlling headquarters: 5th SFAGA. Task organization: Det B-50, Project SIGMA. Execution: Reconnaissance operations conducted in two phases from 20 Jan to 6 Feb and from 13-26 Feb in northeastern Phuoc Long Province. Results: (no info).

Location: Phu Yen Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: WHRID. Task organization: 28th ROK Inf Div. Results: 160 enemy killed, 57 detained, 3 ROK KIA, 14 ROK WIA.

22 Jan.-2 Feb. Operation: STARK


Location: An Hoa, La Bac, Phu Loc, Song Thu Bon, Arizona Territory, Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 5th Marines. Task organization: 2/5 Marines. Intelligenc: R20 PLAF MF Bn. Execution: Operation conducted along the Song Thu Bon 15 km northwest of An Hoa. On 26 Jan, 2/5 Marines made heavy contact with the R20 Bn near La Bac. Results: 79 enemy killed, 2 detained, 17 US KIA, 52 US WIA.

24-25 Jan. Operation: CLEVELAND
Location: Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 4th Marines. Task organization: 2/4 Marines, B/1st Tank Bn. Execution: Operation conducted in the southern portion of the Da Nang TAOR with no contact. Results: 2 US WIA.

2 Originally EL DORADO.
25 Jan. Soviet mine found in Saigon River, first Russian mine found in war.


**Location:** Phan Rang, Xom Moi, Vinh Hao, Nui Cha Bang, Nui Da, Secret Bases 7 and 35, Ninh Thuan and Binh Thuan Provinces. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controling headquarters:** 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div. **Task organization:** 1-327 Inf, 2-327 Inf, 2-502 Inf, 2-320 Art, B/1-30 Art, A/2-17 Cav, A/326 Eng. **Intelligence:** 324th Co, 724th PAVN Bn; X401 and X435 PLAF LF Co. **Execution:** On 21 Jan, the brigade began air and overland movement from Kontum to Phan Rang, the last elements closing the brigade base camp on 26 Jan. That same day, phase 1 of Operation FARRAGUT was launched with Task Force Desoto (2-327 Inf, 1 plat A/326 Eng, 1 plat A/2-17 Cav) conducting a deception operation in Secret Base 35 (Nui Cha Bang) located south of Phan Rang and east of Route 1. On 27 Jan, following a B-52 strike, 1-327 Inf and 2-327 Inf conducted airmobile assaults into Base Area 7 (Nui Da) 25 km west of Phan Rang while 2-502 Inf moved overland into the southern portion of the AO. Contact was light; on 28 Jan 2-327 Inf discovered a large base area believed to have been the VC Province Headquarters. On 30 and 31 Jan, 1-327 Inf and 2-327 Inf were extracted from the FARRAGUT AO to Phan Rang and prepared to initiate Operation GATLING I in Lam Dong Province. 2-327 Inf continued the operation alone, making little contact but discovering numerous food caches. On 8 Feb, offensive operations were terminated in the AO in observance of the Tet truce period.

**Location:** Sa Huynh in Operation DESOTO

**Execution:** The operation conducted 13 km west-southwest of Go Cong with support from RAGs 21 and 27. 9 enemy killed, 60 detained, 49 returnees, friendly losses not reported.

27 Jan.-1 Feb. Operations: CUU LONG/S1/SD

**Location:** Go Cong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controling headquarters:** 7th ARVN Div. **Execution:** Operation conducted 7 km southwest of Nui Dat in the Nui Dinh Hills.

**Results:** 3 enemy killed, 1 AUS KIA, 1 AUS WIA.


**Location:** Nui Dinh, Phuoc Tuy Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controling headquarters:** 1ATF. **Task organization:** 6RAR, A/5RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav (-), 101 Fld Bty. **Execution:** The operation conducted 7 km southwest of Nui Dat in the Nui Dinh Hills.

**Results:** 3 enemy killed, 1 AUS KIA, 1 AUS WIA.

28 Jan.-31 May Operations: PALM BEACH

**Location:** Dong Tam, Ap Ba 2/7 Heartland Zone, Cam Son Secret Zone, Ban Long Base Area, Base Area 470, Route 4, Song My Tho, Dien Tuong Province. **Type:** security, search and destroy. **Controling headquarters:** 6d Bde, 9th Inf Div (28 Jan-10 Mar); 2d Bde, 9th Inf Div (10 Mar-31 May). **Task organization:** 3-47 Inf, 4-47 Inf, 5-60 Inf, 5-60 Inf M, 3-34 Art, A/2-17 Cav, 2 plts 1-9 Cav, 40th ARVN Rgt (elts). **Intelligence:** 8th Bn, 22nd PAVN Rgt. **Execution:** BALM BEACH began as a security operation aimed at protecting engineer parties dredging the future base of the Mobile Riverine Force at Dong Tam. On 10 Mar, the 2d Bde headquarters arrived at Dong Tam, assuming control of the operation, and was joined a few days later by 3-47 Inf which had completed riverine training in the Rung Sat Special Zone. In April, COL Fulton, commander of the 2d Bde, learned that the 514th LF Bn had moved into Ap Bac where a much publicized battle had taken place in Jan 1963. Mounting an operation with 3-47 Inf, 3-60 Inf and elements of 5-60 Inf (M), American forces attacked the village on 2 May, killing nearly 200 enemies and losing 15 KIA and 27 WIA. On 13 May, 4-47 Inf joined the brigade after riverine training in the RSSZ. With his full brigade assembled and Dong Tam, COL Fulton began a sustained riverine campaign against the 20/7 Heartland Zone, a major insurgent sanctuary located immediately west of the base. On 15 May an operation was launched with 3-47 Inf and 4-47 Inf on the north bank of the Song My Tho in the western portion of the base area known as the Cam Son Secret Zone, trapping the 514th PLAF LF Bn once again. Enemy casualties were over 100 killed while US forces sustained 1 KIA and 25 WIA. On 18-19 May, a similar operation was mounted against the 20/7 Heartland Zone. USN Task Force Dong Tam, CO: Fulton, began a sustained riverine campaign against the 20/7 Heartland Zone, a major insurgent sanctuary located immediately west of the base. On 15 May an operation was launched with 3-47 Inf and 4-47 Inf on the north bank of the Song My Tho in the western portion of the base area known as the Cam Son Secret Zone, trapping the 514th PLAF LF Bn once again. Enemy casualties were over 100 killed while US forces sustained 1 KIA and 25 WIA. On 18-19 May, a similar operation was mounted against the 20/7 Heartland Zone. USN Task Force Dong Tam, CO: Fulton, began a sustained riverine campaign against the 20/7 Heartland Zone, a major insurgent sanctuary located immediately west of the base. On 15 May an operation was launched with 3-47 Inf and 4-47 Inf on the north bank of the Song My Tho in the western portion of the base area known as the Cam Son Secret Zone, trapping the 514th PLAF LF Bn once again. Enemy casualties were over 100 killed while US forces sustained 1 KIA and 25 WIA. On 18-19 May, a similar operation was mounted against the 20/7 Heartland Zone. USN Task Force Dong Tam, CO: Fulton, began a sustained riverine campaign against the 20/7 Heartland Zone, a major insurgent sanctuary located immediately west of the base. On 15 May an operation was launched with 3-47 Inf and 4-47 Inf on the north bank of the Song My Tho in the western portion of the base area known as the Cam Son Secret Zone, trapping the 514th PLAF LF Bn once again. Enemy casualties were over 100 killed while US forces sustained 1 KIA and 25 WIA. On 18-19 May, a similar operation was mounted against the 20/7 Heartland Zone. USN Task Force Dong Tam, CO: Fulton, began a sustained riverine campaign against the 20/7 Heartland Zone, a major insurgent sanctuary located immediately west of the base. On 15 May an operation was launched with 3-47 Inf and 4-47 Inf on the north bank of the Song My Tho in the western portion of the base area known as the Cam Son Secret Zone, trapping the 514th PLAF LF Bn once again. Enemy casualties were over 100 killed while US forces sustained 1 KIA and 25 WIA. On 18-19 May, a similar operation was mounted against the 20/7 Heartland Zone. USN Task Force Dong Tam, CO: Fulton, began a sustained riverine campaign against the 20/7 Heartland Zone, a major insurgent sanctuary located immediately west of the base. On 15 May an operation was launched with 3-47 Inf and 4-47 Inf on the north bank of the Song My Tho in the western portion of the base area known as the Cam Son Secret Zone, trapping the 514th PLAF LF Bn once again. Enemy casualties were over 100 killed while US forces sustained 1 KIA and 25 WIA. On 18-19 May, a similar operation was mounted against the 20/7 Heartland Zone.
3/1 Marines. Results: (no info).

29 Jan.-16 Feb. Operation: BIG SPRING
Location: Xom Cat, War Zone D, Song Dong Nam, Song Be, Bien Hoa and Long Khanh Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 173d Abn Bde; 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div. Task organization: 1-503 Inf, 2-503 Inf, 4-503 Inf, 3-319 Art, E/17 Cav, 2-39 Inf, 3-39 Inf, 4-39 Inf. Intelligence: 2nd and 3rd Bns, 273rd PLAF Rgt. Execution: The operation was conducted north of Xom Cat in War Zone D. 1,000 bunkers were destroyed and 24 tons of rice captured but no significant contact developed. Results: 79 enemy killed.

29 Jan.-4 Mar. Operation: PENG MA I
Location: Nha Trang, Hon Ba Mountain, Khanh Hoa Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: WHRID. Task organization: 29th and 30th ROK Inf Rgts. Intelligence: 18B PAVN Rgt. Execution: BAEK MA I was the first large-scale operation of the 9th ROK Infantry Division. Four battalions from the 29th and 30th Regiments assaulted into Hon Ba Mountain 25 km northwest of Nha Trang and destroyed the 8th Bn, 18B PAVN Regiment as well as the VC Provincial Headquarters. Results: 394 enemy killed, 40 detained, 19 ROK KIA and 35 ROK WIA.

31 Jan.-1 Feb. Operation: TRINITY
Location: Chu Lai TAOR, Quang Ngai Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: Task Force X-RAY. Task organization: 1/7 Marines, 2d ROKMC Bn. Execution: Contact during the entire operation was light. Results: 3 enemy killed, 3 captured, 3 detained, 6 US WIA.

31 Jan.-1 Feb. Operation: LONG PHI/999/A
Location: Kien Phong Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 9th ARVN Div. Results: 51 enemy killed, 16 detained, 2 ARVN KIA, 34 ARVN WIA.

31 Jan.-3 Feb. Operation: CLAY
Location: Quang Tin Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 5th Marines. Task organization: 1/5 Marines. Execution: Contact during the entire operation was light. Results: 1 enemy killed, 2 detained, 10 US WIA.

Location: Thuy Bo, Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st Marines. Task organization: 2/1 Marines. Execution: On 31 Jan, H/2/1 Marines bumped into a VC battalion fortified in the hamlet of Thuy Bo, 15 km southwest of Da Nang. Results: 101 enemy killed, 5 US KIA, 26 US WIA.

Arrival:

1 Jan. 3-39 Inf
1-11 Art
154th Trans Co
457th TCS
458th TCS
459th TCS
535th TCS
536th TCS
537th TCS
2 Jan. 529th Trans Co
566th Trans Co
3 Jan. HQ 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div
2-39 Inf
3-39 Inf
Trp A, 3-5 Cav
4 Jan. 59th Signal Co
9th Med Bn
6 Jan. 2/4 Marines
7 Jan. 62d Maint Bn
8 Jan. 127th MP Co

3 Initially BAEK MA 1.
4 Reported as Operation SHARK in 1st Mar Div Command Chronology.

FEBRUARY


1 Feb. US military strength in RVN is 410,000.

1-8 Feb. Operation: TAMBRINE
Location: Dat Do, Song Tre, Route 23, FSB LANCE, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: patrol and ambush. Controlling headquarters: 1ATF. Task organization: 6RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav (-), 161 Bty, RNZA. Intelligence: D445 PLAF LF Bn. Execution: Operation took place along Route 23 between Dat Do and the Song Tre, 11 km east-southeast of Nui Dat. Contact was minimal. All friendly casualties occurred on 6 Feb when rounds fired by the 161 Bty fell on D/6RAR. Results: 7 enemy killed, 4 AUS KIA, 13 AUS WIA.

1-9 Feb. Operation: INDEPENDENCE
Location: An Hoa, Song Vu Gia, Hill 510, Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 9th Marines. Task organization: 1/1 Marines, 2/4 Marines, 2/5 Marines, 1/26 Marines, 2/26 Marines (one company each). Execution: Operation took place west of An Hoa and south of the Song Vu Gia. Results: 139 enemy killed, 106 detained, 9 US KIA and 35 US WIA.

1-12 Feb. Operation: WILLISTON
Location: An Loc, Quan Loi, Minh Thanh, Chon Thanh, Ben Cat, Route 13, Route 245, Binh Long and Binh Duong Provinces.

5 This was the test unit for the combat security police role.
6 Redesignation of 1APC Squadron.
7 Battalion departed for Okinawa.
8 To SLF.
Consisted of a series of battalion sweeps between Cam Lo and Chon Thanh while the 1st Bde secured the portion of Route 13 between Ben Cat and Chon Thanh while the 1st Bde secured Route 13 between Chon Thanh and An Loc and Route 245 between An Loc and Minh Thanh, protecting engineer work parties in the AO. During the second phase (7-12 Feb), search and destroy operations were conducted in the Minh Thanh area but produced no significant contact. Results: 15 enemy killed, 2 detained, 9 US KIA, 13 US WIA.

1-15 Feb. Operation: GATLING
Location: Tan Tai, Tan Djiran, LZ Mary, LZ Jane, LZ PEG, LZ LIZ, LZ Shirley, LZ Lucky Strike, Lam Dong, Binh Tuy and Binh Thuan Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div. Task organization: 1-327 Inf, 2-502 Inf, 2-7 Cav (-) (5-15 Feb), Co B, 5th SFGA (1-4 Feb), 2-320 Art (-), B/1-30 Art, A/325 Eng (-). Intelligence: Headquarters MR 6. Execution: Operation GATLING was conceived as a raid against the suspected meeting place of the enemy’s Military Region 6 Headquarters northwest of Bao Loc in Lam Dong Province. During phase I (1-4 Feb), the brigade minus was extracted from the FARRAGUT AO and moved secretly to Bao Loc and Phan Thiet. On 1 Feb, following a B-52 strike on a suspected high level enemy conference near Tan Djiran 12 km northwest of Bao Loc, 1-327 air-assaulted to LZ Mary followed by 2-502 Inf air assaulting into blocking positions near LZ Jane. MIKE Forces from Tan Rai were also inserted into LZs PEG, LIZ and SHIRLEY to complete the trap while a company from 2-7 Cav was moved to Bao Loc to serve as the brigade reaction force. During the following days, the units conducted a thorough search of the objective area but found no sign of the presence of an enemy headquarters and the battalions were extracted back to Bao Loc. Phase II (5-15 Feb) began on 5 Feb with the brigade air assaulting into the suspected location of the MR6 Headquarters northwest of Phan Thiet on the border between Binh Tuy and Binh Thuan Provinces. 2-7 Cav (-) became opon to the brigade and air-assaulted from the BYRD AO into LZ LUCKY STRIKE. Once again, contact was minimal and on 8 Feb all units terminated offensive operations in observance of the Tet cease fire. On 12 Feb, aggressive search and destroy operations were resumed until 15 Feb when all elements were extracted from the AO to Phan Thiet. Results: 19 enemy killed, 6 captured, 19 detained, 5 US KIA, 21 US WIA, 2 ARVN KIA, 11 ARVN WIA.

1 Feb.-18 Mar. Operation: PRAIRIE II
Location: Dong Ha, Cam Lo, Con Thien, Khe Sanh, Gio Linh, Camp Carroll, the Rockpile, Route 9, Song Ben Hai, Hill 124, Hill 162, Quang Tri Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 3d Mar Div (Fwd). Task organization: 1/3 Marines (1-6 Feb), 2/3 Marines, 3/3 Marines, 3/4 Marines, 1/9 Marines, F/2/9 Marines, 3/9 Marines, 12th Marines (-). Intelligence: 324B PAVN Div. Execution: PRAIRIE II was a continuation of Operation PRAIRIE in the DMZ area against enemy infiltration in Quang Tri Province. On 12 Feb, aggressive search and destroy operations were resumed until 15 Feb when all elements were extracted from the AO to Phan Thiet. Results: 19 enemy killed, 6 captured, 19 detained, 5 US KIA, 21 US WIA, 2 ARVN KIA, 11 ARVN WIA.

1 Feb.-23 Sep. Operation: LAM SON 142/AB/P3
Location: Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st ARVN Div. Results: 435 enemy killed, 32 detained, 172 ARVN KIA, 420 ARVN WIA, 31 ARVN MIA.

2-5 Feb. Operation: NAURO
Location: Long Tau Shipping Channel, Rung Sat Special Zone. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: VNMC Brigade. Task organization: 1st VNMC BN. Results: 435 enemy killed, 32 detained, 172 ARVN KIA, 420 ARVN WIA, 31 ARVN MIA.

2-6 Feb. Operation: SONG THAN 1
Location: Binh Dinh Province. Type: search and destroy, road security. Controlling headquarters: VNMC TF BRAVO. Task organization: 3rd and 4th VNMC Bns, C/VNMC Art Bn. Execution: Operation conducted between Bong Son and Duong Lieu. Results: No info.

2-17 Feb. Operation: GADSEN
Location: Trai Bi, Trang Sup, Lo Go, Xom Giua, Rach Ben Da, Tay Ninh Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 25th Inf Div. Task organization: 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div: 2-12 Inf, 2-22 Inf (M), 3-22 Inf, 4-23 Inf (M), 2-77 Art; 166th Inf Bde (Lt): 2-11 Inf, 1-5 Inf (M), 3-21 Inf, 4-31 Inf, 3-82 Art; 2-77 Cav. Intelligence: 271st PLAF Rgt, 70th PLAF Guard Rgt. Execution: Operation GADSEN was mounted as a preliminary operation to JUNCTION CITY to prevent movement along routes crossing the Cambodian border in western Tay Ninh Province. After establishing FSBs at Trai Bi and Trang Sup and securing two bridges across the Rach Ben Da, the two brigades launched towards the border. Operating from Trang Sup, the 3d Bde pushed west toward Xom Giua while the 196th Inf Bde (Lt) starting from Trai Bi swept towards Lo Go. On 7 Feb, 1-5 Inf (M) made contact with an estimated enemy platoon, killing 20. Results: 161 enemy killed, 21 detained, 29 US KIA, 107 US WIA.


3 Feb. Coast Guard Activities, Vietnam (COGARDACTV) established under operational control of COMNAVFORV.

5 Feb. 28 prisoners of war are repatriated to SVN at Ben Hai crossing, DMZ.

3-7 Feb. Operation: MUERTO DOS
Location: Phu Quoc Island, Kien Giang Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 5th SFGA. Task organization: A-427 Phu Quoc. Execution: Operation conducted on the northwest coast of the island with support from Coastal Groups 42 and 46. Results: 13 enemy killed, 1 captured.

4-14 Feb. Operation: MUNICE
Location: Dac Thanh, Cam My, Courtenay Plantation, Blackhorse, Route 2, Long Khanh and Phuoc Tuy Provinces. Type: security, search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 11th ACR. Task organization: 3/11 ACR. Execution: The 3d Squadron conducted search and destroy operations and provided security for engineer work parties along Inter-provincial Route 2 south of the Blackhorse base camp. Contact was sporadic with no determined resistance. Results: No info.

5 Feb. First defoliation mission flown in southern half of DMZ.

5 Feb. Record 565 sorties over RVN flown by USAF and USMC pilots.

5-7 Feb. Operation: HOA XUAN 532
Location: Binh Dinh Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 22nd ARVN Division. Results: 81 enemy killed, 14 ARVN KIA, 20 ARVN WIA.

26-24 Feb. Operation: GREEN LEAF
movement during the Tet holiday period. Results: 3 enemy detained.

8-12 Feb. At 0700 hours, Allied forces commenced observance of a four-day cease-fire for Tet.

8-12 Feb. Operation: BEECHMONT

Location: Nul Dat, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: patrolling. Controlling headquarters: 1ATF. Task organization: 6RAR, 6RA, A Sqn 3 Cav, 1 Fld Rgt, 3 SAS Sqn. Execution: The Task Force patrolled the immediate vicinity of Nul Dat base camp during the Tet truce period. Results: 5 enemy detained.

8 Feb-67-31 Jan 68 Operation: LAM SON 67

Location: Phu Loi, An My, Ong Dong Jungle, Bien Duong, Bien Hoa and Gia Din Provinces. Type: search and destroy, cordon and search, saturation patrolling, security, jungle clearing. Controlling headquarters: 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div (8 Feb-17 Mar, 17 Apr 67-31 Jan 68); 3d Bde, 1st Inf Div (17 Mar-17 Apr). Task organization: 1st Inf Div Revolutionary Development Task Force (various infantry, cavalry and support units were assigned on a rotation basis during the period). Execution: The operation supported the SVN’s Revolutionary Development Program in conjunction with ARVN units in Binh Duong, Bien Hoa and Gia Din Provinces. LAM SON 67 consisted of cordon and search, reconnaissance in force, harassment, jungle clearing, population control, civic action and psychological warfare operations directed against priority targets. Contact in the AO was characterized by light sporadic incidents with local VC elements. On 6 Jan 67, the Phu Loi base camp received 123 rounds of mixed mortar fire, 46 aircraft were damaged and 6 US WIA. Reacting to the attack, A/2-18 Inf and B/2-2 Inf (M) swept the area to the north of the base and contacted two enemy companies of the Phu Loi PLAF Bn. 92 enemy were killed, 4 US KIA and 14 US WIA. Operation LAM SON 67 was terminated on 31 Jan 68 with the beginning of the enemy’s Tet Offensive. Results: 527 enemy killed, 263 captured, 2,327 detained, 346 defectors, 56 US KIA, 572 US WIA.

10-12 Feb. Operation: HAI DUONG/1/67

Location: Tra On, Vinh Binh Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 9th ARVN Div. Execution: operation conducted 10 km southwest of Tra On by one ARVN battalion and two RF companies with support from RAG 25 and 29. Results: none.

12-22 Feb. Operation: CHU THANG 8

Location: Chau Vien Mountain, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: search and destroy. Execution: operation conducted on Chau Vien Mountain by Phuoc Tuy Sector forces and VNN Coastal Group 32. Results: none.

12-14 Feb. Operation: BEAMARIS

Location: Xa An Nhut, Route 23, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: cordon and search. Controlling headquarters: 1ATF. Task organization: 5RAR, A/1-4 Cav, 10th Fld Bty, A/2-35 Art, A/1-83 Art, 772nd RF Co. Intelligence: D445 PLAF LF Bn, C25 PLAF LF Co. Execution: 5RAR cordoned and searched Xa An Nhut hamlet located astride Route 23 between Long Dien and Dat Do, 8 km south-southwest of Nui Dat. Results: 6 enemy captured, 14 detained, 3 AUS KIA, 5 AUS WIA.

12-22 Feb. Operation: STONE

Location: Thuy Bo, Go Noi Island, Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st Marines. Task organization: 1/1 Marines, 2/1 Marines (10-12 Feb), 1/26 Marines (10-12 Feb). Intelligence: R20 PLAF MF Bn. Execution: Operation took place on Go Noi Island west of Hoi An. On 19 Feb, 1/1 Marines managed to establish a cordon around the R20 Battalion, killing 68 and capturing 25. Results: 291 enemy killed, 7 detained, 9 US KIA, 76 US WIA.

12-28 Feb. Operation: HOA XUAN 533

Location: Tam Quan, Lai Giang, Binh Dinh Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 22nd ARVN Div. Task organization: 40th ARVN Rgt. Execution: this was a companion operation to Operation PERSHING. Results: (no info).
enemy company near An Qui 4 km southwest of Tam Quan. 77
enemy were killed, 8 US KIA and 30 WIA. On 18 Jun, 3 compan-
ies conducted the first US/ROK/ARVN operation since IRVING in
the Nui Mieu Mountains with elements of the CRID and 22nd
ARVN Div. An enemy company was engaged on 19 jun, leaving
24 dead on the battlefield. On 21 Jun, two companies and a
company from the 22nd ARVN Division while sweeping the Phu
My Valley floor made heavy contact with the enemy, killing 66.
On 23 Jun, a battalion task force built around 2-12 Cav was sent
west to Dak To and became opcon to the 173d Abn Bde conduct-
ing operation GREELEY. The next day the 3d Bde minus was sent
to Kontum Province and placed opcon to the 4th Inf Div on Oper-
ation FRANCIS MARION. On 28 Jun, a platoon from 1-9 Cav con-
tacted an estimated enemy company in a fortified position near
Tra-O Lake. The infantry companies were pilled on, killing 84
NVA and capturing 34. On 1 Jul, two NVA companies were
engaged near LZ TOM 15 km north-northeast of Bong Son.
TACAIR and CS followed by an tank/infantry attack accounted for
86 enemy killed. US losses were 15 KIA and 39 WIA. On 25 Jul, the
3d Bde returned to the PERSHING AO from the Western Highlands. During the period 1-19 Aug, the 3d Bde conducted a
reconnaissance-in-force to southern Quang Ngai Province with
5-7 cav air-assaulting into the Nuoc Dinh Valley. The next day 2-
12 Cav and 2-8 Cav air-assaulted into the Song Re Valley to the
north, joined on 6 Aug by 5-7 Cav. On 9 Aug, 2-8 Cav made heavy
close to LZ PAT with an estimated enemy battalion in fortified
positions, killing 38. On 18 Aug, the brigade began a redeployment back to the PERSHING AO. During this period the
Aug-3 Sep, A/2-5 Cav besieged an estimated 100 NVA in a cave
on the Nui Mieu Mountain, killing 33 and capturing 41. On 28-30
Aug, the 2d Bde with 1-5 Cav made contact with the 95th Bn, 2nd
ARVN Div and 2-12 Cav joining forces in Quang Ngai Province.
On 25 Sep, opcon of A/1-69 Arm was released and the company returned to the 4th Inf Div. The 2d Bde 

9 Dong Thap Muoi in Vietnamese.
and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 21st ARVN Div. **Results:** 331 enemy killed, 35 detained, 30 ARVN KIA, 112 ARVN WIA, 2 US KIA, 7 US WIA.

14-21 Feb. **Operation:** TUSCON

**Location:** Minh Thanh, Michelin Rubber Plantation, Long Nguyen Secret Zone, Binh Duong and Binh Long Provinces.

**Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1st Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1st Bde: 2-1 Inf, 2-2 Inf, 2-18 Inf, 1-28 Inf, 1-4 Cav, 1-9 Art, 1-18 Art (-); 3d Bde: 1-16 Inf, 2-28 Inf, 3-5 Cav (from 9th Inf Div), 2-33 Art, C/8-6 Art. **Intelligence:** 272nd PLAF Rgt, Phu Loi PLAF LF Bn, C61 PLAF LF Co. **Execution:** Operation TUSCON had two objectives: sever the VC “Northern Rice Route” between War Zone C and War Zone D in the northern section of the Long Nguyen Secret Zone and the Gia Ray rock quarry and provide preparations for Operation JUNCTION CITY. Many VC installations were discovered during this operation and 1,700 tons of rice were captured but no major engagement developed. **Results:** 8 enemy killed, 3 US KIA, 29 US WIA.

14-22 Feb. **Operation:** SONG THAN 4

**Location:** Bong Son, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** VNMC Task Force BRAVO. **Task organization:** 2-3 and 3rd VNMC Bns, C/VNMC Art Bn. **Execution:** Operation conducted near Bong Son in conjunction with PERSHING. **Results:** 54 enemy killed, 51 captured, 90 detained, 3 VNMC KIA, 27 VBMC WIA.

14 Feb-67 to 21 Mar. **Operation:** KITTYHAWK

**Location:** Long Binh, Xuan Loc, Long Giao, Gia Ray, Suoi Cat, Bien Hoa, Long Khanh and Bien Ha Provinces. **Type:** reconnaissance-in-force, cordon and search, security, road clearing. **Controlling headquarters:** 9th Inf Div (14 Feb 67-15 Feb 68); 11th ACR (15 Feb-21 Mar 68). **Task organization:** 3-5 Cav, 1/11 ACR, 2/11 ACR, 3/11 ACR. **Intelligence:** 275th PLAF Rgt. **Execution:** The purpose of KITTYHAWK was to secure LOCs and selected installations within Long Khanh Province, conduct reconnaissance-in-force operations and cordon and search of selected hamlets within the Long Binh area. **Results:** 2d Bde, 1-2 Inf, 2-18 Inf, 1-28 Inf, 1-4 Cav, 1-9 Art, 1-18 Art (-), 3-5 Cav, 3-8 Inf, 1-17 Cav, 2-35 Cav, 1-34 Art (-), C/8-6 Art (-), 6-35 Art (-). **Location:** 630 enemy killed, 51 captured, 90 MIA, 10 KR, 24 ARVN KIA, 72 US WIA.

14 Feb 67-21 Mar. **Operation:** DECKHOUSE VI

**Location:** Tach By, Sa Huynh, Sa Huynh salt flats, Nui Dau, Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** SLF. **Task organization:** BLT 1/4 Marines. **Intelligence:** The missions assigned to the SLF ground element was to disrupt enemy movement in the Sa Huynh salt flats, search northward in the Nui Dau area and finally link up with 377 Marines, then operating around Nui Dau in Operation DESOTO. On 16 Feb at 0800, BLT 1/4 conducted a simultaneous airmobile and amphibious landing near Tach By. Both were unopposed. On 20 Feb, the BLT passed under opcon to TF X-RAY and joined in Operation DESOTO. **Results:** 280 enemy killed, 21 detained, 6 US KIA, 80 US WIA.

16-22 May. **Operation:** CHAPMAN/RIVER RAIDER I

**Location:** Ly Nhon, Tac Ong Nghia, Rach Don, Rung Sat Special Zone, Nhon Trach District, Gia Dinh and Bien Hoa Provinces. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Bde, 9th Inf Div. **Task organization:** 3-47 Inf, 4-47 Inf, C/4-39 Inf (-), 3-34 Art (-), RAS 9. **Execution:** CHAPMAN was a shake-down operation in the Rung Sat Special Zone to clear the Long Tau Shipping Channel and test the new Mobile Riverine Force concept. There was no contact with large enemy units but numerous base camps, bunkers and supply caches were destroyed. The first portion of the operation (16-Feb 20 Mar) was known as RIVER RAIDER I and conducted by the 3-47 Inf. On 20 Mar 4-47 Inf took over Operation CHAPMAN, conducting many company-size riverine insertions in the AO. During the period 8-20 May, 2-47 Inf and C/4-39 Inf conducted sub-operation SALOMON in the Nhon Trach District north of the RSSZ with negative contact. **Results:** 12 enemy killed, 8 US WIA.

17 Feb. **Operation:** HOANG ANH 2

**Location:** Co Lay, Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Execution:** operation conducted just northwest of Co Lay by Tu Hien PF Platoon and VNN Coastal Group 16. **Results:** 6 enemy killed.

17-18 Feb. **Operation:** BRIBIE

**Location:** Phuoc Hai, Dat Do, Route 44, Phuoc Tuy Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1ATF. **Task organization:** 6RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav, 101 Fld Bty, 2-47 Inf (M), C/1-11 Art, 1-83 Art. **Intelligence:** D445 PLAF LF Bn. **Execution:** BRIBIE was mounted as a result of heavy contact between ARVN units and a battalion-sized enemy force on Route 44 between Dat Do and Phuoc Hai. 6RAR was combat assaulted in the area on 17 Feb, reinforced the next day with a battalion task force from the 9th US Inf Div but no significant contact developed. **Results:** 8 enemy killed, 8 AUS KIA, 27 AUS WIA.

17-22 Feb. **Operation:** RIO GRANDE/LIEN KET 81/GIANT DRAGON

**Location:** Ha Thanh, the Horseshoe, Buddha Mountain, Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** Task Force X-RAY. **Task organization:** 5th Marines: 1/5, 2/5 and 3/5 Marines; 2nd ARVN Div: 4/4 Bn, 4th Arm Cav Sqn, 21st and 37th Rgr Bns; 1st ARVN Abn TF: 1st, 7th and 8th Abn Bns; 2d ROKMC Bde: 1st and 2nd ROKMC Bns. **Intelligence:** 21st PAVN Rgt; 40th Bn, 1st PLAF Rgt. **Execution:** This was the other info.

16-17 Feb. **Operation:** QUYET THANG 71

**Location:** Quang Tien Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Execution:** operation conducted 14 km southwest of Hoi An by Quang Tien Sector forces and VNN Coastal Group 14. **Results:** 1 enemy killed, 8 detained.

16-22 Feb. **Operation:** LAUREL

**Location:** Tram Phuc Khanh, HoaNhut, Binh Duong Province. **Type:** cordon and search. **Controlling headquarters:** 1st Inf Div. **Task organization:** 2-16 Inf, 1-18 Inf. **Execution:** This was a sub-operation of LAM SON 67. 1-18 Inf and 2-16 Inf cordoned and searched Tan Phuc Khanh and Hoa Nhut hamlets with negative contact. **Results:** 297 male villagers were evacuated for further interrogation.

16 Feb-3 Mar. **Operation:** NYX

**Location:** Tach By, Sa Huynh, Sa Huynh salt flats, Nui Dau, Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** SLF. **Task organization:** BLT 1/4 Marines, HMM-363. **Execution:** The missions assigned to the SLF ground element was to disrupt enemy movement in the Sa Huynh salt flats, search northward in the Nui Dau area and finally link up with 377 Marines, then operating around Nui Dau in Operation DESOTO. On 16 Feb at 0800, BLT 1/4 conducted a simultaneous airmobile and amphibious landing near Tach By. Both were unopposed. On 20 Feb, the BLT passed under opcon to TF X-RAY and joined in Operation DESOTO. **Results:** 280 enemy killed, 21 detained, 6 US KIA, 80 US WIA.

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10 Sometimes reported as Operation TUSCON DELTA.
11 See Operation QUICKSILVER.
first tri-nation operation in I CTZ to use a combined command post, taking place 6 km east of Ha Thanh. On 19 Feb, ARVN forces recorded their highest one-day kill tally, when the Airborne TF accounted for 750 enemy dead. Results: 836 enemy killed, 67 detained; 54 ARVN KIA, 187 ARVN WIA, 2 ARVN MIA (US and ROK losses unknown).

17-27 Feb. Operation: FARRAGUT II
Location: Phan Thiet, Song Mao, Di Linh, Le Hong Phong Forest, Binh Thuan and Lam Dong Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div. Task organization: 1-327 Inf, 2-327 Inf, 2-502 Inf, 2-320 Art, B/1-30 Cav, A/2-17 Cav, A/326 Eng, 2-7 Cav (17-22 Feb), A-237 Luong Son (two cos), 4th Troop 8th ARVN ACS. Execution: The second phase of Operation FARRAGUT II began two days after the termination of GATLING II by the brigade minus and one day after Task Force THUNDERBALL moved to Song Mao. On 17 Feb the brigade initiated search and destroy operations in the western portion of the Le Hong Phong Forest, conducting combat-assaults with all battalions at first light from Phan Thiet and Song Mao to selected LZs following a B-52 strike. 2-7 Cav from Operation BYRD screened the brigade’s southwestern flank while a troop from the 8th ARVN ACS reopened Route 1 between Phan Thiet and Song Mao. Contact was light. On 22 Feb, 2-7 Cav returned to Phan Thiet and 2-502 Inf was extracted back to Song Mao. On 23 Feb, the brigade began operations in the eastern portion of the Le Hong Phong Forest, again encountering only light resistance. On 24 Feb, in response to a request for assistance from Lam Dong Province, 2-502 Inf and CV-320 Art conducted airmobile assaults from Song Mao to selected LZ west of Di Linh and began search and destroy operations to locate an estimated VC battalion which had ambushed local ARVN forces. On 25 Feb, a company from 2-502 Inf made contact with an estimated two-company force southwest of Di Linh, killing 9 while losing 1 KIA and 8 WIA. On 27 Feb, the brigade terminated operations in both areas and extracted to Song Mao. On 28 Feb, the brigade began preparations for a future operation in the FARRAGUT AO. Results: (see Operation FARRAGUT IV).

18-22 Feb. Operation: REMARK
Location: Long Hai Hills, AO PAULINE, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1ATF. Task organization: 5RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav, 103 Flt Bty, A/1-83 Art. Intelligence: D445 PLAF LF Bn, C-25 PLAF LF Co. Execution: REMARK was a follow-up to Operation BRIBIE with 5RAR looking for the D445 Battalion in the Long Hai Hills 14 km southeast of Nui Dat. No contact was made, all friendly casualties being caused by mines and booby traps. Results: 1 enemy killed, 9 AUS KIA, 24 AUS WIA.

19-20 Feb. Operation: SUITLAND
Location: Tan Hiep, Ao Di Ni Jungle, Dong Nai Sensitive Zone, Bien Hoa Province. Type: search and destroy, cordon and search. Controlling headquarters: 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div. Task organization: 52nd ARVN Rgr Bn Execution: This was a sub-operation of LAM SON 67 consisting of a cordon and search of Tan Hiep and a search and destroy mission in the adjacent Co Ni Jungle 4 km northeast of Di An. Results: 18 enemy detained.

19 Feb-4 Apr. Operation: CHINOOK II

20 Feb. Operation: BRANDYWINE
Location: Dinh Tuong Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 3d Bde, 9th Inf Div. Execution: (no other info).

20-27 Feb. Operation: CUU LONG/55/SD
Location: Binh Dai Secret Zone, Kien Hoa Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 7th ARVN Div. Execution: operation conducted in the Binh Dai Secret Zone by four ARVN battalions, two Ranger battalions and one RF battalion with support from RAGS 21, 27 and 33. Results: 51 enemy killed, 19 detained, 3 ARVN KIA, 13 ARVN WIA.

22 Feb. USAF/USMC pilots fly a record 575 sorties over RVN.

22-27 Feb. Operation: DARLAC 21
Location: Dalac Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 23rd ARVN Division. Results: 67 enemy killed, 2 detained, 5 ARVN KIA, 24 ARVN WIA.

22 Feb-14 May Operations: JUNCTION CITY
Location: katum, Prek Klok, Suoi Da, Quan Loi, Minh Thanh, Bo Tuc, Ap Gu, Suoi Tre, Ap Bau Bang, War Zone C, Dog’s Head head, FSB II, FSB 20, FSB GOLD, FSB MUSTANG, FSB PANTHER, FSB PARRY, FSB THRUST, Route 4, Route 13, Route 22, Route 246, Route 247, DZ “C”, LZ GEORGE, LZ SILVER, Tan Ninh, Binh Long and Binh Duong Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: II FFORCER (22 Feb-15 Apr). 25th Inf Div (16 Apr-14 May). Task organization (Phase I): 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div (2-2 Inf, 2-15 Cav, 4-39 Inf, 2-47 Inf, 2-12 Inf (M), 4-39 Inf, 2-47 Inf (M), 2-16 Inf, 2-28 Inf, 2-33 Art, A/5-2 Art; 173d Abn Bde: 1-503 Inf, 2-503 Inf, 4-503 Inf, 3-319 Art, D/16 Arm, E/17 Cav, 173d Eng Co; 2d Bde: 25th Inf. Execution: 1-5 Inf, 1-27 Inf, 2-27 Inf, 1-8 Art; 3d Bde: 4th Inf Div: 2-12 Inf, 1-24 Inf, 2-22 Inf (M), 3-22 Inf, 2-77 Art; 196th ART (Lt), 1-313 Inf, 3-39 Inf, 4-31 Inf, 3-41 Inf, 1-173 Inf, 1-11/ACR, 3/11 ACR, 4-23 Inf; 1st Bde: 9th Inf Div (from 4 Mar): 4-39 Inf, 2-47 Inf (M), 3-35 Cav, 7-9 Art (-); Task Force WALK- PAC: 35th ARVN Rgr Bn, 3rd Troop 1st ARVN ACS; VNMC Task Force ALPHA: 1st and 5th VNMC Bns. Task organization (Phase II): 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div: 1-2 Inf, 1-18 Inf, 1-28 Inf, 1-4 Cav (-), 1-5 Art; 2d Bde: 1st Inf Div: 2-16 Inf, 2-18 Inf, 1-26 Inf, 1-17 Art, 2-11 ACR (-), 6th ARVN Rgr Bn; 173d Abn Bde (24 Mar-1 Apr): 1-2-503 Inf, 2-503 Inf, 4-503 Inf, 3-319 Inf, D/16 Arm, E/17 Cav, 173d Eng Co; 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div: 2-12 Inf, 2-22 Inf (M), 3-32 Inf, 2-34 Arm (-), 2-77 Art; 1st Bde: 9th Inf Div: 4-39 Inf, 2-47 Inf (M), 3-35 Cav, 7-9 Art (-); 196th LIB (18 Mar-9 Apr): 2-1 Inf, 3-21 Inf, 4-31 Inf, 3-82 Art; 11th ACR (-), 2-11 ACR, 3/11 ACR, 4th Inf Div: 1-319 Inf, 2-19 Inf; 1-39 Inf, 3-5 Cav, 2-47 Inf (M), 3-35 Cav, 2-34 Arm (-), 7-9 Art (-), 36th ARVN Rgr Bn. Intelligence: COSVN, 9th PLAF Div (101st PAVN Rgt, 271st, 272nd and 273rd PLAF Rgts), 70th PLAF Guard Rgt. Execution: JUNCTION CITY was the largest Allied military operation to date. The operation was designed to clear War Zone C of enemy forces and installations and to destroy the Communist Office for South Viet Nam (COSVN). The area which had been a major Communist stronghold for the past 20 years, was only 60 miles northwest of Saigon. Phase I (22 Feb-17 Mar) was launched after an extensive preparation conducted primarily by B-52s and close air support aircraft. On D-Day, eight battalions from the 1st Inf Div, 173d Abn Bde and 196th LIB conducted airmobile assaults on preselected LZs. This was in conjunction with a parachute drop by a battalion task force built around 2-503 Inf on a large savanna dubbed DZ “C” 4 km north of Katum. Simultaneously, the 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div moved into blocking positions along Route 22 in the west. At the same time the 25th Inf Div also positioned units in the south along Route 247 for an attack to the north. With the seal complete, the objective area was ringed by a “horseshoe” of US forces. On D+1, the 2d Bde, 25th Inf Div and 11th ACR (-) thrust northwest and within two days, a sizeable enemy force had been methodically searching the objective area. On D+2 Task Force ALPHA of the VNMC conducted an airmobile assault in the northwestern sector, sweeping through its assigned zone without major enemy 13 Also known as the Elephant’s Hear.

14 The airborne Task Force that jumped on Katum on D-Day was made of 2-503 Inf, A/3-319 Art, the Brigade TAC CP, one MP Sqd, one Eng Sqd, one IPW team and one Signal CP.
contact. Between 22-27 Feb, Allied units did their best to scour all of central War Zone C but the results were unimpressive, killing only 54 of the enemy. After 5 days II FFORCE appeared to have conducted the largest non-battle of the war. Despite tacti- cal surprise, US Forces had failed to prevent COSVN from escaping into Cambodia. But COSVN did not take the invasion of its base area lightly, and decided to fight back. On 28 Feb, a battalion from the 101st PAVN Rgt ambushed B/1-16 Inf near Prek Klok 15 km north of Suoi Da. B/2-18 reinforced the con- tact. 167 enemy were killed, 25 US KIA and 28 US WIA. On 1 Mar, the northern positions of the horseshoe were abandoned and operations displaced to the south and west. The 2d Bde, 25th Inf Div and 196th Inf Bde (Lt) returned to their respective bases, returning to their main post of defense between Route 13 and Route 13. The 196th Inf Bde (Lt) and 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div block- ed the western flank while the two brigades of the 1st Inf Div operated- ed along Route 246 to the north. The 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div con- tinued its mission along Route 13 and the 173d Abn Bde searched northwest of Minh Thanh. This second phase saw the heaviest fighting of the operation. During the night of 19-20 Mar, A/3-5 Cav guarding FSB 20 on Route 13 near Ap Bau Bang was attacked by the 116th Inf Div. 272nd and 273rd Inf Bde, 3d Bde, 25th Inf Div were killed, 3 US KIA and 63 US WIA. The next day, 21 Mar, the 272nd PLAF Rgt launched an all-out assault on FSB GOLD manned by Cos A and B, 3-22 Inf and the 2-77 Art ( - ). Reinfor- cing elements from 2-22 Inf (M), 2-12 Inf and 2-34 Arm helped repel the attack. 647 enemy were killed 7 detained, 31 US KIA and 37 ARVN WIA. At 1200, A/3-10 Inf was attacked on LZ GEORGE near Ap Gu by another regimental-size enemy assault, this time from the 271st PLAF Rgt. 1-2 Inf and 2-16 Inf rein- forced the defenders. 609 enemy were killed, 5 detained, 17 US KIA and 102 US WIA. After that, the operation was gradually scaled down. The 196th Inf Bde (Lt) terminated its participation on 9 Apr to prepare for its move to I CTZ where it would join Task Force OREGON. On 13 Apr, the 173d Abn Bde returned to Bien Hoa, followed two days later by the 11th ACR which returned to its base camp east of Saigon. On 15 Apr, the 1st Inf Div terminated its participation and Phase II ended. Phase III continued the objectives of JUNCTION CITY I and II, using the mobile brigade concept to conduct offensive operations in War Zone C. The 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div conducted the operation until relieved on 21 Mar by the 1st Bde, 196th Inf Div. During the next 20 days search and destroy operations continued in the AO but it became evident that the enemy had dispersed to a new area and JUNCTION CITY was terminated. Results: 2,728 enemy killed, 34 captured, 65 detained, 139 returnees, 282 US KIA, 1,576 US WIA.

Controlling headquarters: 1AFT. Task organization: 5RAR, 6RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav, 1 Fld Rgt, 3 SAS Sqn. Execution: Operation consisted in a series of company-size patrols around Nui Dat commencing beyond a 5 km radius from the center of the base. No contact was made with the enemy. Results: none.

23 Feb.-5 Mar. Operation: KIRIRIBILL Location: Nui Dat, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: patrolling-and-surveillance. Controlling headquarters: 1AFT. Task organization: 5RAR, 6RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav, 1 Fld Rgt, 3 SAS Sqn. Execution: Operation consisted in a series of company-size patrols around Nui Dat commencing beyond a 5 km radius from the center of the base. No contact was made with the enemy. Results: none.

24 Feb. MACV announces initiation of use of artillery based in RVN against military targets in and north of the DMZ.

24-26 Feb. Operation: TRUYK CH Location: Lam Dong Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 23rd ARVN Div. Execution: Operation was probably in conjunction with FARRAGUT II (?). Results: 67 enemy killed, 39 ARVN KIA, 37 ARVN WIA.

25-28 Feb. Operation: LANKO Location: Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Task organization: 2/5 Marines. Execution: Contact during the entire operation was light. Results: 2 detained, 5 US WIA.


27 Feb. Russian made 140mm rockets used for the first time in RVN in an attack on Da Nang AB.

28 Feb. For the first time radar-guided US jets bomb military sites in the Panhandle and southeast of Hanoi.

28 Feb. The Mobile Riverine Force (TF 117) is activated under command of COMNAVFORV.

28 Feb.-7 Mar. Operation: FARRAGUT III Location: Song Mao, Tuy Phong, Vinh Hoa, Tuy Tinh Cham, Tuy Tinh Viet, Binh Thuan and Ninh Thuan Provinces. Type: search and destroy, cordon and search. Controlling headquarters: 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div. Task organization: 1-327 Inf, 2-327 Inf, 2-502 Inf, 2-320 Art, B/1-30 Art, A/2-17 Cav, A/326 Tank Bn, 502 Inf, 2-320 Art, B/1-30 Art, A/2-17 Cav, A/326 Eng. Execu- tion: During this phase of FARRAGUT, the brigade secured a beach unloading site near Hoi Tan to help establish a forward supply point at Song Mao. On 1 Mar, 2-327 Inf conducted an air- mobile assault north of Tuy Phong and searched the hamlets of Tuy Tinh Cham and Tuy Tinh Viet, killing 6 VC. On 3 Mar, the same battalion executed a night airborne raid under flare illu- mination to cordon and search the village on Vinh Hoa, an important VC tax collection center between Phan Thiet and Phan Rang. No enemies were found but the entire population of 500 was relocated to Tuy Phong. That same day, 1-327 Inf and 2-502 Inf were combat-assaulted north of Song Mao, conducting search and destroy operations with negative result and on 10 Mar, both battalions were extracted to Song Mao. During the period, A/2-17 Cav and 4th Troop, 8th ARVN ACS provided convoy security on Route 1 between Phan Rang and Song Mao. Res- ults: (see Operation FARRAGUT IV).

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2 Feb. 3-5 Cav (-) 1-84 Art 41st Eng Co 632d Maint Co
5 Feb. 1/9 Marines
10 Feb. NMCB 133
11 Feb. 81st BS
15 Feb. VMF(AW)-235
16 Feb. HMM-361
20 Feb. 176th Avn Co 5th Trans Co
23 Feb. 523d Eng Co
28 Feb. 3/9 Marines

Departure:
8 Feb. 1/3 Marines 15th BS
11 Feb. Co E (Signal) 5th SFGA
15 Feb. HMM-263 16th VMFA-115

MARCH

1 Mar. US military strength in RVN is 418,000.
1-9 Mar. Operation: DAN CHI 281/A
Location: Ba Xuyen Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 21st ARVN Division. Results: 109 enemy killed, 83 detained, 3 ARVN WIA.
2 Mar. The village of Lang Vei, 15 miles south of the DMZ in Quang Tri Province, is accidentally hit by bombs dropped by two US F-4C Phantom jets, killing at least 83 civilians and wounding 176.
3 Mar.-3 Apr. Operation: DAWES
Location: Kontum Province. Type: reconnaissance. Controlling headquarters: 5th SFGA. Task organization: Det B-50 Project OMEGA. Execution: DAWES was a long-range reconnaissance effort in western Kontum Province along the Cambodian border but no major infiltration was detected in the AO. Results: (no info).
4 Apr. Operation: GULF
Location: Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 9th Marines. Task organization: 2/26 Marines. Execution: Operation took place in the northern portion of the Da Nang TAOR with light contact. Results: 5 US WIA.
4 Mar.-3 Apr. Operation: 4-67/KNOX
Location: An Lao Valley, Binh Dinh Province. Type: reconnaissance. Controlling headquarters: 5th SFGA. Task organization: Det B-52 Project DELTA, 81st ARVN Abn Rgr Bn. Execution: Operation conducted from FOB An Khe in support of PERSHING. 28 team and 7 ranger company operations were conducted, resulting in 27 enemy contacts. Results: 3 enemy killed, 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA, 2 ARVN KIA, 5 ARVN WIA.
5 Mar. MACV announces new procedure for reporting US casualties for significant actions numerically, instead of as "light, moderate or heavy."
6-19 Mar. Operation: OVERLORD II
Location: Loc Thanh Ha Island, Rach Cat, Vam Co, Soirap, Rung Sat Special Zone. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 199th Inf Bde (Lt); 25th ARVN Div. Execution: OVERLORD II was conducted by elts of the 199th Inf Bde (Lt) and 25th ARVN Div with support from RAG 24 and 28. The objective of the operation was to secure the area around an old French fort on Loc Thanh Ha Island. The fort, located at the junction of the Rach Cat, Vam Co and Soirap Rivers, 24 km south of Saigon, was earmarked for permanent use by US troops. Results: 15 enemy killed, 16 captured, 101 detained, friendly losses not reported.
6-Mar–1 Jun. Operation: LEETON
Location: Dat Do, the Horseshoe (Hill 82), Lang Phuoc Hai, Route 44, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: interdiction barrier. Controlling headquarters: 1ATF. Task organization: 5RAR, 6RAR, 7RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav, 1 Fld Rgt, A/1-83 Art. Execution: Operation LEETON consisted in establishing a company-size defensive position atop the Horseshoe, a low hill north of Dat Do, and building a 10 km long anti-infiltration fence of barbed wire and anti-personnel mines from the Horseshoe to the sea at Lang Phuoc Hai along the eastern side of Route 44. 20,292 mines were laid within the fence system but it proved ineffectual against enemy infiltration as the VC lifted the mines in great numbers and redeployed them against Allied forces. Results: 5 enemy killed, 7 AUS KIA, 12 AUS WIA.
6-Mar–1 Jun. Operation: AYR
Location: Xa Binh Ba, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1ATF. Task organization: 6RAR, 101 Fld Bty. Execution: Operation AYR was conducted 4 km east-southeast of Xa Binh Ba to practice air assault techniques. It generated no contact with the enemy. Results: none.
7 Mar. BG W. Pearson, USA, becomes HQ USMACV Acos for Operations (33).
7-8 Mar. Operation: SONG THAN 7
Location: Xa Tam Quan, Xa Binh Dinh Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: VNMC TF BRAVO. Task organization: 3rd and 4th VNMC Bns, C/VNMC Art Bn. Execution: Operation conducted 5 km west of Tam Quan. Results: 7 enemy killed, 6 captured, 8 detained, 17 VNMC WIA.
7-11 Mar. Operation: CUMBERLAND
Location: Tan Hiep, Binh Tri, Co Mi Jungle, Dong Nai Sensitive Zone, Bien Hoa Province. Type: search and destroy, cordon and search. Controlling headquarters: 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div. Task organization: 2-16 Inf, 35th ARVN Rgr Bn, 58th ARVN RF Bn (-). Execution: This was a sub operation of LAM SON 67. In Phase I (7-8 Mar) the combined Allied forces searched the villages of Tan Hiep and Binh Tri. In Phase II (9-11 Mar), 2-16 Inf conducted search and destroy operations in the eastern part of the Co Mi Jungle with negative contact. Results: 10 enemy killed, 1 captured, 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA, 2 ARVN KIA, 12 ARVN WIA.
7 Mar.–3 Apr. Operation: BLACKJACK 23
Location: Suoi Kon Valley, Binh Dinh Province. Type: mobile guerrilla. Controlling headquarters: 5th SFGA. Task organization: A-218 MGF. Execution: A-218 conducted mobile guerrilla operations in the Suoi Kon Valley with limited contact. Results: 10 enemy killed, 1 captured, 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA, 2 ARVN KIA, 12 ARVN WIA.
7 Mar.–21 Apr. Operation: OH JAC KYO
Location: Phu Yen and Binh Dinh Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: ROK Field Command. Task organization: CRID (-), WHRID (-) (7 maneuver battalions). Intelligence: 95th PAVN Rgt, 85th PLAF MF Bn. Execution: OH JAC KYO was the largest Korean operation conducted to date, was designed primarily to link up the ROK Capital and White Horse Division TAORs, whereby the ROKFV would be responsible for the coastal area from Phan Rang to a point north of Qui Nhon, releasing US forces in the AO for other missions. On 2 Apr, the South Korean assumed control over the Operation ADAMS area, relieving Task Force IVY at Tuy Hoa. The only major contact during OH JAC KYO occurred on 10 Apr when the enemy attacked a company in night laager, losing 50 killed, which led the US observers to question the 22:1 kill ratio claimed by the ROKs during this operation. Results: 940 enemy killed, 432 detained, 288 returns, 44 ROK KIA, 165 ROK WIA.
8-23 Mar. Operation: FARRAGUT IV
Inf, 2-320 Art, B/1-30 Art, A/2-17 Cav, A/326 Eng, 2/44 ARVN Bn, 4th Troop, 8th ARVN ACS. **Execution:** The fourth phase of Operation FARRAGUT was directed into Secret Base 35 south of Phan Rang and west of Route 1. On 8 Mar, LRRP teams were inserted into the AO to conduct ambush and surveillance patrols, followed the next day by 2-502 Inf executing an airmobile raid to cordon and search the hamlet of Son Hai on the coast. At the same time, 1-327 Inf was combat assaulted into the northern part of the secret base while 1-327 Inf moved overland from Tuy Phong. Contact was light and infrequent. On 10 Mar, the brigade CP was relocated from Song Mao to the brigade main base camp at Phan Rang. On 13 Mar, 2-327 Inf with one battery of artillery terminated its participation in FARRAGUT and was moved overland to Tuy Hoa to reinforce Task Force IVY. On 15 Mar, 2-502 Inf conducted an overland and airmobile movement just to the south of Secret Base 7 but made minimal contact. On 22 Mar, 1-327 Inf returned to Phan Rang while 2-502 Inf conducted a one-day airmobile raid on the deserted hamlet of Vinh Hao in Binh Thuan Province, capturing only 2 ARVN deserters. The following day, Operation FARRAGUT was terminated and all the brigade elements closed Phan Rang. **Results:** (all four phases) 115 enemy killed, 50 captured, 119 detained, 1 returnee, 15 US KIA, 114 US WIA, 5 ARVN WIA.

8 Mar.-8 Apr. **Operation:** WAIALUA

**Location:** Tra Cu, Tho Mo, Song Vam Co Dong, FSB TAYLOR, FSB SCOTT, Hau Nghia Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Bde, 25th Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1-27 Inf, 2-27 Inf, 1-8 Art (-), 34th ARVN Rgr Bn. **Execution:** Objectives for WAIALUA were to destroy VC supplies and base camps and to interdict the flow of supplies on the Vam Co Dong River in western Hau Nghia Province. No major contact with the enemy was recorded during the operation. **Results:** 67 enemy killed, 14 captured, 52 detained.

9 Mar. President acknowledge US jets based in Thailand are bombing North Vietnam.

9 Mar. **Operation:** CUU LONG/77/GC/67

**Location:** Go Cong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 7th ARVN Div. **Execution:** operation conducted 5 km southeast of Go Cong by Go Cong Sector forces, three RF companies and RAG 21. **Results:** 1 enemy killed, 6 captured, 7 detained.

10 Mar. 2d Bde, 25th Inf, 1-8 Art (-), 34th ARVN Rgr Bn conducted an airmobile raid into the Thai Nguyen iron and steel complex 38 miles north of Hanoi in the first bombing raid on major industrial installations in North Vietnam.

10-12 Mar. **Operation:** YUBA

**Location:** Quang Nam Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Task organization:** 2/4 Marines. **Execution:** Operation conducted southwest of Da Nang in the general area from which the first enemy initiated 140mm rocket attack was launched against Da Nang AB on 27 Feb. **Results:** 1 enemy killed, 8 detained, 10 US WIA.

10-19 Mar. **Operation:** OCEAN DRIVE

**Location:** Bien Hoa and Long Khanh Provinces. **Type:** reconnaissance. **Controlling headquarters:** 5th SFSG. **Task organization:** Det B-56 Project SIGMA. **Execution:** Operation initiated on request from II FFORCEV in western Long Khanh and eastern Bien Hoa Provinces to investigate the presence of a battalion from the 274th PLAF Rgt along Route 1 between Xuan Loc and Long Binh. **Results:** (no info).

11 Mar. Whole House announces presidential trip to Guam on 19 March for conference with COMUSMACV, CINCPAC and SECEDEF.

11 Mar.-11 Apr. **Operation:** RUNG SAT/47/67

**Location:** Rung Sat Special Zone, Gia Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** VNMC Brigade. **Task organization:** 4th VNMC Bn, A/VNMC Art Bn, RAG 22, RAG 26. **Results:** (no info).

12 Mar. **Operation:** SONG THAN 8

**Location:** Bong Son, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** VNMC TF BRAVO. **Task organization:** 3rd and 4th VNMC Bns, C/VNMC Art Bn. **Execution:** Operation conducted near the Bong Son River. **Results:** 2 enemy captured, 44 detained, 1 VNMC WIA.

12 Mar. **Operation:** CUU LONG/70/GC/67

**Location:** Soirap, Go Cong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 7th ARVN Div. **Execution:** operation conducted at the mouth of the Soirap River by elts of the 7th ARVN Div and RAG 21 and 33. **Results:** 30 enemy killed.

12 Mar. US strike pilots fly 575 tactical air strikes over RVN, tying 22 Feb record.

12-13 Mar. **Operation:** PHI PHUNG 5

**Location:** Quang Nam Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 51st ARVN Rgt. **Results:** 125 enemy killed, 5 ARVN KIA, 11 ARVN WIA.

13 Mar. USG announces agreement with RTG to base B-52s in Thailand.

13 Mar. **Operation:** TRAM TRUNG TIEN/12/67

**Location:** Vinh Binh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Execution:** operation conducted 32 km south of Phu Vinh in Binh Binh Sector forces and VNN Coastal Group 36. **Results:** 1 enemy killed, 11 detained.

13-18 Mar. **Operation:** TIPPECANOE

**Location:** Quang Tin Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 5th Marines. **Task organization:** 1/5 Marines. **Execution:** Operation conducted 10 km south of Tam Ky. **Results:** 3 enemy killed, 7 detained, 1 US KIA, 4 US WIA.

14 Mar. A steel-hulled trawler intercepted by MARKET TIME units 60 miles southeast of Da Nang. After an exchange of fire the trawler beached at Phuoc Thi and was destroyed. Large amount of weapons and munitions seized.

15 Mar. RAAF Caribou and Iroquois aircraft make their first air strikes of the war.

15 Mar. President Johnson announces AMB Ellsworth Bunker will replace AMB Henry Cabot Lodge in Saigon.

15 Mar. Premier Ky announces he, Chief od State Thieu and CICs Vien will meet US officials in Guam on 19 March.

15 Mar.-3 Apr. **Operation:** BLACKJACK 32

**Location:** Long Khanh, Phuoc Tuy and Binh Tuy Provinces. **Type:** mobile guerrilla. **Execution:** operation conducted mobile guerrilla operations in southeastern Long Khanh, southwestern Binh Tuy, and eastern Phuoc Tuy Provinces. 8 contacts were made and 24 airstrikes were directed against enemy forces. **Results:** 26 enemy killed, 1 US WIA, 2 ARVN KIA, 6 ARVN WIA.

16 Mar. US cargo ship, SS Conqueror, while heading up the Long Tau River hit by six rounds of 75mm RR fire.

16 Mar.-19 May **Operation:** BLACKJACK 24

**Location:** Dak Pek, Kontum Province. **Type:** mobile guerrilla. **Controlling headquarters:** 5th SFSA. **Task organization:** A-219 MIKE Force, A-217 MGF, A-242 CIDG. **Execution:** operation took place in northwestern Kontum Province. 16 contact were made with enemy forces. **Results:** 11 enemy killed, 1 captured, 1 USSF KIA, 1 MIKE KIA, 1 USSF WIA, 9 MIKE WIA.

18 Mar. South Vietnam’s Constituent Assembly votes unanimously final approval of entire constitution.

18 Mar-13 Apr. **Operation:** SONG THAN 9

**Location:** An Lao, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** VNMC TF BRAVO. **Task organization:** 3rd and 4th VNMC Bns, C/VNMC Art Bn. **Execution:** Operation conducted in the An Lao Valley. On 30 Mar the task force helped evacuate the population from the valley. **Results:** (no info).

18 Mar.-20 Apr. **Operation:** PRAIRIE III

**Location:** Dong Ha, Cam Lo, Con Thien, Khe Sanh, Gio Linh, Cua Viet, Ba Long, Mai Loc, Ca Lu, Camp Carroll, the Rockpile, Route 9, Song Ben Hai, Quang Tri Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Mar Div (Fwd), 3d Mar-
on 28 Mar 1/4 Marines shifted to the operational control of the 3rd Marines and occupied a blocking position 1,300 meters south of Con Thien. This was the last phase of BEACON HILL and the operation ended on 1 Apr. Results: 334 enemy killed, 29 US KIA, 230 US WIA.

21-25 Mar. Operation: NEW CASTLE
Location: Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Task organization: 2/5 Marines. Execution: Operation conducted in the southern portion of the Da Nang TAOR 4 km northwest of An Hoa. On 23 Mar, E/2/5 made significant contact with an estimated enemy battalion, killing 61. The following day, Cos E and F fell in an U-shaped ambush but both units reacted swiftly, killing 42 VC while losing only 1 KIA. Results: 118 enemy killed, 34 US WIA.

21 Mar.-17 Apr. Operation: PORTSEA
Location: Dat Do, Xuyen Moc, Song Rai, The Horseshoe, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1ATF (21 Mar-17 Apr); 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div (1-17 Apr); 43rd ARVN Rgt. Task organization: 1ATF: 6RAR, 101st_FIELD Bty, 1/11 ACR, A/2-35 Art; 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div: 3-5 Cav, 2-47 Inf (M); 2-39 Inf, A/1-11 Art, B/1-11 Art, A/1-94 Art; 43rd_ARVN Div: 1/43 Inf, 1/12 Art, 2/35 Acct Bn, 5th_ACS. Intelligence: MKALAPA/275 PLAF Rgt. Execution: PORTSEA was a combined search and destroy operation aimed at disrupting VC movement of supplies and equipment from the populated areas to the south of the Province to main force units to the north and northeast of Xuyen Moc. Phase I was conducted by the 1ATF and 43rd_ARVN Div in an area centered on an east-southeast of Dat Do. On 1 Apr, the 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div joined the operation in an AO 11 km east-northeast of Dat Do. Contact was minimal but numerous caches were found. Results: 29 enemy killed, 6 captured, 4 US KIA, 39 US WIA, 3 AUS KIA, 7 AUS WIA.

18-23 Mar. Operation: MAKALAPA
Location: Duc Hoa, Luong Hoa, Vinh Loc, Ap Tay, Rach Gau, Cau An Canal, Kinh Xang Canal, the Pineapple, Gia Dinh and Hau Nghia Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st Bde, 2-27 Inf, 15th_ACS. Operation: 28 Mar.-1 Apr. Type: 3/3 Marines, 1/4 Marines (28 Mar-1 Apr), 3/4 Marines, 1/9 Marines, 3/9 Marines, 2/26 Marines, 12th Marines (+), 11th Eng Bn. Intelligence: 324B PAVN Div; 808th and 814th_PAVN Bns. Execution: Anticipating renewed NVA efforts, III MAF held five infantry battalions and four artillery battalions inn the DMZ area. Battalions at Dong Ha served under the operational control of the 3d Division’s forward headquarters, while those at Camp Carroll and the Rockpile came under the control of the 3d Marines. Additional company-strength outposts were at the Cua Viet port facility, Gio Linh, Mai Loc, Ba Long and Ca Lu and a two-company outpost was at Khe Sanh. The operation started on 18 Mar with the opening of a LST ramp at Cua Viet, tripling the daily tonnage that could be brought in by ships. On the 19th, 1/11 th_Div (operc. Route: 34-26) came wandering away from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh. The next day, the SLF with 1/4 as BLT landed near Gio Linh (see Operation BEACON HILL). During the period 28 Mar-1 Apr, 1/4 came under opon of the 3d Marines before reembarking on ARG shipping. On 24 Mar, 3/3 and 1/9 made contact with an estimated NVA battalion southern east of Con Thien, killing 33. The battle continued for another 2 days until the NVA broke contact and withdrew into the DMZ. On 30 Mar, 1/7 was overrun just north of Cam Lo, enemy enemy were killed but the Marines lost 16 KIA and 47 WIA. On 6 Apr, a Viet Cong unit broke into the Quang Tri provincial jail, freeing more than 200 prisoners. During April, as contacts with the enemy dropped off in the PRAIRIE AO, the Marines concentrated on clearing the anti-infiltration trace between Gio Linh and Con Thien, and neutralizing the strong point system. Approximately half of the strip had been completed when the operation came to an end on 20 Apr. Results: 252 enemy killed, 4 detained, 56 US KIA and 530 US WIA.

18 Mar.-21 Apr. Operation: NEW CASTLE
Location: Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1ATF (18 Mar-21 Apr); 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div (1-17 Apr); 43rd ARVN Rgt. Task organization: 1ATF: 6RAR, 101st Field Bty, 1/11 ACR, A/2-35 Art; 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div: 3-5 Cav, 2-47 Inf (M); 2-39 Inf, A/1-11 Art, B/1-11 Art, A/1-94 Art; 43rd ARVN Div: 1/43 Inf, 1/12 Art, 2-35 Acct Bn, 5th ACS. Intelligence: 275th PLAF Rgt. Execution: PORTSEA was a combined search and destroy operation aimed at disrupting VC movement of supplies and equipment from the populated areas to the south of the Province to main force units to the north and northeast of Xuyen Moc. Phase I was conducted by the 1ATF and 43rd ARVN Div in an area centered on an east-southeast of Dat Do. On 1 Apr, the 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div joined the operation in an AO 11 km east-northeast of Dat Do. Contact was minimal but numerous caches were found. Results: 29 enemy killed, 6 captured, 4 US KIA, 39 US WIA, 3 AUS KIA, 7 AUS WIA.

21-25 Mar. Operation: NEW CASTLE
Location: Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1ATF (21 Mar-17 Apr); 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div (1-17 Apr); 43rd ARVN Rgt. Task organization: 1ATF: 6RAR, 101st Field Bty, 1/11 ACR, A/2-35 Art; 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div: 3-5 Cav, 2-47 Inf (M); 2-39 Inf, A/1-11 Art, B/1-11 Art, A/1-94 Art; 43rd ARVN Div: 1/43 Inf, 1/12 Art, 2-35 Acct Bn, 5th ACS. Intelligence: 275th PLAF Rgt. Execution: PORTSEA was a combined search and destroy operation aimed at disrupting VC movement of supplies and equipment from the populated areas to the south of the Province to main force units to the north and northeast of Xuyen Moc. Phase I was conducted by the 1ATF and 43rd ARVN Div in an area centered on an east-southeast of Dat Do. On 1 Apr, the 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div joined the operation in an AO 11 km east-northeast of Dat Do. Contact was minimal but numerous caches were found. Results: 29 enemy killed, 6 captured, 4 US KIA, 39 US WIA, 3 AUS KIA, 7 AUS WIA.

23-24 Mar. Operation: EARLY
Location: Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Task organization: 1/1 Marines, 2/4 ARVN ACR. Execution: Operation conducted south of Da Nang with light contact. Results: 5 enemy killed, 3 detained, 2 US WIA.

24 Mar. LTG Jonathan O. Seaman, USA, turns over command of Headquarters II FFORCEVG to LTG Bruce Palmer, Jr., USA.

24-25 Mar. Operation: CAI CACH/5/3

Location: Quang Ngai Province. Type: search and destroy. Task organization: 2/7 Marines; one Co from 2d ROKMC Bde. Execution: Operation conducted south of Chu Lai with light contact. Results: 9 detained, 10 US WIA.

26 Mar. III MAF is ordered to prepare a plan for locating, controlling and occupying a strong point obstacle system south of the DMZ to prevent the North Vietnamese from infiltrating through that zone into South Vietnam. III MAF eventually begins building this strong point system later in the year while under fire by North Vietnamese artillery. This anti-infiltration effort, also known as Dye Marker and Project Nine, is called “McNamara’s Wall” by the media. A series of strong points are sited so as to force infiltrators into ‘corridors’ where they can be located and destroyed by American planes, arty and infantry.

Location: Vinh Long Province. Type: search and destroy. Execution: 9th ARVN Div. Results: 142 enemy killed, 4 detained, 14 ARVN KIA, 78 ARVN WIA.

26 Mar-4 Apr. Operation: NGUYET THANG/56/G
Location: Quang Ngai Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 2nd ARVN Div. Results: 74 enemy
killed, no friendly casualties.

29 Mar.-29 Apr. **Operation: SUMMERALL**

**Location:** Khanh Duong, Buon Mi Ga, Khanh Hoa and Darlac Provinces. **Type:** search and destroy, saturation patrolling. **Controlling headquarters:** 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div. **Task organization:** 1-327 Inf, 2-327 Inf, 2-502 Inf, 2-320 Art, A/2-17 Cav, A/326 Eng. **Intelligence:** 18B PAVN Rgt. **Execution:** After terminating Operation FARRAGUT, the brigade moved via air and overland from Phan Rang and Tuy Hoa to Khanh Duong in northwestern Khanh Hoa Province. The move consisted in a battalion-size convoy from Tuy Hoa, a multi-battalion convoy from Phan Rang totaling 248 vehicles and an airlift from Tuy Hoa. On 30 Mar, 2-327 Inf began Operation SUMMERALL with an airmobile assault north of Khanh Duong as a diversion, covering the brigade's primary intent to move upon the Buon Mi Ga area. Two days later, 1-327 Inf and 2-502 Inf launched operations in the latter area but the continued patrolling produced little contact with the enemy and it was halted on 29 Apr when GEN Westmoreland ordered the brigade to leave immediately to join Task Force OREGON in 1 Corps. **Results:** 70 enemy killed, 14 detained, 7 US KIA, 43 US WIA.

30 Mar. President Thieu dismisses six more province chiefs as part of his campaign to eliminate corruption and inefficiency.

26 Mar.-16 Apr. **Operation: BLACKJACK 12/OCONEE**

**Location:** Quang Nam and Thua Hoa Provinces. **Type:** reconnaissance-in-force. **Controlling headquarters:** 5th SFGA. **Task organization:** A-100 MGF. **Execution:** A-100 conducted this reconnaissance-in-force mission in Quang Nam and southern Thua Thien Provinces. 15 contacts were made and 9 airstrikes were directed against enemy forces. **Results:** 63 enemy killed, 1 AUS KIA, 1 US WIA, 7 ARVN WIA.

31 Mar. Phu Cat's new 10,000 foot jet capable airfield opens.


31 Mar.-7 Apr. **Operation: BOONE/LIEN KET 96**

**Location:** Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 5th Marines. **Task organization:** 3/5 Marines, 1/7 Marines; 2d ARVN Div (elts); 2d ROKMC Bde (elts). **Execution:** Operation conducted in the southeast sector of the Chu Lai TAOR with light to moderate contact. **Results:** 39 enemy killed, 8 captured, 66 detained, 22 US KIA, 61 US WIA, 2 US WIA.

31 Mar.-16 Apr. **Operation: PENG MA II**

**Location:** Khanh Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** WHRID. **Execution:** (no other info).

31 Mar. During the month of March the enemy loses 9,015 killed and 5,125 returnees, the greatest monthly personnel loss since the war began.

31 Mar. Allied personnel KIA during March reaches a new monthly high of 2,155.

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18 Squadron undergoing rehabilitation at Iwakuni.
operation conducted in southwestern Kien Giang Province along the coast by two RF battalions and Coastal Groups 43, 44 and 45. Results: (no info).

5-10 Apr. Operation: CANYON
Location: Hoi An, Barrier Island, Quang Nam and Quang Tin Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st Marines Task organization: 1/1 Marines. Execution: operation conducted just below the southeast sector of the Da Nang TAOR with significant contact. Results: 85 enemy killed, 89 captured, 205 US KIA, 40 US WIA.

5 Apr.-11 Oct. Operation: FRANCIS MARION
Location: Plei Me, Duc Co, Plei Djereng, Plei Mrong, Plei Do Lim, Buon Blech, Se San, 1a Drang, Ia Tchar, Dak Ayun, Dak Payou, Chu Pong, Chu Prong (-), Quy Nhon, Chu Groh, Route 14, Route 19E, Route 509, Hill 521, LZ OASIS, LZ JACKSON HOLE, Pleiku and Dakarac Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 4th Inf Div. Task organization: (effective 7 April): 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div: 1-8 Inf, 3-12 Inf, 6-29 Art, B/4-42 Art, C/4-34 Art (-), A/4-44 Eng (-); 2d Bde, 4th Inf Div: 2-8 Inf (-), 1-12 Inf, 2-22 Inf, Pit B/1-69 Arm, 4-42 Art (-), B/4-44 Eng (-); TF 1-69 Arm: 1-69 Arm (-), Pit C/2-8 Inf (-), Cav Plt F/5-16 Cav, B/4-60 Art (-), 15-16 Art (-); TF 3-12 Inf: 1-10 Cav (-), 3-6 Art (-); Div Arty: 6-14 Art, 5-16 Art (-), 1-92 Inf; Div Troops: D/4-60 Art (-), 4th Avn Bn, 4th Eng Bn.
Task organization: (effective 26 April): 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div: 1-8 Inf, 3-12 Inf, 6-29 Inf (-), C/4-42 Art, A/4-44 Eng (-); 2d Bde, 4th Inf Div: 2-8 Inf (-), 1-12 Inf, 2-22 Inf, 4-42 Art (-), A/4-60 Art (-), 4th Inf Div: 6-29 Art, B/1-69 Arm (-); 5-16 Art; 1-92 Inf (-), 1-10 Cav (-), A/3-6 Art; TF 3-8 Inf: 3-8 Inf, C/3-60 Art, A/5-16 Art; Div Arty: 6-14 Art, 5-16 Art (-), 1-92 Art; Div Troops: D/4-60 Art (-), 4th Avn Bn, 4th Eng Bn.
Task organization: (effective 30 May): 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div: 1-8 Inf, 3-12 Inf, 6-29 Inf, 6-29 Art, A/4-44 Eng (-); 2d Bde, 4th Inf Div: 2-8 Inf (-), M-12 Inf, 1-22 Inf, 4-42 Art, B/4-44 Eng (-); 173d Abn Bde: 1-503 Inf, 2-503 Inf, 4-503 Inf, 3-319 Inf, D/4-16 Arm, E/17 Cav, 173d Eng Co; TF 1-69 Arm: 1-69 Arm (-), 3-6 Art (-), 12th Arty: 3-6 Art (-); TF 2-1 Cav, D/4-60 Art (-), 4th Avn Bn, 4th Eng Bn.
Task organization: (effective 24 Sep): 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div: 1-8 Inf, 2-8 Inf (-), M-12 Inf, 3-6 Inf, 6-29 Art (-), A/4-42 Art, A/4-44 Eng (-); 2d Bde, 4th Inf Div: 1-12 Inf, 3-12 Inf, 1-22 Inf, 4-42 Art (-), B/6-29 Art, B/4-44 Eng (-); TF 1-69 Arm: 1-69 Arm (-), 3-6 Art (-); Div Arty: 6-14 Art, 5-16 Art (-), 1-92 Inf; Div Troops: 2-1 Cav, D/4-60 Art (-), 4th Avn Bn, 4th Eng Bn.
Intelligence: B3 Front, 1st NVA Div (32nd, 66th and 88th Rgts), 10th NVA Div (95B and 101C Rgts), 200th NVA Art Bn, 407th PLAF MF Sapper Bn, H-15 PLAF LF Bn.
Execution: Operation FRANCIS MARION was initiated by the 4th Inf Div in the same initial AO as that of SAM HOUSTON. Subsequently, with temporary boundary extensions, the AO took in subsequently, with temporary boundary extensions, the AO took in

20 See Operation HANCOCK 1.

21 See Operations GREELEY.
near Plei Mrong, and a possible enemy battalion operating with local VC forces east of Pleiku. During the middle of August and into September the brigades were repositioned with the 1st Bde responsible for the surveillance of the border, while two battalions of the 2d Bde operated northwest of Pleiku and the third battalion to the south and east of Pleiku. Recondo patrol operations were begun east of the Dak Payou Valley. During the last half of September, the 2d Bde moved to the Dak Payou Valley with their CP at Plei Do Lim. They conducted extensive search and destroy operations in the valley having only light, scattered contact, but uncovering many caches. As operation FRANCIS MARION concluded, the 2d Bde was preparing to deploy south into Phu Bon Province and the 1st Bde continued its surveillance of the border. A total of 124 enemy killed, 122 detained, 11 returnees, 198 US KIA, 982 US WIA, 8 US MIA.

6 Apr. Unknown number of VC attacks the Quang Tri Province jail and release 220 prisoners (enemy guerrillas and cadres). 77 enemy are killed. Friendly losses are 99 KIA and 138 WIA.

6 Apr. White House announces assignment of GEN Creighton W. Abrams, Jr., USA, as DEPCOMUSMACV.

7-10 Apr. **Operation XI DIXIE**

**Location:**: near Plei Mrong, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Task organization:**: 2/5 Marines. **Execution:** Operation conducted in the southern portion of the Da Nang TAOR with light contact. **Results:** 8 enemy killed, 1 captured, 54 US WIA.

7-22 Apr. **Operation LEJEUNE**

**Location:**: Duc Pho, LZ ENGLISH, LZ MONTEZUMA, RAZORBACK Beach, Binh Dinh and Quang Ngai Provinces. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:**: 1st Cav Div. **Task organization:**: 2d Bde, 1st Cav Div (7-19 Apr); 1-5 Cav, 2-5 Cav, 1-77 Art; 3d Bde, 25th Inf Div (19-22 Apr): 1-14 Inf, 1-35 Inf, 2-9 Art, C/3-4 Cav, B/1-9 Cav. **Execution:** Operation LEJEUNE was mounted as the first in a series of moves to relieve the Marines in southern I Corps with US Army units. On 7 Apr, a task force built around 2-5 Cav moved by helicopter from LZ ENGLISH in Binh Dinh Province to Duc Pho, Quang Ngai Province, relieving 3/7 Marines which was subsequently redeployed. On 8 Apr the remainder of the 2d Bde TF arrived in the Duc Pho area. Operations included securing Vietnamese civilians harvesting rice, securing a beach landing site, providing security for engineers constructing an airstrip and extensive search and destroy operations throughout the area. There were numerous light contacts and one heavy contact on 16 Apr. On 12 Apr Task Force OREGON was officially activated, and a day later the 196th Inf Bde (Lt) reached Chu Lai, having been withdrawn a few days earlier from the final phase of JUNCTION CITY. On the 15th the 196th received operational control of a battalion of the 3d Bde, 25th Inf Div, sent from Binh Dinh, and four days later the rest of the 3d Bde left the province. On 16 Apr the 44th Division, ARVN WIA.

10 Apr.-15 Jun. **Operation:**: Bong Son, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:**: 1st Marine Div. **Task organization:**: 1-14 Inf, 1-35 Inf, 2-9 Cav. **Execution:** Operation took place just north of Vinh Long on the Tien Giang arm of the Mekong. **Results:** 9 enemy killed, 6 detained.

11-14 Apr. **Operation: DAN CHI/285/B/MK**

**Location:**: Chu Lai, Phu Bai, Dong Da, A Shau Valley, Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces. **Type:** reconnaissance. **Controlling headquarters:**: 5th SFSA. **Task Organization:**: Det B-52, Project DELTA. **Execution:** Project DELTA conducted this reconnaissance operation initially from Khe Sanh and subsequently from Phu Bai with a FOB established at the Dong Da Training Center. A total of 48 reconnaissance and search and destroy operations were conducted during the period in combination with continuous aerial reconnaissance withing the assigned AO (A Shau Valley and adjacent areas). **Results:** 46 enemy killed, 1 US KIA, 7 US WIA, 4 ARVN KIA, 7 ARVN WIA.

11 Apr. Last operational flight of P5M Marlin seaplane from Cam Ranh Bay seadrome.

11 Apr. **Operation:**: CUU LONG/58/12/67

**Location:**: Vinh Long Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:**: 9th ARVN Div. **Task Organization:**: 12th ARVN Rgt, RAGs 25, 29 and 32. **Execution:** Operation took place north of Vinh Long on the Tien Giang arm of the Mekong. **Results:** 9 enemy killed, 6 detained.

11-14 Apr. **Operation:**: DAVIS CHI/285/B/MK

**Location:**: Hung Thanh, Saintenoy Canal, Phong Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:**: 21st ARVN Div. **Task Organization:**: 31st and 33rd ARVN Rgt (elts), 30th ARVN Rgr Bn, RAGs 25, 29 and 32. **Execution:** Operation conducted 10 km west of Can Tho. A major contact occurred on 12 Apr when the 44th Rgr Bn bumped into an enemy battalion entrenched in Hung Thanh on the Saintenoy Canal. Four more ARVN Bns were airlifted into the area, killing 243 of the enemy. **Results:** 243 enemy killed, 40 detained, 57 ARVN KIA, 224 ARVN WIA.

12 Apr-11 May **Operation:**: ABN SAT/69/67

**Location:**: Rung Sat Special Zone, Gia Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:**: VNMC Brigade. **Task organization:**: 1st VNMC Bn, A/VNMC Art Bn, RAGs 22, 26 and 28. **Results:** (no info).

13-17 Apr. **Operation:**: HUMBOLDT

**Location:**: Tu Cau (3), Quang Nam Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:**: 1st Marines. **Task organization:**: 3/1 Marine Div. **Execution:** Operation conducted near Tu Cau (3) with light contact. **Results:** 13 enemy killed, 15 detained, 9 US WIA.

14-16 Apr. **Operation:**: SONG THAN 10

**Location:**: Bong Son, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:**: VNMC TF BRAVO. **Task organization:**: 2nd and 3rd VNMC Bns, C/VNMC Art Bn. **Execution:** Operation conducted north and east of Bong Son. Res-
ults: 2 enemy killed, 10 detained, 14 VNMC KIA, 25 VNMC WIA, 1 USMC WIA.
15 Apr. GVN announces plan to evacuate 20,000 civilians from area close to DMZ to allow construction of a fortified barrier.
15 Apr. Operation: CUU LONG/58/SD
15 Apr.–15 May Operation: BUCKNER
Location: Kontum Province. Type: reconnaissance. Controlling headquarters: 5th SGFA. Task Organization: Det B-54. Execution: Operation BUCKNER took place in western Kontum Province. There were 13 reconnaissance team and two company operations in the AO. Results: 12 enemy killed, 4 captured, 1 MIKE WIA.
15 Apr.–20 May Operation: BLACKJACK 25
Location: Kontum Province. Type: mobile guerrilla. Controlling headquarters: 5th SGFA. Task Organization: (no info). Execution: operation took place in central Kontum Province. 11 contact were made with enemy forces. Results: 19 enemy killed, 7 captured, 2 MIKE KIA, 9 USSF WIA, 20 MIKE WIA.
17-20 Apr. Operation: LAWRENCE
Location: Chu Lai, Quang Tin and Quang Ngai Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 196th Inf Bde (Lt). Execution: Operation LAWRENCE was the last combat operation conducted in I CTZ by the 196th Inf Bde (Lt), it took place west of the Chu Lai airfield along the boundary of Quang Ngai and Quang Tin Provinces and made no contact with the enemy. Results: none.
18-30 Apr. Operation: NEWARK
Location: Song Be, Song Dong Nai, War Zone D, Bien Hoa Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st Marines. Task organization: 2/1 Marines. Execution: Operation conducted south of Da Nang with light to moderate contact. Results: 17 enemy killed, 32 detained, 6 US KIA, 17 US WIA.
18-30 Apr. Operation: YELLOW
19 Apr. Eight Australian Canberra bombers of Squadron No. 2 arrive at Phan Rang AB to make Australia the second country to support RVN with a tri-service contingent.
19 Apr. Prime Minister Ky announces National Reconciliation Program.
19 Apr. Operation: COUNTY FAIR 1-34
20 Apr. CG III MAF assumes operational control of TF OREGON.
20 Apr. USN aircraft strike inside the ten-mile restricted zone of the DMZ boundary. 12 enemy killed, 4 captured, 1 MIKE WIA.
20 Apr.–31 May Operation: PRAIRIE IV
Location: Quang Tri, Dong Ha, Cam Lo, Gio Linh, Mai Loc, Ca Lu, Ba Long, Khe Sanh, Con Thien, Hill 861, Hill 881N, Hill 881N, Quang Ngai Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 3d Mar Div. Task organization: 3/3 Marines, 1/4 Marines, 1/9 Marines, 2/9 Marines, 3/9 Marines. Intelligence: 325C PAVN Div. Execution: The introduction of the Task Force OREGON in southern I CTZ allowed the Marines to shift more forces northward with the 9th Marines headquarters moving to Dong Ha from Da Nang during the period 12-16 Apr, reinforcing the 3d Marines at Camp Carroll. Operation PRAIRIE IV covered the same area as PRAIRIE III. The concept of employment placed 3/3 and 3/9 in the northwest portion of the AO while the 9th Marines using 1/4, 1/9 and 2/9 Marines was to cover the vital piedmont area in and around Quang Tri City. On 24 Apr a major battle broke out in the western DMZ known as the 'Khe Sanh Hill Fights'. At the time, only B/1/9 Marines was occupying the combat base when forces at Khe Sanh passed under control of the 3d Marines on 20 Apr as an appendage to Operation PRAIRIE IV. On the morning of the 24, Co B made heavy contact near Hill 861, losing 12 KIA, 17 WIA and 2 MIA while only 5 NVA bodies were found. The next day, K/3/3 Marines and the 3/3 CP helicoptored into Khe Sanh and moved to assist B/1/9 but encountered more resistance on Hill 861. On 26 Apr the SLF battalion, 2/3, was deployed from Operation BUCKNER STAR and flown into Khe Sanh via Phu Bai to join the attack. After intensive air and artillery bombardment, the two battalions resumed the attack on the Hill 861/881 complex on 28 Apr and stormed Hill 861 but the NVA had withdrawn to Hill 881S. Once again, the area was saturated by air power and artillery fire, killing more than 140 of the enemy and on 2 May 2/3 overran the hill. The Marines then moved to their final objective, Hill 881N, where an NVA battalion was still dug in. The enemy defended Hill 881N to the last man, launching some vicious night counterattacks. 137 NVA were killed and 3 captured and, on 5 May, the hill complex was declared secured. The 325C NVA Div lost 940 killed during the battle, but the Marine suffered heavy casualties as well, losing 155 KIA and 425 WIA. In the 'Leatherneck Square' area, the NVA harassed the Marines with mortars, rockets and artillery. During the period 27-28 Apr, 850 rounds of artillery blasted Gio Linh while 50 140mm rockets hit Dong Ha. On 8 May, an estimated two NVA battalions using flamethrowers tried to overrun Con Thien defended by elements of 1/4 Marines. The battle raged all night and the perimeter was penetrated by enemy soldiers before being repulsed. 197 NVA were killed and 8 captured while the Marines suffered 44 KIA and 110 WIA. Following this battle, enemy activity intensified throughout the 'Leatherneck Square' area. More than 4,200 mortars, rockets and artillery rounds were fired at Marine positions during the month. During the period 13-16 May, 1/9 Marines made heavy contact with a large NVA force in well prepared potions just south of Con Thien. The enemy fought well and retired north of the DMZ boundary were the Marines couldn't follow. The attack on Con Thien had finally convinced Washington to change the DMZ policy, and MACV authorized III MAF to conduct ground operations into the southern half of the DMZ. Operation PRAIRIE IV was suspended during the period 19-26 May while the 3d Mar Div reinforced with both SLFs and the 1st ARVN Div launched a major sweep south of the Ben Hai (see Operations HICKORY, LAM SON 54, BELT TIGHT and BEAU CHARGER). At the end of Operation HICKORY, participating forces joined Operation PRAIRIE IV and continued sweeps of 'Leatherneck Square' and the area southwest of Con Thien. On 28 May, 3/4 Marines made heavy contact with the enemy on Hill 174 near Con Thien and it was not until 30 May that the hill was declared secure. This marked the last engagement of the PRAIRIE series of operations. On 1 June, Operation CHARGON began in the same area and with the same formations. Results: 2,505 enemy killed, 8 detained, 164 US KIA, 1,240 US WIA.
21 Apr. Operation: SONG THAN I
Location: An Xuyen Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: Fourth Naval Zone. Execution: A VNN landing party was transported in five junks from Costal Group 41 and landed on a small island just off the coast 55 km north of Con Thien. There was no contact. Results: none.
21 Apr.–14 Jun. Operation: -
Location: Nha Be District, Gia Dinh Province. Type: search and destroy, pacification. Controlling headquarters: VNMC Brigade. Task organization: 2nd VNMC Bn. Execution: The 2nd VNMC Bn conducted search and destroy and pacification operations in the Nha Be District in conjunction with Operation FAIR...
22 Apr. CG TF OREGON located at Chu Lai, 1 CTZ, assumes operational control of 3d Bde, 25th Inf Div and 196th Inf Bde (Lt).

22 Apr. Operation: SENeca FALLS
Location: Iron Triangle, Binh Duong Province. Type: deception. Controlling headquarters: 3d Bde, 1st Inf Div. Task organization: A/2-16 Inf, B/2-16 Inf. Execution: SENeca FALLS was a deception operation to establish the Iron Triangle as the next target for the 3d Bde before launching Operation MANHATTAN. Cos A and B, 2-16 Inf simulated air assaults into two LZs but made no significant contact. Results: (no info).

22 Apr.-12 May Operation: BEACON STAR
Location: Song O Lau, Street Without Joy, Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: SLF BRAVO; 3d Marines (from 26 Apr). Task organization: BLT 2/3 Marines. Intensity: 6th PAVN Rgt, 810th and 814th PLAF MF Bns. Execution: BEACON STAR was the first operation for newly designated SLF BRAVO. The target was a major VC stronghold and supply area along the border of Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces, 27 km northwest of Hue, on the edge of the area known as the Street Without Joy. On 22 Apr, 2/3 Marines conducted heliborne and amphibious assault and proceeded inland along the Song O Lau but met few resistance. On 24 Dec, 2/3 was extracted from its AO and from Phu Bai to Khe Sanh to reinforce the 3d Marines which had discovered strong Communists formations in the hills surrounding Khe Sanh. The BLT was heavily engaged in the Khe Sanh Hill Fights until 12 May when it reverted to SLF BRAVO control. Results: 6th PAVN Rgt, 810th and 814th PLAF Rgt lost 71 KIA and 349 WIA during the period 27 Apr-12 May.

22 Apr.-21 May Operation: SHAWnee

22 Apr.-12 July Operation: BAKER
Location: Duc Pho, Mo Duc, Vinh Hien, Tan Phong, Dien Truong, An Ba, An Tach, Song Tra Cau, Song Ve, LZ MONTEZUMA (later renamed LZ BRONCO), LZ GUADALCANAL, LZ OLIVE DRAB, LZ LIZ, LZ DRAGON, RAZORBACK Beach, Quang Ngai Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 4th Bde, 101st Abn Bde. Task organization: 3d Bde TF, 25th Inf Div (redesignated 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div on 1 Aug). Execution: 25th Inf Div launched Operation BAKER to locate and destroy enemy forces and infrastructure in the Duc Pho area. 1-35 Inf was assigned the western portion of the AO area while 2-35 Inf conducted heliborne and amphibious assault with attached security between the Sea LOC terminal at RAZORBACK Beach, LZ GUADALCANAL, and the Brigade CP at LZ MONTEZUMA. The first contact came immediately. On the morning of 22 Apr, 1-35 Inf overran a VC fortified hamlet 6 km northwest of Duc Pho, killing 33. The following week, both battalions had frequent contacts with local guerrillas, accounting for over 200 enemy killed. During the first week of May, 1-35 Inf extended its AO to cover the southern portion of the Mo Duc district and encountered LZ LIZ 9 km northwest of Duc Pho. The arrival of the 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div at RAZORBACK Beach in early May also freed 2-35 Inf from its security mission and it relocated its CP to LZ LIZ. On 19 May, 2-35 Inf made contact with an estimated battalion of the 22nd PAVN Rgt occupying the hamlet of Vinh Hien, 8 km south of MONTEZUMA but failed to encircle the enemy who escaped during the night. 89 NVA
were killed and 3 captured while US losses were 5 KIA and 24 WIA. Three days later on 22 May, 2-35 Inf made another contact, this time with the 7th Bn, 22nd Rgt 13 km south of MONTENZUMA along Route 1, killing 70. On 27 May, the 3d Bde TF received intelligence that a major enemy force had established its CP at Tan Phong Hamlet in the Tra Cau Valley, 2 km west of LZ LIZ. After the initial contact was made by B/1-9 Cav, C/1-35, A/2-35 and B/2-35 were piled on, killing 116 and capturing 8, all belonging to the 60th Bn, 1st PLAF Rgt. American casualties were 4 KIA and 27 WIA. In early June, the brigade opened LZ DRAGON next to the district headquarters at Mo Duc to protect the town and made several contacts with the 1st PLAF Rgt, killing another 50. On 23 June, an attack-by-fire struck LZ BRONCO. Results were 10 US KIA and 51 WIA. In July, the brigade had numerous light and moderate contacts, accounting for 260 enemy killed and 47 captured at the cost of only 9 US KIA. On 1 Aug 67, the 3d Bde, 25th Inf Div swapped its designation with the 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div operating in III CTZ. On 8 Aug, 2-35 Inf made heavy contact at An Ba, a hamlet on the Ve River, killing 60 Vietcong. Two weeks later another enemy unit was encountered at An Tach just south of An Ba in fortified positions and lost 33 killed. Contacts diminished in September and October in the BAKER AO. On 4 Oct, 1-35 Inf was airlifted to Tam Ky and became opcon to the 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, leaving only 2-35 Inf at LZ LIZ. During this period, the brigade developed the hole hunting technique to locate underground bunkers, caves and spider holes used extensively by the enemy throughout the area. In early November, 1-14 Inf returned to brigade control and operated from LZ THUNDER and into the Cat Mi Valley located at the headwaters of the An Lao River. On 19 Dec, the 2-35 Inf passed under control of the 198th Inf Bde (LT) and joined in Operation MUSCATINE. The remainder of Operation BAKER was devoted to platoon and company size operations directed against village and hamlet infrastructure. Results: (no info). 17 Apr. Operation: MANHATTAN


Location: An Xuyen Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 21st ARVN Division. Results: 50 enemy killed, 5 detained, 1 ARVN KIA, 10 ARVN WIA. 26 Apr.-22 May Operation: HANCOCK I


Execution: On 26 Apr, TF 3-8 Inf moved via motor convoy and CH-47 helicopters from Camp Enari to the Buon Blech CIDG Camp in Darlac Province to determine the presence of the 3rd Bn, 33rd PAVN Rgt. Working in coordination with the 2/45 ARVN Bn from the 23rd ARVN Div, 3-8 Inf searched the area but found little. The only significant contact occurred on 2 May when B/3-8 Inf engaged 30 to 40 NVA, killing 2 and capturing 1. On 13 May, the task force displaced to the Mewal Plantation north of Ban Me Thuot to sweep the area, again with little contact with the enemy. On 22 May, the operation was terminated and 3-8 Inf returned to 1st Bde control at LZ JACKSON HOLE. Results: 27 enemy killed, 73 detained, 2 US KIA, 9 US WIA. 27 Apr. RADM Kenneth L Veth, USN, relieves RADM Norvell G. Ward, USN, as Commandant, U.S. Naval Forces, Vietnam. 27-28 Apr. Operation: PUCKAPUNYL

Location: Buon Blech, Mewal Plantation, Darlac Province.

Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1ATF. Task organization: 7RAR, 161 Bty RNZA. Intelligence: 274th PLAF Rgt, C41 PLAF LF Co.

Execution: Operation took place 6 km west-southwest of Buon Blech with negative contacts. 27 Apr.-24 May Operation: BLACKJACK 33

Location: Phuoc Vinh, Dong Xoai, Chi Linh, War Zone D, Binh Duong and Phuoc Long Province. Type: reconnaissance, mobile guerilla. Controlling headquarters: 5th SFGA. Task organization: Det B-56 Project SIGMA, A-303/MGF 957. Execution: Operation BLACKJACK 33 was conducted on request from the 1st Inf Div. It was the first time mobile guerilla elements were employed in conjunction with long range reconnaissance teams. Operating from FOB Phuoc Vinh, Det B-56 and MGF 957 conducted operations in AO BLACKJACK between Phuoc Vinh, Dong Xoai and Chi Linh. Results: 320 enemy killed (friendly losses unknown). 28 Apr. GEN Westmoreland addresses joint session of Congress. 28-29 Apr. Operation: LAM SON 46/XDNT

Location: Quang Tri Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st ARVN Division. Results: 59 enemy killed, 6 detained, 6 ARVN KIA, 26 ARVN WIA. 28 Apr.-12 May Operations: BEAVER CAGE

MAY

1 May US military strength in RVN is 460,000.

1 May USAAF planes from TF 77 hit Kep Airfield. First attack against NVN airfields.

1 May USAF planes over Vung Tau drop 625 tactical air sorties in support of ARVN operations.

1-4 May Operations: FORT WAYNE


Execution: Operation took place in Long Khanh Province, bounded on the west and north by the Song Dong Nai. Contact with enemy forces was minimal. Results: (no info).

1-4 May Operations: LAM SON 47

Location: Thua Thien Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st ARVN Div. Results: 157 enemy killed, 3 detained, 7 ARVN KIA, 41 ARVN WIA.

2 May GEN W. C. Westmoreland returns to RVN from US.

2 May A new CIDG Camp opens at Tong Le Chon (Tonle Cham), Tay Ninh Province, for detachment A-334.

2-10 May The 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division at Khanh Duong is transported by sea lift from Nha Trang to RAZORBACK Beach in 1 CTZ to become part of TF OREGON.

2 May-25 Jun. Operation: AN DAN II

Location: Lam Dong Province. Type: security. Controlling headquarters: 23rd ARVN Div. Results: 101 enemy killed, 223 detained, 3 ARVN KIA, 13 ARVN WIA.

3 May A returnee leads a company of the 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div to a weapons cache in Binh Duong Province containing 2,000 rounds of mixed mortars, 1,200 grenades, 1,000 pounds of small arms ammunition and 400 CHICOM rifles.

3 May USS GALLUP, a new design patrol gunboat, begins MARKET TIME patrols.

3-4 May Operations: CUU LONG/61/C

Location: Dinh Tuong Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 7th ARVN Div. Results: 78 enemy killed, 45 detained, 4 ARVN KIA, 26 ARVN WIA.

3-5 May Operations: LAM SON 48

Location: Thua Thien Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 11th ARVN Div. Results: 101 enemy killed, 6 detained, 7 ARVN KIA, 37 ARVN WIA.

4 May GEN Creighton W. Abrams, USA, and AMB Robert Komor arrive in Saigon to take up duties as DEPCOMUSMACV and DEP-COMUSMACV for CORDES, respectively.*

5-17 May Operation: DAYTON


Execution: Operation DAYTON took place in the My Tho Secret Zone and searched for the two regiments of the 5th PLAF Division. Operating from BLACKHORSE base camp, the brigade maintained sporadic contact with the enemy but no major fight developed. Results: (no info).

7-8 May Operations: BINH QUANG 4

Location: Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 51st ARVN Rgt. Results: 82 enemy killed, 10 ARVN KIA, 55 ARVN WIA.

8-9 May Operation: HAI SU 5


Execution: Operation took place at the mouth of the My Tho River. Results: 6 enemy killed.

8-16 May Operation: BINH QUANG/4/11

Location: Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 51st ARVN Rgt. Results: 95 enemy killed, 49 detained, 1 ARVN KIA, 25 ARVN WIA.

9-10 May Operations: LONG PHI/999/3


Execution: Operation conducted 15 km north of Sa Dec. Results: 10 enemy killed, 10 detained.

12-14 May Operation: MAI An Airfield, 5 miles southwest of Haiphong hit for first time.

10-12 May Operation: BOWEN


11 May Eight-foot center section of Soviet air-to-air missile found by Marines unit in Quang Tri Province.

11 May AMB Bunker announces Revolutionary Development programs will be under COMUSMACV.

11 May-21 Jul. Operation: -


Execution: (no info).

11 May-8 Jun. Operation: MALHEUR I


Execution: After relocating to Duc Pho and establishing a new base camp called CARENTAN near RAZORBACK Beach, the 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div commenced operations in the enemy’s Base Area 124 located in the mountains west of Duc Pho. On 11 May, 1-327 Inf conducted airborne assaults from CARENTAN into the southwestern portion of NORMANDY AO, followed by 2-502 Inf conducting similar air assaults into the southwestern portion. Both battalions began to sweep east but met little resistance.
12 May. The 84A PAVN Artillery Regiment attacks Bien Hao AB with 53 rounds of 122mm rockets and 150 rounds of mortar and recoilless rifle. 49 US and South Vietnamese planes are destroyed or damaged.

12-13 May Operations: LONG PHI/999/K
Location: Phong Ding Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 9th ARVN Div. Task organization: 9th ARVN Div (elts), RAGS 25, 27, 29 and 32. Execution: Operation conducted 25 km southeast of Can Tho. Results: 1 enemy killed, 25 captured, 4 detained, 3 ARVN WIA, 1 VNN WIA.

15 May. Seven MiGs-17s downed over RVN by USAAF pilots.

15 May. First increment of New Zealand infantrymen arrive in RVN at Nui Dat and are placed under operational control of 1ATF.

15 May Operations: ARMIDALE
Location: Xa Long Phuoc, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: cordon and search. Controlling headquarters: 1ATF. Task organization: 6RAR (-), 101 Fd Bty, A Sqn 3 Cav (-). Execution: 6RAR responded to sighting of 30 VCS 5 km south of Nui Dat but no contact was made. Results: none.

13-18 May Operations: BLACKJACK 41C/ARROWHEAD
Location: Chi Lang, Nui Giai. Seven Mountains, Chau Doc Province. Type: search and destroy, mobile guerilla. Controlling headquarters: 5th SFGA. Task organization: A-503, E (Prov)/5th SFGA, 3rd, 4th and 5th Cos, 5th MSF, MGF 399, A-149 Bde, GB (elts), 884th FSB (elts), A-421 Ba Xoai (elts), A-423 Tinh Bien (elts). Intelligence: 512th PLF LF Bn. Execution: The operation was mounted to entrap intelligence gathered by the IV Corps Company D MSF indicating that the 512th PLF Bn was entrenched on Nui Giai Mountain in the Seven Mountains area of Chau Doc Province near the Cambodian border. On 13 May, 374 strikers and 20 USSPF from A-503 and the 5th MSF were flown from Nha Trang in C-130s and jumped east of the mountain (Operation ARROWHEAD) while other blocking elements sealed off Nui Giai. Contact was made with the enemy everyday except on 15 May but there were simply too many places for the enemy to hide and they used the numerous caves to move from one position to another. The 5th MSF was withdrawn on 16 May and the operation was terminated when it became apparent that the VC could not hold the area. Results: 4 enemy killed, 9 CIDG KIA, 1 MSF KIA, 12 CIDG WIA, 4 MSF WIA, 9 USSPF WIA.

13-18 May Operation: AHINA
Location: Dai Tieng, War Zone C, Route 13, Nui Dong, Song Saigon, Suoi Ba Hao, Tay Ninh and Binh Duong Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 25th Inf Div. Task organization: 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div: 2-22 Inf (M), 3-22 Inf, 2-77 Art, B/11-11 Art, C/456th Eng. 1st Inf Div: 2-47 Inf (M), 4-39 Inf, 2-12 Inf A/15th Inf. Intelligence: 101st PAVN Rgt, 82nd Rear Service Group. Execution: Operation AHINA was a search and destroy operation conducted in the east central portion of War Zone C northwest of Tay Ninh, an area already visited during JUNCTION CITY. On 13 May, the 3d Bde crossed the Saigon river into the AO while the 1st Bde established blocking positions along Route 13. Numerous bunkers and caches were found but the enemy action was minimal. Results: 9 enemy killed, 15 US KIA, 38 US WIA.

13 May-16 Jul. Operation: CROCKETT
Location: Khe Sanh, Hill 861, Hill 881S, Hill 950, Quang Tri Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 26th Marines (Forward). Task organization: 1/26 Marines, 3/26 Marines (from 13 Jun), A/3d Recon. Intelligence: 325C PAVN Div. Execution: After the end of the First Battle of Khe Sanh (‘Khe Sanh Hill Fights’), 1/26 Marines replaced the two battalions from the 3d Marines there. The mission was to occupy key terrain, deny enemy access into the vital areas, conduct aggressive patrolling within the AO and provide security for the base and adjacent outposts on nearby Hill 881S, 861 and 950. Numerous sightings of the enemy were made during May but there was only occasional contact. On 6 Jun, the radio relay site on Hill 950 received a ground probe, 10 enemy were killed, 6 US KIA and 2 US WIA. The next day, a patrol from B/1/26 made heavy contact with an estimated enemy company. 66 enemy were killed, 18 US KIA and 28 US WIA. Due to the increasing number of enemy contacts, 23/26 Marines arrived at Khe Sanh on 13 Jun. Both battalions had many contacts with isolated enemy forces, including 18 enemy personnel killed, 17 US KIA and 28 US WIA. The next day, 13 Jun, 2/3/26 ran into two NVA companies, killing 35 but during July enemy activity decreased in the Khe Sanh AO and the operation was terminated on 16 Jul. Results: 206 enemy killed, 5 detained, 52 US KIA, 255 WIA.

14 May. Hamlet elections (to last five weeks) begin in 4,612 out of a total estimated 12,000 hamlets in RVN.

14-17 May Operations: KOLE KOLE
Location: Duc Hoa, Bao Trai, Loc Giang, Loc Ngia, Song Vam Co Dong, Rac Tra, Xinh An Ha, Route 10, Hau Nghia and Tay Ninh Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 2d Bde, 25th Inf Div. Task organization: 1-5 Inf (M), 1-27 Inf, 2-27 Inf, 1-8 Art. Intelligence: 2nd Go Mon and 269th PLF LF Bns. Execution: Operation KOLE KOLE was initiated by the 2d Bde to quiet Ngia, Provence using EAF FIGHTER FLIGHTS and airmobile operations based on current intelligence. Cordon and search, outposting and country fair operations were also conducted in conjunction with the 25th ARVN Div, CIDG and RF/PF. On 17 May, elements of 1-27 Inf and 2-27 Inf fought an eight-hour engagement west of the Vam Co Dong with a VC company. Results were 27 enemy killed, 2 US KIA and 9 US WIA. There was intermittent contact during June and July, particularly along the An Hoa and Loc Giang. The brigade also secured engineer operations along Route 10 to improve the GVN’s authority and control west of Trang Bang. In early August, the reconnaissance platoon of 1/27 Inf with helicopter support intercepted VC recon elements from Long An Province, killing 26. During September, KOLE KOLE shifted to northern Hau Nghia and southwestern Tay Ninh Province. 1-5 Inf (M) conducted extensive dismounted ambush patrols around Loc Giang along the Vam Co while 2-27 Inf engaged scattered elements of the 269th PLF Bn. On 21 Oct, an EAGLE FLIGHT from 1-27 Inf engaged an estimated enemy platoon south of Tay Ninh, killing 18. On 31 Oct, 2-27 Inf made contact with elements of the 2nd Go Mon Bn north of the Rach Tra, killing 28 and capturing 2. Enemy activity decreased for the rest of KOLE KOLE and the brigade concentrated on pacification and land clearing operations. Results: 797 enemy killed, 150 detained, 34 returnees, 144 US KIA, 876 US WIA.

15 May. 3/4 Marines is flown directly from Okinawa to Dong Ha to participate in Operation HICKORY.

15 May Operations: LAM SON 57/XDNT
Location: Thuong Duc, Hill 52, Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st ARVN Div. Results: 188 enemy killed, 4 detained, 8 ARVN KIA, 62 ARVN WIA.

16 May. Air Commander J. F. Lush, OBE, RAAF, assumes command of RAAF elements in RVN.

16 May. Constituent Assembly approves presidential election law.

16-18 May Operations: WEBSTER
Location: Thuong Duc, Hill 52, Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st Mar Div. Task organization: 3/7 Marines. Execution: Operation conducted between Thuong Duc and Hill 52 with light contact. Results: 2 enemy killed, 5 detained, 1 US KIA.

16-27 May Operations: THUNDER DRAGON
Location: Quang Ngai Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 2d ROKMC Bde. Task organization:
tion: 1st, 2d and 3d ROKMC Bns. Results: 147 enemy killed, 6 detained, 14 ROK KIA, 45 ROK WIA.
17 May Operation: TIENT SHA 1
Location: Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: First Naval Zone. Execution: The newly activated RAG Detachment at Da Nang transported two platoons of VNSF on the Tien Sha Peninsula, 5 km east of Da Nang. Results: none.
17-23 May Operation: CINCINNATI
Execution: Operation CINCINNATI was initiated to secure the Bien Hoa-Long Binh area against possible enemy ground, mortar and rocket attacks, such as occurred on the night on 12 May. The brigade maintained sporadic contact with small groups of VC but no major engagement developed and findings were limited to abandoned base camps and bunkers scattered throughout the AO. CINCINNATI was the last operation of the 173d Abn Bde in the III CTZ area, the following day it was slated for immediate departure for Pleiku Province (see operation WINCHESTER). Results: (no info).
17-25 May Operation: DALLAS
Location: Tan uyen, Ong Dong Jungle, Vinh Loi Woods, Song Be, Route 16, Bien Hoa and Binh Duong Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 3d Mar Div; 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div. Task organization: 2-2 Inf (M), 1-11 ACR, A/2-18 Inf, B/2-34 Arm, 1/7 Art (-). Execution: Operation DALLAS was mounted in reaction to the rocket attack on Bien Hoa on 12 May and simultaneous mortar attacks on Phuoc Vinh and Tan Uyen. The AO extended east from Route 16, from the Song Be River south to Tan Uyen and the Ong Dong Jungle, and the Vinh Loi Woods to the west of Route 16. Several small base camps were found but coordinated missions were not mounted. Results: 17 enemy killed, 6 detained, 4 US KIA, 81 US WIA.
17-28 May Operation: HICKORY/LAM SON 54
Location: Con Thien, Giao Linh, Demilitarized Zone, Song Ben Hai, Hill 117, Route 1, Quang Tri Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 3d Mar Div; 1st ARVN Div, 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div. Task organization: 31st Inf Div, 3d Mar Div; 3/4 Marines, 2/9 Marines, 3/9 Marines, 2/26 Marines; 1st ARVN Div; two Inf Bns and three Abn Bns32. Intelligence: 31st and 81st PAVN Rgt. Execution: On 8 May, after the Con Thien attack, Washington changed its DMZ policy. MACV then authorized III MAF to conduct ground operations in the southern half of the DMZ. The basic concept called for ground attacks by the 3d Mar Div and 1st ARVN Div along parallel routes, as far south as the Ben Hai River. Operational code names were HICKORY for the 3d Mar Div units and LAM SON 54 for the ARVN forces. Both SLFs were to support the attack with Operations BEAUFORT and BELTIGHT. The ARVN portion of the operation jumped off on schedule. Surprise was complete as ARVN units moved to the Ben Hai along Route 1 then started sweeping their AO east of the road. On 19 May, the airborne battalions engaged elements of the 13th and 117th PAVN Rgts and kept constant contact until the operation ended on 27 May. Operation HICKORY commenced on 18 May when 2/9 and 2/26 Marines advanced northward from Con Thien. At the same time, 3/4 Marines was air-assaulted near the Ben Hai to provide blocking forces. Shortly after, 2/26 made contact with an estimated two NVA battalions. Heavy fighting ensued, lasting until nighttime. 31 enemy were killed, 5 US KIA and 142 US WIA. On 21 May, 2/26 finally overran the enemy bunker complex, killing 34 more. That same day, 2/9 Marines also made heavy contact, losing 7 KIA and 12 WIA; enemy casualties were unknown. To the southwest, 3/9 Marines screening the western flank was attacked on 20 May. Losses were heavy with 26 KIA and 59 WIA while the Marines counted only 36 enemy killed. After a brief cease-fire period on 23 May observed for Buddha’s birthday, 3/4 and 2/26 began sweeping the DMZ to the southward to the mountains west of Con Thien and made heavy contact on 25 May with a large NVA company in mutually supporting bunker complex near Hill 117. Results for the day were 41 enemy killed, 14 US KIA and 92 US WIA. The next day, after Marine air and artillery had blasted the hilltop during the night, 3/4 Marines secured Hill 117, meeting no resistance. It proved to be the last significant engagement of HICKORY in the last few days, the Marines found and destroyed numerous well-fortified areas, capturing 50 tons of rice and 10 tons of ordnance. Results: 789 enemy killed, 37 captured, 142 US KIA, 896 US WIA, 22 ARVN KIA, 122 ARVN WIA.
18-26 May Operations: BEAU CHARGER
Location: Demilitarized Zone, Song Ben Hai, LZ GOOSE, LZ OWL, GREEN Beach, Quang Tri Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: SLF ALPHA. Task organization: BLT 1/3 Marines. Intelligence: 812th PAVN Rgt. Execution: Operation BEAUFORT was initiated by SLF ALPHA in support of Operation HICKORY/LAM SON 54. 1/3 Marines conducted amphibious and airmobile assaults along the coast between the Ben Hai and the southern boundary of the DMZ in the ARVN AO. Air assault on LZ GOOSE was aborted due to heavy enemy fire and diverted to LZ OWL 800 meters to the south. At the same time, Co D landed in LVTs at GREEN Beach. The landing was unopposed and the Marines moved inland to link up with Co A at LZ OWL. Both companies then moved out to rescue a beleaguered platoon at LZ GOOSE with Co B reinforcing. Fighting lasted all day and 67 enemies were killed. Action during the rest of BEAUFORT consisted of light contact and continuing artillery harassment until the operation ended on 26 May. Results: (included in Operation HICKORY/LAM SON 54).
18-21 May Operation: DAN CHI/287/C
Location: Vi Thanh, Chuong Thien Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 21st ARVN Div. Task organization: VNMC TF BRAVO: 1st and 3rd VNMC Bns, C/VNMC Bn. Results: 98 enemy killed, 21 detained, 8 VNMC KIA, 29 VNMC WIA.
18-22 May Operation: WELLMINGTON
Location: Dat Do, The Horseshoe, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1ATF. Task organization: V1 Coy, 1RNZIR. Execution: This was the shakedown operation for V Coy where it joined 6RAR at the Horseshoe north of Dat Do. Results: none.
18 May-7 Dec. Operation: BARKING SANDS
Location: Cu Chi, Trang Bang, Phu Hoa, Iron Triangle, Ho Bo Woods, Song Saigon, Bau Nghia and Binh Duong Provinces. Type: pacification. Controlling headquarters: 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div. Task organization: 4-9 Inf, 2-14 Inf, 4-23 Inf (M), 7-11 Art. Execution: The 1st Bde employed counter guerrilla warfare techniques including saturation patrolling, checkmate, bushmaster and cordon and search operations to pacify Cu Chi and Trang Bang Districts in Hau Nghia Province and Phu Hoi District in Binh Duong Province. Buddy operations were also conducted with local PF platoons and RF companies. On 30 Aug, 4-9 Inf conducted an airborne assault against an entrenched VC battalion during the 31st Triangle Results. 4 enemy killed, 11 US KIA and 43 US WIA. During September, primary emphasis was placed on denying VC access to populated areas during the National Elections. Land clearing operations were also initiated along the Song Saigon to eliminate VC concealment. In October, 9,645 acres of the Ho Bo Woods were cleared by Rome Plows following Operation KUNIA. Contact during BARKING SANDS was limited to squad and platoon size elements and no major engagements were conducted in the BARKING SANDS AO during the period: KAWELA, AKUMU, WAIMEA and KUNIA (see individual operations below). Results (inclusive of the four sub-operations): 370 enemy killed, 85 detained, 10 returnees, 110 US KIA, 1114 US WIA.
18 May-8 Jun. Operation: ASHLAND
Location: Bien Hoa and Long Khanh Province. Type: security. Controlling headquarters: 9th Inf Div. Task organization: 3-
5 Cav. Execution: (no other info, might have been a sub opera-
tion of KITTYHAWK).

18 May–7 Dec. Operation: DIAMOND HEAD
Location: Tay Ninh West, Dau Tieng, Suol Da, Prek Klok, Ben Cui, Michelin Plantation, Boi Loi Woods, The Crescent, The
Trapezoid, Tay Ninh and Binh Duong Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div.
Task organization: 2-12 Inf, 2-22 Inf (M), 3-22 Inf, 2-77 Art, 2-34 Arm (-) (from 22 Sep), C/1-10 Cav, C/4th Eng. Execution:
The mission was to conduct search and destroy operations in Tay Ninh Province, cordon and search operations in the Michelin
Plantation, and security and reinforcement missions in the Tay Ninh and Prek Klok areas.
With one battalion detached to Opera-
tion UNI/TOWN and another providing security for Tieng and Tay Ninh West base camps, contact in the AO were
very limited during the months of May, June and July. On 1 Aug, the 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div was redesignated the 3d Bde, 25th
Inf Div. No movement of troops or units were involved in this redesigna-
tion. On 15 Aug, an airmobile cordon and search of Thanh An
was conducted by 3-22 Inf in conjunction with VN National Police. 6 enemy were killed and 42 detained. In September, the
brigade provided security during the National elections. In Octo-
ber, continued battalion size search and destroy operations were
conducted in the Michelin Plantation to prevent its use as an
enemy haven, in and south of Ben Cui, and in the northern por-
tion of the Trapezoid, which extends 15 km to the southeast of
Dau Tieng. Bushmaster operations were conducted in an area
known as the Crescent, 8 km northwest of Ben Cui. Tieng and
Tay Ninh West operations were marked by extremely light contact. In November, operations were conducted in the upper Boi Loi Woods and in the Ben Cui Plantation, again with light contact. During this period operations were curtailed due to two battalions being
ofo the other brigades. On 25-25 Now, 2-22 Inf (M) made contact with a VC company near the Meadow barn on the Sai-
gao River, killing 20. This was the last contact during DIAMOND
HEAD before the operation came to an end on 7 Dec. Results:
237 enemy killed, 496 detained, 4 returnees. (US losses unknown).

19 May NGFS forces concentrates at DMZ in support of Opera-
tion HICKORY: USS ST PAUL, BOSTON, A. M. SUMMER, JOSEPH
STRAUSS, FLETCHER, and HMAS HOBART.

19-21 May Operations: LAM SON 59
Location: Quang Tri Province. Type: search and destroy. Con-
trolling headquarters: 1st ARVN Div. Results: 352 enemy killed, 5 detained, 53 ARVN KIA, 103 ARVN WIA, 10 ARVN MIA.

19-25 May Operation: DUVAL
Location: Elephant Valley, Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st ARVN Div. Results:
352 enemy killed, 5 detained, 53 ARVN KIA, 103 ARVN WIA, 10 ARVN MIA.

20-28 May Operation: LIEN KET 104
Location: Quang Ngai Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 2nd ARVN Div. Results: 137 enemy
killed.

21 May-9 Jul. Operation: CHOCTAW
Location: Pho, Dien, Nham Hoa, Co Bi-Thanh Tan, My Chanh, Route 1, Song Thach Ma, Thua Thien Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 4th Marines. Task organization: 1/4 Marines, 2/4 Marines, 3/12 Marines, BLT 1/3 Marines (12-23 Jun). Execution: CHOCTAW targeted the Co Bi
Thanh Tan area of Thua Thien Province. Operations were limited to patrol and ambush actions during the deployment of forces to
support HICKORY. CHOCTAW also provided one rifle company for operations in the Nam Hoa area and security forces for the
Quang Tri Provincial Headquarters and the Phong Dien District
Headquarters. Operations were characterized by frequent small unit contacts, sniper fire and mine and booby traps incidents.
During the period 12-23 Jun SLF ALPHA with BLT 1/3 Marines joined CHOCTAW, sweeping Route 1 along the Thach Ma River, killing only 9 enemy soldiers before returning to Camp Evans. The only major contact in June occurred on the 11th when 2/4
ambushed an enemy company near My Chanh, inflicting heavy
casualties. Results: 160 enemy killed, 216 detained, 18 US KIA and 153 US WIA.

23 May 24-hour Allied stand-down for Buddha's Birthday. No incidents.

25 May Operations: MUNTINAMAH
Location: Duc Pho, Mo Duc, Route 1, Quang Ngai Province.
Type: road construction. Controlling headquarters: TF ORE-
GON. Task organization: 39th Eng C Bn. Execution: The 39th Eng C Bn upgraded Route 1 between Duc Pho and Mo Duc. Res-
ults: (no info).

31-31 May Operations: WINCHESTER II
Location: Bien Hoa Pleiku, Catecke Plantation, Pleiku Province.
Task organization: 1-503 Inf, 2-503 Inf, 4-503 Inf, 3-319 Art, E/17 Cav, D/16 Arm, 173d Inf Co. Execution: On 23 May, II
FFORCev instructed the brigade to prepare for immediate deployment to II CTZ in the vicinity of Pleiku. The brigade's mis-
sion was to establish a base camp and act as a reserve force for
at least three months. At 0500 on 24 May an advance party flew
from Bien Hoa to New Pleiku AF. At 1220, the first C-130 aircraft
departed Bien Hoa carrying the brigade's main elements. Air
movement continued through 27 May with a total of 2,239 per-
sonnel and 2,700 tons of equipment being transported utilizing a
total of 208 sorties. A base camp was established at Catecke on
Route 19 and the brigade was placed under opcon to 4th Inf Div
to join Operation FORDHAM. Results: none.

25 May-6 Jun. Operation: UNION II/LIEN KET 106
Location: Tam Ky, Thang Binh, Vinh Hue, Que Son Basin, Nui
Loc Son, LZ EAGLE, LZ ROBIN, LZ BLUE JAY, Quang Tri Province.
Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 5th Marines; 2nd ARVN Div. Task organization: 5th Marines: 1/5 Cav, 2/5 Marines (-), 3/5 Marines; 2nd ARVN Div: 1/159 ARVN Rgt (two bns), 1/137 ARVN Rgt (two bns), 1/137 ARVN Rgr Grp (21st, 37th and 39th Rgr Bns). Intelligence: 3rd and 21st PAVN Rgt. Execution: At the conclusion of UNION I, intel reports indicated that the 3rd and 21st PAVN Rgt were moving back into the Que Son Basin, prompting III MAF to launch another joint operation in the
Valley. The three ARVN Rgr Bns were to attack southwest from
Thang Binh while two units from the 6th ARVN Rgt were to attack
northwest from a position near Tam Ky. 1/5 Marines at Nui Loc
and 3/5 Marines would establish blocking positions in the western portion of the Valley while 3/5 Marines would move by helicopters into the southern portion and sweep northeast. On 26 May, 3/5 Marines met heavy resistance while it landed on LZ EAGLE 5 km east of
Nui Loc Son. Fighting continued throughout the afternoon, the
Marines counting 118 dead NVA scattered across the battlefield.
US losses had been high too with 38 KIA and 82 WIA. In the next
couple of days, all four forces swept the area, meeting only light
resistance. Convinced that the NVA had escaped, the ARVN ended their operations, but the 5th Marines decided to change the direction of attack toward the hills along the southern rim of the basin. Landing on LZs ROBIN and BLUE JAY on 30 May, both battalions moved abreast to the northwest. On 2 Jun, the two lead companies of 3/5 met an entrenched NVA battalion in the village of Vinh Huy, 3 km east of the 26 May contact. Reinforced by 2/5, the Marines forced the enemy to disengage, withdrawing hasty to the southwest where they were caught in the open by devastating support fires. This action marked the last significant battle of UNION II. Results: 701 enemy killed, 40 detained, 110 US KIA, 473 US WIA, 18 ARVN KIA, 111 ARVN WIA.

26 May A new CIDG Camp opens at Luong Hoa, Long An Province, for detachment 353.

26-28 May Operations: LAM SON 60/DXNT
Location: Kien Hoa Province. Type: search and destroy.
Controlling headquarters: 1st ARVN Div. Results: 146 enemy killed, 8 detained, 26 ARVN KIA, 47 ARVN WIA.

28 May All field functions in pacification and nation building combined under COMUSMACV with the merger of the Civil Operations Office (AMEMB) and the Revolutionary Development Directorate (MACV) into COMUSMACV.

28-30 May Operations: LONG PHI/999/N
Location: Can Tho, Phong Dinh Province. Type: search and destroy.
Execution: TF BRAVO conducted an unproductive riverine assault 10 miles southeast of Can Tho before returning to Saigon on 31 May. Results: 2 enemy killed, 6 detained, 7 VNMC WIA.

Arrival:
1 May 557th Maint Co
525th QM Co
3d MP Bn
106th Fld Bty
108th Fld Bty

2 May HQ 160th Signal Grp
34th Eng Bn
69th Eng Bn

3 May 225th Avn Co
221th Signal Co
588th Signal Co
520th AG Co
821th Supply Co
20th Trans Co
539th Trans Co
685th Trans Co

4 May 268th Avn Bn
188th Avn Co
189th Avn Co

10 May 658th Med Co
667th Med Co

13 May V1 Coy, 1RNZIR

15 May 3/4 Marines
VMFA-115
HHM-463

19 May 238th

22 May 6-15 Art
6-77 Art

23 May HHM-463

25 May 191st Avn Co
240th Avn Co
137th Eng Co

28 May MACV CORDS

30 May 205th Avn Co

Departure:
15 May VMFA-323

34 Detachment serving with MAG-16 since 23 Dec66.
35 Squadron undergoing rehabilitation at Iwakuni.

JUNE

1 Jun. US military strength in the RVN is at 484,000.
1 Jun. MG Robert C. Cushman, USMC, relieves LTG Lewis W. Walt, USMC, as CG III MAF and CG I CTZ at Da Nang.
1 Jun. The Vietnamese Air Force receives its first squadron of F-5 Freedom Fighter aircraft.

1-3 Jun. Operations: LAM SON 63
Location: Cong Tri Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st ARVN Division. Results: 243 enemy killed, 8 detained, 12 ARVN KIA, 115 ARVN WIA.

1-3 Jun. Operation: CUU LONG/59/SD

1 Jun.-2 Jul. Operations: CIMARRON
Location: Con Thien, Gio Linh, Thon Son Lam, Camp Carroll, Demilitarized Zone, Route 9, Quang Tri Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 3d Mar Div. Task organization: 3/3 Marines, 1/4 Marines, 1/9 Marines, 3/9 Marines, 2/26 Marines. Execution: CIMARRON was the successor to Operation PRAIRIE IV in the same area and with the same formations. Several operations of up to two battalion size were conducted during June in the general area between Route 9 and the DMZ, and west of Thon Son Lam. Contact was light and sporadic although mine and booby trap incidents increased. Forces assigned to CIMARRON decreased on 5 June with the deployment of 2/26 to Phu Bai. Operations in connection with the construction of the cleared strip between Gio Linh and Con Thien coincided with the completion of engineer work on 17 June. The Con Thien Special Forces Camp deactivated 12 June with the departure of the CIDG component and CIMARRON forces assuming responsibility for the defense of the camp and its installations. Results: 245 enemy killed, 176 detained, 38 US KIA, 470 US WIA.

1 Jun.-5 Jul. Operation: CORONADO I
Location: Dong Tam, Can Giuoc, Can Duoc, Go Cong, Cua Soi Rap, Song Vam Co, Song Rach Cac, FSB TANGO, FSB X-RAY (Fort Courage), Binh Xuan Secret Zone, Rung Sat Special Zone, Dinh Tuong, Long An and Go Cong Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 2d Bde, 9th Inf Div (MRF). Task organization: 4-47 Inf, 3-47 Inf, 3-34 Art, D/15th Eng, USN TF 117. Intelligence: 514th PLAF LF Bn, 5th Nha Be PLAF LF Bn. Execution: TF Funston had been specifically activated, with the arrival at Dong Tam of its full naval complement. Subsequently, the brigade headquarters, 3-47 Inf, 4-47 Inf and supporting units were placed aboard ship, leaving only 3-60 Inf (TF FUNSTON) ashore to provide base security. During the period 13-17 Jun the fully constituted MRF conducted its first operation in the Rung Sat Special Zone. Full scale operations however started on 19 Jun when CORONADO I finally went underway. Anchoring at the mouths of the Vam Co, Soi Rap and Rach Cac Rivers, the MRF struck at the 5th Nha Be Bn near the town of Can Giuoc in Long An Province. On 19 Jun, both battalions converged via helicopter and riverine transports to the target area, meeting heavy resistance. Fighting lasted all day until the remnants of the 5th Nha Be escaped across the Rach Nui under the cover of darkness. 256 enemy had been killed, 21 US KIA and 53 US WIA. Following this engagement, the MRF remained in the area, conducting company-size operations in the RSSZ, Can Duoc District and northern Go Cong Province, coordinating with the 199th Inf Bde (LT) and 3/46 ARVN Bn. On 4 Jul, the MRF attacked the Binh Xuan Secret Zone, located northwest of Go Cong, co-operating with a provi-sional Popular Forces battalion. During the next three days, contacts with elements of the 514th PLAF Bn resulted in over 100 enemy killed without a single US casualty. A hundred South Vietnamese civilians and 15 Viet Cong were killed.

36 See Operation HOPATAC.
37 See Operation GREAT BEND.
38 The Can Giuoc operation is sometimes recorded as operation CONCORDIA I.
Vietnamese deserters and draft dodgers were also apprehended. The MRF returned to Can Giuoc District after the Go Cong operations, conducting riverine assaults along the Rach Cac during the period 20-22 Jul. On 24 Jul, the MRF with the 3rd VNMC Bn and 3/46 ARVN Bn moved to northern Can Giuoc District in an effort to reduce the enemy threat the the district capital. No contact was made and CORONADO I terminated with the MRF returning to Dong Tam. Results: 478 enemy killed, 526 detained, 40 US KIA, 173 US WIA.

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**Operation: HOPTAC**

**Location:** Dong Tam, Dinh Tuong Province. **Type:** security. **Controlling headquarters:** 9th Inf Div. **Task organization:** Task Force FUNSTON®. **Execution:** Operation HOPTAC was an internal defense and development operation in the Dong Tam Province which included security of the Dong Tam base. Task Force FUNSTON provided land and waterborne security for engineer dredging equipment and maintained a ready reaction force to assist local GVN units and installations if needed. In most cases contact with the VC was characterized by light fire fights and sniper fire. On 1 Feb 68 the enemy fired more than 170 82 mm mortar and 75 mm RR rounds into the base resulting in minor damage and 11 US WIA. In the early morning hours of 3, 4, 5 and 7 Feb, the enemy continued to attack the base with mortar and RR fire. The heaviest attack came on 7 Feb with an estimated 200 rounds fired at the base. Elements of 5-60 Inf and 2-39 Inf conducted reaction airmobile assaults and RIF operations 8 km east of Dong Tam, making contact with two VC companies, killing 23 while losing 5 KIA and 11 WIA. Results: 296 enemy killed, 11 captured, 3 returnees, 37 US KIA, 364 US WIA.

2-5 Jun. Operation: BEAR BITE

**Location:** Street Without Joy, Thua Thien Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** SLF ALPHA. **Task organization:** BLT 1/3 Marines. **Execution:** BEAR BITE was a conventional LVTP and helicopter assault targeting the Viet Cong operating along the coast 40 km northeast of the DMZ in the ‘Street Without Joy’ region. Starting on 2 Jun, BLT 1/3 spent the next 72 hours probing and destroying unoccupied enemy positions. Enemy snipers and a troublesome Marine tank stuck in a paddy were the only hindrances to the operation. Results: 2 enemy killed, 9 detained, no friendly casualties.

3-12 Jun. Operation: BARROSA

**Location:** Base Area 124, Song Tra Cau, Song Ve, Song Ne, BASTOGNE AO, ZON AO, NORMANDY AO, LZ CARENTAN, Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d ROKMC Bde. **Task organization:** 5th SFGA. **Execution:** BLACKJACK 42 marked the first amphibious infiltration conducted by Special Forces advised elements in Vietnam. Results: (no info).

4 Jun. Operation: BARROSA

**Location:** Xa Binh Ba, Nui Nhon, Phuoc Tuy Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1ATF. **Task organization:** SLF ALPHA. **Execution:** Operation BARROSA was a conventional LVTP and helicopter assault targeting the Viet Cong operating along the coast 40 km northeast of the DMZ in the ‘Street Without Joy’ region. Starting on 2 Jun, BLT 1/3 spent the next 72 hours probing and destroying unoccupied enemy positions. Enemy snipers and a troublesome Marine tank stuck in a paddy were the only hindrances to the operation. Results: 2 enemy killed, 9 detained, no friendly casualties.

5-6 Jun. Operation: ROCKET

**Location:** Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1st, 2d and 3d ROKMC Bns. **Execution:** Operation took place in the Binh Ba area, 12 km north-northeast of 1ATF base. Results: none.

6-7 Jun. Operation: ANGRY DRAGON

**Location:** Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d ROKMC Bde. **Task organization:** 1st, 2d and 3d ROKMC Bns. **Execution:** 159 enemy killed, 43 detained, 10 ROK KIA, 56 ROK WIA.

7-6 Jul. Operation: SONG THAN 11

**Location:** Tan Uyen, Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** VNMC TF BRAVO. **Task organization:** 1st and 3rd VNMC Bns, C/VNMC Art Bn. **Execution:** Operation conducted around Tan Uyen with limited contact. On 19 Jun, the 1st VNMC Bn moved to Phuoc Vinh to join in Operation BILLINGS. Results: (no info).

8 Jun.-2 Aug. Operation: MALHEUR II

**Location:** Base Area 124, Song Tra Cau, Song Ve, Song Ne, ZON AO, ZON AO, NORMANDY AO, LZ CARENTAN, Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div. **Task organization:** 1-327 Inf, 2-327 Inf, 2-502 Inf, 2-320 Art, C/2-11 Art, A/2-17 Cav, A/326® Eng. **Intelligence:** 1st and 2nd PLAF Rgts. **Execution:** On 8 Jun the brigade reoriented its effort into the BASTOGNE AO to the north with 1-327 Inf and 2-327 Inf air assaulting into Base Area 123 and 2-502 Inf air assaulting into 122 the following day. Contacts on the first day resulted in 19 enemy killed, 6 US KIA and 25 US WIA. Contact was sporadic during the first week and on 14 Jun the brigade commenced the evacuation of the civilian population of the Song Tra Cau and southern portion of the Song Ve Valleys to the Nghia Hanh refugee center. On 17 Jun, 1-327 Inf conducted an air-mobile assault in the northern portion of the Song Ve Valley, making contact with an estimated enemy battalion. Results were 17 enemy killed, 5 US KIA and 51 US WIA. Evacuation operations were terminated on 23 Jun with 5,757 refugees, 30 tons of rice and 1,196 heads of cattle relocated. Search and destroy operations continued in the ZON AO to the west with 2-502 Inf and 2-327 Inf searching the Song Ne Valley for the 1st PLAF Rgt but without results. On 3 Jul, 1-327 returned to CARENTAN to prepare for operation LAKE. The remaining two battalions continued their search and evacuated the population of the Song Ne. On 10-11 Jul, after receiving intelligence indicating that the 2nd PLAF Rgt had returned south to Base Area 124, 2-327 Inf and 2-502 Inf were reinserted into the old NORMANDY AO but

39 Originally included 3-60 Inf and A/3-34 Art.
found little. Agent reports, information gained from captured VC and other intelligence indicated that the 1st and 2nd PLAF Rgts were at less than 50% strength and that both were attempting to meet in Base Area 123 in order to form one combat effective regiment. The brigade scheduled a B-52 strike followed by an airmobile assault in the area, but once again little was found and the operation was terminated on 2 Aug. Results (includes MALHEUR I and MALHEUR II): 869 enemy killed, 80 captured, 81 US KIA, 594 US WIA, 1 US MIA.

8 Jun.-15 Sep. Operation: CUMBERLAND
Location: Nam Hoa, Gia Le, Route 547, Route 548, A Shau Valley, Thuy Thienn Province. Type: security, road construction, artillery raid. Controlling headquarters: 4th Marines. Task organization: 3/127th ARVN Div. Execution: Operations and engineer operation provided for the upgrading and construction of a land-line of communication from Hue along Routes 547 and 548 toward the A Shau Valley and the establishment of an artillery FSB in the vicinity of YD 605085. On 7 Jul, 1/4 displaced to Dong Ha leaving only A/1/4 to provide security for the working parties. CUMBERLAND resumed on 17 Jul. In Aug, Army 175mm guns from 2-94 Art were introduced into the area to fire H&I missions into the A Shau. Contact with the enemy was very light during the entire operation and CUMBERLAND was terminated at the start of the monsoon season. Results: 5 US KIA, 88 US WIA, no info on enemy losses.

9-11 Jun. Operation: CUU LONG/65/12
Location: Dinh Tuong Province. Type: search and destroy. Controling headquarters: 3d Bde, 15th Inf Div. Task organization: 2-39 Inf, 3-47 Inf, 7th ARVN Div. Execution: Operation conducted by the 12th ARVN Rgt with support from RAGs 21 and 27, 16 km north of Vinh Long. Results: 112 enemy killed, 10 detained, 16 ARVN KIA, 61 ARVN WIA.

9-29 Jun. Operation: AKRON
Location: Hat Dich Secret Zone (Base Area 303), Route 2, Route 15, Bien Hoa and Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div. Task organization: 1-7th ARVN Div. Execution: Operation was centered in an area 5 km east of Dat Do, between Route 2 and the Song Ba Dap. One major engagement occurred on 19 Jun when the 1st Bn, 274th PLAF Rgt attacked the 3/11 ACR command post but was unable to breach the perimeter. 65 enemy were killed, 9 US KIA and 32 US WIA. Results: 94 enemy killed, 4 captured, 2 returnees, 15 US KIA, 78 US WIA.

10-12 Jun. Operation: BUTLER

Location: Song Saigon, Tri Tam District, Binh Duong Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div. Task organization: 4-9 Inf, 2-14 Inf, 4-23 Inf (M), 3-4 Cav (-), 7-11 Art. Execution: This operation was a follow up to Operation MANHATTAN to exploit intelligence reports of VC activity along the upper Saigon River and in the Tri Tam District. Although contact was negligible, extensive amounts of enemy munitions and equipment were seized. Results: 38 enemy killed (US losses include in BARKING SANDS).

11-26 Jun. Operation: BILLINGS
Location: Phuoc Vinh, Chon Thanh, Chi Linh, War Zone D, FSBG GUNNER 2, LZ RUBE, LZ X-RAY, LZ DEFIANT, Binh Duong, Binh Long and Phuoc Long Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 3d Bde, 1st Inf Div. Task organization: 1-16 Inf (11-18 Jun), 1-18 Inf (17-26 Jun), 2-18 Inf, 1-28 Inf (19-26 Jun), 2-28 Inf, 2-33 Art, 1st VNMC Bn (20-26 Jun). Intelligence: 271st PLAF Rgt. Execution: BILLINGS was conducted in the western portion of War Zone D. On 11 Jun, 2-18 Inf moved overland to secure FSBP GUNNER 2. That same day, the brigade CP and 2-28 Inf moved to an assembly area at Chi Linh. On 12 Jun, 1-16 and 2-28 Inf conducted air mobile assaults on LZ RUBE and began search and destroy operations. On 14 Jun, B/1-16 Inf made contact with an estimated enemy company. 60 enemy were killed, 6 US KIA and 12 US WIA. On 17 Jun, both battalions in night defensive positions on LZ X-RAY received a heavy ground attack from the northwest and southwest. Results were 196 enemy killed, 30 US KIA and 108 US WIA. 1-18 Inf was inserted into the position that same day to relieve 1-16 Inf which returned to Lai Khe the following morning. On 19 Jun, 1-28 Inf air assaulted into LZ DEFIANT but the enemy had vanished from the area and BILLINGS was terminated four days later. Results: 329 enemy killed, 1 captured, 37 US KIA, 147 US WIA, 9 VNMC KIA, 1 VNMC WIA.

11 Jun.-14 Jul. Operation: DAN CHI/289/A
Location: Phong Dien Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 21st ARVN Div. Results: 210 enemy killed, 217 detained, 5 ARVN KIA, 60 ARVN WIA.


12-14 Jun. Operation: LAM SON 66/XDNT
Location: Thua Thien Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st ARVN Div. Task organization: 2nd ARVN Abn Tn. Results: 3 enemy killed, 1 detained.

13-17 Jun. Operation: GREAT BEND
Location: Nha Be, Long Tau Shipping Channel, Rung Sat Special Zone. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 7th Marines. Task organization: 2/5 Marines, 2/7 Marines, 3/7 Marines, 3/11 Marines. Execution: Operation was conducted north of An Hoa in an area bounded on the north by the Song Yu Gia and on east by the Song Thu Bon. Results: 80 enemy killed, 2 captured, 118 detained, 8 US KIA, 65 US WIA.

Location: An Hoa, Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 7th Marines. Task organization: 2/5 Marines, 2/7 Marines, 3/7 Marines, 3/11 Marines. Execution: Operation was centered in an area 5 km east of Dat Do, between Route 2 and the Song Ba Dop. 90 bunkers and 225 meters of tunnels were destroyed but no contact was established with the enemy. Results: (included in CORONADO I).

14-22 Jun. Operation: GERALDTON
Location: Go Cong Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 7th Marines. Task organization: 2/5 Marines, 2/7 Marines, 3/7 Marines, 3/11 Marines. Execution: Operation was conducted north of An Hoa in an area bounded on the north by the Song Yu Gia and on east by the Song Thu Bon. Results: 80 enemy killed, 2 captured, 118 detained, 8 US KIA, 65 US WIA.

Location: Thang Binh, Que Son, Quang Nam and Quang Tin Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 5th Marines. Task organization: 1/5 Marines, 3/5 Marines, A/1st Tank Bn. Execution: Operation took place between Thang Binh and Que Son. Results: 74 enemy killed, 6 captured, 40 detained, 11 US KIA, 41 US WIA.

15 Jun.-14 Jul. Operation: BLACKJACK 26
Location: Kontum and Binh Dinh Provinces. Type: mobile guerilla. Controlling headquarters: 5th SFCA. Task organization: 23rd Co, A/1st ARVN Force. Execution: Operation took place in northeastern Kontum and western Binh Dinh Provinces. Only 4 contacts were made with no confirmed enemy casualties. Results: 2 MIKE KIA, 3 USSF WIA, 3 MIKE WIA.

16 Jun. Operation: CUU LONG 93
Location: Go Cong Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: Go Cong Sector. Execution: operation

41 Also reported as Operation ADAMS.
conducted at the mouth of the My Tho River with support from Coastal Group 33. **Results:** 13 enemy killed, 1 detained, 3 ARVN KIA, 7 ARVN WIA.

17-22 Jun. **Operation:** BROWN

**Location:** Go Noi Island, Quang Nam and Quang Tin Provinces. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1st Marines. **Task organization:** 2/1 Marines, C/1/1 Marines, 4/51 ARVN Bn. **Execution:** Operation BROWN took place on Go Noi Island boundled by the Song Ky Lam, Song Dien Binh, Song Cau Lau and Song Hoi An with light contact. **Results:** 18 enemy killed, 1 captured, 7 detained, 23 US WIA.

17-22 Jun. **Operation:** PHI PHUNG 27

**Location:** Quang Nam Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 51st ARVN Rgt. **Results:** 60 enemy killed, 44 detained, 14 ARVN KIA, 38 ARVN WIA.

18 Jun.-12 Oct. **Operation:** GREELEY

**Location:** Kontum, Dak To, Tan Canh, Dak Seang, Dak Pek, Toumorong, Dak Poko, Dak Akoi, Hill 830, Hill 1338, FSB 4, Kontum Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 4th Inf Div. **Task organization:** Operation: 173d Abn Bde: 1-301 Inf, 2-503 Inf, 4-503 Inf, 3-319 Art, E/17 Cav, D/16 Arm, 173d Eng (D/173), 173d MG (E/173), 173d Med (F/173), 173d Mil Police, 173d MP Bn, 173d Muster Bn; 2-503 Inf: 5-173 Cav, 2-173 Art; 1-301 ARVN Abn Bn; 24th STZ: 1/42 Inf. **Intelligence:** 24th and 174th PAVN Rgtks, K101D PAVN Bn, 304th PLAF MF Bn, 200th PLAF Art Bn, H-15 PLAF LF Bn. **Execution:** From 1-18 Jun, the 173d Abn Bde continued participation in Operation FRANCIS MARION, conducting further south and east in the Ia Drang Valley. The brigade deployed the 1-503 Inf and 2-503 Inf into the AO, holding 4-503 Inf in reserve at Catecka. No significant contact was made. On 17 Jun, TF MC QUARRIE (2-503 Inf, E/17 Cav, A Sqn 3 Cav) moved to Dak To on foot. Shortly after leaving its NDP, A/2-503 Inf began searching south of Dak To toward the huge mass of Hill 1338 (Ngok Bor Bean). C/1-503 Inf was also inserted into the area to search for a missing SF and CIDG team which had been destroyed by the NVA on 15-16 Jun, 1400 meters southwest of their camp. On 22 Jun, after a fruitless search of Hill 1338, 2-503 Inf was instructed to return to Dak To on foot. Shortly after leaving its NDP, 2-503 Inf bumped into an enemy battalion from the 24th PAVN Rgt while descending the slopes of Hill 1338. Two platoons were cut off and annihilated while the rest of the company formed a small perimeter and called supporting fires. Cos B and C were rushed to the rescue but arrived too late. 76 Americans had been killed, some executed point blank by the enemy, and 23 wounded. 106 enemy bodies were counted in the battle area. This action became known as ‘The Battle of the Slopes’ and as one of the costliest engagement for US forces in Vietnam. Concerned by the size of the battle and the US losses, General Larsen at I Corparoo, but was misspelt as Cooparoo. 42 Later identified as the 6th Bn, 24th PAVN Rgt.
29 Jun. **Operation:** XAY DUNG NONG THON/2/2  
**Location:** Thua Thien Province. **Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 1st ARVN Div.  
**Results:** 222 enemy killed, 76 detained. ARVN KIA, 67 ARVN WIA.

26-27 Jun. **Operation:** CUU LONG/61/SD  
**Location:** Kien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 7th ARVN Div.  
**Execution:** operation conducted by elts of the 7th ARVN Div with support from RAGs 21 and 27, 8 km west of Ben Tre. **Results:** 36 enemy killed, 6 captured, 73 detained.

27 Jun.-2 Jul. **Operation:** QUICKSILVER  
**Location:** Tuc Trung, Route 20, Long Khanh Province. **Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 11th ACR.  
**Task organization:** 1/11 ACR, 2-39 Inf, 4-39 Inf, A/3-5 Cav, 52nd ARVN Rgr Bn.  
**Intelligence:** 275th PLAF Rgt.  
**Execution:** QUICKSILVER was a sub operation of KITTYHAWK. On 27 Jun, the 52nd ARVN Rng Bn was ambushed near Tuc Trung while looking for the 3rd Bn, 275th PLAF Rgt. 1/11 ACR was sent to reinforce the embattled rangers, followed the next day by 2-39 and 4-39 Inf. Contact with the enemy was maintained until 28 Jun when the enemy broke contact under the cover of darkness. Searches conducted over the next three days turned up only occasional stragglers. Overall, government forces lost 51 men killed, 76 detained.

28 Jun. **Operation:** HOA BINH/10/67  
**Location:** Loi Quan Island, Go Cong Province. **Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** Third Naval Zone.  
**Execution:** operation conducted on Loi Quan Island in the Mekong River by Coastal Group 33. **Results:** 6 enemy killed, 5 detained.

28-29 Jun. **Operation:** LE DINH DAO 9  
**Location:** Moc Hoa, Kien Tuong Province. **Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** Det B-41.  
**Task organization:** 10 CIDG companies.  
**Intelligence:** 263rd PLAF MF Bn.  
**Execution:** On 28 Jun, contact was made 30 km south of Moc Hoa with an estimated enemy company from the 263rd PLAF Bn. Additional MIKE and CIDG companies reinforced the battle on 29 Jun until contact was lost. **Results:** 75 enemy killed, 4 captured, 3 USSF KIA, 1 VNSF KIA, 53 CIDG KIA, 1 USSF WIA, 1 VNSF WIA, 21 CIDG WIA.

29 Jun. **Location:** VC detonate mine against side of USS COCONINO (no other info).

29 Jun. **Operation:** INTOSH JOYCE 7  
**Location:** Phu Yen Province. **Execution:** (no other info).

30 Jun. **Departure:**  
185th Avn Co

31, VMA-121
8 Jun. 13th BS
14 Jun. 6RAR
28 Jun. HMM-362

**JULY**

1 Jul. **Location:** US military strength in RVN is 482,000.

1 Jul. **Operation:** BEAR CLAW  
**Location:** Con Thien, LZ HAWK, Quang Tri Province. **Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 9th ARVN Div.  
**Execution:** operation conducted 19 km southeast of Vinh Long with support from RAGs 23 and 31. **Results:** 28 enemy killed, 8 captured, 9 detained.

3-8 Jul. **Operation:** BEAR CLAW  
**Location:** Con Thien, LZ HAWK, Quang Tri Province. **Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** SLF ALPHA.  
**Execution:** On 3 Jul, BLT 1/3 Marines. **Task organization:** BLT 1/3 Marines.  
**Results:** On 3 Jul, BLT 1/3 was rushed into the BUDD Malone to reinforce the 9th Marines heavily engaged with the PAVN Rgt, landing on LZ HAWK a mile southeast of Con Thien and in the right flank of 3/9 Marines. The BLT swept toward the DMZ, helping in the recovery of 1/9 Marines casualties until being withdrawn on 8 Jul.

44 Squadron undergoing rehabilitation at Iwakuni.

45 To SLF ALPHA.

46 See individual operations.

47 See Operation BUDD Malone for more details.
ults: 424 enemy killed, 8 US KIA, 179 US WIA.
3-9 Jul. Operation: DRAGON HEAD

3 Jul-6-16 Jul. Operation: RILEY
Location: Bearrant, Camp Martin Cox, Ben Hoa Province. Type: security. Controlled headquarters: 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div; TF FORSYTH (from 10 Feb). Task organization: 2-39 Inf, 4-39 Inf, 2-47 Inf (M), 3-5 Cav, 1-11 Art, TF FORSYTH. Execution: Operation RILEY was an internal defense and development operation in Bien Hoa Province and included defense of Camp Martin Cox. When not engaged in strike operations, Headquarters, 1st Bde assumed command of all elements engaged in RILEY, including TF FORSYTH (a provisional Headquarters and Headquarter Detachment located at Camp Martin Cox). In the absence of the 1st Bde, TF FORSYTH was allocated sufficient forces to secure the area and to conduct limited consolidation operations in the area. On 31 Jan 68 in response to the VC Tet Offensive, elements of the 2-47 Inf (M) and 4-39 Inf moved to Long Binh Post for perimeter security. Working in coordination with 2-3 Inf from the 159th Inf Bde (Lt), the two battalions had multiple contacts with the enemy during the day near Ho Nai, killing 213 by body count and capturing 32. US losses were 4 KIA and 23 WIA. On 10 Feb, the 1st Bde moved to Dong Tam and TF FORSYTH assumed responsibility until termination. Results: 472 enemy killed, 41 detained, 2 returnees, 64 US KIA, 315 US WIA.

5-9 Jul. Operation: BEAVER TRACK
Location: Cam Lo, Con Thien, LZ CANARY, Quang Tri Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlled headquarters: SLF BRAVO. Task organization: BLT 2/3 Marines. Execution: On 4 Jul, SLF BRAVO was inserted on LZ CANARY north of Cam Lo to reinforce the 9th Marines on Operation BUFFALO. BLT 2/3 moved north toward the DMZ on 5 Jul, making several contacts with elements of the 25th PAVN Rgt. On 8 Jul, a bunker complex was overrun, with 118 enemies killed. The BLT remained in the area until 12 Jul to join in Operation HICKORY II*.

5-6 Jul. Operation: ELLIOT
Location: Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlled headquarters: 1st Marines. Task organization: A/1/1 Marines, A/1/7 Marines. Execution: Operation took place 18 km southwest of Da Nang with no contact. Results: 1 enemy detained, 1 US KIA, 7 US WIA.

5-9 Jul. Operation: LION
Location: III CTZ. Type: search and destroy. Controlled headquarters: 11th ACR. Execution: (no other info).

Location: Cuu Long Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlled headquarters: 7th ARVN Div. Execution: operation conducted southeast of Ben Tre with support from RAGs 21, 26 and 33. Results: 22 enemy killed, 42 captured, 56 detained, 3 ARVN KIA, 3 VNN KIA, 19 ARVN WIA, 3 VNN WIA.

6 Jul. B-52s set record of eight strikes in a 24-hour period.
6 Jul. Radio Hanoi announces death of four-star NVA General Nguyen Chi Thanh, reputed to be in charge of VC operations in RVN.

6-12 Jul. Operation: LAKE
Location: Dien Truong, Sa Huynh, Route 1, Quang Ngai Province. Type: security. Controlled headquarters: 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div. Task organization: 1-327 Inf, A/2-17 Cav. 1 Plt C/2-34 Arm. Execution: Operation LAKE was conducted concurrently with Operation MALHEUR II to provide security for engineers on operations 1-1 between Sa Huynh and Dien Truong. Results: 6 enemy killed, 1 captured, 6 US KIA, 2 US WIA.

6-16 Jul. Operation: PADDINGTON
Location: Xuyen Moc, FSB TOM, FSB MIKE, FSB BILL, FSB JOHN, LZ BUCK, LZ DICK, LZ BOB, LZ JACK, LZ BERT, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlled headquarters: 9th Inf Div (Fwd). Task organization: 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div.

2-39 Inf, 4-39 Inf, 3-5 Cav, 1-11 Art (-); 1ATE: 2RAR, 7RAR, 2-47 Inf (M), 1/11 ACR, A Sqn 3 Cav, 4 Fld Rgt, B/11-11, Art, B/2-35 Art, C/1-84 Art; VNMC TF BRAVO: 2nd and 3rd VNMC Bns; 18th. ARVN Div: 2/43 ARVN Bn. Intelligence: 274th PLAF Rgt. Execution: Operation PADDINGTON was controlled by the 9th Inf Div Forward CP established at Nui Dat. It took place in an area northwest of Xuyen Moc, with the 1st Bde 9th Inf Div and VNMC TF operating in the northwestern portion of the AO and the 1ATF in the southeastern portion. The only major contact took place on 12 Jul when the 3rd VNMC Bn engaged a battalion from the 274th PLAF Rgt, killing 40. A major accomplishment of PADDINGTON was the successful employment of a tri-nation force in a previously inaccessible area to significantly disrupt installations in the area.

7-9 Jul. Operation: LAM SON 79
Location: Quang Tri Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlled headquarters: 1st ARVN Div. Results: 207 enemy killed, 12 detained, 14 ARVN KIA, 77 ARVN WIA.

7 Jul-16 Aug. Operation: 7-67/SAMURAI I
Location: A Shau Valley, Happy Valley, Thuat Thien and Quang Nam Province. Type: reconnaissance. Controlled headquarters: 5th SFGA. Task organization: Det B-52 Project DELTA, 81st ARVN Abn Rgr Bn. Execution: Operation searched areas from the northern stretches of the A Shau Valley into Happy Valley, west of Da Nang. Results: (no info).

8-24 Jul. Operation: QUICK BUNION
Location: Phu Hoa Dong, Filhol Plantation, Binh Duong Province. Type: cordon and search. Controlled headquarters: 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div; 7th ARVN Rgt. Task organization: 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div: 4-9 Inf, 2-14 Inf, 4-23 Inf (M), 3-4 Cav (-), 7th-11 Art; 7th ARVN Rgt (-). Intelligence: 2nd Go Mon PLAF LF Bn, 7th Cu Chi PLAF LF Bn. Execution: Operation AKUMU was a sub operation of BARKING SANDS. The mission was to conduct a cordon and search and pacification operation in Phu Hoa Dong village located 5 km northeast of the Cu Chi Base Camp. The 1st Bde would cordon the village in Operation AKUMU while the 7th ARVN Rgt would conduct search and clearing of the village in Operation XYA DUONG. Contact with the enemy was minimal but 273 bunkers and 74 tunnels were destroyed. Results: 15 enemy killed, 1 returnee (US losses unknown).

8 Jul-26 Aug. Operation: HONG KIL DONG
Location: Dong Tre, Cung Son, The Hub, Song Ky Lo, Phu Yen, Phu Bon and Khanh Hoa Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlled headquarters: ROK Field Command, Vietnam. Task organization: CRID (-), WHRID (-). Intelligence: 5th PAVN Div (18B and 95th PAVN Rgts). Execution: The first phase of Operation HONG KIL DONG, named after a legendary Korean folk hero, was targeted at the 95th PAVN Rgt believed to be located in the mountainous area known as 'The Hub', northwest of Tuy Hoa. Four battalions from the CRID deployed south of Dong Tre to attack southeast and three battalions of the WHRID staged at Cung Son to assault northeast while two battalions from the 47th ARVN Rgt would occupy blocking positions to the east. Moving out after B-52s had blanketeted the target, the Koreans met little resistance at first, pressing forward methodically and encountering several company-size base camps and caves, claiming 500 enemy killed by 25 Jul. On 12 Aug, the second phase of HONG KIL DONG began with the two divisions conducting separate offensives. The CRID moved northeast into the Song Ky Lo Valley, searching the headquarters of the 5th PAVN Division. The drive ended on the morning of 25 Aug when the Koreans reached the Phu Yen-Khanh Hoa provincial border without making any significant contacts. Meanwhile, the WHRID sent three battalions into a base area along the Phu Yen-Khanh Hoa border but they too found no trace of their target, the 18B PAVN Rgt. Results: 638 enemy killed, 88 captured, 26 ROK KIA, 63 ROK WIA.

48 See Operation BUFFALO for more details.

49 Exact units unknown.
8 Jul.-30 Oct. **Operation: MARCH I**

**Location:** Plei Trap Valley, Kontum Province. **Type:** reconnaissance. **Controlling headquarters:** 5th SFGA. **Task organization:** B-50 Det Project OMEGA. **Execution:** Long range reconnaissance and intelligence gathering conducted in the Plei Trap Valley. **Results:** (no info).

9 Jul. VC terrorists detonate claymore mine at Capital BEQ in Saigon, and scattered sniper fire breaks out after explosion. Results are 17 US WIA, 2 VN civilians killed and 19 wounded.

9-11 Jul. **Operation: QUIET THANG/96/G**

**Location:** Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** security. **Controlling headquarters:** 2nd ARVN Division. **Results:** 53 enemy killed, 4 detained, 5 ARVN WIA, 2 ARVN MIA.

10 Jul. GEN Abrams assumes temporary command and launches 13-day visit to US. GEN Abrams assumes temporary command.

10 Jul. Battle of Xan Tan Hung. Shortly, after midnight, the 2nd Bn, 141st PAVN Rgt launched a ground assault on the hamlet of Xa Tan Hung 5 km southeast of An Loc defended by a company from the 9th Rgt, 5th ARVN Div and supported by US artillery and gunships. 144 enemy are killed and 10 captured at the cost of 15 ARVN KIA and 46 ARVN WIA.

10-14 Jul. **Operation: AN DAN 85**

**Location:** Long An Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 25th ARVN Div. **Results:** 52 enemy killed, 15 ARVN WIA.

10 Jul.-31 Oct. **Operation: FREMONT**

**Location:** Camp Evans, Hill 51, Hill 67, Phong Dien District, Thua Thien Province. **Type:** security. **Controlling headquarters:** 4th Marines. **Task organization:** 2/4 Marines (10 Jul-14 Sep), 3/26 Marines (14 Sep-31 Oct). **Execution:** The 4th Marines initiated Operation FREMONT with its own 2/4 to provide security for Camp Evans, Hill 51, the Phong Dien District Headquarters and a radio transmission site on Hill 67. On 20 Jul, 2/4 provided blocking forces near My Chanh for SLF BRAVO in Operation BASS CHAIN. BLT 2/3 became opcon to 4th Marines on 22 Jul. 3/26 joined FREMONT, until back loading on 21 Aug. Contact was sporadic in Aug with only 13 US KIA for the month. During Sep, 2/4 in conjunction with ARVN forces helped secure nearby villages and hamlets during the National Elections. On 14 Sep, 2/4 joined Operation KINGFISHER and was replaced by 3/26 Marines. Contacts remained low until termination, being limited to harassing tactics, mines, incidents and sniper fire. **Results:** 123 enemy killed, 8 captured, 17 US KIA, 196 US WIA.

11 Jul. Newport marine terminal (Saigon) officially opens.

11-12 Jul. **Operation: LAM SON 82/XDNT**

**Location:** Quang Tri Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1st ARVN Div. **Results:** 76 enemy killed, 5 ARVN WIA.

11-16 Jul. **Operation: GEM/BINH QUAN 6**

**Location:** Arizona Territory, Song Vu Gia, Song Thu Bon, Quang Nam Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 7th Marines, Quang Da STZ. **Task organization:** 7th Marines; 3/7 Marines; Quang Da STZ; 37th ARVN Rgr Bn, 1/51 ARVN Bn. **Execution:** Operation took place in the Arizona Territory, northwest of An Hoa. **Results:** 2 enemy killed, 1 captured, 2 detained, 1 US WIA.

13 Jul. SECEF and COMUSMACV meet with President at the White House and announce troop increase for RVN. Precise figures not announced.


**Location:** Son Hai, Ninh Thuan Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** Ninh Thuan Sector. **Execution:** 11 operations conducted near the village of Son Hai, 16 km south of Phan Rang with support from Coastal Group 26 and 27. **Results:** 2 enemy captured, 25 detained.

13-16 Jul. **Operation: LAM SON 83**

**Location:** Quang Tri Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1st ARVN Div. **Results:** 98 enemy killed, 11 ARVN KIA, 34 ARVN WIA.

14 Jul. An unknown number of VC attacks Hoi An in Quang Nam Province and the Hoi An Prison. Results are 5 enemy killed, 5 ARVN KIA, 11 ARVN WIA, 4 VN civilians killed, 29 VN civilians wounded. Of the escapees, 30 are killed, 206 recaptured and 960 escape.

14-16 Jul. **Operation: HICKORY II**

**Location:** Con Thien, Demilitarized Zone, Quang Tri Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3rd Mar Div. **Task organization:** BLT 1/3 Marines, BLT 2/3 Marines, 1/4 Marines, 1st Amtrac Bn. **Execution:** HICKORY II employed both SLFs and 1/4 Marines as a continuation of Operation BUFFALO in the same area northeast of Con Thien. The 1st Amtrac Bn, adopting an infantry role, accounted for 54 of the 57 confirmed kills. **Results:** 57 enemy killed, 4 US KIA, 97 US WIA.

17-18 Jul. **Operation: LANGSON 34**

**Location:** Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2nd ROKMC Bde. **Task organization:** 1st, 2nd and 3d ROKMC Bns. **Results:** (no info).

15 Jul. An unknown number of VC attacks Da Nang AB with an estimated 50 rounds of 122mm rockets. Results are 8 USAF KIA, 138 USAF WIA, 37 USMC WIA, 10 aircraft destroyed and 41 damaged.

15 Jul. Units of TF 115 intercept and beach NVN trawler as it attempts to land at Cape Batangan, Quang Ngai Province. Results are 23 enemy killed, 4 ROKMC KIA and 6 ROKMC WIA. The trawler contains 394,560 rounds of 7.62mm incendiary, 311,520 rounds of 7.62mm ball, 1,960 antipersonnel mines, 1,734 hand grenades, 5,750 rounds of 12.7mm ammo, 43 rounds of B40 rockets, 996 rounds of 82mm mortars, 6,880 lbs of C-4 plastic, 5,148 lbs of TNT, 900 80-mm electric detonators and 444 electric detonators.

15 Jul. LTG Bruce Palmer, Jr., USA, officially opens the new USARV HQ at Long Binh.

15 Jul. **Operation: PHI PHUNG 30**

**Location:** Quang Nam Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 51st ARVN Rgt. **Execution:** operation conducted just east of Quang Ngai City with support from Coastal Group 14. **Results:** 4 enemy captured, 38 detained.

15 Jul. **Operation: QUIET THANG/71/G**

**Location:** Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2nd ARVN Div. **Execution:** operation conducted just east of Quang Ngai City with support from Coastal Group 14. **Results:** 4 enemy captured, 38 detained.

16-21 Jul. **Operation: BLACKJACK 34**

**Location:** Binh Long and Phuoc Long Provinces. **Type:** mobile guerilla. **Controlling headquarters:** 5th SFGA. **Task organization:** 3d MSF (B-36). **Execution:** operation took place in northeastern Binh Long and southwestern Phuoc Long Provinces. **Results:** 126 enemy killed, 1 MIKE KIA, 3 US SF WIA, 32 MIKE WIA.

16 Jul.-31 Oct. **Operation: KINGFISHER**

**Location:** Dong Ha, Con Thien, Gio Linh, Cua Viet, Ca Lu, Route 9, Route 561, Route 606, Hill 216, C-2, Demilitarized Zone, Quang Tri Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d and 9th Marines. **Task organization:** 3/3 Marines, 2/4 Marines (14 Sep-31 Oct), 3/4 Marines, 1/9 Marines, 2/3 Marines, 3/5 Marines, 3/26 Marines (15 Aug-11 Sep). **Execution:** 87 enemy killed in 1st Amtrac Bn. **Intelligence:** 90th and 812th PAVN Rgt. Exe.

KINGFISHER was a continuation of Marine operations south of the DMZ following BUFFALO and HICKORY II. Contact was light during the first week. On 21 Jul, 3/3 Marines securing a portion of Route 9 for a ‘Rough Rider’ convoy bound for Khe Sanh found a NVA battlefield dug in on Hill 216 overlooking the road. Tanks, 40mm dusters and artillery pounded the hill and forced the NVA to disgorge. On 26 Jul, 2/9 Marines reinforced with tanks, LVTEs and Ontos was pushing into the DMZ north on Route 606 when it was attacked by an estimated NVA battalion. The column was split in company-size segments and fought desperately all day until reinforcements from 3/4 Marines forced the enemy to break contact. 23 Americans were killed and 251 wounded with only 32 NVA confirmed killed. Ground action was light in early Aug with the largest part of the activity involving...
19 Jul.-11 Sep. Operations PAUL BUNYAN

20 Jul. GVN ceases censorship of Vietnamese press.

20-26 Jul. Operations BEAR CHAIN
Location: Dong Que, Route 555, Street Without Joy, Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: SLF BRAVO. Task organization: BLT 2/3 Marines. Intelligence: 806th PLAF MF Bn. Execution: BEAR CHAIN forces engaged in Operation FREMONT. On 21 Jul, BLT 2/3 passed under control of the 4th Marines and joined in Operation FREMONT. On 24 Jul, the battalion discovered a 37-ton rice cache in the village of Dong Que and flew it out before going back to sea. Results: (included in Operation FREMONT).

20-27 Jul. Operations PECOS
Location: Happy Valley, Quang Nam Province. Type: reconnaissance-in-force. Controlling headquarters: 7th Marines Task organization: 1/7 Marines, H/2/7 Marines; G/3/11 Marines. Execution: Operation PECOS was a reconnaissance-in-force operation into Happy Valley west of Da Nang. Results: 2 enemy killed, 1 US WIA.

21-24 Jul. Operations LAM SON 87/XDNT
Location: Route 1, Quang Tri Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st ARVN Div. Intelligence: 806th PLAF Bn. Execution: On 21 Jul, the 806th PLAF Bn, retreating west toward Route 1 to escape Operation BEAR CHAIN, was intercepted by elements of the 1st ARVN Div, losing 252 killed. Results: 252 enemy killed, 20 detained, 25 ARVN KIA, 81 ARVN WIA.

21-30 Jul. Operations BEACON GUIDE
Location: Phu Loc, Bowling Alley, Route 1, GREEN Beach, Thua Thien Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st ARVN Div. Execution: BLT 1/3 engaged an ambush and lost 14 soldiers, 10 of whom were killed. Results: (no info).

21 Jul.-2 Aug. Operations EMPIRE I
Location: Xa Gia Tan, Ap Binh Hoa, Song La Nga, Route 20, Long Khanh Province. Type: land clearing. Controlling headquarters: 11th ACR. Task organization: 3/3 ACR, 52nd ARVN Rgr Bn. Intelligence: 275th PLAF Rgt, D800 PLAF LF Bn. Execution: EMPIRIA was designed as a land clearing operation along Route 20 from Gia Tan to the La Ngia River bridge. On 21 Jul, Troop A, 3/11 ACR was ambushed by the 2nd Bn, 275th PLAF Rgt 4 km northwest of Ap Binh Hoa. Troops I and K reinforced the contact and routed the enemy but US losses had been high with 14 KIA and 63 WIA. 96 enemy bodies were counted in the area. The rest of the operation was uneventful and terminated on 2 Aug with the completion of a class 60 engine float bridge on the La Ngia. Results: (no info).

22-28 Jul. Operations SOUTHPORT
Location: Xa Bang, Xa Binh Ba, Ngai Giao, Route 2, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: road clearing. Controlling headquarters: 1ATF. Task organization: D/2RAR, 7RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav, 4 Flt Rgt, 1 Fld Sqn. Execution: The ATF helped secure Route 2 from Nui Dat to Xa Bang 15 km to the north and the secured the construction of a RF outpost there to maintain a GVN presence in a

artillery attacks on Gio Linh, Con Thien, Cua Viet and Dong Ha. On 21 Aug, an NVA battalion ambushed a small Marine convoy moving from the Rockpile to Ca Lu. Elements form 3/3 were brought in, fighting a six-hour engagement until night fell and the enemy fled to the west. 6 US were killed and 35 wounded. Enemy losses were unknown. The NVA tried again on 7 Sep at almost the same location. This time the battle lasted more than 8 hours. The Marines killed 92 of the enemy while losing 5 KIA and 56 WIA. The Communists tried to disrupt the National Elections on 3 Sep, firing more than 41 rounds of artillery into Dong Ha, damaging 17 helicopters. This attack ended the use of Dong Ha as a permanent helicopter base facility. Con Thien however, remained the primary artillery target for the NVA. On 25 Sep alone, 400 enemy rounds were splashed into the command base. On 10 Oct, 3/26 Marines made heavy contact with what seemed to be the entire 812th PAVN Rgt 4 miles southwest of Con Thien. The action lasted for four hours until the enemy broke contact, leaving 140 dead on the battle field. Marine losses had been high also with 34 KIA and 192 WIA, forcing 3/26 to return to Phu Bai the next day to refit. On 21 Sep, 2/9 Marines started a search and destroy operation 1,800 meters east of Con Thien when it ran into heavy resistance from an element of the 90th PAVN Rgt. The battle turned into a stalemate after rain had made the area impassable and both sides withdrew. US casualties were 31 KIA and 118 WIA. Enemy killed were reported at 39. The enemy intensified its attack-by-fire against Con Thien in late Sep, hitting the base with over 3,000 rounds during the period 19-27 Sep. The enemy continued to hit Con Thien in an effort to make one of the greatest concentrations of firepower in support of a single division in the history of the Vietnam War. Marine artillery, ships of the 7th Fleet, Marine and Air Force jets and B-52 bombers poured tons of ordnance into know enemy positions in and north of the DMZ. By the end of Sep, NVA pressure of the outpost had subsided. On 14 Oct, 2/4 Marines was guarding a bridge north of Strong point C-2 when it received a ground attack from an unknown size enemy force. AC-130 gunships helped suppress the enemy and during the night. 21 Americans were killed and 23 wounded. Only 24 NVA bodies were found in the area. The last major action of KINGFISHER took place during a 9th Marines operation on 25-28 Oct. 2/4 Marines was sweeping north of Con Thien on Route 561 when it was hit by an enemy battalion, beating back several attacks and taking 4 prisoners. Results: 1,117 enemy killed, 5 captured, 340 US KIA, 1,461 US WIA.

17-18 Jul. Operations INTOSH JOYCE 9
Location: Long Khanh Province. Execution: (no other info).

17-20 Jul. Operations CUU LONG 63

17-26 Jul. Operations DRAGON HEAD III

17 Jul.–31 Oct. Operations BRIGHT STAR/ARMS
Location: Khe Sanh, Quang Tri Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 26th Marines (Forward). Task organization: 1/26 Marines, 3/26 Marines, 1/13 Marines. Execution: Operation ARMS MORE was a continuation of Operation CROCKETT and involved the same mission and the same forces. On 21 Jul, B/1/26 and M/3/26 fought a NVA battalion on Hill 216 along Route 9 in conjunction with 3/2 Mar- ines from Operation KINGFISHER. Contacts in August were minimal and 3/26 was moved to the KINGFISHER AO on 15 Aug. 1/26 Marines continued patrols and company-size search and destroy operations around Khe Sanh, but with limited contact with the enemy. Results: 113 enemy killed, 6 detained, 10 US KIA, 39 US WIA.

18 Jul. National Assembly disqualifies 7 of 18 presidential candidates.
former major supply area fro the enemy. Results: none.
23 Jul. GEN Westmoreland returns to RVN and resumes command of MACV.
24-27 Jul. **Operation: LAM SON 91**
*Location:* Thua Thien Province. *Type:* search and destroy. *Controlling headquarters:* 1st ARVN Division. *Results:* 85 enemy killed, 14 detained, 1 ARVN KIA, 32 ARVN WIA.
25 Jul-1 Aug. **Operation: CARINS**
*Location:* Dat Do, the Horseshoe, AO BANANA, Phuoc Tuy Province. *Type:* search and destroy. *Controlling headquarters:* 1ATF. *Task organization:* 2RAR (-), 161 Bty RNZA. *Execution:* Operation took place in an area centered 3 km south-east of Dat Do between the Horseshoe and the coast. Results: 4 enemy killed, 103 AUS WIA.
25 Jul-4 Aug. **Operation: CUU LONG/64/SD**
*Location:* Dinh Tuong Province. *Type:* search and destroy. *Controlling headquarters:* 7th ARVN Div. *Results:* 234 enemy killed, 217 detained, 16 ARVN KIA, 102 ARVN WIA.
26-27 Jul. **Operation: INTOSH JOYCE 10**
*Location:* Long Khanh Province. *Execution:* (no other info).
27-29 Jul. **Operation: STOCKTON**
*Location:* Hoi Vuc, Da Nang Rocket Belt, Song Thuy Loan, LZ TIGER, Quang Nam Province. *Type:* search and destroy. *Controlling headquarters:* 7th Marines *Task organization:* 1/7 Marines. *Execution:* Operation STOCKTON took place 4 km northwest of Hoi Vuc to investigate routes of ingress to the area used to launch the rocket attack on Da Nang on 15 Jul. Results: 2 enemy killed, 4 US WIA.
27-31 Jul. **Operation: DRAGON HEAD IV**
27 Jul-3 Aug. **Operation: CORONADO II/SONG THAN 63**
*Location:* Dong Tam, Ap Binh Thoi, Song My Tho, Song Ba Rai, Song Tra Tan, 20/7 Heartland Zone, Ban Long Secret Zone, Cam Son Basin Area, Route 4, Dinh Tuong Province. *Type:* search and destroy. *Controlling headquarters:* 9th Inf Div (Forward). *Task organization:* 2d Bde, 9th Inf Div (MRF): 3-47 Inf, 4-47 Inf, 3-34 Art, D/15th Eng, USN TF 117; 3d Bde, 9th Inf Div: 3-39 Inf, TF 5-60 Inf (M); 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div: 4-9 Inf, 7-11 Art (-); VNMC TF ALPHA: 3rd and 4th VNMC Bns; 7th ARVN Div: 44th ARVN Div Bn, 173rd Signal Co (Prov). *Execution:* Operation CORONADO II was initiated as a result of hard intelligence indicating an enemy build up west of My Tho in an area between Route 4 and the My Tho River known as the 20/7 Heartland Zone. Seizig the opportunity, GEN Westmoreland decided to strike hard at the enemy, assembling a formidable armada consisting not only of the MRF but also from elements of the 3d Bde, 9th Inf Div, 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div, VNMC TF ALPHA and 7th ARVN Div. Returning from its anchorage on the Soirap, the MRF landed two battalions on five beaches in the southern Cam Son on 28 Jul and swept north toward blocking positions established by 5-60 Inf (M). That same day, TF ALPHA and the 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div CP arrived at Dong Tam. Search of the Cam Son Base Area proved fruitful as only small groups of VC were encountered. On 30 Jul, emphasis shifted to the Ban Long Secret Zone to the east. The two VNMC battalions were air-assaulted just south of the Tra Tan and immediately made heavy contact with a large enemy force, later identified as the 263rd PLAF Bn. Two battalions form the 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div were airlifted from Hau Nghia Province and established blocking positions. Desperate to escape the trap, the enemy attacked the VNMC positions during the night, suffering heavy losses. 108 VC were killed and 141 captured. Pursuit was organized the following days with 3-39 Inf being inserted into the AO. The search of the village of Ap Binh Thoi produced 83 prisoners, all from the 263rd Bn. Results: 441 enemy killed, 177 captured, 10 US KIA, 65 US WIA, 44 VNMC KIA, 115 VNMC WIA, 17 ARVN KIA, 105 ARVN WIA.
27 Jul-8 Nov. **Operation: SONG THAN 14**
28-31 Jul. **Operation: INTOSH JOYCE 11**
*Location:* Long Khanh Province. *Execution:* (no other info).
29 Jul. MACV staff begins relocation to new headquarters near Tan Son Nhat.
29 Jul. GEN Harold K. Johnson, Army CoFS, arrives in RVN on routine visit to Army units.
29 Jul. Fuel from ruptured aircraft tank ignites on after flight deck of USS FORRESTAL in Gulf of Tonkin. Results are 113 US KIA, 62 US WIA, 26 aircraft destroyed, 42 aircraft damaged.
31 Jul-? **Operation: WINFIELD SCOTT**
*Location:* II CTZ. *Type:* reconnaissance. *Controlling headquarters:* 5th SFGA. *Task organization:* 5th MSF. *Execution:* (no other info).
31 Jul. LTG William B. Rosson, USA, assumes command of I FFORCEN, relieving LTG Stanley R. Larsen.
31 Jul.-3 Nov. **Operation: DAN QUyen 822**
*Location:* Binh Dinh Province. *Type:* search and destroy. *Controlling headquarters:* 22nd ARVN Division. *Results:* 141 enemy killed, 181 detained, 44 ARVN KIA, 74 ARVN WIA 3 ARVN MIA.

### AUGUST

1 Aug. US military strength in RVN is 485,000.
1 Aug. The 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div is redesignated 3d Bde, 25th Inf Div at Dau Tieng. At the same time, the 3d Bde, 25th Inf Div at Duc Pho is redesignated 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div.
1 Aug. SS BIENVILLE arrives in Da Nang, inaugurating contain container ship service in RVN.
1 Aug. DOD announces USS NEW JERSEY (BB-62) to be recommissioned.
1 Aug. NVACOMSTA CRB is commissioned and becomes principal Navy relay station in RVN, providing multichannel and fleet broadcast service to SEVENTHFLT units.
1 Aug. A-37, the first light attack counterinsurgency aircraft, arrives in RVN at Bien Hoa AB for combat evaluation.

52 7th ARVN Div operation was CUU LONG 64, no other info.
53 To SLF BRAVO.
1-3 Aug. Operation: KANGAROO KICK  
**Location:** Song O Lau, Street Without Joy, Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** SLF BRAVO. **Task organization:** BLT 2/3 Marines. **Execution:** The operation was another sweep over the now familiar sand dunes, graves and rice paddies of the Street Without Joy. KANGAROO KICK, almost a carbon copy of the two previous operations along the O Lau, precipitated the standard VC reaction; they fled, only to return after the BLT departed. On 4 Aug, BLT 1/3 passed under opcon 4th Marines and joined Operation FREMONT. **Results:** (included in Operation FREMONT).

1-4 Aug. Operation: PIKE  
**Location:** Barrier Island, Song Thu Bon, Song Ly Ly, Truong Gia, Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1st Marines **Task organization:** 1/1 Marines, 3/5 Marines. **Execution:** Operation PIKE swept Barrier Island south of Hoi An between the coast and the Ly Ly River with significant contact. **Results:** 100 enemy killed, 4 captured, 54 detained, 8 US KIA, 60 US WIA.

1-9 Aug. Operation: DRAGON HEAD V  
**Location:** Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d ROKMC Bde. **Task organization:** 1st and 3rd ROKMC Bns. **Execution:** Operation executed in coordination with HOOD RIVER/LIEN KET 110. **Results:** (included in Operation HOOD RIVER/LIEN KET 110).

2-12 Aug. Operation: KHAM ZEI 167  
**Location:** Kontum. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 24th STZ. **Task organization:** 42nd ARVN Rgt (-). **Execution:** (KHAM ZEI probably covered the Battle of Dak Seang, no other info, see Operation GREELEY for more detail). **Results:** 209 enemy killed, 2 detained, 12 ARVN KIA, 66 ARVN WIA.

2-13 Aug. Operation: HOOD RIVER/LIEN KET 110  
**Location:** Ha Thanh, Minh Long, Nui Thien An, Base Area 121, VEGHEL AO, Song Tra Khuc, the Horseshoe, Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1st Bde, 101st Abn Bde; 2d ROKMC Bde, 2nd ARVN Div. **Task organization:** 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div; 1-327 Inf, 2-327 Inf, 2-302 Inf, 2-320 Art, 3-18 Art, C/2-11 Art, A/2(17 Cav, A/26th Eng, LRRP Plt). **Execution:** (no info). **Results:** 7RAR, 106 Fld Bty. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 4th Marines **Task organization:** 2/4 Marines, 2/26 Marines (two cos), 4/12 Marines (-). **Exe:** Operation RUSH was conducted in conjunction with 1st ARVN Div forces in the area southwest of Phu Bai Combat Base. Only minor contact with small groups of enemy resulted from this action. **Results:** 1 enemy killed, 2 US KIA, 24 US WIA.

5-17 Aug. Operation: CORONADO III  
**Location:** Long Tau Shipping Channel, Can Gio and Quang Xuyen Districts, Rung Sat Special Zone. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Bde, 9th Inf Div (MRF). **Task organization:** 3-47 Inf, 3-60 Inf, 3-34 Art, D/15th Eng, USN TF 117. **Execution:** After termination of CORONADO II, 3-60 Inf replaced 4/47 Inf as a riverine unit, the latter remaining at Dong Tam to provide security in Operation HOPTAC. On 4 Aug, the MRF moved to Vung Tau and began operations along the Long Tau Shipping Channel in the Rung Sat Special Zone to provide training for 3-60 Inf in Delta warfare and to disrupt possible enemy attacks on shipping in the channel. At the same time; 4-47 Inf conducted refresher training on drier terrain east of the Rung Sat. **Results:** 1 enemy captured, no friendly casualties.

6 Aug. GEN Wallace M. Greene, USMC, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps arrives in RVN for a routine visit to USMC/USN organizations in RVN.

7 Aug. The 165th PAVN Rgt attacks the Tong Le Chon CIDG Camp 10 km south of the Fishhook in Tay Ninh Province. 1-1 Inf, 1-28 Inf and four MSF companies reinforced the camp the following day. Results: 152 enemy are killed, 1 captured, 3 US WIA, 25 CIDG KIA, 90 CIDG WIA and 14 CIDG MIA..

7 Aug. Two enemy companies overrun the VNN Coast Group Base 16 Camp in Quang Ngai Province. Results: 11 enemy killed, 14 VNN KIA, 35 VNN WIA, 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA and 3 VNN civilians killed.

7-11 Aug. Operation: BEACON GATE  
**Location:** Barrier Island, Quang Nam and Quang Tin Provinces. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** SLF ALPHA. **Task organization:** BLT 1/3 Marines. **Intelligence:** V25 PLAF MF Bn. **Execution:** The operation searched Barrier Island, Song Ly Ly, Truong Gia, Quang Ngai Province for enemy forces in the area. **Results:** 12 enemy killed (no info on friendly casualties).

11 Aug. US planes bomb Hanoi’s Doumer Bridge, the first air strike on Hanoi in two months.

54 Originally GREAT BEND IV.
moved into the portion of his parish that extended into Base Area 117 west of Chu Lai. Acting on this intelligence, TF OREGON mounted Operation BENTON. The plan called for two bns from the 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div to conduct air-assaults on the western border of BA 117 while two bns of the 196th Inf Bde (Lt) would be inserted in the eastern portion. On 12 Aug however, the 21st PAVN Rgt assaulted an ARVN Ranger TF in the LIEN KET 112 AO, about 10 km north of 117. Anticipating that the attackers would withdraw south, the plan was changed to try to intercept and cut them off. On 13 Aug, 2-327 Inf and 2-502 Inf completed air-assaults without opposition and turned north. At 1700, B/2-502 Inf engaged an unknown size enemy force, killing 35 while losing 5 KIA and 15 WIA. Later that day, the CP 21st PAVN Rgt received an RPG and grenade attack, killing 3 and wounding 13. On 14 Aug, the two bns of the 196th Inf Bde (Lt) were inserted into the AO, followed the next day by 1-327 Inf held in reserve at Chu Lai. On 18 Aug, a platoon from C/1-327 Inf was ambushed by an estimated enemy company, losing 6 KIA and 13 WIA. Only 1 enemy was killed. Contact for the remainder of the operation became less and less frequent until termination, although enemy antiaircraft guns accounted for 20 15-15s damaged in the Tan Hue and Chu Lai sector. Results: 390 enemy killed, 17 captured, 45 US KIA, 291 US WIA.

15 Aug. Premier Ky confirms that General Nguyen Duc Thang will be appointed CoSF JGS (Deputy to General Cao Van Vien) and Commander RF/PF.

15-18 Aug. Operation: DAN CHI/295/B/SD Location: 112 AO, about 10 km north of 117. Anticipating that the attack would be inserted in the eastern portion. On 12 Aug however, the 21st PAVN Rgt assaulted an ARVN Ranger TF in the LIEN KET 112 AO, about 10 km north of 117. Anticipating that the attackers would withdraw south, the plan was changed to try to intercept and cut them off. On 13 Aug, 2-327 Inf and 2-502 Inf completed air-assaults without opposition and turned north. At 1700, B/2-502 Inf engaged an unknown size enemy force, killing 35 while losing 5 KIA and 15 WIA. Later that day, the CP 21st PAVN Rgt received an RPG and grenade attack, killing 3 and wounding 13. On 14 Aug, the two bns of the 196th Inf Bde (Lt) were inserted into the AO, followed the next day by 1-327 Inf held in reserve at Chu Lai. On 18 Aug, a platoon from C/1-327 Inf was ambushed by an estimated enemy company, losing 6 KIA and 13 WIA. Only 1 enemy was killed. Contact for the remainder of the operation became less and less frequent until termination, although enemy antiaircraft guns accounted for 20 15-15s damaged in the Tan Hue and Chu Lai sector. Results: 390 enemy killed, 17 captured, 45 US KIA, 291 US WIA.


16-24 Aug. Operation: ATHERTON Location: Dat Do, AO PINEAPPLE, Route 23, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 21st PAVN Div Results: 54 enemy killed, 10 detained, 4 ARVN KIA, 11 ARVN WIA.

16-18 Aug. Operation: BEAUTIFUL PLUM Location: Vam Co Dong, Vam Co Tay, Long An Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: Long An Sec. Execution: operation conducted between the Vam Co Dong and Vam Co Ty 32 km southwest of Saigon by four RF companis supported by RAG 24. Results: 3 enemy killed, 12 detained, 1 ARVN KIA, 1 ARVN WIA.

18 Aug. Operation: AN DAN/109/67 Location: Binh Duong Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: Long An Sec. Execution: operation conducted between the Vam Co Dong and Vam Co Ty 32 km southwest of Saigon by four RF companis supported by RAG 24. Results: 3 enemy killed, 12 detained, 1 ARVN KIA, 1 ARVN WIA.


19 Aug. US planes fly one-day record of 209 missions over SVN.


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**CONTROLLING HEADQUARTERS**: 2d ROKMC Bde. Task organization: 1st, 2nd and 3rd ROKMC Bns. Execution: The Blue Dragon Brigade conducted this operation in support of the National Elections. Results: 32 enemy killed, 1 captured, 3 ROK KIA, 19 ROK WIA.

**20-22 Aug. Operation: LONG PH/999/W**
Location: Sa Dec Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 9th ARVN Div. Results: S4 enemy killed, 8 detained, 23 ARVN KIA, 56 ARVN WIA.

**20 Aug.-9 Sep. Operation: CORONADO IV**
Location: Ben Luc, Song Vam Co Dong, Rung Sat Special Zone, Long An, Go Cong and Kien Hoa Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 2d Bde, 9th Inf Div (MRF). Task organization: 2d Bde, 9th Inf Div. Execution: Search and destroy operations were conducted in both areas without contact. Phase II (23-24 Aug), the 3-47 Inf returned to the Rung Sat while 3-60 Inf operated in eastern Long An Province with only light contacts and both units were extracted the next day. This was followed by the MRF returning to Conh Province with only light contacts, and both units were extracted the next day without contact. Results: 101 enemy killed, 148 detained, 3 US KIA, 75 US WIA.

**21 Aug.**
Location: Sa Dec Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 2d Bde, 9th Inf Div. Execution: BELT DRIVE objective was the densely vegetated high ground on both sides of the Nhun River, less than 9 km south of Quang Tri City. The operation involved a spoiling attack against Communist units that could have interfered with the voting in Quang Tri during the National Elections, but contact was only sporadic. From 1-4 Sep, the BLT passed under control of the 4th Marines and joined in Operation LIBERTY to block enemy approaches to the voting site. From 4 Sep, BELT DRIVE resumed but ended the next day with no contact. Results: 19 enemy killed, 5 US KIA, 59 US WIA.

**27 Aug.-5 Sep. Operation: BELT DRIVE**
Location: Song Nhung, Hai Lang District, Quang Tri Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: SLF BRAVO. Task organization: BLT 2/3 Marines. Execution: The BELT DRIVE objective was the densely vegetated high ground on both sides of the Nhun River, less than 9 km south of Quang Tri City. The operation involved a spoiling attack against Communist units that could have interfered with the voting in Quang Tri during the National Elections, but contact was only sporadic. From 1-4 Sep, the BLT passed under control of the 4th Marines and joined in Operation LIBERTY to block enemy approaches to the voting site. From 4 Sep, BELT DRIVE resumed but ended the next day with no contact. Results: 19 enemy killed, 5 US KIA, 59 US WIA.

**21-25 Aug. Operation: INTOSH JOYCE 14**
Location: Kien Phong Province. Execution: (no other info).

**22-26 Aug. Operation: WAIMEA**
Location: Tan Than Dong, Bao Tram, Song Saigon, Rach Tra, Hau Nghia and Binh Duong Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div. Task organization: 2d Inf Bde. Execution: Search and destroy operations were conducted in both areas without contact. Phase II (23-24 Aug), the 3-47 Inf returned to the Rung Sat while 3-60 Inf operated in eastern Long An Province with only light contacts and both units were extracted the next day. This was followed by the MRF returning to Conh Province with only light contacts and both units were extracted the next day without contact. Results: 101 enemy killed, 148 detained, 3 US KIA, 75 US WIA.

**22-27 Aug. Operation: AINSLIE**
Location: Xa Bang, Duc Thanh, Ngai Giai, Slope 3, Route 2, FSB ALANBROKE, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: search and destroy, road clearing, resettlement. Controlling headquarters: 1st AF. Task organization: 7RAR, 4 Fld Rgt, A Sqn 3 Cav (one trp), 1 Sqn ASAS. Execution: Operation was a search of Xa Bang, followed by road clearing and search and destroy operations along Route 2 from Nui Dat to the 11th ACR’s TAOR at Camp Blackhorse. Contact was limited to 1,132 persons, were resettled. Results: 22 enemy killed, 1 AUS KIA, 2 AUS WIA.
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1 Sep. US military strength in RVN is 492,000.
1-6 Sep. Operation: BEACON POINT
Location: Street Without Joy, Thua Thien Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: SLF ALPHA. Task organization: BLT 1/3 Marines. Execution: Operation BEACON POINT swept the southern portion of the Street Without Joy without making contact. On 5 Sep, BLT 1/3 marched to an assembly area near Camp Evans and joined Operation FREMONT. Results: (no info).

1-6 Sep. Operation: VALDOSTA I
Location: Hung Nghia, Route 1, Long Khanh Province. Type: security. Controlling headquarters: 11th ACR. Task organization: 3/11 ACR. Execution: VALDOSTA I was initiated to preclude enemy interference during the National Elections period. Roadblocks were established along Route 1 and security provided to engineer parties repairing the road. On 3 Sep, Trp K, 3/11 ACR made contact with an estimated 40 VC just south of Hung Nghia, killing 8. Results: (no info).

1 Sep.-17 Nov. Operation: STRIKE I
Location: Bien Hoa, Long Binh, AO STRIKE, Bien Hoa Province. Type: security. Controlling headquarters: 9th Inf Div. Task organization: 2-47 Inf (M). Execution: Operation STRIKE I was conducted to provide security for the Bien Hoa-Long Binh complex and to prevent rocket attacks. On 17 Nov, STRIKE I was combined with Operation UNIONTOWN. Results: (no info).

2-9 Sep. Operation: COOK
Location: Song Ve, Base Area 121, Quang Ngai Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div. Task organization: 1-327 Inf, 2-327 Inf, 2-502 Inf, 2-320 Art, A/2-11 Art, A/326th Eng. Execution: Operation COOK saw the return of the 1st Bde to Quang Ngai Province. The mission was to neutralize enemy forces located in Base Area 121 and the northern portion of the Song Ve Valley. On 2 Sep, 2-327 Inf conducted airmobile assaults in the Song Ve and commenced search and destroy operations in zone. On 4-5 Sep, 1-327 Inf and 2-502 Inf were inserted into LZs west of the valley but no major contact was made. Operation COOK ended prematurely with all elements displacing to Chu Lai in preparation of Operation WHEELER. Results: 54 enemy killed, 3 detained, 3 US KIA.

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13 US WIA.
3 Sep. General Nguyen Van Thieu is elected President of the Republic of Vietnam with Nguyen Cao Ky as Vice President.
4-8 Sep. Operation: LAM SON 120/XDNT
Location: Thua Thien Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st ARVN Div. Results: 78 enemy killed, 22 detained, 15 ARVN KIA, 42 ARVN WIA.

4-14 Sep. Operation: EMPORIA IV
Location: Ba Bien, Blackhorse, Route 2, Long Khanh and Phuoc Tuy Provinces. Type: security. Controlling headquarters: 11th ACR. Task organization: 1/11 ACR, 3/11 ACR. Execution: EMPORIA IV provided security to engineer work partied along Route 2 south of Blackhorse. Several light contacts were made in the Ba Bien area east of the base camp. Results: (no info).

4-15 Sep. Operations SWIFT/LIEN KET 116
Location: Thang Binh, Dong Son, Chau Lam, Vinh Huy, Que Son Basin, Hill 43, Hill 48, Route 534, Quang Tin Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 5th Marines; Task Force X-Ray (from 7 Sep). Task organization: 1/5 Marines, H/2/5 Marines, 3/5 Marines, 2/11 Marines, 1-14 Inf; 2nd ARVN Div (elts). Intelligence: 2nd PAVN Div (1st PLAF and 3rd PAVN Rgt). Execution: Operation SWIFT was an outgrowth of one of the election day screening sweeps conducted near Dong Son, 8 miles southwest of Thang Binh along Route 534. At dawn of 4 Sep, the enemy struck the night defensive position of Co D, 1/5 Marines. As the battle intensified, Co B arrived on the scene, followed in the afternoon by two more companies from 3/5 Marines. The fighting raged until nightfall when support from NVA-1 reduced the hamlet of Dong Son (1) to smoldering ruins. A search of the battle area on 5 Sep reported 130 enemy killed but Marine losses had been high with 54 KIA and 104 WIA. Pursuit began immediately, on the morning of 6 Sep, 1/5 made contact with two battalions from the 1st PLAF Rgt near Vinh Huy. The enemy soldiers nearly overran Co B but were repulsed after a tear gas attack and danger close artillery fire. The VC withdrew during the night, leaving bodies behind. Marines casualties were 35 KIA and 92 WIA. That same day, Sep 6, 3/5 Marines also ran into trouble northeast of 1/5 near Hill 48, with furious hand-to-hand fighting that repulsed two determined NVA assaults. 88 enemy were killed, 34 US KIA and 109 US WIA. On 7 Sep, TF X-Ray was again activated and 1-14Inf joined the operation. Simultaneously, the 2d ARVN Div started its campaign Operation LIEN KET 116. On 10 Sep, a patrol from Co H, 2/5 Marines fought a reinforced NVA company near Hill 43, killing 40 while losing 9. On 12 Sep, a patrol base held by Co I, 3/5 Marines was attacked by two enemy companies but they were repulsed with 35 killed and 4 captured. During the same period, the 37th ARVN Rgr Bn received a ground assault in the LIEN KET 116 by an estimated enemy battalion on 10 Sep; 70 enemy were killed, 13 ARVN KIA and 33 ARVN WIA. Elements of the enemy battalions hit the rangers again on 13 Sep. Reinforcements from 1/5 and 3/5 Marines were helicoptered in to relieve the pressure and by dawn the NVA broke contact, leaving 49 dead behind. The Rangers had lost an additional 15 KIA and 69 WIA. This was the last sizable encounter of the operation as the 2nd PAVN Div had been driven out of the Que Son once more, but would soon return. Results: 729 enemy killed, 67 detained, 127 US KIA, 352 US WIA, 32 ARVN KIA, 86 ARVN WIA, 11 ARVN MIA.

5-21 Sep. Operation: RAPID FIRE I
Location: War Zone C, Tay Ninh Province. Type: reconnaissance. Controlling headquarters: 5th SFGA. Task organization: Det B-36 Project RAPID FIRE. Execution: The RAPID FIRE concept involved the deployment of combined reconnaissance teams in order to locate VC forces followed by the commitment of a larger mobile reaction force to disrupt or destroy the enemy force. Results: 38 enemy killed, 6 captured. (no info on friendly casualties).

56 Squadron undergoing rehabilitation at Iwakuni.
57 To SFL BRAVO.
58 To CONUS.
59 LIEN KET 116 commenced 7 Sep 67. 60 517 for SWIFT and 212 for LIEN KET 116.
5 Sep.-30 Oct. Operation: DRAGON FIRE

**Location:** Batangan Peninsula, Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d ROKMC Bde. **Task organization:** 1st, 2nd and 5th ROKMC Bns. **Execution:** The 2d ROKMC Bde conducted this operation to clear insurgent elements from the Batangan Peninsula. **Results:** 541 enemy killed, 121 captured, 121 detained, 45 ROKMC KIA, 200 ROKMC WIA, 3 USMC WIA.

6-12 Sep. Operation: LIEN KET 114/P1

**Location:** Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2nd ARVN Div. **Results:** 138 enemy killed, 38 detained, 24 ARVN KIA, 101 ARVN WIA. 7 Sep. SECEDEF announces decision to construct a wire and electronic barrier across RVN south of the DMZ.

7 Sep. Operation: CUU LONG/45/10

**Location:** Ben Tre District, Kien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 7th ARVN Div. **Execution:** operation conducted at the confluence of the Ben Tre and Ham Luong rivers by the 10th ARVN Rgt supported by RAGs 21 and 33. **Results:** 6 enemy killed, 6 detained, 1 ARVN KIA, 3 ARVN WIA.

7-8 Sep. Operation: DAN CHI/300/A

**Location:** Ba Xuyen Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 21st ARVN Div. **Execution:** 54 enemy killed, 12 detained, 4 ARVN WIA.

7-11 Sep. Operation: INTOSH JOYCE 15

**Location:** Kien Hoa Province. **Execution:** (no other info).

9 Sep. Operation: LIEN KET 114/P2

**Location:** Ben Tre Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3rd ARVN Regt. **Execution:** The 2d ROKMC Bde conducted this operation to clear insurgents from the Ben Tre and Ham Luong rivers by the 10th ARVN Rgt supported by RAGs 21 and 33. **Results:** 54 enemy killed, 38 detained, 24 ARVN WIA.

10 Sep. Operation: LIEN KET 114/P3

**Location:** Ba Xuyen Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 24th ARVN Div. **Execution:** The 2d ROKMC Bde conducted this operation to clear insurgents from the Ben Tre and Ham Luong rivers by the 10th ARVN Rgt supported by RAGs 21 and 33. **Results:** 54 enemy killed, 38 detained, 24 ARVN WIA.

11 Sep.-25 Nov. Operation: WHEELER

**Location:** Tien Phuc, Hiep Duc, Song Tranh, Song Chang, Base Area 116, Base Area 117, UDEN AO, Quang Tin Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div. **Task organization:** 1-327 Inf, 2-327 Inf, 2-502 Inf, 1-14 Inf (11-24 Sep.), 1-35 Inf (4 Oct-4 Nov.), 2-320 Art, A-2/9 Art (4 Oct-4 Nov.), B-2/9 Art (11-24 Sep.), C-3/16 Art, B-1/9 Cav (2-4 Oct.), A-2/17 Cav (17-25 Nov.), A-326th Eng. **Intelligence:** 2nd PAVN Div (1st PLAF Rgt., 3rd and 21st PAVN Rgts). **Execution:** The first phase of Operation WHEELER (11th ARVN Div) was conducted in Base Areas 116 and 117, north and east of the Tien Phuc CIDG Camp receptively. The objective was to intercept the 1st PLAF and 3rd PAVN Rgts thought to be withdrawing south from the Operation SWIFT AO and to locate the third regiment of the 2nd PAVN Div, the 21st, believed to be regrouping west of Tam Ky. The three battalions of the 1st Bde conducted airmobile assaults into selected landing zones in BA 116 while the opconed 1-14 Inf was employed in BA 117 to the southeast. This first phase produced no significant contact but numerous small scale engagement accounted for 200 enemy killed during the first two weeks of the operation. On 24 Sep, 1-14 Inf was released from brigade control and returned to Duc Pho. For the second phase of WHEELER (26 Sep-8 Oct.), all three battalions conducted an aerial envelopment of the Hiep Duc area while USMC and ARVN reconnaissance units occupied the high ground to the north. On 27 Sep, the tactical CP of 2-502 Inf receive a badly coordinated ground assault that was quickly repulsed. Fighting continued over the next week amid increasingly heavier downpours with Americans slowly closing the ring around Hiep Duc where the presence of an enemy headquarters was suspected. Worried about a possible infiltration of the 21st PAVN Rgt back into BA 116 this headquarters east of a four mile long pipeline the 1-35 Inf was airlifted from Duc Pho to Tam Ky and inserted in the northern portion of BA 116. Numerous contacts continued as the brigade employed an increasing number of air strikes, combat skypots and artillery missions throughout the AO. Bad weather began to seriously hamper ground and air operations, and when numerous sampans were sighted to the west of the AO moving what was believed to be elements of the enemy headquarters, action other than Combat skypots could not be employed. On 7 Oct, A/2-502 Inf was attacked while resupplying by an estimated enemy company. 18 enemy were killed, 7 US KIA and 6 US WIA. The next day, A/2-327 Inf, soon enforced by Co B and the battalion reconnaissance platoon, made contact with two NVA companies. 60 enemy were killed at the cost of 17 US KIA and 3 WIA. On 9 Oct, A/1-35 Inf engaged an enemy company. Heavy fighting developed until nightfall when the NVA broke contact. Results were 24 enemy killed, 10 US KIA and 17 US WIA. That same day, WHEELER entered its third phase (9 Oct-5 Nov) with the brigade reorienting itself on the original AO, Base Area 116, where 1-35 Inf was making daily contact with enemy forces. Simultaneously, the brigade began rotating complete and displaced to Tam Ky Airfield to move by air to the brigade main base camp at Phan Rang for a four-day stand down and preparation for future operations. **Results:** 1,105 enemy killed, 50 captured, 445 detained, 11 returnees, 124 US KIA, 465 US WIA.

12 Sep. Operation: DONG TAM 12

**Location:** Rung Sat Special Zone. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** ARVN Div. 40 km south of Saigon by three ARVN companies supported by RAG 22 and 61 FSB. **Execution:** 61 See Operation WHEELER/WALLOWA.

12-19 Sep. Operation: INTOSH JOYCE 16

**Location:** Long Khanh Province. **Execution:** (no other info).

12-10 Oct. Operation: CORONADO V

**Location:** Dong Tam, Cai Lay, Cam Son Secret Zone, Ban Long Area, Loi Quan Island, Song My Tho, Rach Ba Rai, Rach Ben Tre, Route 20, Ding Tuong and Kien Hoa Provinces. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Bde, 9th Inf Div (MRF); 7th ARVN Div. **Task organization:** 2d Bde, 9th Inf Div: 3-47 Inf (12-17 Sep.), 4-47 Inf (17 Sep-10 Oct.), 3-60 Inf (10 Oct-5 Nov), 5-60 Inf (M), 2-60 Inf (-)(15-17 Sep.), 3-34 Inf, D/15 Eng, 3-507 Inf. 3-47 Inf vacated the 2d Bde, 9th Inf Div: 3-47 Inf (12-17 Sep.), 4-47 Inf (17 Sep-10 Oct.), 3-60 Inf (10 Oct-5 Nov), 5-60 Inf (M). **Intelligence:** 263rd and 500th PLAF Bns. **Execution:** On 11 Sep, the MRF shifted its anchorages from Vung Tau to Dong Tam again and began Operation CORONADO V aimed at the 263rd PLAF Bn which had returned to the Cam Son Secret Zone. On 12 Sep, 2-47 Inf swept north from landing sites on the My Tho but turned up almost nothing. The next day, 3-60 Inf and 5-60 Inf (M) with help from the 7th ARVN Div embarked a sweep of the Ban Long area to the east and made contact with what appeared to be a VC covering force near the site of the VNMC heavy contact in Ban Long.

61 See Operation WHEELER/WALLOWA.

62 See Operation CUU LONG/63/2.
July. The enemy withdrew under cover of darkness, leaving 63 bodies behind. As US and ARVN forces left the Ban Long on 14 Sep, the 7th ARVN Div reported that a large force, presumably the 263rd PLAF Bn, remained in the Cam Son, only a few kilometers north from areas previously swept. On 15 Sep, as 5-60 Inf (M) moved overland via Route 20, 3-60 Inf and 3-47 Inf sailed via the Song My Tho up the Rach Ba Rai between the My Tho and the town of Cai Lay. While 3-47 Inf landed unopposed over WHITE Beach, 3-60 Inf ran into two companies of the 263rd lined up in ambush positions along the east bank of the Ba Rai. Some of the boats managed to run the gauntlet but were forced to turn back as most of the column failed to follow. Two companies from 2-60 Inf were helicoptered from Long An Province to encircle the enemy. The battle lasted until nightfall but when the Americans entered the deserted ambush site the next day they found only 24 enemy killed. On 17 Sep the MRF returned to Dong Tam where 4-47 Inf rotated aboard the ships of the MRF replacing 3-47 Inf. On 20 Sep, the MRF discharged to Kien Hoa Province and began widely separated operations in Ham Long, Giong Trom and Huong My Districts, looking for the 516th PLAF Bn but no major contact took place. On 27 Sep, ATCs performing mine sweeping duties along the Rach Ben Thr received heavy RPG, recoilless and automatic weapons fire. 3 sailors were killed and 6 wounded. On 28 Sep, the MRF shifted its anchorage from Dong Tam to the northern end of Loi Quan Island between the Cua Dai and Cua Thieu to reduce logistic distances. Operations in Kien Hoa were in close cooperation with the 10th ARVN Rgt and a composite RF battalion but only sporadic contact was made. On 5-7 Oct the MRF returned to the Ban Long but had only limited contact with elements of the 263rd PLAF Bn and on 10 Sep it dis- placed to Vung Tau to prepare for CORONADO VI. Results: 330 enemy killed, 235 detained, 2 returnees, 35 US KIA, 175 US WIA.


16-22 Sep. Operation: BALLISTIC CHARGE Location: Bien Hoa, Bien Duong Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: SLF ALPHA. Task organization: BLT 1/3 Marines. Execution: The operation involved a simultaneous heliborne and surface assault of an objective area four miles southeast of Dai Loc followed by a rapid sweep to the north. Contact was limited to sniper fire. On 22 Sep, the BLT passed under control of the 1st Marines and joined Operation SHELBYVILLE. Results: 3 enemy captured, 55 detained, no friendly casualties.

16 Sep.-29 Oct. Operation: KUNIA Location: Ho Bo Woods, Binh Duong Province. Type: search and destroy, land clearing. Controlling headquarters: 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div. Task organization: 4-9 Inf, 2-14 Inf, 3-22 Inf, 4-23 Inf (M), 7-11 Art. Execution: Operation KUNIA was conducted as part of BARKING SANDS with the 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div initiation: TF 116 GAME WARDEN. Task organization: 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div initial Strike operation in the Ho Bo Woods in preparation for the arrival of a land clearing team of thirty Rome Plows. By the end of October 9,645 acres of the Ho Bo Woods had been cleared. Results: (included in BARKING SANDS).

17-25 Sep. Operation: FORTRESS SENTRY Location: An My, Cua Viet, Quang Tri Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: SLF BRAVO. Task organization: BLT 2/3 Marines, 1st Amph Tractor Bn. Execution: On 17 Sep the BLT landed on the northern bank of the Cua Viet and began a sweep north toward the DMZ with the 1st ARVN Div screening the left flank. On 23 Sep, about 100 NVA soldiers attacked the battalion, but it broke up the probe with the assistance of helicopter gunships. On the morning of 24 Sep, the Marines engaged another enemy force near the village of An My, 5 km east of Gio Linh. The following day the operation ended and BLT 2/3 phased into Operation KINGFISHER to the west. Results: (no info).

15-23 Sep. Operation: ARKANSAS CITY I Location: Duc Thanh, Xa Bang, Rouye 2, Base Area 303 (Hat Dich Secret Zone), Phuoc Tu and Long Khanh Provinces. Controlling headquarters: 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div. Task organization: 4-39 Inf, 2-47 Inf (M), 3/11 ACR, 1-11 Art. Intelligence: 274th PLAF Rgt. Execution: The brigade conducted this operation in the Hat Dich Secret Zone with the 3/11 ACR providing blocking Positions along Route 2 to the east. Contact was minimal but several base camps were discovered and destroyed. Results: 14 enemy killed, 1 captured, no friendly casualties.

18 Sep. Official results of Upper House (Senate) elections announced.

19 Sep. Enemy terrorists detonate 20-30 lbs of explosives contained in a suitcase in the passport office of the Embassy of the Republic of China in Saigon. 1 civilians is killed and 26 wounded.

19 Sep. 67-31 Jan. 69 Operation: BOLLING/DAN HOA Location: Tuy Hao, Huu Hiep, Binh Tinh, Ma Hao, AO BLACK, Song Ky Lo, Song Da Rang, Suoi Cal, Phu Yen and Phu Bon Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Execution: search and destroy, reconnaissance-in-force, pacification, rice protection. Controlling headquarters: 173d Abn Bde (19 Sep-6 Nov 67, 2-503 Inf (12 Oct-6 Nov 67), 3-503 Inf (5 Nov 67-16 Jan 68), 4-503 Inf (19 Sep-1 Nov 67, 16 Dec-67 31 Jan 67), TF 2-8 Cav (17 Sep-14 Oct 67), 3-319 Art, 2/19 Art (25 Oct-17 Oct 67), E/17 Cav, D/16 Arm, 173d Eng Co; 47th ARVN Rgt. Intelligence: 5th PAVN Div (18B and 95th PAVN Rgts), 30th and 59th PLAF LF Bns, K65 and K76 Sapper Cos. Execution: During the period 14-19 Sep, the bulk of the brigade (minus 2-503 Inf and A/3-319 Art) was relocated by air from Dak To to Tuy Hao to commence long-term Operation BOLLING in cooperation with the 47th ARVN Rgt. The 2-8 Cav was opconed to the brigade until 14 Oct to compensate for 2-503 Inf remaining at Dak To, and was air-assaulted into the BOLLING AO on 19 Sep. The operation was designed to provide security for the local rice harvest. Daily contact was maintained with enemy forces in September and October but seldom larger than squad size. During October, the brigade relocated its rear base camp facility from Bien Hao to An Khe, moving by sea via Saigon and Qui Nhon. On 12 Oct, 2-503 Inf and A/3-319 Inf returned from the Highlands, relieving TF 2-8 Cav and on 22 Oct, the new 3-503 Inf arrived in-country from Fort Bragg, undergoing jungle training in An Khe prior to deployment to the BOLLING AO. On 1 Nov, 4-503 Inf was alerted for immediate deployment for Dak To, followed five days later by the brigade minus (headquarters, 1-503 Inf, 2-503 Inf, 3-319 Art). On 5 Nov, 3-503 Inf arrived at Tuy Hao from An Khe and assumed responsibility for Operation BOLLING. Contact continued to be light in November; on 16 Dec, the brigade headquarters, 4-503 Inf and C and D/3-319 Art were redeployed from Operation MACARTHUR, closing into the BOLLING AO that same day. On 27 Dec, 3-503 Inf conducted a series of combat assaults into the Song Ky Lo Valley 15 km northwest of Dong Tre and engaged two enemy companies. Elements of 4-503 Inf reinforced the battle area until contact was lost on 29 Dec. Results: 4 enemy killed, 12 US KIA and 34 US WIA. Contact was infrequent in January and a battalion task force built around 3-503 Inf moved to An Khe on 16 Jan to assume responsibility of the Operation DAZZLEM AO from the departing 1st Cav Div. On 30 Jan, the 5th Bn, 95th PAVN Rgt attacked several defended targets in the Tuy Hao area as part of the enemy’s Tet Offensive, including a FSB held by C/6-32 Art, the 63 See Operation DAZZLEM in VCO 1966.
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Binh Tin hamlet, Tuy Hoa North AF and the provincial prison. D/4-503 Inf and two companies from the 2nd Bn, 28th ROK Rgt counterattacked toward the airfield and by 0730 on 31 Jan, the enemy force was surrounded and destroyed in Binh Tin hamlet. On 5-6 Feb, two battalions of the 47th ARVN Rgt and RF elements reduced an enemy strong point in the center of Tuy Hoa. During the fighting in and around Tuy Hoa, 316 enemy had been killed and 104 captured. During February, 4-503 Inf in conjunction with Strike Force elements from Cung Son and Dong Tre CIDG Camps, and Task Force MITCHELL (E/17 Cav, D/16 Arm) conducted search and destroy operations west of Tuy Hoa and helped mop up the aftermath of the Tet Offensive. It also provided security for the 577th Eng C Bn and 173d Eng Co working on Routes 7B and 436. On 8 Feb, 173d Abn Abt departed Tuy Hoa to assumed Opcon of TF POWERHOUSE (1-503 and 2-503 Inf) in Kontum Province in the MACARTHUR AO. Operation BOLLING passed under control of I FFORCEV which assumed opcon of TF 4-503 build around 4-503 Inf, Btys C and D, 3-319 Art and D/16 Arm. A major contact developed on 4 Mar when the 47th ARVN Rgt contacted the 5th Bn, 95th PAVN Rgt and 85th PLAF Bn in three hamlets along the coast just north of Tuy Hoa. D/16 Arm and elements of the 28th ROK Rgt counterattacked while the 47th ARVN Rgt provided blocking positions. D/16 was credited with 137 NVA killed during the action while suffering 10 KIA and 21 WIA. Contact during the rest of March was sporadic in the BOLLING AO. On 1 Apr, the brigade returned from the Highlands, relieving the 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div at Bong Son and assumed control over TF 4-503 again. Contact was light during the month of April except on the 5th when D/16 Arm again supported the 47th ARVN Rgt in heavy contact with two enemy battalions at Ma Hoa village in Tuy Hoa Valley just off Route 7B north of the Song Da Rang. In May, 4-503 Inf conducted extensive bushmaster operations, on 2 May, Co B killed 8 enemy soldiers in the Suoi Cai Valley 18 km west of Tuy Hoa. In June, the enemy continued to avoid decisive contact with Allied forces, lying on harassing tactics instead. During the period 15-27 Jul, 4-503 Inf conducted search and clear operations in AO BLACK located 25 km southwest of Cung Son on the Phu Bon and Darlac provincial boundary but there was no significant contact. On 30 July, 4-503 Inf joined the 3/47 ARVN Bn and elements of the 26th ROK Rgt to conduct a combined operation in the Song Ky Lo Valley but contact was again limited. Prisoners confirmed that the bulk of the 18B and 95th PAVN Rgt had departed Phu Yen and Khanh Hoa Province to refit in Cambodia. Contact remained light for the rest of Operation BOLLING, limited to engagements with squad-size enemy forces and booby traps incidents. On 1 Feb 69 the BOLLING/DAN HOA AO became a permanent TAOR called LY DO/WAINWRIGHT. Results: 715 enemy killed, 72 US KIA, 307 US WIA (no info on ARVN casualties).

20 Sep. First Armored Support Patrol Base (ASPB) arrive at Vung Tau to MRF.

21 Sep. Gunship II, a modified C-130A configuration designed in a speech in San Antonio, which becomes labeled the “San Antonio Formula.”

22-28 Sep. Operation: RICHMOND

Location: Dinh Quan, Route 20, Long Khanh Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 11th ACR.

Task organization: 3/11 ACR, 52nd ARVN Rgr Bn, 5th ARVN ACR (elts).

Execution: The squadron provided security for engineer road repair efforts north of Dinh Quan along Route 20 in coordination with ARVN forces. There was no contact with enemy forces. Upon termination, the squadron returned to Blackhorse to resume Operation KITTYHAWK. Results: (no info).

22-28 Sep. Operation: SHELBYVILLE


Task organization: 2/1 Marines, 3/5 Marines, BLT 1/3 Marines, 1/11 Marines.

Execution: SHELBYVILLE took place west of Hoi An, 6 km southeast of Dai Loc. BLT 1/3 conducted an airmobile assault on the objective area while 2/1 Marines occupied blocking positions to the east and 3/5 Marines blocked to the south. No major contact developed however but there were numerous cases of booby traps incidents.

Results: 50 enemy killed, 1 captured, 69 detained, 10 US KIA, 69 US WIA.

22-29 Sep. Operation: DO KAE BI 3

Location: Canh Phuoc, Phu Yen Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: WHRID. Task organization: 28th ROK Rgt (-). Execution: operation took place 8 km south of Van Canh. Results: 103 enemy killed (no info on ARVN friendly casualties).

23 Sep. Official communiqué from Moscow announces signing of USSR/NVN military assistance agreement whereby the USSR will furnish “airplanes, antiaircraft and rocket equipment, artillery and small arms, ammunition and other military equipment.”

23-28 Sep. Operation: BLUEFIELD II

Location: Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 11th ACR. Execution: (no info).

25 Sep. Operation: SHELBYVILLE

Location: Vinh Long Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 9th ARVN Div. Execution: operation conducted 15 km west of Vinh Long by elts of the 9th ARVN Div supported by RAGs 23 and 31. Results: 6 enemy killed, 6 captured, 14 detained.

26 Sep. HMS PERTH joins NGFS replacing HMAS HOBART, to become the second Australian ship to operate with SEVENTHFLT.

26 Sep.-20 Oct. Operation: ARKRON III


Execution: ARKRON III was a continuation of land clearing and search and destroy operations in Base Area 303 (Hat Dich Secret Zone). Contact with the enemy was light and sporadic throughout the operation but the largest known weapons cache in the III CTZ to date was discovered, contacting over 200,000 rounds of small arms, 1,022 small arms and 125 crew served weapons. Results: (no info).


Location: Ben Tre District, Kien Hoa Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 7th ARVN Div. Execution: operation conducted at the confluence of the Ben Tre and Ham Luong rivers by the 10th ARVN Rgt supported by RAGs 21 and 33. Results: 7 enemy captured, 9 detained, 1 ARVN KIA, 8 ARVN WIA.

28 Sep. Migrant Buddhist Thich Tri Quang starts 13-day vigil in front of independence Palace.

28 Sep. Operation: HAI DUONG 18

Location: Nai Island, Bassac River, Ba Xuyen Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: Ba Xuyen Sector. Execution: operation conducted on Nai Island on the Basac, 22 km downstream from Can Tho by Ba Xuyen Sector forces, one PRU, one combined LDNN/SEAL squad and with support from RAG 25. Results: 3 enemy captured, 12 detained, 4 returnees.

29 Sep. The office of the ACoSs for Military Assistance is established as a result of the study of MACV Military Assistance and Advisory Resources.

29 Sep. President Johnson outlines terms for peace negotiations in a speech in San Antonio, which becomes labeled the “San Antonio Formula.”

64 See Operation COXHIE GREEN in VCO 1968.

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29 Sep.-1 Oct. Operation: LAM SON 132
Location: Thua Thien Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st ARVN Div. Results: 31 enemy killed, 12 captured, 29 detained.

29 Sep.-11 Nov. Operation: KEMRE
Location: Xuyen Moc, Lai Khe, Phuoc Tuy Province. Controlling headquarters: 1ATF. Task organization: 7RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav, 4 Fld Rgt, A/1-35 Art, A/1-83d Art.
Execution: Operation took place in AOs WARATAH and BANKSIA, 6 km southeast of Xuyen Moc and bordering 24 km of coastline with infrequent contact. Results: 16 enemy killed, 1 captured, no friendly casualties.

29 Sep.-1 Nov. Operation: SHENANDOAH II
Location: Lai Khe, Loc Ninh, Chon Thanh, Suoi Ong Thanh, Michelin Plantation, Long Nguyen Secret Zone, Route 13, LZ APPLE, FSB CAISSON II, FSB CAISSON III, FSB CAISSON IV, FSB CAISSON V, FSB CAISSON VI, FSB CAISSON VII, FSB LORRAINIE II, Binh Duong and Binh Long Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st Inf Div; 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div (29 Sep-19 Nov); 3d Bde, 1st Inf Div (30 Sep-30 Oct). Task organization: 1-3 Inf (29 Sep-16 Oct), 1-28 Inf (17-28 Oct), 2-2 Inf (M)(29-23 Oct), 1-16 Inf (29 Sep; 18-29 Oct; 8-19 Nov), 1-18 Inf (4-13 Oct; 29 Oct-19 Nov), 1-26 Inf (31 Oct-8 Nov), 1-28 Inf (29-10 Oct; 13 Oct-11 Nov), 2-28 Inf (7-18 Oct; 30 Oct-19 Nov), 2-12 Inf (2-7 Nov), 4-1 Cav (29 Sep-30 Oct), 1-5 Art (29 Sep-Nov), 6-15 Art (30 Oct-Nov), 2-33 Art (30 Oct-2 Nov), 3-81 Inf Plt (Scout Dog), 43d Inf Bn, 272d PLAF Rgt. Execution: Operation SHENANDOAH II initially covered an area from slightly south of Lai Khe, north approximately 18 miles and west to the edge of the Michelin Plantation, known as a region along the Long Nguyen Secret Zone where the 271st PLAF Rgt was reported. The AO was expanded later to include the area between Lai Khe and Loc Ninh and between Route 13 west to the 25th Inf Div AC. On 29 Sep, 1-2 Inf began search and destroy operation in AO MIKE 12 miles north of Lai Khe while 1-28 Inf displaced via motor convoy from Phuoc Vinh to Chon Thanh. Simultaneously, 1-4 Cav with A/2-2 Inf (M) oponent began clearing Route 13 From Lai Khe to Chon Thanh and secured FSBs CAISSON II & III. The first engagement with the VC took place on 4 Oct when 1-2 Inf made contact with an unknown size enemy force 10 km southwest of Chon Thanh. 12 enemy were killed, 4 US KIA and 26 US WIA. In reaction, 1-18 Inf moved by helicopter from Phuoc Vinh to Chon Thanh and was air-assaulted into an LZ 1 km west of the 1-2 Inf contact. The LZ was cold but 29 enemy bodies KBA were found in the immediate vicinity. On 6 Oct, 1-18 Inf received mortar fire followed by a heavy ground assault. Result was 50 enemy killed, 3 US KIA and 4 US WIA. On 7 Oct, another battalion, 2-28 Inf, was added to the operation, moving via road convoy to Chon Thanh and then to field location. On 10 Oct, 1-28 Inf, having made little contact, was extracted from the field and returned to Phuoc Vinh. The next major engagement occurred on 11 Oct when B-18 Inf made contact with an estimated 100-150 enemy 31 km west of Highway 13, killing 21 while losing 1 KIA and 4 WIA. On 13 Oct, 1-28 Inf returned to the SHENANDOAH II AO, relieving 1-18 Inf in place. Contact during the next few days was limited but on 17 Oct, Cos A & D, 2-28 Inf were ambushed while following a trail south of the Suoi Ong Thanh. Contact began at 0105 when Co A received sniper fire. Close fighting began to develop rapidly and the two companies were soon engulfed by a very heavy volume of fire. The battalion’s CO, S-2, SGM and both company commanders became casualties. Both companies pulled back under fire to allow for close air support and artillery fire as Co B and C were rushed in to reinforced, followed by Co D, 1/16 inf later in the afternoon when the enemy broke contact. Losses had been very heavy for the Americans with 52 KIA, 72 WIA and 2 MIA. 103 enemy bodies were counted in the battle area the next day. On 18 Oct, 2-28 Inf was relieved in place by the rest of 1-16 Inf and was extracted to Lai Khe, followed by 1-2 Inf which returned to Phuoc Vinh. On 19 Oct, 1-16 Inf continued search and destroy operations in the vicinity of the 17 Oct battle while 1-28 Inf was extracted briefly to Chon Thanh to allow for a B-52 strike to take place before returning to the field. On 21 Oct, 1-2 Inf was inserted into the AO again after a road march from Phuoc Vinh to Chon Thanh but contact remained low for the rest of the month. At 0115 on 29 Oct, two battalions of the 273rd PLAF Rgt launched a ground assault on the Loc Ninh District Headquarters and Loc Ninh CIDG Camp. Two reconnaissance companies from the 5th ARVN Div reacted immediately, being airlifted from Phu Loi to Loc Ninh and counterattacking along with two CIDG companies to regain the northern part of the sub sector compound, clearing it by 1300. At that point, Operation SHENANDOAH II was expanded to include the battle of Loc Ninh, with 1-18 Inf deploying to the battle area to occupy blocking positions 4 km west of the town. 2/9 ARVN Bn was also brought in and deployed in and around the sub sector compound. On 30 Oct, the 1st Bde CP arrived at Quan Loi to control US forces at Loc Ninh. That same day, A/1-18 Inf made contact with an enemy company, killing 85. At 0100 on 31 Oct, elements of the 272d and 273d PLAF Rgts renewed their attacks on the Loc Ninh sector and SF compounds. Very heavy fighting took place all night with TACAIR and AC-47 gunships supporting the defenders until 0700 when the enemy broke contact. Later that day, 1-28 Inf conducted an air-assault 4 km southeast of Loc Ninh while 1-26 joined the operation, securing FSB CAISSON VII near An Loc where the 5th ARVN TAC CP was established. 126 enemy had been killed during the night attack at the cost of 9 KIA and 56 WIA for the Allied forces. 1 Nov was relatively quite but starting at 0045 on 2 Nov, a third attack was launched, this time on the sub sector compound, CIDG camp, 1-18 Inf NDP and the 6-15 Art FSB near the Loc Ninh Airfield. All were repulsed with a combination of heavy, accurate fire by the defenders, artillery and effective close air support. At 0820, 1-26 Inf conducted an airborne assault 6 km southeast of An Loc. 76 enemy had been killed during the night attack at the cost of 9 killed and 36 wounded to friendly forces. On 3 Nov, the 36th ARVN Rgr Bn arrived to participate in reconnaissance-in-force operations with the four US infantry battalions. On 7 Nov, 1-26 Inf engaged an unknown size enemy force 6 km northeast of Loc Ninh, killing 66 but losing 17 KIA and 21 WIA. This was the last major engagement of SHENANDOAH II, the 272d and 273d avoiding any further contact with Allied forces. Results: 956 enemy killed, 63 detained, 107 US KIA, 322 US WIA.

30 Sep.-1 Oct. Operation: INTOSH JOYCE 19
Location: Quang Ngai Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 2nd ARVN Div. Results: 65 enemy killed, 16 detained, 9 ARVN KIA, 28 ARVN WIA.

Arrival:
1 Sep. 36th Eng Bn
1 Sep. VMFA-122
8 Sep. MACG-15
2 Sep. H&HS-18
3 Sep. MWCS-1
3 Sep. MWFS-1
5 Sep. 544th Eng Co
8 Sep. VMA-121
15 Sep. HMM-362
19 Sep. RTA Volunteer Regiment
20 Sep. 588th Maint Co
20 Sep. 590th Maint Co
22 Sep. 1-50 Inf (M)
24 Sep. HQ 67th Med Grp

25 Sep. HQ 23d Inf Div (AMERICAL)\(^{66}\)
E/20 Inf
F/51 Inf
17th Avn Co

26 Sep. 8th BS

**OCTOBER**

1 Oct. US military strength in RVN is 476,000
1 Oct. National Assembly validates presidential election shortly before midnight deadline.
3 Oct. Operation: CRIMSON TIDE Location: Can Tho, Vinh Long, Bassac River, Phong Dien Province. Type: search and destroy. **Controlling Headquarters:** TF 116 GAME WARDEN. Execution: USN SEAL and RF troops supported by RAGs 25 and 29 searched Tan Dinh Island again, destroying 75 bunkers and 18 sampans. Results: 4 USN WIA.
4 Oct. Sydney, Australia becomes R&R Center.
4-6 Oct. Operation: CUU LONG/215/DT Location: Dinh Tuong Province. Type: search and destroy. **Controlling Headquarters:** 7th ARVN Division. Results: 70 enemy killed, 3 detained, 3 ARVN KIA, 10 ARVN WIA.
4 Oct.-11 Nov. Operation: WALLOWA Location: Tam Ky, Van Dong, Dong Tri, Ha Tay, Barrier Island, Que Son Basin, Truong Giang, Route 1, LZ BALDY, LZ COLT, Quang Tin and Quang Nam Provinces. Type: search and destroy. **Controlling Headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1st Cav Div. **Task Organization:** 1-7 Cav, 5-7 Cav, 2-12 Cav, 17th Cav, 1-7 Cav. **Execution:** On 28 Sep, IIICTZ forces conducted a search and destroy operation in the Que Son Valley and Operation WALLOWA was combined with Operation WHEELER on 11 Nov. Results: 675 enemy killed, 247 captured, 9 detained.
5 Oct. Operation: BLUE MAX Location: Bu Prang, Quang Duc Province. Type: search & destroy. **Controlling Headquarters:** 5th SFGA. **Task Organization:** TF ALPHA: A217, C-2 C&C elts, 245th and 25th Cos, II CTZ MSF; TF BRAVO: A-326, two CIDG Cos from Loc Thien. Execution: On 1 Oct, Camp Lac Thien in II CTZ was converted to Regional Forces and its A-Team was assigned to open a new camp at Bu Prang, 45 miles southwest of Ban Me Thoet near the Cambodian Border. To secure the construction site the II CTZ MIKE Force jumped two companies from six C-130s on 5 Oct. There was no enemy resistance and the site was secured. A-326 and two companies from the former Lac Thien Camp were then helicoptered in, took over site security and commenced camp construction. Results: (no info).
6 Oct. RVN Lower House election campaign begins.
7 Oct. US aircraft strike at Soviet-built helicopters on the ground 45 km west of Hanoi.
7-8 Oct. Operation: XAY DUNG NONG THON 16 Location: Dam Cam Hai, Thua Thien Province. Type: search and destroy. **Controlling Headquarters:** Thua Thien Sector. Execution: operation conducted on the north shore of Caub Hai Bay by Thua Thien Sector forces supported the First Naval Zone RAG Detachment. Results: 45 enemy killed, 3 ARVN KIA, 53 ARVN WIA.
8 Oct. The new Huey Cobra, designed especially for ground support in RVN, is used for the first time in a combat operations.
8 Oct. First air attack, conducted by aircraft form the carrier CONSTELLATION on the MIG capable Cat Bi Airfield, 6 km southwest of Haiphong.
8 Oct. Operation: DONG TAM 13 Location: Rung Sat Special Zone. Type: search and destroy. **Controlling Headquarters:** RSSZ. Execution: operation conduced in the southern Rung Sat Special Zone, 24 km northwest of Qui Nhon by two RF platoons supported by RAG 22. Results: (no info).
9-10 Oct. Operation: DAN CHI/360/SD Location: Dung Island, Bassac River, Ba Xuyen Province. Type: search and destroy. **Controlling Headquarters:** 21st ARVN Division. Execution: operation conducted on the northern end of Dung Island on the Bassac, 22 km northeast of Soc Trang by two battalions of the 21st ARVN Div supported by RAGs 25 and 29. Results: 40 enemy killed, 9 captured, 9 detained.
10-13 Oct. Operation: SONG THAN/803/67 Location: Binh Dinh Province. Type: search and destroy. **Controlling Headquarters:** VNMC TF BRAVO. **Task Organization:** 1st VNMC Bn, 3rd VNMC Bn, C/VNMC Art Bn. Execution: Sub-operation of SONG THAN 14, conducted in coordination with the 1st Cav Div’s Operation PERSHING. Results: (no info).
10-14 Oct. Operation: LARDYAR Location: Bien Hoa Province. **Controlling Headquarters:** 9th Inf Div. **Task Organization:** RTAVR. Execution: This was the shakedown operation for the newly arrived Royal Thai Army Volunteer Regiment. Results: (no info).
10-24 Oct. Operation: BEAUTIFUL PLUM II Location: Quang Ngai Province. Type: search and destroy. **Controlling Headquarters:** 2d ROKMC Bde. **Task Organization:** 2d and 3R RNKMC Bns. Execution: operation produced very little contact. Results: 29 enemy detained, 1 ROK KIA, 6 ROK WIA.
11 Oct. Chief of State Thieu officiates at the installation of the new 60-seat Senate.

66 Activated in Vietnam using assets from Task Force OREGON.
67 Squadron undergoing rehabilitation at Iwakuni.
68 To SLF ALPHA.
69 Replaced by AMERICAL Division.

70 See Operation WHEELER/WALLOWA.
71 As of 31 Oct 67.
11-18 Oct. **Operation**: CORONADO VI  
**Location**: Long Tau Shipping Channel, Rung Sat Special Zone.  
**Type**: search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters**: 2d Bde, 9th Inf Div (MRF).  
**Task organization**: 2d Bde, 9th Inf Div: 4-47 Inf, 3-60 Inf, 3-34 Art, D/15th Eng, USN TF 117.  
**Execution**: After relocating to Vung Tau on 10 Oct, the MRF commenced operations in the RSSZ. Minor engagements took place and small lots of weapons and supplies were discovered. On the night of 16 Oct the MRF sent out 48 ambush patrols and 22 boat patrols to insure the security of the Long Tau Shipping Channel without negative contact.  
**Results**: (no info).

11-20 Oct. **Operation**: MEDINA/BASTION HILL/LAM SON 138  
**Location**: Base Area 101, Hai Lang National Forest, LZ DOVE, LZ BUZZARD, Quang Tri Province.  
**Type**: search & destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters**: 1st Marines; SLF ALPHA; 1st ARVN Div.  
**Task organization**: 1/1 Marines, 2/1 Marines 1/4 (-) Marines, BLT 1/3 Marines, two ARVN airborne bns.  
**Intelligence**: 5th and 6th PAVN Rgts.  
**Execution**: After displacing from the 1st Mar Div's TAOR to Quang Tri on 5 Oct, the 1st Marines began Operation MEDINA in the enemy's Base Area 101 located in the Hai Lang National Forest south of Quang Tri City. On 11 Oct, 1/1 and 2/1 combat-assaulted into LZ DOVE in the forest and swept in a northeasterly direction while BLT 1/3 from SLF ALPHA on Operation BASTION HILL blocked to the east and two ARVN airborne bns conducted Operation Lam Son 138 northeast of the MEDINA AO. On the night of 11 Oct, C/1/3 came under mortar and small arms fire and was ordered to withdraw in northern Quang Tri Province. The company drove off the attackers and the fighting subsided. On 12 Oct, C/1/1 was attacked by three NVA companies and drove off the enemy force with the help from D/1/1. 40 enemy dead were counted among the Marines position, friendly casualties were 8 KIA and 39 WIA. After these two fights the enemy avoided further contact and MEDINA turned into a search for small groups of NVA in the nearly impenetrable forest. On 20 Oct, the 416th BN of the 5th PAVN Rgt, in an effort to elude the sweeping Marine units, attacked an ARVN airbase company in the LAM SON 138 AO. The airborne company held and, after reinforcements, killed 179 NVA in the day-long battle. The end result was a major contact on Oct 20 with the SLF battalion transferring to the FREMONT AO.  
**Results**: 237 enemy killed, 26 detained, 34 US KIA, 225 US WIA, 18 ARVN KIA.  

12 Oct. **Location**: Pleiku, Kontum, Ban Me Thuot, Dak To, Tan Canh, Ben Het, Plei Mrong, Suoi Doi, Plei Keong, Duc Lap, Dak Poko, Dak Hodrai, Ngok Bor Beang, Ngok Kom Leat, Hill 724, Hill 823, Hill 875, Hill 882, Hill 889, Hill 990, Hill 1338, Hill 1416, AO SPAATZ, AO JULIAN, FSB 14, FSB 16, FSB 29, FSB BRILLO PAD, Route 512, Kontum, Plei Meo, Binh Domain, Daklak Province.  
**Type**: search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters**: 4th Inf Div; 24 th STZ.  
**Task organization**: (effective 22 Oct 67): 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div; 1-8 Inf, 3-8 Inf, 3-12 Inf, B/2-1 Cav, 6-29 Art, 5-16 Art (-), A/3-6 Art, C/7-15 Art, D/4-42 Art, Plt 4th Bde.  
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the 24th PAVN Rgt. Two companies from 3-12 Inf encountered a very strong NVA position, losing 4 KIA and killing 13 of the enemy before heavy supporting fires drove off the NVA. On 6 Nov, three companies of 4-503 Inf moving south of Ben Het made simultaneous contacts along the Ngok Kom Leat ridge. Concurrently, the remaining company (Co A) was air-assaulted on top of Hill 823 and quickly got itself surrounded by the enemy which had a large base camp on the hill. Battle raged into the night and part of the following morning. 104 NVA were killed and 16 US KIA. Also on 6 Nov, the rest of the 173d Abn Bde (less its 3-503 Inf left behind at Tuy Hoa to continue Operation BOLLING) was made available by I FFORCEV. The TAC CP and 1-503 Inf closed Dak To and moved to Ben Het. On 7 Nov, 2-503 Inf deployed to the area was an attempt to hold Dak To Airfield near Tan Canh. With the withdrawal of the Sky Soldiers, the battle area south of Route 512 was divided with the 1st Bde on the east and the 173d Abn Bde on the west. At the same time, 1-8 Inf was released from opcon 2d Bde and displaced from northern Darlac to Dak To and the 4th Inf Div opened a tactical command post there to provide better command and control. Also during this period, the 9th ARVN Abn Bn was flown from Saigon and oriented itself to the northeast to work against the 24th PAVN Rgt. The 24th ARVN STZ provided the 1/42 ARVN Bn to secure the area around the 1st Bde CP and the bridge west of Dak To and Trp A, 2-1 Cav and a company of 1-69 Arm secured Route 14 from Pleiku to Tan Canh. On 8 Nov, two companies of 3-8 Inf made heavy contact with up to two NVA battalions which in NVA on the Ngok Long ridge 13 km south of Ben Het. The enemy penetrated the perimeter but was driven back with heavy casualties. In a sweep of the battle area the next day, 232 NVA bodies were counted. On 10 Nov, a third company was lifted into the area as 3-8 Inf moved toward Hill 724. The battalion was hit by another ground assault, losing 18 KIA, 118 WIA and killing an additional 94 NVA. On 11 Nov, the three companies consolidated on top of Hill 724 to lick their wounds. On 12 Nov, reports of NVA impacts landed on Hill 823, 1-503 Inf replaced 4-503 Inf in the field and on 11 Nov made heavy contact near Hill 889 with the 8th and 9th Bns of the 46th PAVN Rgt. 161 enemies were killed, 20 US KIA and 154 US WIA. To block the enemy’s retreat, 2-503 Inf was combat-assaulted into FSB 16, 2 km south of Hill 882, the objective of 1-503 Inf and losing 8. 1-8 Inf had arrived from Da Nang by helicopter and began moving west, running into sporadic engagements. Additional forces were poured into the area with the arrival on 11 Nov of 1-12 Cav detached from the 1st Cav Div, followed on 18 Nov by 2-8 Cav. In the 1st Bde portion of the battle area, 3-12 Inf made a very heavy encounter on 12 Nov on Hill 1338, killing 49 NVA and losing 8. 1-8 Inf had arrived from Darlac on 10 Nov and on 12 Nov was combat-assaulted south of 3-8 Inf but made only light contact. The next day, the 3d ARVN Abn Bn arrived from Saigon to relieve the 9th and with 3/42 ARVN Inf Bn was employed northeast of Tan Canh against the 24th PAVN Rgt, followed two days later by the 2d ARVN Abn Bn. On 15 Nov, Dak To received a heavy mortar attack that destroyed 1,100 tons of ammunition. On 18 Nov, 1-503 Inf clashed again with elts of the 24th PAVN Rgt on Hill 882, losing 6 KIA and 34 WIA but killing 51 NVA soldiers. At the same time, 2-503 Inf was pushed southwest with three companies and laugered that evening about 1 km north of Hill 875. The following morning, 19 Nov, Cos C & D moved out toward the hill but met heavy resistance halfway up the slope from the dug-in 2nd Bn, 174th PAVN Rgt. Co A bringing up the rear was ordered to cut a one-ship LZ at the base of the hill to evacuate the wounded but was attacked and overrun by another battalion (the 3d) from the 174th Rgt. Fighting its way out, what was left of Co A joined 3/42 and 2-42 Inf Bns and all three formed a single perimeter. Casualties were already heavy, between 30 and 40 killed, about a hundred wounded and several missing when a 500-pound bomb dropped from one of the supporting jets exploded in an ear-splitting artillery burst in the center of the perimeter where the wounded were being assembled. The explosion killed 42 men and wounded another 45, rendering the battalion combat-ineffective. As a result, 4-503 Inf was helicopterized to FSB 16 and moved overland on 20 Nov to link up with 2-503 Inf and resume the attack up Hill 875 but little progress was made. On 20 Nov, 1-12 Inf was moved up from Darlac Province after I FFORCEV had secured 4-39 Inf from the 9th Inf Div to replace it and two companies were placed under opcon of the 173d Abn Bde to help capture Hill 875. Back at Dak To, the arrival of 2-8 Cav allowed its sister battalion, 1-12 Cav, to be combat-assaulted into the Dak Hodrai Valley south of the battle area but no enemy was found. Meanwhile, 2-8 Cav moved into the hills east of Tan Canh and encountered strong enemy defenses, killing 22 in six days of fighting. Northeast of Dak To, the 3rd ARVN Abn Bn and 3/42 ARVN Inf Bn assaulted Hill 1416, later reinforced with 1-503 ABN Bn. 242 A were killed during the two days of fighting while VN forces lost 49 KIA. On 22 Nov, 4-503 Inf and the two companies from 1-12 Inf tested the defense of Hill 875 again and found it was still strongly occupied. Instead of risking further casualties, both units pulled back and massive air and artillery support were employed. On 23 Nov, 4-503 Inf and 1-12 Inf again climbed the slopes of Hill 875, meeting only light resistance, and secured it. The 173d Abn Inf suffered 113 KIA in four days of fighting, mostly from 2-503 Inf, while 322 NVA bodies were counted in the battle area. On 22 Nov, reacting to intelligence that the 4th Bn, 95B PAVN Rgt was moving into the Plei Mrong – Kontum area, 1-12 Cav was combat assaulted on the reported location but no contact was made. As contact diminished in the Dak To area, the 1st Bde, 1-12 Inf moved out 2-8 Cav were withdrawn from the 1st Cav Div back to Bong Son. The last significant contacts of the battle were made by ARVN troops. The 7th ARVN Abn Bn and 22nd ARVN Rgr Bn had arrived at Dak To and moved to the northwest, making contact on 25 Nov and killing 31. To the northeast, the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Abn Bns continued to clash with elts of the 24th PAVN Rgt, killing 109 before losing contact with the retreating enemy. The last action occurred on 1 Dec when twenty-two NVA were killed in a defensive battle while 1-12 Cav, 2-12 Inf and 6-12 Inf conducted an overland movement to Plei Mrong camp and engaged under opcon of the 2d Bde. That same day, 4-39 Inf completed airlift from Ban Me Thuot East back to Bearcat and was replaced by TF WAINWRIGHT built around 1-22 Inf and A/4-42 Art. On 14 Dec, the 173d Abn Bde and 4-503 Inf departed Dak To for Tuy Hoa, leaving behind TF POWERHOUSE (1-503 Inf, 2-503 Inf, A/3-319 Art, B/3-319 Art) at Camp Enari. On 10 Jan 68, enemy sappers breached the Kontum Airfield perimeter, destroying seven UH-1H helicopters. 7 US were KIA and 21 WIA. The previous day, A/7-17 Cav made contact with an enemy company 17 km northwest of Poei, Klong, killing 14. On 20 Jan, Cos A and C, 3-12 Inf made contact with an estimated NVA battalion 4 km north of Ben Het, killing 21 while losing 26 WIA and 5 MIA. On 21 Jan, TF WAINWRIGHT displaced to Ban Me Thuot East Airfield and returned to Camp Enari. In the early morning hours of 30 Jan, in violation of the declared Tet truce the enemy attacked key population centers throughout the MACARTHUR AO. Ban Me Thuot was attacked by the 33rd PAVN Rgt and the E301 PLAF LF Bn. By noon, the 23d ARVN Div with its 45th Rgt and the 8th ACS were all in heavy contact. On 1 Feb, the 23rd Rgr Bn was deployed to the city, followed the next day by 2-503 Inf from Pleiku. Final search and clear operations were completed on 6 Feb. 919 enemy bodies had been recovered. On 23 Feb, elts of the 24th PAVN Rgt were engaged by the H15 LF Bn, the 40th Sapper Bn and four local companies. Co A, 1-69 Arm and the 4th Eng Bn assisted the 22nd ARVN Rgr Bn and 3rd ARVN ACS in clearing the city until 4 Feb, killing 632 enemy soldiers and capturing 182. Kontum was struck by the whole 24th PAVN Rgt assisted by the 304th LF Bn and 406th Sapper Bn. 1-22 Inf, D/7-17 Cav and C/1-69 Arm joined elements of the 24th STZ and cleared the city by 4 Feb. 1,039 enemies

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had been killed and 20 captured. Following Tet, enemy forces avoided contact and withdrew from populated areas. The 66th and 174th Rgt moved to the northeast of Kontum City and the 33rd Rgt infiltrated to Cambodia. On 8 Feb, TF POWERHOUSE with 2-503 Inf and 2-1 Cav moved to Suoi Doi and began operations in AO JULIAN south of the town with negative contact. On 9 Feb, C/1-8 Inf was attacked by a company size enemy force 4 km north of Dak To. Results were 20 enemy killed, 2 US KIA and 25 US WIA. On 15 Feb, TF POWERHOUSE with 2-503 Inf displaced to New Pleiku Airfield and moved via air to Ban Me Thuot East to join 1-503 Inf and began search and destroy operation south of the town but found no enemy. On 24 Feb, 1-503 Inf moved via air to Kontum and by 11 Mar, 3-12 Inf had been killed, joining a few days later by the rest of TF 173d Abn Bde (-). On 26 Feb, Cos A and B of the 3-12 Inf conducted a combat assault 4 km northwest of Ben Het and made contact with an unknown size enemy force. Results were 21 enemy killed, 1 US KIA and 9 US WIA. The following day, both companies were attacked by an estimated enemy battalion. The contact lasted all day. Results were 49 enemy killed, 2 US KIA and 15 US WIA. On 27 Feb, 2-12 Inf began movement to An Khe to exchanges places with 3-503 Inf as the Camp Radcliff Quick Strike battalion. During March, TF 173d Abn Bde (-) with 1-503 Inf, 3-503 Inf, TF 1-17 Cav and A&B/3-319 Art continued operations west of Kontum with moderate contacts. In the 3rd Inf Div sector, 1-12 Inf moved to the BOLING AO centered around Ban Me Thuot in the first week of March but made little contact. Action picked up late in the month as the 1st PAVN Div infiltrated again from BA 609 to a position west and south of Plei Kleang. On 20 Mar, Cos A and D, 3-8 Inf conducted a combat assault to establish FSB 14 for Bty C, 6-29 Art, 8 km west of Plei Kleang. On 26 Mar, two battalions from the newly infiltrated 209th PAVN Rgt launched a heavy assault against FSB 14 and were repulsed. Results were 135 enemy killed, 4 captured, 19 US KIA and 53 US WIA. On 30 Mar, the 3-319 Art arrived at Kontum City, replacing TF 173d Abn Bde (-) which in turn departed for Bon Son. Contacts remained moderate during April after the drive of the 1st PAVN Div on Kontum had been stopped by the ring of 4th Inf Div FSBs west of the city. TF 1-12 Inf returned from Ban Me Thuot during this period. By the end of April, 1st Inf Div had conducted a combat assault into the Dak Peak and Polei Kleang areas later in the month. As a result, Operation MATHEWS was terminated on 12 Jun and the 3d Bde, 101st Abn Div returned to III CTZ. Offensive operations were expanded northeast of Kontum City, the Dak Payou Valley, and into both the Se San and Ia Drang Valleys of Pleiku Province but the enemy appeared to have completely withdrawn its main forces. On 15 Jul, Operation MACARTHUR was renamed Operation MACARTHUR/BINH TAY in keeping with the practice of conducting combined operations with ARVN and territorial units wherever possible. In the later part of July, an increasing enemy threat against Darlac Province became evident and the 4th Inf Div was directed to expand its operations to include a brigade AO centered around Ban Me Thuot. This was established by 22 Jul when the 2d Bde was deployed with 1-12 Inf, 1-22 Inf, 2-35 Inf and A/7-17 Cav but while there were increasing indications of a large enemy buildup by the 1st PAVN Division, no decisive contact was established. By mid-August, the 1st PAVN Div was conducting his final reconnaissance of the city, with the 66th Rgt north of the city, the 320th Rgt to the west, and the 95C to the south. With the arrival of 4th Inf Div units in the Ban Me Thuot area, however, the enemy was forced to switch his objective, and he redeployed the 320th and 95C Rgt to Duc Lap. On 23 Aug, the Duc Lap CIDG Camp and the sub-sector headquarters were attacked by an estimated PAVN regiment. The 23rd PAVN Division and 1VIEK Force launched a major operation to relieve the besieged camp which lasted until 9 Sep 67. 2d Bde units, forming Task Force SPOILER and augmented with 4-503 Inf from the BOLLING AO, were inserted into the area to provide artillery support for the camp but did not participate in any major ground actions. During the month of September, contacts throughout the division were usually limited to small local forces elements after the 1st PAVN Div had retreated across the border into BA 740. The decrease in enemy activity continued in October, and 4-503 Inf returned to the coast on 14 Oct. On 29 Oct, 1-12 Inf was replaced at Duc Lap by 2-35 Inf and subsequently returned to Camp Enari while 1-12 Inf operated in the Mewal Plantation area. At the beginning of November, TF SPOILER was disbanded and 2d Bde elements returned to Pleiku and Kontum, leaving behind only the 3rd Inf Div units participating in the Accelerated Pacification program launched by the GVN. Offensive operations continued in the Plei Trap, Ia Drang and Dak Payou Valleys, but with limited contacts. Results: 5,731 enemy killed, 1,707 detained, 955 US KIA, 4,437 US WIA, 7 US MIA.

13-18 Oct. Operation: INTOSH JOYCE 29
Location: Long Khanh Province. Execution: (no other info).

15-17 Oct. Operation: ONSLOW
Location: Hoi An, Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 5th Marines. Task organization: 1/5 Marines, 21st ARVN Rgr Bn. Execution: The purpose of ONSLOW was to deter an attack by enemy forces on the coast of Hoi An during the pre-election and election period, but contact was insignificant. Results: 1 enemy killed, 1 detained, 9 US WIA.

15 Oct.-16 Nov. Operation: BLACKJACK 22A/BOUDINOT
Location: Trang Phuc, Darlac Province. Type: search & destroy. Controlling headquarters: 5th SFGA. Task organization: 27th MSF Co. Execution: Operation BOUDINOT took place in northwest Darlac Province with little contact but was successful in capturing large quantities of enemy supplies. Results: 14 enemy killed, 2 captured, 1 USSSF KIA, 1 USSSF WIA, 2 CIDG WIA.

17 Oct. Australia and New Zealand announce troop increases for RVN from 6,300 to 8,000 and 376 to 546, respectively.

17 Oct. Hanoi Radio reports that the NLF has formed a new operation headquarters. Results: 14 enemy killed, 2 captured, 1 USSSF KIA, 1 USSSF WIA, 2 CIDG WIA.

See Operation TIENTO in VCO 1968.
17-24 Oct. Operation: FORMATION LEADER
Location: Phu Loc, Vinh Loc, Thua Thien Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: SLF BRAVO. Task organization: BLT 2/3 Marines. Execution: BLT 2/3 conducted this area control operation to stabilize coastal Thua Thien Province east of Route 1 in Phu Loc and Vinh Loc Districts during the RVN National Assembly elections, but contact was negative. Results: none.

20 Oct. Operation: BINH DINH 189

20-23 Oct. Operation: VALDOSTA II
Location: Route 20, Long Khanh Province. Type: security. Controlling headquarters: 11th ACR. Task organization: 3/11 ACR. Execution: VALDOSTA II was designed to prevent the VC attempts to disrupt the RVN National Assembly elections on 23 Oct by positioning reaction forces throughout the central part of Long Khanh Province. Results: (no info).

20 Oct.-20 Jan.68 Operation: OSCEOLA
Location: Base Area 101, Hai Lang National Forest, Quang Tri Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st Marines. Task organization: 1/1 Marines, 2/1 Marines. Intelligence: 5th and 6th PAVN Rgts. Execution: OSCEOLA was a follow-up to Operation MEDINA and was a systematic search of the Hai Lang Forest, aka Base Area 101. There were numerous small unit sightings and contacts but no major engagement developed. Results: 76 enemy killed, 4 captured, 17 US KIA, 199 US WIA.

20 Oct.-67-7 Apr.68 Operation: NARASUAN
Location: Nhon Trach District, Route 15, Bien Hoa Province. Type: search and destroy, pacification. Controlling headquarters: 10th ARVN Div. Task organization: RTAVR. Intelligence: 274th PLAF Rgt. Execution: The RTAVR conducted extensive reconnaissance-in-force, saturation patrolling, riverine, airmobile and roadrunner operations to help pacify the Nhon Trach District in coordination with RVN forces. On 20 Dec, elts from the 274th PLAF Rgt attacked the 1st Co, RTAVR in NDP 12 km south of Long Thanh. Contact lasted all night until 0645 when the enemy withdrew. Results were 66 enemy killed, 6 RTA KIA and 13 RTA WIA. Contact for the remainder of NARASUAN was limited to infrequent squad/platoon size encounters. Results: 158 enemy killed, 5 captured, 28 RTA KIA, 99 RTA WIA, 9 US WIA.

Location: Soi Rap, Vam Co and Thoi Vai Rivers, Can Giuoc District, Nhon Trach District, Long An and Bien Hoa Provinces, Rung Sat Special Zone. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 9th Inf Div. Task organization: RTAVR. Intelligence: 274th PLAF Rgt. Execution: The RTAVR conducted extensive operations in the field. Results: 4-47 Inf, 3-60 Inf, 3-34 Art, D/155th Eng, USN TF 117. Execution: On 20 Oct, the MRF moved to the juncture of the Soi Rap and Vam Co Rivers and began CORONADO VII in southeastern Can Giuoc District of Long An Province to secure the waterways while RVN National Assembly elections were being held. On 24 Oct, the brigade shifted its AO to southern Bien Hoa Province to conduct CORONADO VIII in coordination with the RTAVR and 3-5 Cav to locate and destroy supply caches along the Thi Vai River. Results: 4 enemy killed, 11 detained, 8 US WIA.

22 Oct. A total of 72.9 percent of registered voters turned out for the Lower House elections.


23 Oct. First C-130 lands at Quang Tri Airfield, eight days ahead of scheduled operational date.

24 Oct. USAF, USN and USMC jets, in a coordinated raid, bomb Phu Yen Airfield, the control center for enemy air defense, 40 km northwest of Hanoi, for the first time in the war. Ten MIG aircraft destroyed – nine on the ground and one in the air – and one other probable kill listed in addition to extensive damage to the air complex.

24 Oct. General Thieu signs decree calling for partial mobilization of the nation’s human and national resources.

24 Oct. Operation: AN DAN

24-28 Oct. Operation: NINH HOA 1

24 Oct.-4 Nov. Operation: KNOX
Location: Phu Loc, Hoi Van Pass, Thua Thien Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 7th Marines. Task organization: 2/7 Marines, BLT 2/3 Marines. Execution: On 24 Oct, BLT 2/3 from SLF BRAVO shifted to the operational control of the 7th Marines and moved by truck to a new assembly 11 km east of Phu Loc. There, it began sweep operations in coordination with 2/7 Marines moving north via the Hai Van Pass. Contact was insignificant. Results: 2 enemy killed, 7 captured, 2 US KIA, 15 US WIA.

25 Oct. Resolution 14 is passed by the Central Committee of the Lao Dong (Worker’s) Party in Hanoi, ordering a “general offensive – general uprising”.

25 Oct. Prime Minister Ky signs implementing order for conscription of men between ages of 18 and 33.

Location: Base Area 114, Thua Thien Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 4th Marines. Task organization: 1/4 Marines, BLT 1/3 Marines. Execution: Operation GRANITE was conducted in conjunction with the 1st ARVN Div’s Operation LAM SON 140 along the border of Quang Tri and Thua Thien Province in the enemy’s Base Area 114, east of Da Nang. Results were 51 enemy killed, 20 captured, 15 US KIA, 15 US WIA. Operation: OSCEOLA was conducted in conjunction with the 1st Cav Div’s Operation PERSHING. Results: (no info).

Location: Vung Liem, Cai Hap, Song Co Chien, Vinh Long and Vinh Binh Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 9th ARVN Division. Execution: operation conducted in the Cai Hap canal complex southwest of Vung Liem with support from RF Osprey and Marines from NOS 21 and 33. Results: 40 enemy killed, 9 captured, 9 detained.

27 Oct.67-5 Jan.68 Operation: SANTA FE I
Location: Gia Ray, Ham Tam, May Tao Secret Zone, Nui Be, Route 1, Route 23, Route 323; Long Khanh and Binh Tuy Provinces. Type: search and destroy, road security. Controlling headquarters: 9th Inf Div. Task organization: 1ATF, 18th ARVN Div. Task organization: 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div (3 Nov-5 Jan); 2-39 Inf, 2-47 Inf (M); LAM SON 140 (27 Oct-Oct 18): 7th ARVN Div, 260th Inf Div, 3rd Cav, 4 Fld Rgt, A/2-35 Art, A/1-83 Art, 1 SAS Sqn; 18th ARVN Div (27 Oct-Jan 43): 43rd Rgt. Intelligence: 274th PLAF Rgt. Execution: Operation SANTA FE I was initiated to clear, upgrade and open Route 1 from Gia Ray to the II/III CTZ boundary and Route 23 from the junction with Route 1 to Ham Tan, and to conduct search and destroy operations in the May Tao Secret Zone. Contacting SANTA FE I was light and sporadic but the May Tao sanctu-

75 Renamed LIBERTY II on 18 Oct.
ary was neutralized and 8,000 acres of jungle were cleared. **Results:** 126 enemy killed, 2 US KIA, 1 ARVN KIA, 3 AUS KIA, 13 US WIA, 13 ARVN WIA, 9 US WIA.

**29 Oct.** RTG announced its forces in RVN will be boosted by a full Army brigade to 12,000.

**29 Oct.** First NVN firing of SAMs at B52s (near DMZ).

**30 Oct.** Vice President Humphrey arrives in RVN for presidential inauguration and tour of the country.

**30 Oct.-7 Nov.** **Operation:** DO HAE DI 3  
**Location:** Tan My, Phu Yen Province. **Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** WHRID. **Task organization:** 28th ROK Rgt. **Execution:** (no other info).

**30-31 Oct.** **Operation:** CUU LONG 178  
**Location:** Kien Hoa, Long An, and Kien Phong Provinces. **Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** RSSZ. **Task organization:** 908th and 999th RF Cos, RAG 22. **Execution:** operation conducted north of the Long Tau Shipping Channel in the Rung Sat Special Zone to locate and destroy enemy bases in the D-1 LF Co. **Results:** 11 enemy killed, 1 captured, no friendly casualties.

**31 Oct.** Newly elected President Thieu and Vice President Ky are inaugurated. The Directorate is dissolved. The new Lower House is inaugurated and the Constituent Assembly passes out of existence. President Thieu appoints Nguyen Van Loc as Prime Minis-

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closed on Dong Tam on 2 Jan 68. On 5 Jan, both battalions conducted a search and rescue mission for a light observation aircraft that had been downed near Long Dinh. The next mission (7-8 Dec) was a search of the Don Nhon District in Vinh Long Province. 3-60 Inf made contact with an estimated two VC platoons, killing 28. From 9-11 Jan, the MRF returned to the CaI Be District and made heavy contact on a hot LZ with 100 of the 26th PLAF Bn, killing 47 by bodycount while suffering 18 KIA and 50 WIA. On 12-13 Jan, the MRF conducted operations along the Cho Gao Canal in eastern Binh Phuoc District in Long An Province in coordination with the 3d Bde, 9th Inf Div, but no contact was made. The final operation of CORONADO IX was a corson-and-search of An Quoi by 3-47 Inf but no VC was found. Results: 448 enemy killed, 31 captured, 18 US KIA, 260 WIA. 1 Nov 67-20 Jan 68. Operation: LANCASTER I Location: Ca Lu, the Rockpile, Camp Carroll, Route 9, DMZ, Quang Tri Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 3d Marines. Task organization: 3/3 Marines, 2/9 Marines, 3/9 Marines. Intelligence: 324B PAVN Division. Execution: On 1 Nov the western portion of the KINGFISHER TAOR came under the control of the 3d Marines with Operation LANCASTER. Contact in November and December was insignificant. On 13 Jan 68, 1/3/9 escorting an engineer convoy was ambushed while en route from the Rockpile to Ca Lu. Results were 14 enemy killed, 1 captured, 19 US KIA and 77 US WIA. On 20 Jan, responsibility of the LANCASTER AO was transferred to 4th Marines at Camp Carroll. Results: 46 enemy killed, 8 captured, 27 US KIA, 141 US WIA. 1 Nov 20 Jan 68. Operation: NEOSHO Location: Camp Evans, Co Bi-Thanh Tan Valley, Song Bo, Street Without Joy, Thua Thien Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 4th Marines. Task organization: 1/4 Marines, 1/9 Marines, 3/26 Marines. Intelligence: 6th PAVN Rgt. Execution: The 4th Marines commenced Operation NEOSHO with 1/4 and 3/26 to provide security for Camp Evans and to conduct extensive patrolling and small unit search and destroy missions in the AO. 1/4 operated along the Song Bo while 3/26 searched the Co Bi-Thanh Tan Valley but contact was light. On 19 Nov, 1/9 replaced 1/4 Marines and on 13 Dec, 3/26 Marines left the NEOSHO area and was airlifted to Khe Sanh to join its parent regiment. Operations continued for the remainder of the year along the Co Bi-Thanh Tan Valley and Street Without Joy areas in conjunction with ARVN forces and SLF BRAVO but with no major engagements. NEOSHO terminated on 20 Jan when the 4th Marines redeployed to Camp Carroll. Results: 77 enemy killed, 17 captured, 12 US KIA, 99 US WIA. 1 Nov 67-28 Feb 68. Operation: NAPOLEON Location: Cua Viet, Gio Linh, Con Thien, Cam Lo, Dong Ha, Mai Loc, Phu Bai, Cam My, Ham Ho, Thuy Tien, Vinh Hai, Xuan Khanh, A-2, A-3, C-2, C-3, Khe Chua Valley, Leatherneck Square, DMZ, Quang Tri Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st Amph Tractor Bn. Task organization: 1st Amtrac Bn, C/1/3 Marines, F/2/4 Marines. Execution: The 1st Amtrac Bn, acting in an infantry role, and with an infantry company under operational control, conducted Operation NAPOLEON to protect the Cua Viet Port Facility and to support DYEMARKER projects into their area. On 11 Dec, F/2/4 and D/1st Amtrac Bn made heavy contact 4 km north of the Cua Viet. Results were 54 enemy killed and 20 US WIA. On 16 Dec, F/2/4 was replaced by C/1/3. On that day, SLF BRAVO conducted a three-day amphibious operation in the vicinity of C-4. On 20 Jan 68, C/1/3 contacted an unknown size enemy force north of C-4, killing 23 while losing 3 KIA and 27 WIA. On 27 Jan, control of BLT 3/1 from SLF BRAVO which had been conducting Operation BADGER CATCH in the area, was passed to the 1st Amtrac Bn. BLT 3/1 then conducted Operation SALINE west of the Cua Viet in the Lam Xuan-My Loc area. Contact in the NAPOLEON AO was light in February and the operations was discontinued and combined with Operation SALINE on 29 Feb. Results: 251 enemy killed, 68 detained, 3 captured, 30 US KIA, 231 US WIA. 1 Nov-31 Mar 68. Operation: SCOTLAND Location: Khe Sanh, Lang Vei, Hill 861, Hill 881N, Hill 881S, Quang Tri Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 26th Marines. Task organization: 1/9 Marines, 1/26 Marines, 2/26 Marines, 3/26 Marines, 3/13 Marines, 37 ARVN Rgr Bn. Intelligence: 304 and 325C PAVN Divs. Execution: On 1 Nov, Operation ARMORE was replaced with Operation SCOTLAND in the same general area under control of the 26th Marines with a single battalion assigned (1/26). Contact with the enemy was non existent during November. On 13 Dec, intelligence reports indicated increased enemy activity in the Khe Sanh area and 3/26 was airlifted there but contact remained moderate. The buildup of enemy forces noted the previous month continued to increase however. In order to reinforce the 26th Marines, 2/26 was deployed to Khe Sanh on 17 Jan 68, followed by 1/9 on 23 Jan. On 27 Jan, the 37th ARVN Rgr Bn was also deployed there. During the first part of the month there were numerous sighting and contacts, increasing in size and intensity each day. On 20 Jan, 1/3/26 patrolling from Hill 881S to Hill 881N made heavy contact with an unknown size enemy force. Results were 60 enemy killed, 2 US KIA and 29 US WIA. On 21 Jan, the Khe Sanh Combat Base and Hill 881S and 861 came under heavy mortar and rocket attack. Concurrently, the Huong Hoa District Headquarters and CAC OSCAR in the village of Khe Sanh were attacked by an estimated NVA battalion. On 22 Jan, friendly forces in the Khe Sanh village withdrew to the Combat Base. The village was abandoned and during the next two days several thousands were airlifted to Quang Tri. On 24 Jan, a heavy artillery attack was received throughout the Khe Sanh Combat Base and Hill 881S and 861, 7 US were KIA and 62 WIA. The next day, F/2/26 engaged an unknown size enemy force in concealed positions, killing 17. Heavy enemy mortar, rockets and artillery fire was continual from 20-31 Jan when the NVA forces unsuccessfully tried to take Khe Sanh area. On 5 Feb, E/2/26 on Hill 861A came under heavy attack from the north. Some enemy penetrated the defensive wire but were repulsed, 109 enemy bodies were counted. On the morning of 7 Feb, the Lang Vei CIDG Camp was overrun by NVA using tanks. Relief elts of USAF personnel from Khe Sanh were unable to effect relief due to heavy enemy bunker system. B/1/26 assaulted the position and drove the survivors of the camp were extracted by helicopter and brought to KSCB. The following day, A/1/9 came under heavy ground attack, 21 US were KIA but 124 enemy were killed in the fighting. Throughout the month of February, the base was continually subjected to attacks by fire with 1,367 rounds hitting Khe Sanh on 23 Feb alone. During March, the enemy did not launch any large scale attacks but the east end of the KSCB defended by the 37th ARVN Rgr Bn was probed repeatedly. On 6 Mar, a USAF C-123 was downed by enemy ground fire while approaching the combat base and crashed without survivors. On 24 Mar, A/1/9 made contact with an estimated two enemy platoons 3 km east of the base, killing 31. On 30 Mar, B/1/26 made contact with an estimated battalion occupying a well organized trench and bunker system. B/1/26 assaulted the position and drove the enemy off. Results were 115 enemy killed, 9 US KIA, 63 US WIA and 6 US MIA. On 30 Mar, Operation SCOTLAND was terminated with all units joining Operation PEGASUS. Results: 1,602 enemy killed, 9 captured, 205 US KIA, 1,668 US WIA, 21 US MIA. 1 Nov 67-28 Feb 69. Operation: KENTUCKY Location: Gia Linh, Con Thien, Cam Lo, Dong Ha, Mai Loc, Phu Bai, Cam My, Ham Ho, Thuy Tien, Vinh Hai, Xuan Khanh, A-2, A-3, C-2, C-3, Khe Chua Valley, Leatherneck Square, DMZ, Quang Tri Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 9th Marines (1 Nov 67-15 Jul 68); 1st Marines (15 Jul-26 Aug 68); 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (M)(26 Aug-1 Nov 68); 3d Marines (1 Nov-9 Dec 68); TF BRAVO (9 Dec 68-18 Feb 69); 3d Marines (18 Feb-28 Feb 69). Task organization: 1/1 Marines, 2/1 Mar- 80 Participated on a rotation basis, exact dates unknown.
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inches, 2/3 Marines, 3/3 Marines, 1/4 Marines, 3/4 Marines, 1/9 Marines, 2/9 Marines, 3/9 Marines, 2/26 Marines, BLT 1/3 Marines, 1-11 Inf, 1-61 Inf (M), 1-77 Arm. Intelligence: 324B and 325C PAVN Divs. Execution: On 1 Nov the 3d Mar Div split the KINGFISHER TAOR in two with the 9th Marines taking responsibility for the KENTUCKY AO embracing the region known as Leatherneck Square. Contact was light during November except on the 7th when A/1-9 engaged an unknown size enemy force while on a sweep from Con Thien, killing 17 NVA while suffering 14 WIA. In December, BLT 1/3 Marines provided security for the engineers clearing the trace around A-3. On 15 Dec, 1/1 engaged an estimated enemy battalion in a three-hour contact. Results were 46 enemy killed, 3 US KIA and 32 US WIA. On 7 Jan 68, 3/3 engaged an enemy battalion in the vicinity of Con Thien, killing NVA and losing 6 KIA and 36 WIA. On 18 Jan, 3/4 had a day-long contact with a reinforced enemy company in the same general area. Results were 162 enemy killed, 11 US KIA and 36 US WIA. On 2 Feb, the Cam Lo District Headquarters was attacked as part of the enemy’s general offensive. Reaction forces converged on Cam Lo and drove off the attacked. Results were 96 enemy killed, 22 captured, 3 US KIA and 18 US WIA. On 7 Feb, K/3/3 made contact with an enemy battalion in and around Phu Tho village. Other companies from the battalion were pilled on and broke the enemy’s resistance, killing 139 by bodycount. On 3 Mar, L/3/3 made contact with a battalion-size force and with the aid of FOS and artillery accounted for 115 NVA killed. Contact was insignificant force rest of the month and most of April but on 29 Apr, TF VIOLET, with 2/1-9 Marines engaged an enemy dug in enemy force at Cam Vl. The engagement lasted all afternoon and into the night. 26 NVA were killed, 11 US KIA and 22 WIA. This action was the initial contact of what was to become known as the Battle of Dong Ha. From 25-30 May, 3, 1/4 and element of 1/9 were engaged by a large NVA force that was well entrenched just south of the trace. A cordon operation encircled the enemy positions and pounded them with artillery before the infantry swept through. Results were 157 killed, 26 captured, 41 US KIA and 99 US WIA. Contacts in June and July were few and light. By mid-July, the 1st Marines assumed responsibility for the KENTUCKY AO with 2/26 and TF MIKE as the 9th Marines displaced to Vandegrift Combat Base. During the first twenty days of Aug contact was light but during 25-27 Aug, 3/9 and 1/3 with Army elements form the 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (M) killed 53 NVA in the eastern portion of Leatherneck Square. On 26 Aug, the 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (M) assumed control of the KENTUCKY AO from the 1st Marines which returned to Da Nang. That day 1-11 Inf engaged an enemy force in a bunker complex 1 km north of Con Thien in a 7-hour contact. Results were 65 enemy killed, 19 captured, 2 US KIA and 24 US WIA. On 11 Sep, D/1-11 Inf conducted a search and cordon operation in the vicinity of the market place northeast of Con Thien, making heavy contact with an unknown size enemy force resulting in 35 NVA killed. From 20-23 Sep, 1-61 Inf (M) and 1-77 Arm swept the Khe Chua Valley northwest of Cam Lo, killing 15 NVA soldiers. Action was light during the first half of October but on the 14th, 1-61 Inf (M) engaged an enemy platoon in fortified position, killing 26 while losing 3 KIA and 17 WIA. On 23 Oct, 1-61 Bde, 5th Inf Div (M) conducted a search and destroy operation with the 2d ARVN Rgt attacked into the DMZ north of Ha Loi Trung and made contact with an NVA battalion in well fortified bunkers. The battle lasted until 25, Oct, accounting for 231 enemy killed. Friendly losses were 4 KIA and 24 WIA. After the departure of the 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (M) at the beginning of November, responsibility of the KENTUCKY AO passed under control of the 3d Marines with 2/3 and 3/3, but contact during the month was insignificant. On 5 Dec, control of KENTUCKY passed to TF BRAVO (2/3 Marines, 1st Amtrac Bn, 3d Tank Bn) and the 3d Marines departed for Operation TAYLOR COMMON on 13-14 Dec. Three cordon and search operations were conducted during December, vicinity of Vinh Dai (29 Nov-3 Dec), Cam Lo (16-19 Dec) and Xuan Khanh (27-30 Dec), but contact was light during the period. On 18 Jan 69, 3/4 Marines commenced cor-
don and search operations with the 2nd ARVN Rgt in the Leatherneck Square area but contact was sporadic. On 18 Feb, the 3d Marines returned from Operation TAYLOR COMMON and resumed responsibility for the KENTUCKY AO but no major enemy contacts developed and the operation was terminated on 28 Feb. Results: 3,921 enemy killed, 117 detained, 521 US KIA, 3,078 US WIA, 1 US MIA.

In November, responsibility of the KENTUCKY AO passed under control of the 1st ARVN Rgt, First Naval Zone RAG Det. Execution: The operation conducted 8 km southeast of Hue. Results: 5 enemy killed, 2 captured, 17 detained, 4 ARVN WIA.

2-5 Nov. Operation: LAM SON 142/XDNT
Location: Thu Thien Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st ARVN Div. Task organization: 3rd ARVN Rgt, First Naval Zone RAG Det. Execution: Operation conducted a search and destroy operation in its assigned TAOR in Quang Ngai Province. Results: 82 enemy killed, 1 captured, 9 ROKMC WIA.

6 Nov. Estimated enemy company kidnaps 245 Montagnard civilians, 9 km west of An Khe in Binh Dinh Province.

6-8 Nov. Operation: NINH HOA 2
Location: Ninh Hoa, Khanh Hoa Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: WHRID. Task organization: 29th ROK Rgt. Execution: The operation gathered intelligence in the Ham Tan area during the 9th Inf Div’s Operation SANTA FE. Results: 5 enemy killed, 2 captured, 2 USSF WIA.

6 Nov. Operation: HUNG DAO VUONG
Location: Binh Dinh Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 22nd ARVN Div. Results: 57 enemy killed, 130 detained, 1 ARVN KIA, 7 ARVN WIA.

6-17 Nov. Operation: ESSEX
Location: An Hoa, Antenna Valley, Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 5th Marines. Task organization: D/1/5 Marines, G & H/2/5 Marines, M/3/5 Marines. Execution: Operation ESSEX was conducted 10 km southeast of An Hoa Combat Base in Antenna Valley. On 6 Nov, H/2/5 ran into a heavy volume of fire coming from a fortified village. G/2/5 reinforced the contact and with supporting artillery fire and air strikes cleared the village on 7 Nov, counting 32 NVA killed. On 8 Nov, M/3/5 assaulted another fortified village and with help from D/1/5, broke the enemy resistance. Light to negligible contact was experienced for the rest of ESSEX. Results: 72 enemy killed, 2 captured, 16 detained, 37 US KIA, 122 US WIA.

7-9 Nov. Operation: PHUOC DOC 1

Location: Plei Trap Valley, Kon Tum Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 5th SFGA. Task organization: CSF Co from A-251 Plei Djereng. Execution: Operation BLACKJACK 23A searched the lower Plei Trap Valley for enemy base camps but found nothing. Results: 3 enemy killed, 1 USSF WIA, 3 CIDG WIA.

10 Nov.-21 Dec. Operation: DRAGON TRAIL
Location: Quang Ngai Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 2d ROKMC Bde. Task organization: 1st ROKMC Bn (10 Nov-21 Dec), 2d, 3d and 5th ROKMC Bns (10-14 Nov) Execution: The 2d ROKMC Bde conducted search and destroy operations in its assigned TAOR in Quang Ngai Province. On 14 Nov, DRAGON TRAIL was scaled down to battalion-size due to lack of enemy contact. Results: 31 enemy killed, 1 captured, 9 ROKMC WIA.

8 Nov.-29 Dec. Operation: SONG THAN/711/67
Location: Bong Son, Duong Lieu, Binh Dinh Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: VNMC TF ALPHA. Task organization: 3rd VNMC Bn, 4th VNMC Bn, C/VNMC Art Bn. Execution: On 8 Nov, TF ALPHA deployed to the Bong Son area and relieved TF BRAVO. Results: (no info).

11 Nov. Admiral Ulysses S. G. Sharp, USN, Commander in Chief, Pacific arrives in RVN for update briefings on military
activities in Vietnam.

11 Nov. NFL turns three NCO PWs over to US “peace group” representative in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

11-30 Nov. Operation: ROSE
Execution: ROSE was a shakedown operation for 3-506 Inf recently arrived from the US, conducted in the central portion of Secret Base 35 in southern Ninh Thuan Province. Results: 8 enemy killed, 4 US WIA.

11 Nov. 67-11 Nov. 68 Operation: WHEELER/WALLOWA
Execution: Operation WHEELER and Operation WALLOWA were conducted. Operation WHEELER/WALLOWA On 11 Nov 67 under control of the 23d Inf Div. During the period 23-25 Nov, the 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div was relieved in place by the 196th Inf Bde (Lt) and displaced to Tam Ky to prepare for air movement back to Phan Rang. On 23 Nov, D/4-31, B/3-21 and F/17 Cav made contact with an estimated enemy company, killing 76 while suffering 7 KIA. During December, contact was moderate to significant with helicopter gunships from 1st Cav Div and artillery from 57th Art, killing 138 and wounding 32. On 2 Jan 68, 2-12 Cav and B/1-9 Cav had a 5-hour contact with an unknown size enemy force, killing 36 while suffering 1 KIA and 9 WIA. On 3 Jan, heavy ground assaults were launched on LZ ROSS and LZ LESLIE defended by elts of the 3d Bde, 101st Abn Div. Results: 2 enemy killed, 4 US WIA.

21-30 Nov. Operation: PLAQUEMINES
Execution: Operation conducted with PBRs, helicopters and USN SEALs against a target area located 25 km southwest of Can Tho along the east bank of the Tanh Dinh Canal opposite Tra On. Results: 1 US WIA, unknown enemy losses.

12-25 Nov. Operation: RAPID FIRE IV
Type: interdiction. Controlling headquarters: 5th SFSGA.
Task organization: Det B-36 Project RAPID FIRE. Execution: Operation conducted with PBRs, helicopters and USN SEALs against a target area located 25 km southwest of Can Tho along the east bank of the Tanh Dinh Canal opposite Tra On. Results: 16 enemy killed, 4 USSF KIA, 1 CIDG KIA, 7 USSF WIA, 18 CIDG WIA.

15 Nov. GEN Westmoreland and AMB Bunker fly to Washington, D.C. For talks.

15-17 Nov. Operation: THUA THIEN 22

15-24 Nov. Operation: CUU LONG/69/SD
Location: Dinh Tuong Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 7th ARVN Div. Execution: Operation conducted in coordination with CORONADO IX. Results: 68 enemy killed, 165 detained, 1 ARVN KIA, 32 ARVN WIA.

16 Nov. Hanoi Shipyard No. 2 bombed by jets from USS CORAL SEA. First time any Hanoi shipyard has been hit.

16-22 Nov. Operation: KHAM ZEI 180
Location: Kontum Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 24th STZ. Results: 393 enemy killed, 23 detained, 34 ARVN KIA, 161 ARVN WIA.

16-24 Nov. Operation: KIEN GIANG 9-1
Location: Base Area 470, Dinh Tuong and Kien Phong Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 7th and 9th ARVN Divs. Execution: Operation conducted in
cooperation with CORONADO IX. **Results:** 73 enemy killed, 48 detained, 16 ARVN KIA, 113 ARVN WIA.

**17-19 Nov.** **Operation:** LONG PHI/9/139  
**Location:** Kien Phong Province. **Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 9th ARVN Div. **Execution:** operation conducted 12 km west of CUU/LONG/69/SD and 25 km northwest of Vinh Long with support from RAGs 23, 26, 31 and 32. **Results:** 47 enemy killed, 5 captured, 1 ARVN KIA, 36 ARVN WIA.

**17-26 Nov.** **Operation:** COVE  
**Location:** Phu Loc District, Thu Thien Province. **Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 4th Marines. **Task organization:** 1/4 Marines, 2/26 Marines, 3/26 Marines, 3/12 Marines. **Execution:** Operation COVE utilized elements of three infantry battalions in the Phu Loc District south of Phu Bai. Contact was negative during the two phases of the operation. **Results:** 1 enemy killed, 1 US KIA, 13 US WIA.

**17 Nov.-17 Dec.** **Operation:** STRIKE/UNIONTOWN  
**Location:** Bien Hoa, Long Binh, Dong Nai, AO STRIKE, AO UNI-ONTOWN, Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy, security.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 9th Inf Div (17-30 Nov); 199th Inf Bde (Lt) (1-17 Dec). **Task organization:** 2-3 Inf (14-17 Dec), 3-7 Inf (1-17 Dec), 4-12 Inf, 3-17 Cav; F/51 LRP. **Execution:** On 17 Nov, Operations STRIKE I and UNIONTOWN were terminated and Operation STRIKE/UNIONTOWN was initiated under control of the 9th Inf Div. **Results:** STRIKE was an offensive reconnaissance-in-force operation directed against enemy units north of the Dong Nai while UNIONTOWN was primarily a security mission designed to prevent rocket and mortar attacks against the Bien Hoa-Long Binh complex. After terminating Operation FAIRFAX in the Capital Military District, the 199th Inf Bde (Lt) assumed operational control of the STRIKE/UNIONTOWN AOs on 1 Dec. On 6 Dec, 3-7 Inf, 4-12 Inf and D/17 Cav made contact with an estimated enemy battalion. Results were 64 enemy killed, 25 US KIA and 82 US WIA. On 17 Dec, the operation was renamed MANCHESTER/UNIONTOWN. **Results:** 160 enemy killed, 9 detained, 38 US KIA, 128 US WIA.

**18 Nov.** Korean civilian workers at Cam Ran Bay start two-day riot over working conditions.

**18 Nov.** SS BUCHANAN attacked and hit 19 times by RR and MG fire on Long Tau Shipping Channel 18 km northwest of Vung Tau. No US Casualties. Reaction forces kill 16 enemy.

**18 Nov.-19 Dec.** **Operation:** EAGLE THRUST  
**Location:** Fort Campbell, Bien Hoa, Cu Chi, Phuoc Vinh, Bien Hoa, Binh Duong and Hau Nghia Provinces. **Type:** air movement.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 101st Abn Div, USAF Airlift Command. **Task organization:** 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div: 1-501 Inf, 2-501 Inf, 1-502 Inf, 1-321 Art; 3d Bde, 101st Abn Div: 3-197 Inf, 506 Fld Rgt, 2-177 Inf, 2-319 Art, 2-319 Div Troops; 2-17 Cav (-), 326th Eng Bn (-), 101st AIBN. **Execution:** Operation EAGLE THRUST, the largest and longest military airlift into a combat zone to date, brought the 101st Abn Div (-) from Fort Campbell, KY, directly to Bien Hoa, RVN. The move required 369 sorties by USAF C-141 aircraft to carry 9,541 personnel in five echelons: Advance Command and Control Group (18-19 Nov), Advance Party (21-25 Nov), 3d Bde TF (2-17 Dec), Div Troops (7-13 Dec) and 2d Bde TF (14-19 Dec). The 2d and 3d Bdes were then sponsored and escorted to base camps at Cu Chi and Phuoc Vinh by the 25th Inf Div and 1st Inf Div, respectively, while the Div HQ, Support Command and 2-17 Cav established their base camp at Bien Hoa in the facilities vacated by the 173d Abn Bde. **Results:** none.

**19 Nov.** Two US correspondents release details and photos of a VC camp deeper into a 40 square mile area inside Cambodia, discovered by them. Prince Sihanouk later labels story fabrication.

**19 Nov.-12 Dec.** **Operation:** QUYET THANG/135/II  
**Location:** Quang Tin Province. **Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 24th STZ. **Results:** 189 enemy killed, 2 detained, 13 ARVN KIA, 48 ARVN WIA, 1 ARVN MIA.

**23 Nov.67-5 Jan.68.** **Operation:** FORREST  
**Location:** Ba Ria, Xuyen Moc, Binh Gia, Phuoc Tuy Province. **Type:** rice denial, reconnaissance in force.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 1ATF. **Task organization:** 7RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav, 4 Flg Rgt, A/1-35 Art, A/1-83 Art. **Execution:** Operation conducted in south central Phuoc Tuy Province to deny enemy access to rice harvest. Contact was light throughout the entire operation. **Results:** 51 enemy killed, 58 detained, 5 AUS KIA, 31 AUS WIA.

**24 Nov.** **Operation:** OODNADATTA  
**Location:** Hoa Long, Phuoc Tuy Province. **Type:** cordon and search.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 1ATF. **Task organization:** 7RAR, D/2RAR, One Trp A Sqn 3 Cav, 106 Flg Bty. **Execution:** Operation OODNADATTA was a cordon and search of Hoa Long, 3 km south of Nui Dat (subordinate of Operation FORREST). **Results:** none.

**24-27 Nov.** **Operation:** BALLISTIC ARCH  
**Location:** Mai Xa Thi, DMZ, Quang Tri Province. **Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 7th ARVN Div. **Execution:** This was the first ARVN/VNN operation in recent years where large-size troop lift was made over a significant distance. Departing from Cai Be and My Tho, crafts from RAGs 21 and 33 transported troops of the 7th ARVN Div into the Than Phu Secret Zone located between the mouths of the Co Chien and Ham Luong Rivers. **Results:** 5 enemy killed, 10 captured, 36 detained.

**25-31 Nov.** **Operation:** CUU LONG/70/67  
**Location:** Than Phu Secret Zone, Kien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 7th ARVN Div. **Execution:** This was the first ARVN/VNN operation in recent years where large-size troop lift was made over a significant distance. Departing from Cai Be and My Tho, crafts from RAGs 21 and 33 transported troops of the 7th ARVN Div into the Than Phu Secret Zone located between the mouths of the Co Chien and Ham Luong Rivers. **Results:** 5 enemy killed, 10 captured, 36 detained.

**25 Nov.-4 Dec.** **Operation:** BLACKJACK 24A/GLENDALE  
**Location:** Lam Dong Province. **Type:** search & destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 5th SFCA. **Task organization:** 27th MSF Co. **Execution:** Operation GLENDALE took place in southwestern Lam Dong Province with no contact. **Results:** 1 CIDG WIA.

**26 Nov.** B-52s strike area just north of Mu Gia Pass, deepest B-52 penetration of SVN yet.

**26 Nov.** **Operation:** DIEN KHANH 1  
**Location:** Dien Khanh, Khanh Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** WHRID. **Task organization:** 30th ROK Rgt. **Execution:** (no other info).

**27 Nov.** **Operation:** SUN DEVIL  
**Location:** Phong Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** River Div 51. **Execution:** operation conducted south of Tan Dinh Island. **Results:** 1 enemy killed, 1 US WIA.

**29 Nov.** President Johnson announces SECEDEF McNamara will resign to head World Bank.

**29 Nov.** The Bo Duc District Headquarters defended by ARVN PLAF and 3rd Bde, 101st Inf Div and 1st Abn Div. **Execution:** Operation BALLISTIC ARCH aimed at Communist sympathizers reported in and around the hamlet of Mai Xa Thi, 7 km south of the southern DMZ boundary. The amphibious landing presented the amphibian tractors with a serious problems as they started to take on more water than the pumps could handle but was completed without losses. The unexpected contact did not materialize however, and on 27 Nov 1/3 Marines passed under 9th Marines control. **Results:** none.

**30 Nov.-3 Jan.** **Operation:** LE LOI 2  
**Location:** Vam Co Dong, Long An Province. **Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** Long An Sector. **Execution:** operation conducted 30 km southwest of Saigon along the...
Vam Co Dong by Long An Sector forces and RAG 24. **Results:** 4 enemy killed, 4 captured, 2 VNN WIA.

**29 Nov.-29 Dec.** **Operation:** **BU DOP CONTINGENCY**

**Location:** Bu Dop, Bo Duc, Phuoc Thien, Phuoc Long Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1-28 Inf (29 Nov-10 Dec), 2-28 Inf (4-16 Dec), 1-2 Inf (6-20 Dec), 1-16 Inf (20-29 Dec), A/1-5 Art (6-29 Dec), A/2-33 Art (29 Nov-16 Dec). **Intelligence:** 271st and 272nd PLAF Rgts. **Execution:** This unnamed contingency operation was mounted to relieve the Bo Duc District Headquarters and Bu Dop CIDG Camp. On 29 Nov, 1-28 Inf and A/2-33 Art at Phuoc Vinh were alerted to move to Bu Dop by helicopter and establish a NDP and FSB for subsequent operations. That evening an mortar and rocket attack was launched against the NDP followed by a ground attack across the Bu Dop Airfield by the 3rd Bn, 271st PLAF Rgt. Results were 31 enemy killed, 7 US KIA and 11 US WIA. Mortar attacks continued against the positions of 1-28 Inf the following days and on 4 Dec, 2-28 Inf was committed to the vicinity of Bu Dop, followed two days later by 1-2 Inf and A/1-5 Art. On 8 Dec, 1-2 Inf was attacked, again by the 1-2 Inf, 271st Rgt. Accuracy artillery fire and air strikes broke the enemy assault. Results were 48 enemy killed, 6 captured, 4 US KIA and 14 US WIA. On 10 Dec, 1-2 Inf extracted from its field position and replaced 1-28 Inf at the airfield, the latter returning to Quan Loi. Enemy forces exhilerated against the positions of 1-28 Inf the following days and on 29 Dec without making any contact. **Results:** 139 enemy killed, 6 captured, 20 US KIA, 76 US WIA.

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**DECEMBER**

1 Dec. US military strength in RVN is 480,000.


1 Dec. **Operation:** **PHI PHUNG 57**

**Location:** Quang Nam Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 51st ARVN Rgt. **Execution:** operation conducted just south of the Cau Cai River, 24 km south-southeast of Da Nang by 1/51 ARVN Bn and one ARVN Rgr Bn with support from Coastal Group 14. **Results:** 4 enemy killed, 3 captured, 10 detained.

1-25 Dec. **Operation:** **9-67/SULTAN I**

**Location:** FOB Kontum, Upper Plei Trap Valley, Kontum province. **Type:** reconnaissance. **Controlling headquarters:** 5th SFSG. **Task organization:** Det B-52 Project DELTA, 81st ARVN Abn Rgr Bn. **Execution:** Operation conducted in the upper Plei Trap Valley from Kontum with the forward launch base at Po lei Keng CIDG Camp. Contact was minimal. **Results:** 2 USSF WIA, 6 ARVN KIA, 38 ARVN WIA, 1 ARVN MIA, enemy losses unknown.

1 Dec.67-8 Jan.68 **Operation:** **KLAMATH FALLS**

**Location:** Phan Thiet, Song Mao, Bao Loc, Di Linh, Route 1, Binh Thuan and Lam Dong Provinces. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1st Bde, 101st Div; 23rd ARVN Div. **Task organization:** 1st Bde, 101st Div; 1-327 Inf, 2-327 Inf, 2-502 Inf; 3-506 Inf; A/2-17 Cav, A/326 Inf, 271st Art. **Execution:** The concept of Operation KLAMATH FALLS was to locate and destroy the headquarters of the enemy’s MR-6 in southern Lam Dong and northern Binh Thuan Province and, in coordination with the 23rd ARVN Div, open Route 1 from Phan Rang to the II/III CTZ boundary. On 30 Nov, using a cover and deception plan, 3-506 Inf was air-assaulted from its field position southwest of Phan Rang to an AO vicinity of Song Mao while 2-327 Inf and 2-502 Inf moved by air to a staging area at Bao Loc. On 1 Dec, these two battalions conducted airmobile assaults into the northeastern and northwestern portions of the brigade AO as the 1-327 Inf moved by air to Phan Thiet. On 2 Dec, 1-327 Inf was combat-assaulted into the southern portion of the AO. On 12 Dec, 3-506 Inf was air-assaulted from an area north of Song Mao into the southern portion of the brigade AO and, on 28 Dec, in an area east of Di Linh. On 4 Jan 68, 2-327 was extracted back to Bao Loc, followed on 7 Dec by 2-502 Inf. That same day, 1-327 was extracted to Phan Thiet. On 8 Jan, 3-506 Inf displaced to a pick up point and subsequently moved by convoy to Phan Rang. Contact during the entire operation was light and sporadic but the 5th ARVN Area Logistical Command conducted 131 vehicle convoy from Nha Trang to Phan Thiet and back with TF 2-7 Cav from Operation BYRD providing security. **Results:** 156 enemy killed, 11 captured, 28 US KIA, 138 US WIA.

2 Dec. PBR Mobile Base I arrives at Da Nang (ten PBRS follow on 2 Dec). Second time PBRS have been located in 1 CTZ.

2 Dec. **Operation:** **AN DAN 219**

**Location:** Long An Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 25th ARVN Div. **Execution:** operation conducted 19 km north-northeast of My Tho with support from RAG 24. **Results:** 2 enemy killed, 2 detained.


3-4 Dec. **Operation:** **CANUNGRA**

**Location:** Hoi Bai, Phuoc Tuy Province. **Type:** cordon and search. **Controlling headquarters:** 1ATF. **Task organization:** 2RAR (-), One Trp A Sqn 3 Cav, 108 Fld Bty. **Execution:** Operation CANUNGRA was a cordon and search of Hoi Bai, 13 km east-southeast of Nui Dat (subsidiary of Operation FORREST). **Results:** (Included in Operation FORREST).

4 Dec. A squadron at 14 A7A, the new Corsair II aircraft, join the Vietnam conflict for the first time in a bombing raid over...
4 Dec. USN Patrol Air Cushion Vehicle (PACV) return to Vietnam as part of TF 117 (Mekong Delta Mobile Riverine Force). These vehicles were previously in RVN in 1966 as part of TF 115, Coastal Surveillance Force (Operation MARKET TIME).

4 Dec. Operation: NGO QUYEN 123
Location: Vinh Long Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: Vinh Long Sector. Execution: operation conducted 15 km east of Bac Lieu with support from RAGs 25 and 29. Results: 3 enemy killed, 3 ARVN KIA, 11 ARVN WIA.

4-8 Dec. Operation: LAM SON 154
Location: Quang Tri Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st ARVN Div. Execution: operation conducted 16 km east-northeast of Quang Tri City by elts of the 1st ARVN Rgt with support from Coastal Group 11. Results: 1 enemy killed, 32 detained, 4 ARVN WIA.

5-21 Dec. Operation: QUICKSILVER IV

5 Dec. An unknown number of enemy, supported by 82mm mortar fire, attacks Dak Son Village, 2 km northeast of Song Be in Phuoc Long Province. Losses are 2 RF KIA, 4 RD killed, 108 civilians killed, 3 RF WIA, 4 RD wounded, 151 civilian wounded, 400 civilians missing, 1,382 refugees and 5 enemy killed.

5 Dec. Official fixed-wing aircraft losses due to hostile action in Vietnam are 974; 759 of these occurred over NVN. Fixed-wing aircraft lost to non-hostile action total 841. Official helicopter losses due to hostile action in Vietnam are 439; 8 of these over NVN. Helicopters lost to non-hostile action total 740.

5 Dec. The Constituent Assembly is formally disbanded after the convening of the first National Legislative Assembly.

5 Dec. Operation: NGO QUYEN 124

5-9 Dec. Operation: CHINH Nghia 117

5-12 Dec. Operation: PITT
Location: Elephant Valley, Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 27th Marines. Task organization: 2/7 Marines. Execution: 2/7 Marines conducted an helicopter assault in Elephant Valley followed by a sweep of the area but contact was minimal. Results: 2 enemy killed, 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA.

6-8 Dec. Operation: DAN CHI/3/15/B

7-18 Dec. Operation: BUENA VISTA/SONG THA THAN
Location: AO Strike., FSBP NASHUA, Bien Hoa Province. Type: search & destroy. Controlling headquarters: 199th Inf Bde (L), VNMC TF BRAVO. Task organization: 4-12 Inf, 2nd VNMC Bn. Execution: On 7 Dec, the 2nd VNMC Bn was airlifted to FSBP NASHUA in AO STRIKE 10 km northwest of Bien Hoa and conducted operations in the STRIKE/UNIONTOWN AO. Results: 2 VNMC KIA, 10 VNMC WIA.

8-9 Dec. Operation: LAM SON 156
Location: Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1st ARVN Div. Results: 106 enemy killed, 10 ARVN KIA, 26 ARVN WIA.

9-10 Dec. Operation: DAN CHI/315/C
Location: Chuong Thien Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 21st ARVN Div. Results: 456 enemy killed, 16 detained, 73 ARVN KIA, 142 ARVN WIA.

8 Dec.67-24 Feb.68 Operation: YELLOWSTONE
Location: Trai Bi, Prek Klok, Thien Ngon, Katum, Bo Tuc, Route 4, FSB BAILEY, FSB BEAUREGARD, FSB BURT, FSB CUSTER, FSB DON, FSB KNOX, FSB SCOTT, FSB WAINWRIGHT II, War Zone C, Tay Ninh Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 25th Inf Div. Task organization: 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div (8-24 Feb); 4-9 Inf (8 Dec-2 Jan; 16 Jan-28 Feb), 2-14 Inf, TF 1-5 Inf (M)(20-Dec-Jan; 23-27 Jan; 31-Jan-Feb), 2-22 Inf (M)(27-28 Dec), 2-12 Inf (28-Dec-16 Jan), 3-22 Inf (2-5 Jan), 2-27 Inf (17-18 Feb), 1/49 ARVN Bn (8-17 Dec), TF 2-34 Arm (-), 1-27 Art, 7-11 Art, C/2-32 Art, B/65th Engy; 3d Bde, 25th Inf Div (8-1 Dec; 24-22 Dec); 2-12 Inf (16-Jan-Feb), 2-22 Inf (M)(29 Dec-24 Feb), 2-22 Inf (8 Dec-1 Jan; 6-Jan-Feb), 4-9 Inf (3-15 Jan), TF 1-5 Inf (M)(2-22 Jan; 28-29 Jan; 11-Feb), 3/11 Cav (10-23 Jan), 2-77 Art, A/3-13 Art; Div Troops: 3-17 Cav, 3-13 Art (-). Intelligence: 9th PLAF Div, 271st and 272nd PLAF Plts. Execution: 8th Inf Div objective to interdict known enemy lines of communication; War Zone C and interdicting known invasion and escape routes to and from War Zone C. It also provided security for the relocation of CIDG camps at Trai Bi and Prek Klok to the new fighting camps at Thien Ngon and Katum. On 9 Dec, 4-9 Inf discovered 390 tons of rice in a cache 6 km northwest of Katum. On 20 Dec, 4-9 Inf in NPD vicinity of Bo Tuc received approximately 250 rounds of mixed mortar followed by a ground assault by an estimated enemy battalion. Results: 406 enemy killed, 3 captured, 23 US KIA and 22 US WIA. The expected violent enemy reaction to operations in War Zone C occurred on 1 Jan 68 while the New Year’s truce was still in effect. FSB BURT defended by elts of 2-22 Inf (M), 3-22 Inf, A & C/2-77 Art and A/3-13 Art received a very heavy attack by the 1st and 3rd Bns, 271st PLAF Rgt and the 2nd and 3rd Bns, 272nd PLAF Plt. Fighting lasted all night and into the morning. Results were 406 enemy killed, 3 captured, 23 US KIA and 153 US WIA. On 5 Jan, 8/4-9 Inf was engaged by an estimated enemy company while extracting from an LZ 3 km south of the Fishhook. Results were 68 enemy killed, 7 US KIA and 16 US WIA. On 17 Jan, while conducting a RIF 4 km east of Katum, 2-14 Inf received fire from two enemy companies. The contact resulted in 17 enemy killed, 5 US KIA and 21 US WIA. The commencement of the Tet Offensive on 31 Jan accelerated the redeployment of the 1st and 3d Bde assets to support Operation SARATOGA and the Capital Military District for the defense of Saigon. As a consequence, contact diminished in the YELLOWSTONE AO and the operation was terminated on 24 Feb. Results: 1,170 enemy killed, 182 detained, 137 US KIA, 1,085 US WIA.

8 Dec 67-10 Mar.68 Operation: SARATOGA
Location: Trang Bang, Trung Lap, Trung An, Binh My, Hoc Mon, Phu Trung, Ap Choi, Boi Loi Woods, Ho Bo Woods, Filhol Plantation, Song Saigon, FSB BOWIE, FSB CROCKETT, FSB HULL, FSB LOGAN I, FSB LOGAN II, FSB SCARLET, FSB WAINWRIGHT II, Hau Nghia, Binh Duong, Tay Ninh and Gia Dinh Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 25th Inf Div. Task organization: 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div (8-1 Dec; 27-1 Inf, 2-27 Inf, 1-5 Inf (M), 2-12 Inf, 4-23 Inf (M), 3-4 Cav (-), 1-8 Art, 3-13 Art (-), 6-77 Art (-); 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div (25-Feb-10 Mar); 2-14 Inf, 2-22 Inf (M), D/3-17 Cav, 7-11 Art, 1-27 Art, 3-22 Art (-), 5-2 Art (-). Intelligence: 101st PAVN Rgt, 269th PLAF MF Bn, D-14, 2nd Go Mon and 7th Cu Chi PLAF LF Bns. Execu-
tion: Operation SARATOGA was a search and destroy and reconnaissance-in-force operation in support of pacification activities in Hau Nghia Province. On 8 Dec, TF 4-23 Inf (M) began land clearing operations in the AO until 23 Dec when it returned to Chu Chi base camp. On 11 Dec, 1-27 Inf was combat-assaulted west of Trang Lap, killing 12 enemy in scattered contacts. On 12 Dec, the night defensive position of 1-27 Inf was attacked by an estimated battalion of the 101st PAVN Rgt. This was the first contact with a PAVN unit in the 2d Bde TAOL. Results were 39 enemy killed and 11 US WIA. On 17 Dec, the 2d Bde began operations in the Ho Bo and Bo Loi Woods. On 22 Dec, 3-4 Cav killed 10 VC near the Saigon River 10 km northeast of Trang Lap. On 3 Jan, activity shifted to the Fihol Plantation where the brigade participated in the clearing operation by 28 Rommel. On 4 Jan, 1-27 Inf combat-assaulted into FSB CROCKETT 11 km northeast of Cu Chi. A/1-27 Inf made heavy contact with an estimated enemy company near Trung An resulting in 40 enemy killed, 16 US KIA and 44 US WIA. That same day, 2-27 Inf was inserted near Binh My and began operations along the Saigon River. On 10 Jan, while conducting a RIF 5 km east of Trang Bang, 1-27 Inf was attacked by the 7th Cu Chi Bn. D/3-4 Cav was inserted to along suspected escape routes. Results for the day-long action were 110 enemy killed, 6 US KIA and 29 US WIA. On 29 Jan, 2-27 Inf conducted a night combat assault into the northern Ho Bo Woods to reinforce D/3-4 Cav. All units were extracted the next day. The operation took on an entirely different aspect with the launching of the enemy's Tet Offensive on 30 Jan. Ten enemy battalions committed to YELLOWSTONE were redeployed to support SARATOGA. 3-4 Cav was rushed to the defense of the heavily besieged Tan Son Nhut Airbase while other 2d Bde units were redeployed near Hoc Mon to prevent the enemy from cutting Route 1. On 3 Feb, 3-22 Inf attacked Tan Hoa while 2-12 Inf engaged enemy forces in the Tan Phu Trung-Ap Cho area while 1-27 and 2-27 Inf passed under control of II FFORCE and were sent to the Capital Military District. 219 enemy were killed, 106 captured, 15 ARVN KIA, 12 ARVN WIA, 1 ARVN MIA. In reaction to increased activity in the Song Be area, a stay behind role designed to capitalize on the enemy habit of returning to an area after Allied units had departed. Results: 3,836 enemy killed, 581 detained, 374 US KIA, 1,855 US WIA.

10-13 Dec. Operation: LONG PHI/9-143
Location: Vinh Binh Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 9th ARVN Div. Results: 99 enemy killed, 16 captured, 6 ARVN KIA, 38 ARVN WIA, 1 ARVN MIA. 11 Dec. Mark II PBR combat patrols commenced. 12 Dec. Senator C. H. Percy (R-III) caught in VC fire at Dak Son (III CTZ) and evacuated to Song Be, while on inspection trip. 11-12 Dec. Operation: SHEPPARTON
Location: Phu My, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: cordon and search. Controlling headquarters: IATF. Task organization: 7RAR, One Trp A Sqn 3 Cav, 106 Fld Bty. Execution: Operation SHEPPARTON was a cordon and search of Phu Co, Tan Nhien, and Dau Tieng and Tay Nhien and Do Guo Ha. Results: 3,836 enemy killed, 581 detained, 374 US KIA, 1,855 US WIA.

12 Dec. Operation: CUU LONG 126
Location: Go Cong Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: Go Cong Sector. Execution: operation conducted 10 km east-southeast of Go Cong by three RF companies, one PRU platoon and with support from Coastal Group 30. Results: 2 enemy killed, 1 captured. 13-14 Dec. Operation: BAK JUL 1
Location: Ong Thinh, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: cordon and search. Controlling headquarters: IATF. Task organization: 7RAR, One Trp A Sqn 3 Cav, 106 Fld Bty. Execution: Operation DIMBOOLA was a cordon and search of Ong Thinh, 17 km west of Nui Dat (subsidiary of Operation FORREST). Results: (included in Operation FORREST).

Location: Binh Dinh Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 22nd ARVN Div. Results: 104 enemy killed, 2 captured, 12 ARVN KIA, 10 ARVN WIA.

13 Dec.-67-10 Jan.68 Operation: SONG BE CONTINGENCY
Location: Song Be (Phuoc Phuoc), Phuoc Long Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 3d Bde, 1st Inf Div (13-17 Dec), 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div (17 Dec-10 Jan). Task organization: 1-28 Inf (13-23 Dec), 1-2 Inf (23 Dec-10 Jan), 1-21 Cav, B/1-5 Art, B/2-33 Art. Intelligence: 5th PLAF Div. Execution: In reaction to increased activity in the Song Be area by elements of the 5th PLAF Div, the 1st Inf Div mounted this contingency operation, moving 1-28 Inf (-) and B/1-5 Art to Song Be North and A/1-28 Inf, Recon/1-28 Inf, 2/A-1/4 Cav and B/2-33 Art to Song Be South. Search and destroy operations were conducted without significant findings and 1-28 Inf was replaced by 1-2 Inf on 23 Dec. The reinforcing action ended on 10 Jan with 68 with non contact but deferred further activity in the area. Results: (no info).

14-17 Dec. Operation: CUU LONG/72/SD/67
Location: Dinh Tuong Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 7th ARVN Div. Results: 109 enemy killed, 52 detained, 14 ARVN KIA, 86 ARVN WIA, 1 ARVN MIA.

15 Dec.-7-3 Jan.68 Operation: RANG DONG II
Location: Binh Thuan, Lam Dong and Binh Tuy Provinces. Type: search & destroy. Controlling headquarters: 5th SFGA. Task organization: 25th MSF Co. Execution: Operation conducted in conjunction with Operation Klamath Falls. The MSF Co was inserted in the AO upon departure of conventional forces in a stay behind role designed to capitalize on the enemy habit of returning to an area after Allied units had departed. Results: 15 Dec-7-3 Jan.68 Operation: RANG DONG II
Location: Lang Phuoc Hoa, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: cordon and search. Controlling headquarters: 1ATF. Task organization: 7RAR, One Trp A Sqn 3 Cav, 106 Fld Bty. Execution: Operation MELBOURNE was a cordon and search of Lang Phuoc Hoa, 16 km west (L) of Nui Dat (subsidiary of Operation FORREST). Results: (included in Operation FORREST).

15-16 Dec. Operation: LORNE
Location: Nui Bao Quan, Nui Dinh Hills, Phuoc Tuy Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 1ATF. Task organization: 7RAR, C/2RAR, 161 RNZA Bty. Intelligence: C41 PLAF LF Co. Execution: Operation LORNE was a search and destroy operation on Nui Bao Quan, 10 km west of Nui Dat (subsidiary of Operation FORREST). Results: 5 enemy killed, 1 AUS WIA.

15 Dec.-67-31 Jan.68 Operation: RANG DONG II

15-23 Dec. Operation: CIRITUS
Location: Arizona AO, Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 7th Marines. Task organization: 3/7 Marines. Execution: Operation CIRITUS was conducted in the ARIZONA AO with moderate contact. Results: 35 enemy killed, 47 captured, 22 captured, 4 US KIA, 50 US WIA.

16 Dec. President Thieu at Bien Hoa rules out acceptance of coalition government that includes NFL.

17-19 Dec. Operation: LONG PHI/9/144
Location: Vinh Binh Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 9th ARVN Div. Results: 110 enemy killed, 9 captured, 3 ARVN KIA, 12 ARVN WIA.
17 Dec-67 to 30 Jan-68 Operation: MAENG HO 9
Location: Phu Cat, Qui Nhon, Binh Dinh Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: CRID. Task organization: 1st ROK Rgt, Cav ROK Rgt. Execution: Operation MAENG HO 9 took place north of Qui Nhon and east of Phu Cat. During the period 23-29 Jan 68, an enemy battalion was encircled near Phu Cat, losing 278 killed. Results: 749 enemy killed, 64 ROK KIA, 96 ROK WIA.

17 Dec-67 to 8 Mar-68 Operation: MANCHESTER/UNION-TOWN
Location: Bien Hoa, Long Binh, Phuoc Vinh, Dong Nai, Route 1A, AO MANCHESTER, AO UNIONTOWN, FSB DAVE, FSB NASHUA, FSB KEENE, Bien Hoa Province. Type: search and destroy, security. Controlling headquarters: 1st Bde, 199th Inf Bde (Lt). Execution: On 17 Dec AO STRIKE was renamed AO MANCHESTER but operations remained unchanged under control of the 199th Inf Bde (Lt) with 4-12 Inf at FSB NASHUA, 3-7 Inf at FSB KEENE and 2-27 Inf in AO UNIONTOWN. On 27 Dec, 4-12 Inf made contact southeast of NASHUA with an unknown size enemy platoon. Results were 30 enemy killed, 3 US KIA and 28 US WIA. On 12 Jan, 199th Inf Bde (Lt) terminated its participation in the operation and transferred responsibility of the MANCHESTER AO to the 3rd Bde, 101st Inf Div. Only 4-12 Inf remained in AO UNIONTOWN to provide security for the Long Binh complex. 1-506 Inf was helicoptered into FSB KEENE with A/2-319 Inf and 2-506 Inf occupied FSB DAVE with B/2-319 Inf. Concurrently, 3-187 Inf conducted a road clearing operation from Phuoc Vinh south along Route 1A into the AO. The first significant contact occurred on 16 Jan when B/2-506 Inf engaged an estimated enemy platoon. Results were 3 enemy killed, 5 US KIA and 20 US WIA. Contact remained light to moderate except on 21 Dec when 2-27 Inf fought a day-long action 5 km northeast of Trung Lap, killing 42 enemy soldiers while losing 4 KIA and 17 WIA. Results: 109 enemy killed, 29 detained, 1 returnee, 25 US KIA, 118 US WIA.

18 Dec-67 to 6 Jan-68 Operation: BLACKJACK 26A/HALL
Location: Mao Chu, Hi, Ninh Thuan Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 5th SFGA. Task organization: 21st MSF Co. Execution: Operation conducted in the Mao Chu Hi Mountain Range. Results: 5 enemy killed, 1 USSSF WIA, 1 AUS WIA, 4 CIDG WIA.

19-24 Dec Operation: DAN CH1/315/D
Location: Chuong Thien and Phong Dinh Provinces. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 21st ARVN Div. Results: 93 enemy killed, 46 detained, 9 ARVN KIA, 24 ARVN WIA.

19-31 Dec Operation: SYLVESTER

19 Dec-67 to 10 Jun 68 Operation: MUSCATINE
Location: Son Tin, Binh Son, An Thinh, Phu Nhieu, My Lai, My Khe, Song Tro Khuc, Mui Ba Lang An (Batangan Peninsula), LZ DOTTIE, LZ GEORGE, LZ SUE, LZ UPTIGHT, Quang Ngai Province. Type: 48th and 86th PLAF LF Bns. Controlling headquarters: 23d Inf Div. Task organization: 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div: 1-14 Inf, 2-35 Inf, 4-3 Inf (19-25 Jan), 2-9 Art (-), C/1-77 Art; 198th Inf Bde, 5-1 Inf, 5-3 Inf, 52 Inf, 1-14 Art, H/17 Cav; 119th Inf Bde (Lt): 3-1 Inf, 4-3 Inf, 1-20 Inf, 4-21 Inf, TF BARKER, 6-11 Art, E/1 Cav. Intelligence: enemy situation and forces, when available. Execution: Operation MUSCATINE was initiated to relieve the departing 2d ROKMC Bde in its TAOR and begin search and destroy and pacification operations in the Sonh Thinh and Binh Son Districts of Quang Ngai Province north of the Song Tro Khuc. On 19 Dec, 2-506 Inf and C/2-9 Art became apopon to the newly arrived 198th Inf Bde (Lt) and dislocated from LZ LIZ to the Quang Ngai Airfield. The following day, the battalion was air-assaulted into LZ SUE near Chu Lai and relieved the 3d Bn, 2d ROKMC Bde. Contact was light in December. On 2 Jan, the 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div assumed responsibility for the MUSCATINE AO west of Route 1. On 7 Jan, 2-257 Inf and 24-506 Inf made contact with the 48th LF Bn 8 km northeast of Quang Ngai, killing 78 while suffering only 1 KIA. On 23 Feb, A/3-1 Inf made contact with the 48th LF Bn again in the same area, killing 68 while losing 2 KIA. On 16 Feb, TF BARKER reported killing 128 enemy near the hamlets of My Lai (4) and My Khe (4), Son My Village. It was later determined that between 300-500 VN civilians had been executed by members of Co C, 1-20 Inf. On 9 Apr, Task Force BARKER was disbanded with the beginning of Operation NORFOLK VICTORY and 4-3 Inf assumed sole responsibility for the MUSCATINE AO. The enemy avoided major contact for the rest of the operation, concentrating instead on small scale harassing attacks and extensive use of mines and booby traps. Results: 1,129 enemy killed, 86 US KIA, 580 US WIA.

20 Dec. The 100th and 101st MIG of the war downed near Hanol.

20 Dec Operation: PHU PHUNG 62
Location: Quang Nam Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: 51st ARVN Rgt. Execution: operated 1 km north-northwest of the strategic Da River mouth with support from Coastal Group 14. Results: 15 enemy detained.

21 Dec. The SS SEATRAIN TEXAS is mined in Nha Be River, 15 km southeast of Saigon. Proceeds under own power to Saigon.

21-22 Dec Operation: BAKUL 4

21-23 Dec Operation: BOLD CAROUSEL
Location: Tanh Dinh Island, Vinh Long Province. Type: search and destroy. Controlling headquarters: (no info). Execution: operation conducted by elts of the 9th ARVN Div with support from PBRs, Seawolves helicopters USN SEALs and RAG 25 on Tan Dinh Island. Results: 2 enemy killed, 1 captured, 35 detained.

86 Tet battles will be detailed in VCO 1968.

**Location:** Gio Linh, Ha Loi Tay, Giai Ha Trung, Cua Vei, Red Beach, DMZ, Quang Tri Province.  
**Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** SLF BRAVO.  
**Task organization:** BLT 3/1 Marines.  
**Intelligence:** 803rd PAVN Bn, K400 PLAF LF Co.  
**Execution:** Operation FORTRESS RIDGE involved seaborne and heliborne landings on the beach area south of the DMZ. MI/31 landed on RED Beach while L/3/1 landed on the northern bank of the Cua Vei and Cos H & I, 3/1 Marines were combat assaulted in the sand dunes 4 km inland. Contact was made late in the afternoon of 21 Dec near the hamlets of Ha Loi Tay and Giai Ha Trung but the enemy withdrew under cover of darkness. The rest of the operation proved uneventful as the enemy had already fled the area.  
**Results:** 10 enemy killed, 10 US KIA, 27 US WIA.

21 Dec.67-21 Jan.68  **Operation: FARGO**

**Location:** An Loc, Loc Ninh, Bu Dop, Song Be, Route 13, Binh Long and Phuoc Long Provinces.  
**Type:** search and destroy, road security.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 11th ACR.  
**Task organization:** 1/11 ACR, 2/11 ACR, 3/11 ACR (30 Dec-21 Jan).  
**Execution:** 11th ACR initiated FARGO on 21 Dec to open Route 13 from An Loc to Loc Ninh, secure the construction of a heavy artillery FSBP at Loc Ninh and destroy enemy forces in the Loc Ninh – Bu Dop – Song Be area. The only significant contact of the operation occurred on 6 Jan 68 when Troops E and H engaged enemy forces near the Fishhook, killing 34.  
**Results:** 49 enemy killed, 2 detained, 6 US KIA, 47 US WIA.

22 Dec.  **ARVN air America indigenous employees strike for 40 percent wage increase.**

22 Dec.  **Operation: PHI HO/15/80**

**Location:** Tan Dinh Island Vinh Long Province.  
**Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 9th ARVN Div.  
**Execution:** operation conducted on Tan Dinh Island by elts of the 15th ARVN Rgt with support from RAGs 25, 26, 29 and 32.  
**Results:** 1 enemy killed, 1 captured, 2 detained, 8 US WIA, 4 ARVN WIA.

22-23 Dec.  **Operation: LAWLEY**

**Location:** Ngai Giao, Phuoc Tuy Province.  
**Type:** cordon and search.  
**Controlling headquarters:** IATF.  
**Task organization:** 2RAR, 7RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav, 4 Fld Rgt, 161 RNZA Bty.  
**Execution:** operation conducted on the southern Quang Tri area. From the initial landing by E/2/3 and continuing through the construction of a heavy artillery FSBP at Loc Ninh and destroy enemy forces in the Loc Ninh – Bu Dop – Song Be area. The only significant contact of the operation occurred on 6 Jan 68 when Troops E and H engaged enemy forces near the Fishhook, killing 34.  
**Results:** 49 enemy killed, 2 detained, 6 US KIA, 47 US WIA.

22 Dec.  **BIET CHINH**

**Location:** Ba Xuyen Province.  
**Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** BIET Sector.  
**Execution:** operation conducted on the south bank of the lower Bassac by the Ba Xuyen Sector forces with support from Coastal Group 36.  
**Results:** 3 enemy killed, 5 captured.

28 Dec.  **Operation: AUBURN**

**Location:** Duy Xuyen, Go Noi Island, Quang Nam Province.  
**Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 7th ARVN Div.  
**Execution:** operation conducted in the Duy Xuyen/Go Noi Island area. From the initial landing by E/2/3 and continuing throughout the insertion of 1/3/5 and 3/5 command group, all units in the LZ received continuous enemy fire. Heavy contact continued until the next day when the enemy withdrew.  
**Results:** 37 enemy killed, 2 detached, 38 ARVN KIA, 123 ARVN WIA.

29-30 Dec.  **Operation: DONG TAM 17**

**Location:** Rung Sat Special Zone.  
**Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** RSSZ.  
**Execution:** operation conducted in the Rung Sat Special Zone by three RF companies and with support from RAG 22.  
**Results:** (no info).


**Location:** Dinh Tuong Province.  
**Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** VNMC TF BRAVO.  
**Task organization:** 1st VNMC Bn, 2nd VNMC Bn, B/VNMC Art Bn.  
**Results:** (no info).

30-31 Dec.  **Operation: QUYET THANG 724**

**Location:** Quang Ngai Province.  
**Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 2nd ARVN Div.  
**Execution:** operation conducted along the Nha Man and Cai Tai Canals between Vinh Long and Sa Dec Provinces.  
**Results:** 3 enemy killed, 1 captured, 1 detained, 16 ARVN WIA.

26 Dec.67-2 Jan.68  **Operation: BADGER TOOTH**

**Location:** Thon Tham Khe, Thon Trung An, Street Without Joy, GREEN Beach, LZ FInCH, Quang Tri Province.  
**Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** SLF BRAVO.  
**Task organization:** BLT 3/1 Marines.  
**Intelligence:** 816th PAVN Bn.  
**Execution:** After the Christmas truce, SLF BRAVO landed again, this time in the Street Without Joy area on the southern Quang Tri border. Co L landed over GREEN Beach against very light opposition and proceeded to LZ FInCH where the rest of the BLT was air-assaulted. The Marines then advanced northwest into the build-up area along the coast, clearing the villages of Thon Tham Khe and Thon Trung An without opposition. After a quiet night, the battalion moved out again for another sweep of the two villages when it was met by a very heavy volume of fire coming from an unknown size enemy unit. Several frontal assaults were made with support from a couple of tanks but only a limited penetration into the village complex was achieved before night fell. The enemy unit managed to escape during the night through a gap in American lines, leaving only 31 of his dead behind. Marines losses had been heavy with 48 KIA and 86 WIA. The BLT remained in the area during the New Year’s stand-down until reembarking on 2 Jan 68.  
**Results:** 31 enemy killed, 48 US KIA, 86 US WIA.

27-30 Dec.  **Operation: PHU NGH 65**

**Location:** Quang Nam Province.  
**Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** BLT 3/1 Marines.  
**Execution:** operation conducted on Tan Dinh Island by elts of the 15th ARVN Rgt.  
**Results:** 70 enemy killed, 34 detained, 8 ARVN KIA, 60 ARVN WIA.

27 Dec.67-3 Jan.68  **Operation: CUU LONG/73/SD/67**

**Location:** Dinh Tuong Province.  
**Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 7th ARVN Div.  
**Execution:** operation conducted in the Duy Xuyen/Go Noi Island area. From the initial landing by E/2/3 and continuing through the insertion of 1/3/5 and 3/5 command group, all units in the LZ received continuous enemy fire. Heavy contact continued until the next day when the enemy withdrew.  
**Results:** 37 enemy killed, 2 detached, 38 ARVN KIA, 123 ARVN WIA.

28 Dec.  **Operatin **

**Location:** Binh Dinh Province.  
**Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** BIET Sector.  
**Execution:** operation conducted on the south bank of the lower Bassac by the Ba Xuyen Sector forces with support from Coastal Group 36.  
**Results:** 3 enemy killed, 5 captured.

28 Dec.67-1 Jan.68  **Operation: AUBURN**

**Location:** Duy Xuyen, Go Noi Island, Quang Nam Province.  
**Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 7th ARVN Div.  
**Execution:** operation conducted in the Duy Xuyen/Go Noi Island area. From the initial landing by E/2/3 and continuing through the insertion of 1/3/5 and 3/5 command group, all units in the LZ received continuous enemy fire. Heavy contact continued until the next day when the enemy withdrew.  
**Results:** 37 enemy killed, 232 US KIA, 345 US WIA.


**Location:** Dinh Tuong Province.  
**Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** VNMC TF BRAVO.  
**Task organization:** 1st VNMC Bn, 2nd VNMC Bn, B/VNMC Art Bn.  
**Results:** (no info).

30-31 Dec.  **Operation: QUYET THANG 724**

**Location:** Quang Ngai Province.  
**Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 2nd ARVN Div.  
**Results:** 111 enemy killed, 10 detained, 2 ARVN KIA, 74 ARVN WIA.

31 Dec.  **Operation: FEAT**

**Location:** Quang Ngai Province.  
**Type:** search and destroy.  
**Controlling headquarters:** 2nd ARVN Div.  
**Execution:** operation conducted along the Nha Man and Cai Tai Canals between Vinh Long and Sa Dec with support from RAGs 23 and 31.  
**Results:** 3 enemy killed, 1 captured, 1 detained, 16 ARVN WIA.

**Arrival:**

1 Dec.  
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6th MI Bn (Prov)
7th PsyOp Bn
8th PsyOp Bn
10th PsyOp Bn
VMA-211
8 Dec. 123d Avn Bn
26th Eng Bn
23d MP Co
23d S&T Bn

10 Dec. 101st Avn Bn
2-17 Cav
67th Maint Co

12 Dec. 3-187 Inf
1-501 Inf
2-502 Inf
1-502 Inf
1-506 Inf
2-506 Inf

16 Dec. W Coy, 1RNZIR

17 Dec. 1st Bn

19 Dec. 3/1 Inf
E/1 Cav
70th Inf Det (LRP)
6th Sup Bn

20 Dec. HQ 166th Avn Grp
HQ 164th Avn Grp
4-3 Inf
6-11 Art
307th Avn Bn
308th Avn Bn
71st Inf Det (LRP)
74th Inf Det (LRP)

22 Dec. 273d Avn Co
22d Surgical Hosp

23 Dec. 723d Maint Bn

24 Dec. 5-22 Art
501st Signal Bn

25 Dec. 321st Trans Co

27 Dec. 3RAR

28 Dec. 101st MP Co
23d Med Bn

31 Dec. 6th Eng Co

Departure:
3 Dec. VMA-223
8 Dec. 161st Avn Bn
188th Maint Bn
163d Trans Co

15 Dec. 101st ASA Co
175th ASA Co

20 Dec. 1st ACS
1st AT Bn

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91 Redesignated USASA Operations Co, Saigon.
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ABBREVIATIONS

AA: Anti-Aircraft
ABG: Air Base Group
Abn: Airborne
ACG: Air Commando Group
ACR: Armored Cavalry Regiment
ACS: Air Commando Squadron
ACW: Air Commando Wing
AF: Airfield
AFB: Air Force Base
AG: Adjutant General
AHC: Assault Helicopter Company
AML: Airmobile (Light)

Amph: Amphibious/Amphibian
ANGLICO: Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company
AO: Area of Operation
AP: Airport
APC: Armored Personnel Carrier
ARG: Assault Ready Group
Arm: Armor/Armored
Art: Artillery
ARVN: Army of the Republic of Viet Nam
AS: Attack Squadron
ASA: Army Security Agency
ASHC: Assault Support Helicopter Company
AT: Anti Tank
ATF: Australian Task Force
Avn: Aviation
(AW): All-weather
AWC: Aerial Weapon Company
Bde: Brigade
BEQ: Bachelor Enlisted Quarters
BG: Brigadier General
BLT: Battalion Landing Team
Bn: Battalion
BOQ: Bachelor Officer Quarters
Brig: Brigadier
BS: Bomb Squadron
Bty: Battery
BW: Bombardment Wing
C: Combat
CA: Civil Affairs
CAC: Combined Action Company
Cap: Capital
CAP: Civic Action Platoon
Cav: Cavalry
CCC: Command and Control Central
CCN: Command and Control North
CCS: Command and Control South
CC&S: Collection, Classification & Salvage
CG: Coastal Group
CHEM: Chemical
CIDG: Civilian Irregular Defense Group
CINC: Commander-in-Chief
CINCPAC: Commander-in-Chief, Pacific
CJS: Chief of the Joint General Staff
CMAC: Capital Military Assistance Command
CMD: Capital Military District
Cmd: Command
Co: Company
COL: Colonel
Comp: Composite
COMUSMACV: Commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
COMNAVFORV: Commander, Naval Forces, Vietnam
CONUS: Continental United States
CORDS: Civil Operations and Rural Development Support
COSVN: Communist Office for South Viet Nam
CP: Command Post
CRID: Capital ROK Infantry Division
CSF: Camp Strike Force
CSG: Combat Support Group
CTZ: Corps Tactical Zone
CVA: Attack Aircraft Carrier
CVW: Carrier Air Wing
DEPCOMUSMACV: Deputy Commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
Det: Detachment
Div: Division
DMZ: Demilitarized Zone
DoD: Department of Defense
DRAC: Delta Regional Assistance Command
Elt: Elements
Eng: Engineer
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Exp: Expeditionary
FA: Field Artillery
FANK: Forces Armées Nationales Khmères (Cambodian National Armed Forces)
FFV/FORECEV: Field Force, Vietnam
FLB: Forward launch Base
Fl: Field
FOB: Forward Operating Base
FR: First Regional Assistance Command
FS: Fighter Squadron
FSS: Fire Support Base
FSPB: Fire Support Patrol Base
FULRO: Front Uni de Lutte des Races Oprimées (United Front for the Liberation of Oppressed Races)
FW: Fighter Wing
FWA: Free World Allies
FWF: Free World Forces
GEN: General
GHQ: General Headquarters
Gp: Group
GVM: Government of (South) Viet Nam
GOER: M520 Caterpillar Goer Truck
HAL: Helicopter Attack Squadron Light
HH: Heavy Helicopter
HHC: Headquarters & Headquarters Company
HHT: Headquarters & Headquarters Troop
HHM: Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron
HML: Marine Light Helicopter Squadron
HMM: Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron
H&HS: Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron
H&M: Headquarters & Maintenance Squadron
Hosp: Hospital
How: Howitzer
HQ: Headquarters
HS: Helicopter Squadron
H&S: Headquarters & Service
HW: Heavy Weapons
Inf: Infantry
JGS: Joint General Staff
KB: Ky Binh (Cav)
KR: Khmer Rouge
(L): Light
LAAM: Light Anti-Aircraft Missile
LF: Local Force
LIB: Light Infantry Brigade
LOC: Line of Communication
Log: Logistical
LRP: Long Range Patrol
LRPTD: Long Range Patrol Detachment
LRRP: Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol
LTG: Lieutenant General
LZ: Landing Zone
MAB: Marine Amphibious Brigade
MABS: Marine Air Base Squadron
MACG: Marine Air Control Group
MACS: Marine Air Control Squadron
MACV: Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
MAG: Marine Amphibious Force
MAF: Marine Aircraft Wing
MEB: Marine Expeditionary Brigade
Med: Medical
Mech: Mechanized
MG: Major General
MGF: Mobile Guerrilla Force
MH: Medium Helicopter
MI: Military Intelligence
MIK: Mobile Strike Force
ML: Military
MP: Military Police
MR: Military Region
MSF: Mobile Strike Force
MSCF: Mobile Strike Force Command
Mtr: Mortar
MWCS: Marine Wing Communication Squadron
MWFS: Marine Wing Facilities Squadron
MWHG: Marine Wing Headquarters Group
MWSG: Marine Wing Support Group
Nat: National
NDFP: Night Defensive Position
NFS: Naval Gunfire Support
NMCB: Naval Mobile Construction Battalion
NMCR: Naval Mobile Construction Regiment
NPFF: National Police Field Force
NVA: North Vietnamese Army
NZ: New Zealand
OPC: Operational Control
OPORD: Operational Order
Ord: Ordnance
ORL: Operational Report – Lessons Learned
PACFLT: Pacific Fleet
PACV: Patrol Air Cushion Vehicle
PAVN: People’s Army of Vietnam
Phibron: Amphibious Squadron
PHILCAV: Philippines Civic Action Group, Vietnam
PLAF: People’s Liberation Armed Forces
Pit: Platoon
POL: Petrol, Oil, Lubricant
Prov: Provisional
PsyOp: Psychological Operations
QM: Quartermaster
RAA: Royal Australian Artillery
RAAF: Royal Australian Air Force
RAG: River Assault Group
RAID: River Assault Interdiction Division
RAR: Royal Australian Regiment
RCLR: Recoiless Rifle
Rcn: Recon
RD: Revolutionary Development
RF: Regional Forces
Rgr: Ranger
Rgt/Regt: Regiment
RIF: Reconnaissance-in-force
Riv: Riverine
RL: Rocket Launcher
RLG: Royal Laoistan Government
RMG: River Mine Group
RNZA: Royal New Zealand Artillery
ROK: Republic of Korea
ROKMC: Republic of Korea Marine Corps
RPG: River Patrol Group
RR: Recoiless Rifle
RSSZ: Rung Sat Special Zone
RTA: Royal Thai Army
RTAVF: Royal Thai Army Volunteer Force
RTAVR: Royal Thai Army Volunteer Regiment
RTG: Royal Thai government
RVN: Republic of Viet Nam
RVNAF: Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces
SAS: Special Air Service
SASR: Special Air Service Regiment
SEAL: Sea, Air and Land
SEALORDS: South East Asia Lake-Ocean-River-Delta Strategy
Sec: Security
Sep: Separate
Serv: Service
SF: Special Forces Group, Airborne
SLF: Special Landing Force
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SLR: Self-Loading Rifle
SMEH: Semi Mobile Evacuation Hospital
SMG: Sub Machine gun
SOG: Studies & Observation Group
SOS: Special Operations Squadron
SOW: Special Operations Wing
Spec: Special
SPS: Security Police Squadron
Sqn: Squadron
SRAC: Second Regional Assistance Command
Strat: Strategic
S&T: Supply & Transport
STZ: Special Tactical Zone
S&S: Supply & Service
Sup: Support
SW: Strategic Wing
TA: Target Acquisition
TAOI: Tactical Area Of Interest
TAOR: Tactical Area Of Responsibility
TASS: Tactical Air Support Group
TASS: Tactical Air Support Squadron
TC: Troop Carrier
TCS: Troop Carrier Squadron
TDY: Temporary Duty
TEWS: tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron
TFS: Tactical Fighter Squadron
TFW: Tactical Fighter Wing
TF: Task Force
TG: Tactical Group
TCG: Troop Carrier Group
TCS: Troop Carrier Squadron
TRAC: Third Regional Assistance Command
TRS: Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron
TRW: Tactical Reconnaissance Wing
Trans: Transportation
Trp: Troop
USAHAC: United States Army Headquarters Area Command
VC: Viet Cong
VMCJ: Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron
VMF: Marine Fighter Squadron
VMFA: Marine Fighter Attack Squadron
VMO: Marine Observation Squadron
VN: Vietnamese
VNAF: Viet Nam Air Force
VNMC: Viet Nam Marine Corps
VNN: Viet Nam Navy
VNSF: Viet Nam Special Forces
Vol: Volunteer
WESTPAC: Western Pacific
WHRID: White Horse ROK Infantry Division

GLOSSARY OF RVNAF OPERATION NAMES

AN DAN: People's Peace
BAC THIEN: Advancing North
BIET CHINH: Far Away Expedition
BINH TAY: Conquering the West
CAI CACH: Reform
CHINH NGHIA: Just Cause
CUU LONG: Vietnamese name for the Mekong River
DAN CHI: People's Will
DAN HOA: Reconciliation
DAN QUyen: Civil Right
DONG TAM: United Hearts and Minds
HOA BINH: Peace
HOA XUAN: Spring Flower
LAM SON: Blue Mountain
LE LOI: Vietnamese Emperor of the 14th Century
LIEN KET: (Inter)Connection
LONG PHI: Flying Dragon
NGO QUyen: Vietnamese national hero from the 10th century

PHI HO: Flying Tiger
PHI PHUNG: Flying Phoenix
QUYET THANG: Resolved to Win
SONG THAN: Big Wave (Tsunami)
TRUY KICH: Pursuit Attack
XAY DUNG NONG THON (XDTN): Rural Development

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APPENDIX 1
RVNAF ORDER OF BATTLE 1967

JOINT GENERAL STAFF:
Headquarters: Saigon
Commanders: LTG Cao Van Vien

GENERAL RESERVE
Airborne Division
Headquarters: Tan Son Nhut
Commander: MG Du Quoc Dong
Composition: TF 1, 2, 3; Airborne Battalions: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th. Artillery Battalion: 1st.

VNMC Brigade
Headquarters: Camp Song Than, Thu Duc
Commander: LTG Le Nguyen Khang
Composition: TF ALPHA & BRAVO; Marine Battalions: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th.

I CORPS

1st RANGER GROUP
Ranger Battalions: 21st, 37th, 39th.

1st INFANTRY DIVISION
Headquarters: Hue
Commander: MG Ngo Quang Truong
Regiments: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 54th.

2nd INFANTRY DIVISION
Headquarters: Quang Ngai
Commander: MG Hoang Xuan Lam, MG Nguyen Van Toan (from 10 Jan)
Regiments: 4th, 5th, 6th.

II CORPS

Headquarters: Pleiku
Commanders: LTG Vinh Loc
Armored Cavalry Squadrons: 3rd, 8th.
Artillery Battalions: 37th, 63rd, 69th.

24th SPECIAL TACTICAL ZONE
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Headquarters: Kontum
Independent Regiment: 42nd.

2nd RANGER GROUP
Ranger Battalions: 11th, 22nd, 23rd.

22nd INFANTRY DIVISION
Headquarters: Ba Gi
Commanders: BG Nguyen Van Hieu
Regiments: 40th, 41st, 47th.

23rd INFANTRY DIVISION
Headquarters: Ban Me Thuot
Commanders: BG Truong Quang An
Regiments: 18th, 22nd, 23rd.

III CORPS
Headquarters: Bien Hoa
Commanders: LTG Le Nguyen Khang
Artillery Battalions: 46th, 61st.

3rd RANGER GROUP
Ranger Battalions: 31st, 34th, 35th, 36th, 51st, 52nd.

5th RANGER GROUP
Ranger Battalions: 30th, 33rd, 38th.

5th INFANTRY DIVISION
Headquarters: Phu Loi
Commanders: MG Pham Quoc Thuan
Regiments: 7th, 8th, 9th.

18th INFANTRY DIVISION
Headquarters: Xuan Loc
Commanders: BG Do Ke Giai
Regiments: 43rd, 48th, 52nd.

25th INFANTRY DIVISION
Headquarters: Duc Hoa
Commanders: MG Phan Trong Chinh
Regiments: 46th, 49th, 50th.

IV CORPS
Headquarters: Can Tho
Commanders: MG Nguyen Van Manh
Artillery Battalions: 2nd, 6th, 9th.

4th RANGER GROUP
Ranger Battalions: 32nd, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th.

7th INFANTRY DIVISION
Headquarters: My Tho
Commanders: BG Nguyen Viet Thanh

9th INFANTRY DIVISION
Headquarters: Sa Dec
Commanders: MG Lam Quang Thi
Regiments: 14th, 15th, 16th.

21st INFANTRY DIVISION
Headquarters: Bac Lieu
Commanders: MG Nguyen Van Minh
Regiments: 31st, 32nd, 33rd.

APPENDIX 2
1967 PAVN/PLAF CAMPAIGNS


APPENDIX 3
PAVN/PLAF DIVISIONS 1965-1975

Division 1

Division 2

Division 3
-Division 3/B2, AKA Division “Phước Long”. Established late 1973, consisted of Regiment 201, 205, 271A.

Division 4

Division 5
-Division 5/MR5: Established Sep 1965, consisted of Regiment 33, 38.

Division 6

Division 7

Division 8

Division 9
- Division 9/B2: Established on 2 Sep 1965, consisted of Regiment 1, 2, 3. Early 1969 separated Regiment 3, received Regiment 88(A)/Division 308 which redesignated as Regiment 3B. Oct 1969 separated Regiment 88, received Regiment 95C/Division 325B which redesignated as Regiment 3/Division 9.

Division 10
- Division 10/B3: AKAN Division "Đak Tô" (Dakto): Established on 20 Sep 1972, consisted of Regiment 28, 66, 95. May 1973 received Regiment 24(B) replacing Regiment 28.

Division 31

Division 304
- Division 304(A), AKAN Division "Vinh Quang" (Glory): Established in 1st Indochina War, consisted of Regiment 9, 57, 66. Mar 65 received Regiment 42 replacing Regiment 57 which redesignated as Regiment 24. Summer 1965 moved to the South, disbanded and separated regiments to reinforce fronts.

Division 305

Division 308
- Division 308, AKAN Division "Quân Tiền Phong" (Vanguard): Established in 1st Indochina War, consisted of Regiment 36, 88, 102. Late 1965 early 1966 transferred Regiment 88(A) to B3 and established new Regiment 88/Division 308 in the North. Feb 1968 transferred Regiment 36(A) to MR5 and established new Regiment 36/Division 308.

Division 308B: AKAN Division 338, numbering used when it was reorganized as a combat division Jul 1972.

Division 312
- Division 312, AKAN Division "Chiến Thắng" (Victory): Established in 1st Indochina War, consisted of Regiment 141, 165, 209. In 1966 transferred Regiment 141 (141A), 165 (165A) to the South to create Division 7 and established new Regiment 141 (141B), Regiment 165 (165B) in the North. Jan 1968 transferred Regiment 141B, 209A to the South. Aug 1968 reestablished with Regiment 141, 165, 209.

- Division 312B: Established May 1972 from cadets of military schools as reserved division of General Staff. No more information, maybe disbanded the same year.

Division 316

Division 320
- Division 320A, AKAN Division "Đồng Bằng" (Plain): Established in 1st Indochina War, consisted of Regiment 48, 52, 64. Early 1966 transferred Regiment 52 to the South and established new Regiment 52/Division 320A. Sep 1966 transferred Regiment 52 to B2 and established new Regiment 52/Division 320A. Jan 1971 transferred Regiment 52 to B2, received Regiment 46/MR3 which redesignated as Regiment 52/Division 320A. Jun 1972 transferred Regiment 52 to MR5. Early 1975 received Regiment 9/Division 968.

- Division 320B: Established middle 1965, consisted of Regiment 48, 64, 52. In 1972 transferred Regiment 52 to Division 341 and received Regiment 27.

Division 324
- Division 324, AKAN Division "Ngự Bình": Established Jun 1955, consisted of Regiment 90, 93, 803. Feb 961 reduced to brigade. May 1965 reorganized as full division 324 with Regiment 90, 803, 812. Late 1966 disbanded. Feb 1969 reestablished with Regiment 29, 803, 812 which redesignated as Regiment 1, 2, 3.

Division 325
- Division 325(A), AKAN Division "Bình Trị Thiên": Established in 1st Indochina War, consisted of Regiment 18(A), 95(A), 101(A). Moved to the South Nov 1964 and disbanded, regiments reinforced other fronts.

- Division 325B: created from elements of Division 325. In 1964, consisted of Regiment 18B, 95B, 101B. Middle 1965 transferred Regiment 101B to the South and established Regiment 101C. Moved to the South Dec 1965 and disbanded, regiments reinforced other fronts.

- Division 325C: Established late 1965, consisted of Regiment 18C, 95C, 101D. Moved to Central Highlands Apr 1968 and disbanded, regiments reinforced other fronts.


Division 330

Division 335

Division 338

**Division 341**


- Division 341B: Established Mar 1975. No more information.

**Division 350**


**Division 711**


**Division 968**


**APPENDIX - 4**

**PAVN/PLAF REGIMENTS 1965-1975**

**Regiment 1**

- Regiment 1/Division 2, AKA Regiment "Ba Gia", also former Regiment 1/MR5. Under Division 2 when Division 2 established Sep 1965.
- Regiment 1/Division 324, AKA Regiment 803/Division 324 redesignated since Aug 1969.
- Regiment 1/MR8 AKA Regiment "Đồng Tháp": Established late 1967 with the name "Task Force 1". Early 1968 officially became Regiment 1 "Đồng Tháp".
- Regiment 3/Division 324, AKA Regiment 29/Division 324 redesigned Aug 1969. Also former Regiment 18C/Division 325C.

**Regiment 4**

**Regiment 5**
- Regiment 5/MR8 = Regiment 207/Division 8: Numbering of Regiment 207 when transferred to MR 1972.

**Regiment 6**

**Regiment 9**
- Regiment 9/Division 968 = Regiment 9(A)/Division 304(A).
- Regiment 9/Division 320A = Regiment 9 (A)/Division 304(A).
- Regiment 9/Division 711 = Regiment 9(A)/Division 304(A).
- Regiment 9(B)/Division 304B: Established Aug 1985, became official Regiment 9/Division 304.

**Regiment 10**
- Regiment 10/MR5 = Regiment 10/Division 4.

**Regiment 12**
- Regiment 12/Division 3/MR5, AKA Regiment "Tây Sơn": Also former Regiment 18(A)/Division 325(A), which moved to MR5 Feb 1965 and redesignated. Under Division 3 when Division 3 established Sep 1965.
- Regiment 12/Division 7/B2: Also former Regiment 165(A)/Division 312 which moved to the South in 1966 and redesignated. Under Division 7 when Division 7 established Sep 1966. AKA Regiment 165/Division 7.

**Regiment 14**
- Regiment 14/Division 7/B2: also former Regiment 141(A)/Division 312 which moved to the South in 1966 and redesignated. Under Division 7 when Division 7 established Sep 1966. AKA Regiment 141/Division 7.

**Regiment 16**
- Regiment 16/Division 7: also former Regiment 101(A)/Division 325(A) moved to B2 Middle 1965, redesignated as Regiment 16 (AKA Regiment Q16). Under Division 7 when Division 7 established. Separated to become independent regiment. Under Division 7 and Division 9 in short terms, then under MR7.
- Regiment 16/Division 7 = Regiment 16/MR7.
- Regiment 16/Division 9 = Regiment 16/MR7.

**Regiment 18**
- Regiment 18/Division 325, AKA Regiment "Lê Trực". Established in 1st Indochina War. Regiment 18(A) moved to the South Feb 1965. Regiment 18B moved to the South Dec 1965. Regiment 18C separated from division Mar 1968. Regiment 18D under Division 325D when division reorganized as combat division Nov 1971, then became official Regiment 18/Division 325.
- Regiment 18(A)/Division 325(A) = Regiment 12/Division 3. Moved to MR5 Feb 1965 and redesignated as Regiment 12. Under Division 3 when Division 3 established Sep 1965

**Regiment 19**
- Regiment 19/Division 968: Established Apr 1972, Fought Laos. Then under Division 968.

**Regiment 20**
-Regiment 20/MR9 = Regiment 20/Division 4.
-Regiment 20/Division 5/MR5 = Regiment 20/Division 4.

**Regiment 21**
-Regiment 21/Division 3 = Regiment 21/Division 2.

**Regiment 22**
-Regiment 22/Division 3 = Regiment 22/Division 3.

**Regiment 24**
-Regiment 24/Division 304: Regiment 24(A)/Division 304(A) also former Regiment 42 MR Tả Ngạn, moved to the South 1965. Regiment 24B/Division 304B established in the North and became official Regiment 24/Division 304.
-Regiment 24/B3 = Regiment 24/Division 10.
-Regiment 24B/Division 304B: established Aug 1965 became official Regiment 24/Division 304.

**Regiment 25**

**Regiment 27**
-Regiment 27/Division 320B, AKA Regiment “Triệu Hải”: Established Feb 1968, under MR4 then transferred to B5. From Jun 1972 under Division 320B.
-Regiment 27/B5 = Regiment 27/Division 320B.

**Regiment 28**
-Regiment 28/B3: Established 1968. Under Division 10 when Division 10 established Late 1972. May 1973 separated from Division 10 to become independent regiment.
-Regiment 28/Division 10 = Regiment 28/B3

**Regiment 29**
-Regiment 29/Division 324 = Regiment 3/Division 324, also former Regiment 18C/Division 325C.
-Regiment 29/Division 968, AKA Regiment “Vinh Thành”: Established May 1974, then under Division 968.

**Regiment 31**
-Regiment 31/Division 2: also former Regiment 64/Division 320. Feb 1966 transferred to MR5 and redesignated as Regiment 31 Oct 1966 under Division 2.

**Regiment 32**

**Regiment 33**
-Regiment 33/B3 = Regiment 101B/Division 325B. Late 1968 moved to B2. Under Division 6/MR7 when Division 6 established.

**Regiment 36**
-Regiment 36/Division 308, AKA Regiment “Bắc Bắc”. Established in 1st Indochina War. Regiment 36A/Division 308 transferred to MR5 Feb 1968, Regiment 36B/Division 308 established in the North and became official Regiment 36/Division 308.
-Regiment 36A/Division 308: transferred to MR5 Feb 1968.
-Regiment 36B/Division 308B = Regiment 273/Division 341.
-Regiment 36/MR5 = Regiment 36A/Division 308.

**Regiment 38**
-Regiment 38/Division 2: also former Regiment 90/Division 324. Then separated from Division 324, transferred to MR5 and redesignated as Regiment 38. Jun 1973 under Division 2.

**Regiment 39**

**Regiment 42**
-Regiment 42 (1) = Regiment 24/Division 8: In 1965 joined Division 304(A) and redesignated as Regiment 24(A).
-Regiment 42 (2) = Regiment 24/Division 10, transferred to B3 Oct 1971.

**Regiment 46**

**Regiment 48**

**Regiment 52**
-Regiment 52/Division 320A (4): Under Division 320A, Jun 1972 separated from division, transferred to MR5. Then under Division 2 MR5. Jun 1973 separated from division, reorganized as Bri-
- Regiment 90/Division 320B = Regiment 90/Division 338: Late 1972 transferred to Division 341. Mar 1973 transferred to Division 308B (338).


- Regiment 52/Division 341 = Regiment 52/Division 320B.

- Regiment 52/Division 338 = Regiment 52/Division 320B.

- Regiment 90: under Division 320B when Division 320B established.

- Regiment 90/Division 324 = Regiment 38/Division 2.


- Regiment 95/Division 325, AKA Regiment "Nguyễn Thiện Thuật". Established in 1st Indochina War. Regiment 95(A)/Division 325(A) moved to the South late 1964. Regiment 95B/Division 325B moved to the South late 1965. Regiment 95C/Division 325C moved to the South early 1968. Regiment 95D/Division 325D established summer 1968 and late 1971 became official Regiment 95/Division 325.


- Regiment 95B/Division 325B: Established early 1964. Moved to Trị Thiên Dec 1965. Then transferred to B3. During 1975 period it also called "Regiment 95A" to distinguish from "Regiment 95B" which arrived B3 later ("Regiment 95B" is Regiment 95D).


- Regiment 95D/Division 325D: Established summer 1968. Fought in Trị Thiên in Division formation. From late 1969 to late 1971 on training duty. Nov 1971 reorganized and became official Regiment 95/Division 325. Early 1975 separated from Division 325 and transferred to B3. During 1975 period it also called "Regiment 95B" to distinguish from "Regiment 95A" which already in B3 ("Regiment 95A" is Regiment 95B).


- Regiment 101C/Division 325B: Established middle 1965, moved to Trị Thiên Dec 1965. Middle 1966 moved to Central Highlands combined with Regiment 101B to form Regiment 33.


became official Regiment 101/Division 325.

-Regiment 101/MR9 = Regiment 101D.

**Regiment 102**

-Regiment 102/Division 308, AKA Regiment "Thủ đô" (Capital). Established in 1st Indochina War.
-Regiment 102/Division 338 AKA Regiment 102B/Division 308B: Under Division 338 when Division 338 reorganized as combat Division 308B Jul 1972.
-Regiment 102B/Division 308B = Regiment 102/Division 338.

**Regiment 141**

-Regiment 141/Division 312, AKA Regiment "Ba Vì". Established in 1st Indochina War. Regiment 141A/Division 312 moved to the South 1966. Regiment 141B/Division 312 moved to the South 1968. Regiment 141/Division 312 then reestablished in the North.
-Regiment 141A/Division 312, moved to the South 1966 and redesignated as Regiment 14. Under Division 7 when Division 7 established Sep 1966. Both called as Regiment 141/Division 7 and Regiment 14/Division 7.
-Regiment 141/Division 2 = Regiment 141B/Division 312.
-Regiment 141/Division 3/MR5 = Regiment 141B/Division 312.
-Regiment 141/Division 7 = Regiment 141A/Division 312.

**Regiment 148**

-Regiment 148/Division 316, AKA Regiment Sơn La: Established in 1st Indochina War. Jun 1964 transferred from MR Tây Bắc (North West) to Division 316.

**Regiment 149**

-Regiment 149/Division 316: former Regiment 88B/Division 308B (Division 338) transferred to Division 316 and redesignated in 1973.

**Regiment 165**

-Regiment 165/Division 312, AKA Regiment "Lao Hà Yên": Established in 1st Indochina War. Regiment 165(A)/Division 312 moved to the South 1966. Regiment 165/Division 312 then reestablished in the North.
-Regiment 165/Division 7 = Regiment 12/Division 7.

**Regiment 174**

-Regiment 174/B3 = Regiment 174/Division 5.

**Regiment 176**

-Regiment 176: Established in Laos Mar 1973

**Regiment 201**


**Regiment 205**


**Regiment 207**


**Regiment 209**

-Regiment 209A/Division 312: moved to the South Jan 1968 and under Division 7.
-Regiment 209/Division 7 = Regiment 209A/Division 312.

**Regiment 238**

-Regiment 238/B5: under Quảng Trị Command in 1968. No more information

**Regiment 246**


**Regiment 266**


**Regiment 268**

-Regiment 268 under Sài Gòn - Gia Định Command: expanded from Battalion 268 in 1968, in 1970 reduced to battalion.

**Regiment 270**

-Regiment 270/B5 = Regiment 270/Division 341
-Regiment 270/Division 341B: AKA Regiment 57, redesignated and under Division 341B Mar 1975.

**Regiment 271**


-Regiment 271/Division 9 = Regiment 1/Division 9.


-Regiment 271B = Regiment 271/MR8.

Regiment 272

-Regiment 272/Division 9 = Regiment 2/Division 9.


Regiment 273

-Regiment 273/Division 341: also former Regiment 8 MR Tây Ngạn. Aug 1972 under Division 308B and redesignated as Regiment 36B. Feb 1973 transferred to Division 341 and redesignated as Regiment 273.


Regiment 274

-Regiment 274 AKA Regiment 4/Division 5. US designation only.

Regiment 275

-Regiment 275 AKA Regiment 5/Division 5. US designation only.

Regiment 320


Regiment 335


Regiment 803

-Regiment 803/Division 324 = Regiment 1/Division 324.

Regiment 812


-Regiment 812/Division 324 = Regiment 2/Division 324.

Regiment 866


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