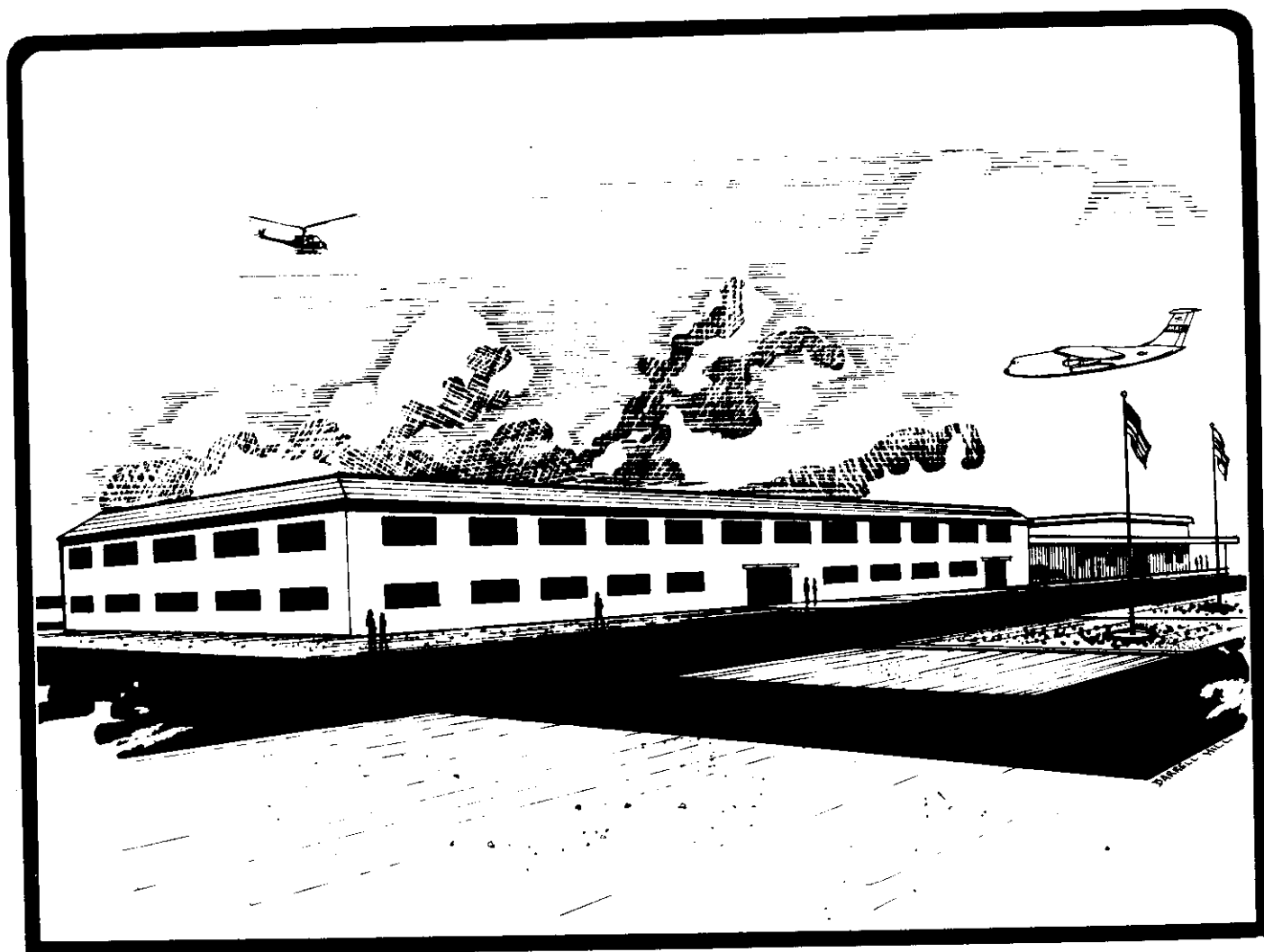


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This release has been prepared to present a review of the significant events occurring in this command during January 1968. It has been divided as follows:

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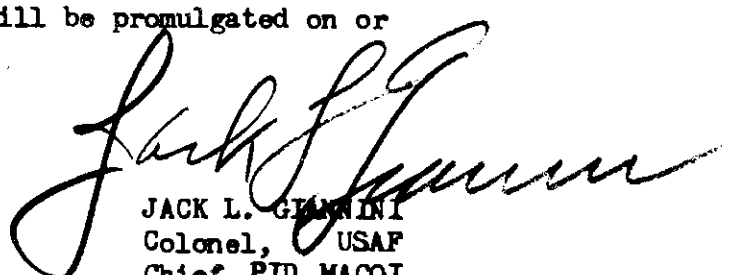
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G E N E R A L

The level of enemy activity fluctuated during the month of January. Characteristic enemy action included: attacks by fire, attempts to interdict lines of communications, sapper attacks, and large-scale infiltration of enemy units into major cities. The enemy activity increased sharply during the early part of the Tet holiday period as attacks were conducted against friendly installations in the central Corps area. In the early part of the month the enemy violated the New Year's standdown period by committing numerous major and minor incidents of terrorism and attacks by fire.

In the Demilitarized Zone region, elements of the enemy units were deployed in the area north of Con Thien and Gio Linh, and in the coastal area northeast of Dong Ha. The enemy forces sustained heavy casualties while conducting reconnaissance and probing actions in the Con Thien and Gio Linh area. The enemy used fire support to reinforce his attacks. Hostile forces located north and south of the Khe Sanh Combat Base continued reconnaissance activity, attacks by fire, and probing actions throughout the month. These activities climaxed on 21 January when the Khe Sanh village and the Huong Hoa District Headquarters were overrun. Enemy activity then declined until 20 January.

The enemy conducted several coordinated small-scale attacks southwest of Da Nang and in the Hoi An area on 3 January in the central I Corps area. On the same day, enemy forces launched a rocket attack on Da Nang Air Base. At the same time, in the Que Son area, elements of the North Vietnamese Army attacked several helicopter landing zones supporting Operation WHEELER/WALLONA. Two of these attacks were supported by 122mm rocket fire. No other significant activity occurred until the Lunar New Year.

Beginning in the early morning hours of 30 January, the enemy launched a series of coordinated attacks against major military installations and population centers.

In the coastal areas of II Corps, friendly units contacted elements of a North Vietnamese Division in Binh Dinh Province. The enemy forces suffered a significant reduction in their combat effectiveness as they experienced substantial losses during simultaneous attacks on principal areas of population throughout

the Corps. From 3 to 5 January, Dak To Airfield received three mortar attacks. On 10 January, an estimated enemy battalion, supported by sappers carrying satchel charges, attacked Kontum Airfield. On 11 January, a village northwest of Kontum City was attacked by enemy forces in the area. In central Kontum Province, the enemy ambushed a friendly convoy on Highway 14 during 15 January. On 30 January, the enemy initiated offensive activity in the Kontum City area with attacks by fire and large-scale infiltration into the city. This high level of enemy activity continued throughout the rest of the month.

Friendly forces contacted an estimated enemy battalion northwest of Pleiku City on 1 January; 47 enemy were killed. A 40 vehicle convoy traveling on Highway 19 east of the city was ambushed by enemy forces on 15 January. From 19 to 27 January, enemy units conducted attacks by fire and abortive ground attacks in the Pleiku City and Camp Holloway area. Friendly installations in the Pleiku City area received attacks by fire followed by enemy infiltration into the city on 30 January. By 31 January, the city was again under friendly control.

During the month, the enemy conducted three attacks against friendly installations in the Ban Me Thuot area. On 21 and 24 January, enemy forces attacked friendly hamlets northeast and southeast of Ban Me Thuot. There were 51 friendly killed. Enemy casualties are unknown.

On the coast, heavy contacts were made with enemy elements in Binh Dinh Province. On 30 and 31 January, enemy forces initiated mortar attacks against a landing zone and an ARVN compound at Phu My and an army supply depot in Qui Nhon. On 30 January, enemy units attacked military installations and villages in Ninh Hoa and Nha Trang. In the lower half of the Corps area, enemy activity remained at a low level. However, on 31 January when Phan Thiet was attacked by mortar fire and a ground assault, defenders killed 120 enemy.

Enemy activity increased sharply in the III Corps area during the month, especially during the Tet holiday period. The enemy committed 23 major incidents during the 31 December to 2 January New Year's standdown period. The most significant of these was the 2 January attack against positions of the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division in northeast Tay Ninh Province. The attack was conducted by an estimated Viet Cong Division and resulted in 401 enemy killed. On 31 January, during the Tet holiday period, enemy forces attacked friendly installations in the Bien Hoa and Long Binh area. Other elements of Viet Cong forces conducted attacks in the Saigon and Tan Son Nhut area. The attacks in the Saigon area on 31 January resulted in approximately 700 enemy killed.

In IV Corps, the enemy initiated small-scale attacks on friendly forces during the early part of the month. During the New Year's standdown period, the enemy committed 14 major and 29 minor incidents. On 4 January, in Dinh Tuong Province, elements of the 7th ARVN Infantry Division captured an enemy soldier, who subsequently led friendly forces to 41 enemy weapons caches. Uncovered in one of the weapons caches were fifty-five 120mm mortar rounds. On 6 January, the enemy conducted minor coordinated attacks in Vinh Binh Province. On 8 January, enemy coordinated activity was noted in five provinces throughout IV Corps. Operation CORONADO IX, which commenced on 2 November, terminated in Dinh Tuong Province on 17 January. Cumulative results were 259 enemy killed and 59 detainees. Enemy activity subsided after mid-January. Starting again on 29, 30 and 31 January, the enemy conducted widespread attacks against district towns, friendly defensive positions and airfields throughout the Corps area. Preliminary reports indicated 413 enemy soldiers were killed during the three-day period.

In air action over North Vietnam, daily missions were flown by U.S. Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps pilots. They struck major airfields, highway and railroad bridges, railroads, boat yards, and other lines of communication throughout the Hanoi, Haiphong and Panhandle areas of North Vietnam. Monsoon weather continued to be a factor.

U.S. and other Free World Forces curtailed offensive operations at 1800 hours on 29 January in accordance with the planned 36-hour stand-down during the Tet period. Bombing was stopped north of Vinh and south of the I Corps area. The Government of the Republic of Vietnam was forced by enemy actions to cancel the standdown truce at 0930 hours on 30 January. U.S. and other Free World Military Assistance Forces ended their defensive posture after repeated attacks by North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces throughout the Republic. However, air strikes north of Vinh in North Vietnam were not resumed until the last day of the month.

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There were approximately 15,217 enemy killed during the month of January in the Republic. This is the highest number of enemy reported killed during any one month of this conflict.

There were 1,033 Hoi Chanh during the month of January (Military 761; Political 255; Other 17). The highest monthly figures during the conflict were in March 1967 with a total of 5,557 Hoi Chanh (Military 3,552; Political 1,573; Other 432).

U.S., RVNAF and other Free World Military Assistance Forces casualty reports for January totalled 1,996 killed. The breakdown of the Allied killed is: U.S. 821; RVNAF 1,030; and other FWMAF 145.

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G R O U N D O P E R A T I O N S

I CORPS/III MAF

Throughout I Corps during the month, several ground engagements developed while Marine Corps and Army units searched out enemy forces. Action was reported moderate to heavy in the northernmost province of the Republic while the enemy increased their rocket attacks against Marine Corps base areas just below the Demilitarized Zone, concentrating mainly on the Marine combat base at Khe Sanh. As was apparent during the latter part of the old year, the enemy forces began a major build-up in the Khe Sanh area which continued throughout the first month of the new year. Reaction to this build-up was positive and severe, with U.S. Marine Corps, Air Force and Navy aviators directing air strikes onto the enemy positions. Artillery units continued round-the-clock support of the defenders of the combat base.

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In Operation WHEELER/WALLOWA during the month, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) units from the AMERICAL Division killed 1,425 enemy with the loss of 127 Cav troopers. The operation, being conducted in Quang Tin and Quang Nam Provinces, was supported by 646 direct air support sorties and 93 naval gunfire missions.

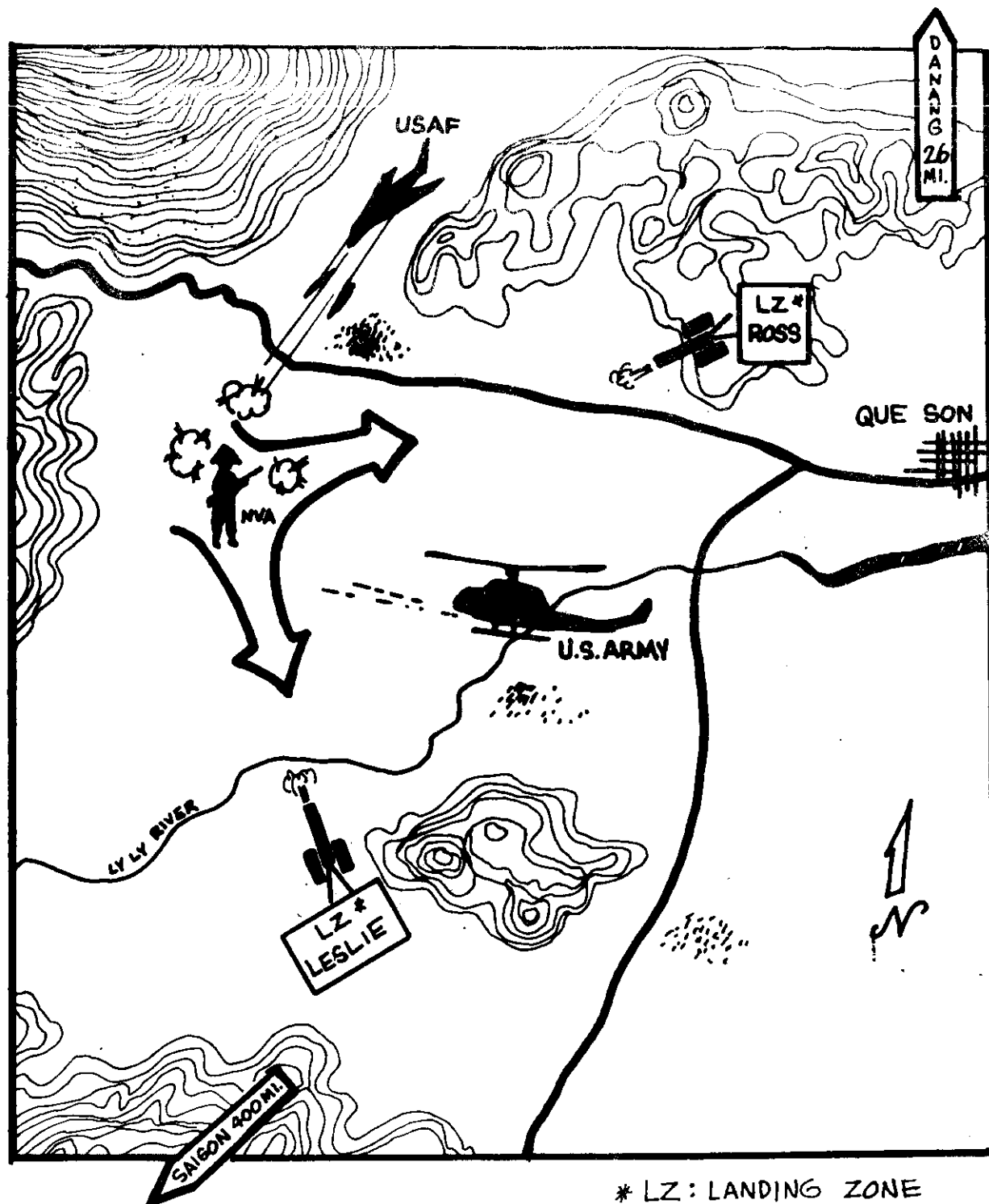
The major battle during the month in this operation took place on 3 January. Elements of two North Vietnamese Army regiments attacked two AMERICAL Division positions and suffered heavily in unsuccessful attempts to overrun the U.S. positions. Two hundred and eight-seven North Vietnamese Army soldiers lost their lives in the actions.

After firing intense mortar, recoilless rifle and artillery fire into Landing Zones (LZ's) "Ross" and "Leslie", the NVA units followed the attacks by fire with ground attacks against the perimeters of the fortified LZ's.

At one point the enemy forces penetrated the perimeter at LZ "Leslie", but were driven out by the defenders. The barrels of 105mm howitzers were lowered to the horizontal, and fired high explosive ordnance point-blank into the attacking enemy. Although two other landing zones nearby received mortar attacks, the enemy concentrated his ground attacks on "Ross" and "Leslie".

THE U.S. ARMY'S AMERICAL DIVISION KILL **287 NVA** AND CAPTURE **107 WEAPONS**

IN DEFENSE OF THEIR POSITIONS, TROOPERS FROM THE 3RD BRIGADE, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE), SUPPORTED BY HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS, ARTILLERY, AND U.S.A.F. FIGHTER PLANES, KILLED 287 NVA SOLDIERS FROM THE 3RD AND 21ST REGIMENTS, 2ND NVA DIVISION. THE ACTION IN THE QUE SON VALLEY ALSO COST THE ENEMY 87 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS AND 20 CREW-SERVED WEAPONS.



* LZ : LANDING ZONE

Throughout the action, the AMERICAL soldiers of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) defending the landing zones were supported by U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships and U.S. Air Force tactical aircraft.

In addition to the 287 killed, the North Vietnamese lost 87 individual (rifles, carbines and submachine guns) and 20 crew-served (machine guns, mortars and recoilless rifles) weapons.

The AMERICAL Division units lost 17 soldiers for a kill ratio of 16.9 to 1.

In another action, AMERICAL Division infantrymen killed 147 enemy 21 miles northwest of Tam Ky on 7 January. Two companies, supported by artillery and helicopter gunships, engaged an unknown size enemy force. The enemy employed heavy mortar and recoilless rifle fire against the AMERICAL troops.

During the 10-hour battle, 147 enemy were killed, many as a result of supporting arms. Eight U.S. cavalrymen were killed in the action and 44 were wounded and medevaced.

Throughout the remainder of the month, action was reported as moderate in this area.

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Enemy action increased sharply throughout the month in Operation SCOTLAND which is being conducted by elements of the 3rd Marine Division. The operation has been underway since 31 October 1967. It was apparent during December that the enemy was massing troops in the Khe Sanh area and the build-up continued during the first month of the new year. During January 382 enemy were reported killed by the Leathernecks. Twenty-eight Marines died in their search and destroy missions and when their combat bases were subjected to enemy fire. The enemy employed heavy rocket and mortar attacks against the combat base at Khe Sanh throughout the month which continued into February. Aviators flew 643 tactical air strikes in support of the SCOTLAND troopers.

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In Operation KENTUCKY, Leathernecks from the 3rd Marine Division reported killing 378 enemy during the month at the cost of 30 of their own killed. The ground forces were supported by 323 tactical air sorties throughout the month.

The most significant battle of the month in this operation took place on 18 January. Elements of the 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division killed 162 enemy in a six-hour fight just south of the Demilitarized Zone.

At 0945 hours, a company from the 4th Marines on a sweep mission, made contact with an estimated reinforced enemy platoon 3 kilometers northeast of Con Thien (about one and a half miles south of the Demilitarized Zone). The two forces exchanged small arms and automatic weapons fire, while another Marine company which had been in blocking positions maneuvered to reinforce the company in contact. During the action, both companies received enemy artillery fire. Sixty-seven rounds of 100mm artillery fire impacted in their positions.

Artillery and helicopter gunships originally supporting the action had to cease close support for a time due to the close contact established. Three hours later the Marines reported the enemy unit was a reinforced company supported by RPG rocket-grenades and mortars in addition to the artillery.

Both Marine companies in contact continued to press the attack against the enemy force and a platoon from a third company was inserted in a blocking position to the east, while artillery and helicopter gunships resumed their close support.

The enemy began disengagement at approximately 1600 hours and by 1710 the Marine units had established a defensive perimeter for the night.

While killing the 162 enemy, the Marines sustained eight killed and 39 wounded (medevac).

Throughout the month, mortar and rocket attacks continued against the combat base areas in Operation KENTUCKY. Ground action during the latter part of the month decreased slightly and continued at this level into February.

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The 1st and 3rd Brigades, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) initiated Operation JEB STUART in southern Quang Tri and northern Thua Thien Provinces on 22 January.

The first significant engagement took place on the day the operation commenced when cavalry elements engaged an enemy force of unknown size 10 kilometers southeast of Quang Tri City. In the ensuing fire fight, 52 enemy were killed. One

U.S. cavalryman was wounded and evacuated during the action.

Quang Tri City came under enemy attack on 31 January and JEB STUART forces reacted. Elements of the 101st Airborne Division, supported by helicopter gunships and aerial artillery, battled elements of the 812th Regiment, 325B North Vietnamese Army Division throughout the afternoon. Results of the action were 82 enemy killed and one detained. Four enemy individual and three crew-served weapons were captured.

In another engagement on 31 January, elements of the 1st Cavalry made contact several times during the early evening with enemy forces west of Hue. The cumulative results of these contacts were 103 enemy killed and eight individual weapons and one B-40 rocket launcher captured. There were no U.S. casualties.

In all, 578 enemy were killed and 15 suspects detained during the month. Twenty-three U.S. soldiers were killed and 144 wounded. Air crews supported the operation with 15 tactical air sorties.

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II CORPS/I FFV:

Action was reported as light to moderate in the Corps area although there were daily engagements. Operations PERSHING and MACARTHUR forces recorded the heaviest action, while other operations continued with light action.

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Operation PERSHING forces were active during the month killing 323 enemy in Binh Dinh Province. The U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) troops conducting the operation lost 12 of their own killed. The operation, which was initiated on 12 February 1967, terminated on 19 January of the new year.

The most significant action during the month was on 2 and 3 January in the Bong Son area. Elements of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) killed 79 enemy in a two-day battle along the eastern shore of Dam Trao Lake, 20 kilometers southeast of Bong Son.

The engagement began at 1045 hours on 2 January when a company of mechanized infantry sweeping the area engaged an estimated enemy company employing small arms and automatic weapons fire. The U.S. company in contact was reinforced by another company of mechanized infantry and three air cavalry companies. The battle continued throughout the day.

In the afternoon, U.S. Army aerial rocket artillery, helicopter gunships, artillery and U.S. Air Force tactical air strikes supported the ground forces in contact. The enemy broke contact after heavy air and ground strikes were conducted on their positions.

On 3 January, after pre-striking the area, the cavalrymen resumed sweeping the 2 January contact area. The U.S. force met with light and sporadic contact from 1000 to 1130 hours when the enemy broke contact.

Seventy-nine enemy were killed and two suspects detained during the battle. The Cavalrymen also reported 25 individual and seven crew-served weapons captured. U.S. casualties were six killed and 33 wounded.

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Action increased within Operation MACARTHUR during the month. Two hundred and thirty-six enemy were killed by units of the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division who lost 32 Infantrymen. One thousand and eighty-seven tactical air support sorties were flown in

support of the operation being conducted in Kontum, Pleiku and Darlac Provinces.

On 15 January, 13 enemy were killed and four detained in an unsuccessful ambush on a resupply convoy of 40 vehicles.

The abortive attack, involving an unknown size enemy force, occurred on Highway 19E, 40 kilometers west of An Khe. The enemy initiated the attack by employing three command detonated mines, then fired on the convoy using small arms and automatic weapons. The enemy broke contact just before noon after a quick reaction force consisting of cavalry and artillery elements of the 4th Infantry Division was inserted.

U.S. forces sustained 10 wounded. Damage to equipment was termed light. Enemy casualties are unknown.

Two companies from the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division received 75mm recoilless rifle and mortar fire on 20 January shortly after mid-night while occupying field positions 15 kilometers west of Dak To.

The units were mortared again at 0405 hours. Shortly thereafter one of the companies made contact with an unknown size enemy force. Army artillery and Air Force tactical aircraft supported the action and contact was maintained until 1050 hours.

The two companies linked up at that time and the enemy broke contact.

Twenty-one enemy were killed during the early morning battle. U.S. casualties were 23 wounded (medevaced) and three lightly wounded, treated and returned to duty.

The bodies of 12 North Vietnamese Army soldiers were found on 23 January 17 kilometers west of Pleiku City by elements of the U.S. Army's 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division. The bodies were discovered in an area where U.S. forces had contacted an enemy force of unknown size the previous day.

In addition to finding the 12 enemy dead, one suspect was detained by the Infantrymen who also captured the following arms and ammunition: one individual and two crew-served weapons, 25 mines and grenades, 20 rounds of 82mm mortar ammunition, three B-40 rocket rounds, 300-400 rounds of small arms ammunition, and 30 packs.

Action remained light to moderate during the remainder of the month.

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On 23 January, elements of the Capital ROK Infantry Division made contact with an enemy force in the vicinity of Phu Cat, 14 miles northwest of Qui Nhon and killed 278 enemy soldiers during the next five days.

Reacting swiftly, the Koreans deployed six companies in an encircling maneuver and trapped the enemy force in their cordon. The Republic of Korea troops were from the 1st Regiment, Capital ROK Infantry Division.

Before nightfall on the 23rd, two platoons from the 1st Battalion 69th Armor, normally attached to the U.S. 4th Infantry Division, had deployed into the cordon from positions along Route 19 to the west. In addition, two platoons of mechanized infantry in armored personnel carriers from the 1st Battalion 50th Infantry, normally attached to the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division, deployed into the northwest portion of the cordon from northern Binh Dinh Province.

Gradually tightening the circle through the next five days, the Korean troops fought the enemy during the day and maintained their tight cordon at night preventing the enemy's escape.

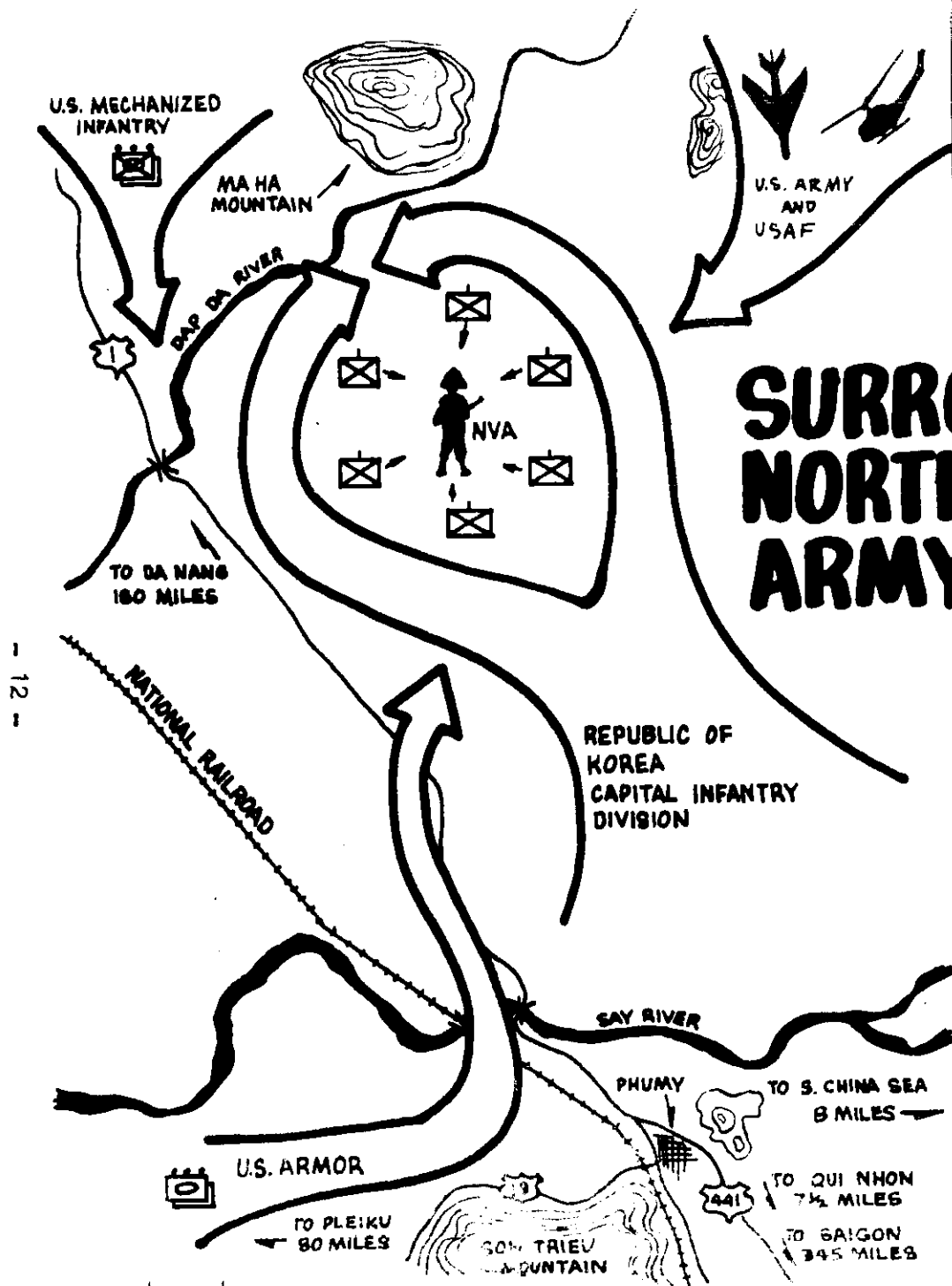
The enemy force was identified as at least two companies of the 9th Battalion, 18th Regiment, 3rd North Vietnamese Army Division.

During the engagement, the forces in contact were supported by U.S. Air Force tactical aircraft and U.S. Army helicopter gunships.

While killing the 278 enemy, the Korean forces suffered 11 killed and 25 wounded. The kill ratio for the engagement was 25.3 enemy to 1 Korean. There were no U.S. casualties reported.

In addition, 145 enemy individual and 21 crew-served weapons were captured. Eleven North Vietnamese Army suspects were detained.

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**IN SIX DAYS, 23-29 JAN.
ROK CAPITAL
INFANTRY DIVISION**

SUPPORTED BY U.S. ARMY ARMOR, MECHANIZED
INFANTRY AND HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS AND
U.S. AIRFORCE TACTICAL AIRCRAFT

SURROUND AND KILL 278 NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY REGULARS

ALLIES:

- 6 ROK INFANTRY COMPANIES
- 2 U.S. TANK PLATOONS
- 2 U.S. MECHANIZED INFANTRY PLATOONS
- U.S. ARMY HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS
- U.S. AIRFORCE TACTICAL AIRCRAFT

ENEMY:

- 9th BATTALION, 18th REGIMENT,
3rd NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY DIVISION

☒ INFANTRY COMPANY

☒ MECHANIZED INFANTRY PLATOON

☒ TANK PLATOON

III CORPS/II FFV:

Throughout the first half of January, III Corps reported light to moderate action, but enemy action increased sharply as the month neared an end.

On 31 January, Saigon became a battleground for the first time. U.S., ARVN and other Free World Military Assistance Forces fought the enemy in the streets of Saigon and Cholon, and the action continued into the first days of February. Scenes of major action were in the vicinity of Phu Tho race track, Tan Son Nhut Air Force Base, the U.S. Embassy and BOQ 3.

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The highest number of enemy killed in the III Corps area during January was reported in Operation YELLOWSTONE. The enemy initiated heavy attacks against base camps of the 25th Infantry Division throughout the month, but failed to achieve a military victory in the area. The month's action can best be described as almost daily moderate contacts. The enemy lost 780 soldiers killed while U.S. losses totalled 73 Infantrymen killed in action.

Four battalions of Main Force Viet Cong failed to overrun a fire support base of the 25th Infantry Division and lost 382 of their number in their effort on 1 January. The Viet Cong launched their attack during the afternoon, hours before the termination of their announced New Year's standdown period.

The attack began with a mortar and rocket-grenade barrage lasting through the afternoon and evening. Then shortly before midnight, still before the end of the truce, two battalions each from the 271st and 272nd Main Force Viet Cong Regiments, launched human wave assaults against the fire support base perimeter.

The defenders from the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, repelled the enemy's attacks with small arms, automatic weapons, hand grenades and supporting fire. The tubes of the howitzers were lowered and 105mm rounds were fired directly into the Viet Cong attackers. Additional fire support was provided by U.S. Army helicopter gunships and U.S. Air Force tactical aircraft who bombed and strafed enemy positions and escape routes.

U.S. casualties were 23 killed and 153 wounded. In addition to the 382 enemy killed, they lost 87 individual (rifles, carbines, sub-machineguns) and 29 crew-served weapons (machineguns, mortars, recoilless rifles).

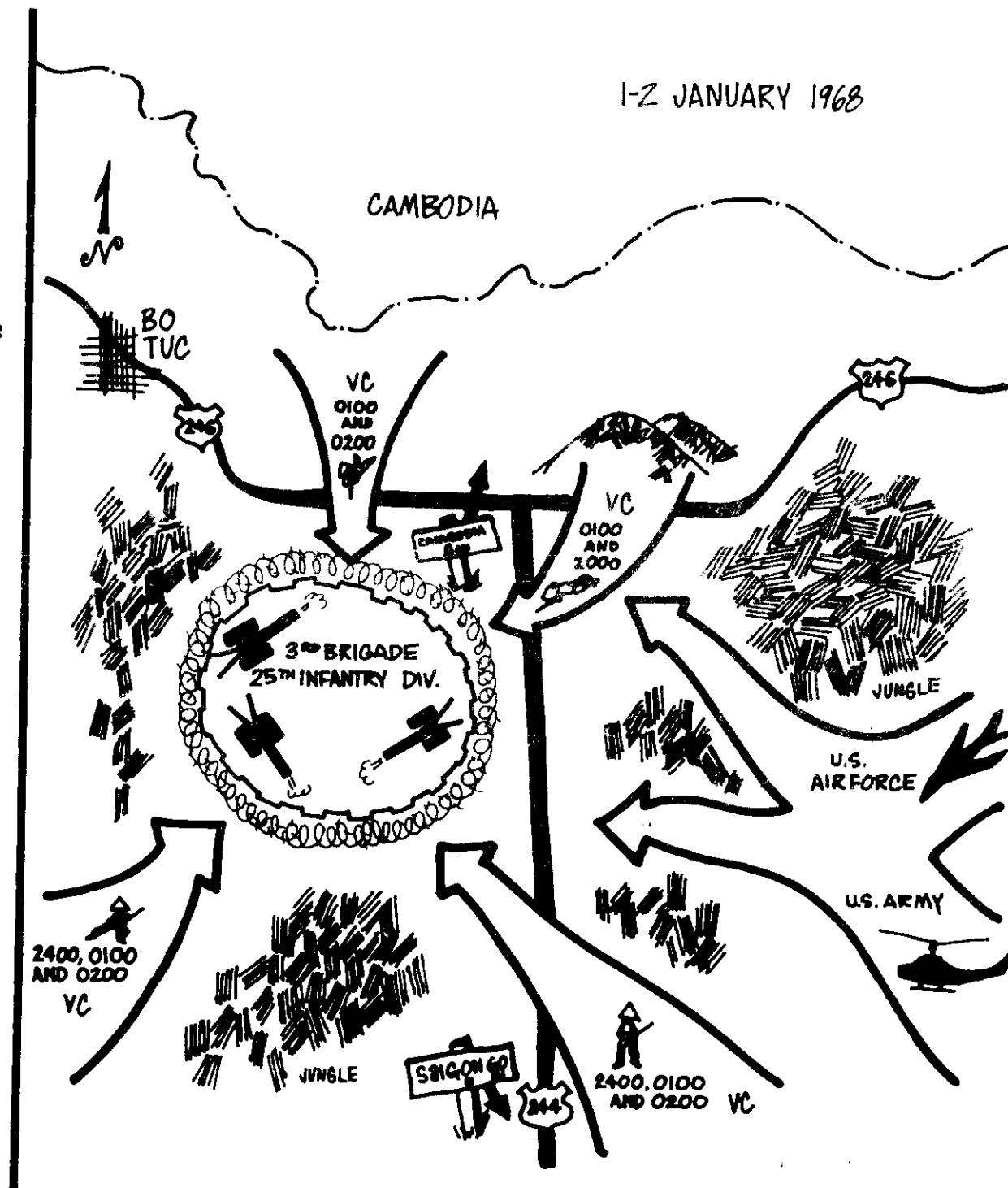
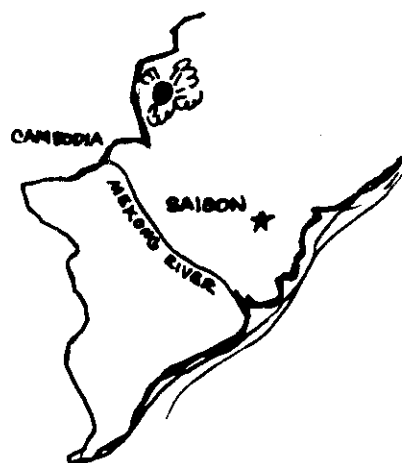
On 5 January, elements of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division killed 68 enemy during an assault of a contested landing zone. The incident occurred 49 kilometers northeast of Tay Ninh City.

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25th INFANTRY DIVISION

SUPPORTED BY
U.S. ARMY HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS
U.S. ARMY ARTILLERY
U.S.A.F. TACTICAL AIRCRAFT
KILLED 382 ENEMY
IDENTIFIED AS BELONGING
TO TWO MAIN FORCE UNITS:
271ST VC REGIMENT
272ND VC REGIMENT

IN ADDITION, U.S. INFANTRYMEN
CAPTURED 116 WEAPONS
FROM THE VIET CONG



At 0920 hours, a 1st Brigade company engaged an unknown size enemy force in fortified positions and exchanged small arms and automatic weapons fire. Later in the morning, another company reinforced the unit in contact and engaged an estimated enemy platoon. The engagement lasted until 1523 hours when the enemy broke contact.

Sixty-eight enemy and 10 U.S. soldiers were killed in the action; 10 Infantrymen were wounded (medevaced) and four lightly wounded troopers were treated and returned to duty.

During the day, three UH-1 helicopters were hit by ground fire and downed while supporting the 25th Division operation.

Only light scattered action occurred during the rest of the month.

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Elements of the 25th Infantry Division conducting Operation SARATOGA in Hau Nghia Province reported light to moderate contacts with the hostile forces throughout the month. Three hundred and seventy-five enemy were killed by the U.S. forces at a cost of 44 Infantrymen killed. Two hundred and thirty-four tactical air sorties were flown in support of the operation during the month.

Early on the morning of 10 January, 103 enemy were killed by an element of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. The Viet Cong were killed during an abortive attempt to overrun a battalion command post 39 kilometers northwest of Saigon.

At 0200 hours, an estimated battalion of Viet Cong launched an attack against the command post's perimeter, employing mortar and rocket-grenade fire in support of the attacking force. An Air Force AC-47 "Dragonship" supported the U.S. Forces with flares and minigun fire. Army artillery elements also fired in support of the command post, firing directly into the attacking enemy. The enemy broke contact and withdrew at 0520 hours.

In addition to killing the 103 Viet Cong, the Infantrymen detained two suspects and captured 10 crew-served and 11 individual weapons. Five U.S. soldiers were killed and 28 wounded (medevaced).

During a two-hour battle, some 23 miles northwest of Saigon, units of the 25th Infantry Division made contact with an unknown size enemy force and killed 63, on 22 January. U.S. casualties were one killed and eight wounded (medevaced).

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Operation LAM SON 67 terminated on the last day of January. During the month, the 1st Infantry Division forces reported killing 144 enemy in Binh Duong and Bien Hoa Provinces. Action in the area was characterized by light to moderate engagements.

The final results for the operation, which was initiated on 8 February 1967, were 283 enemy killed and 2,204 detained. U.S. casualties were 59 killed and 576 wounded.

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Operation COBURG was initiated on 23 January and carried over into the month of February. During the last nine days of January, elements of the 1st Australian Task Force operating in Phuoc Tuy Province reported killing 169 enemy soldiers. In the same period, 11 of the Free World Military Assistance Forces troops were killed. The operation received support of 91 tactical air sorties.

Action during the month was recorded as light to moderate with the heaviest fighting during the Tet offensive.

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IV CORPS AREA

Light and widely scattered actions best characterizes the contacts made with the enemy in IV Corps. Records contain no significant action for the month, except during Tet.

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Operation CORONADO IX terminated on 17 January with a final result of 259 enemy killed and two U.S. Infantrymen killed. As CORONADO IX came to a close, Operation CORONADO X was initiated.

During the month, 90 enemy were killed during both of the operations.

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On 29, 30 and 31 January, the enemy forces conducted a series of wide-spread attacks on military installations throughout the IV Corps area. Reports show that 413 enemy were killed by Allied forces during the three-day period.

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A I R O P E R A T I O N S

A I R N O R T H

Major railroad yards, bridges, airfields, storage areas and lines of communication continued as targets throughout the month in North Vietnam. U.S. Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy pilots were limited to the Panhandle much of the time due to poor weather conditions. Many strikes employed radar bombing techniques.

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During the month, Air Force pilots flew 1,206 missions over North Vietnam, Marine pilots flew 834, and Navy pilots logged another 741 for a total of 2,781 missions during January.

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Air Force pilots downed two MIG-17s in the vicinity of Hanoi on 3 January. Other Air Force pilots struck the Trung Quan railroad yard 11 kilometers northeast of Hanoi and attacked the runway at Kep airfield 95 kilometers east-northeast of the capital city. The following day Ha Gia railroad and bypass bridge 32 kilometers north of Hanoi and the Lang Son railroad and highway bridge 128 kilometers northeast of the city were struck by Air Force pilots.

Air Force pilots bombed the Lang Son railroad bridge located 131 kilometers northeast of Hanoi, on 5 January. Other pilots reported cratering Kep airfield 60 kilometers north-east of the capital city. Pilots returned to strike Kep airfield on 7 January, but weather prevented the bomb damage assessment.

On 16 January, Air Force pilots flew 38 missions over the North and reported destroying one mile of railroad track on the Mo Trang railroad 62 kilometers north-northeast of Hanoi and hitting the Som Bai barracks 69 kilometers west-northwest of Hanoi.

Strikes were limited to the Panhandle on 17 January.

A 50-truck convoy was heavily damaged by Air Force pilots, along with 10-15 railroad cars 15-56 kilometers north-northeast of Thanh Hoa on 19 January.

Air Force pilots hit Hoa Lac airfield 32 kilometers west of Hanoi. They also dropped two spans of a highway bridge six kilometers south of Dong Hoi on 27 January.

Seventeen military structures and 18 barges were destroyed by Phantom crews in an area 16-68 kilometers southeast of Dong Hoi on 27 January.

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Marine Corps aviators struck the Hoa Binh army barracks 48 kilometers southwest of Hanoi on 3 January. The following day, the Marines hit the Xinh Yen army barracks and the Vinh cave storage area. They also reported secondary explosions at the Som Tra railroad yard 131 kilometers northwest of Hanoi.

Two secondary explosions were set off by Marine Corps pilots at the Cat Bi airfield five kilometers southeast of Haiphong on 8 January.

Phu Ly bypass bridge and a railroad yard 130 kilometers northwest of Hanoi were targets on 11 January. On 12 January, Marine Corps pilots hit Co Trai railroad and highway bridge 32 kilometers south of Hanoi, Hoa Binh military installation 50 kilometers southwest of Hanoi and My Trach highway ferry 19 kilometers south of Thanh Hoa.

On 17 January, Marine pilots bombed Hon Gai ferry complex 32 kilometers northeast of Haiphong and a railroad yard 30 kilometers south of Hanoi.

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Navy aviators destroyed or damaged over 80 railroad cars, 70 watercraft and 30 trucks, dropped two spans of a railroad bridge and damaged four other bridges on 2 January. The following day, the air crews scored two direct hits on the Hai Duong railroad and highway bridge 34 kilometers west-northwest of Haiphong and damaged the Kien An highway bridge three kilometers southwest of Haiphong.

Direct hits were reported on the Yen Ha transshipment point 53 kilometers northeast of Thanh Hoa on 4 January. The same day, other pilots hit the Hanoi railroad and highway bridge five kilometers north of Hanoi, the Phu Thi ferry 19 kilometers south-southeast of Hanoi and destroyed the Haiphong highway bypass bridge ferry.

Numerous secondary explosions were reported as Navy aviators hit the Thanh Hoa transshipment point and the Thanh Hoa railroad yard three kilometers southwest of the city on 5 January. Four locomotives, 34 railroad cars and 36 watercraft near Thanh Hoa were destroyed or damaged the following day by other Navy fliers.

On 9 January, pilots reported cratering the runway at Haiphong's Cat Bi airfield.

Cam Pha mining region 48 kilometers east-northeast of Haiphong was the target for Navy pilots on 11 January.

On 15 January, Navy pilots hit Nam Dinh railroad yard, Dong Phuong Thuong railroad siding and the Chau Cau barracks area. No bomb damage assessment was reported. The next day, pilots reported dropping the Thuc Hoa highway-bypass bridges 77 kilometers south-southwest of Haiphong and hitting the Da Chong barge repair facility 61 kilometers east-northeast of the same city.

Navy pilots dropped the center span of the Dong Phuong Thuong railroad bypass bridge and cratered both approaches to the Ky An highway bridge 85 kilometers north-northwest of Dong Hoi on 18 January. The following day, pilots reported destroying the Thi Long railroad bridge and bypass bridge 32 kilometers south of Thanh Hoa and dropping the northern and center spans of the Dong Phuong Thuong highway bridge 19 kilometers north-northeast of Thanh Hoa.

Hon Gai thermal power plant 43 kilometers east-northeast of Haiphong was the target for Navy aviators on 20 January. On 21 January, Navy pilots cratered both approaches to a highway ferry 64 kilometers north-northwest of Vinh.

On 24 January, pilots heavily damaged a railroad siding 24 kilometers south-southwest of Thanh Hoa.

Returning to the North on 27 January, pilots reported heavily damaging a transshipment point 56 kilometers southwest of Haiphong and hitting the Vinh Loc railroad and highway bridge 59 kilometers south-southwest of Thanh Hoa.

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AIR SOUTH

U.S. Air Force pilots flew 11,501 tactical air sorties throughout the Republic of Vietnam in support of Allied ground forces while Marine Corps pilots logged 7,856 sorties and Navy pilots added another 503 sorties for a grand total of 19,860 tactical air sorties during the month.

The air crews reported killing more than 284 enemy while damaging or destroying numerous emplacements and artillery, mortar and automatic weapons positions. Their air-delivered ordnance also resulted in over 325 secondary explosions and more than 280 fires during the month.

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Eighty-one bombing missions were flown during the month by Air Force B-52 crews from the 22nd Bombardment Wing, March Air Force Base, Calif.; 28th Bombardment Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S. Dak., and the 99th Bombardment Wing, Westover Air Force Base, Mass. Of these missions, thirty were directed against targets in the Khe Sanh battle area.

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NAVAL OPERATIONS

NAVAL GUNFIRE NORTH VIETNAM

On 6 January, the cruiser USS CANBERRA set off a secondary explosion in a coastal defense site 18 kilometers southeast of Thanh Hoa and reported excellent coverage of a SAM site 13 kilometers south-southeast of that city, leaving two structures burning in the area.

The destroyer USS GOLDSBOROUGH destroyed or damaged 12 watercraft and set off a secondary explosion four kilometers east-northeast of Dong Hoi on 8 January, while on the same day the destroyer USS CHEVALIER destroyed a gun and ammunition magazine at a coastal defense site five kilometers north of the same city.

Five watercraft, four kilometers north of Dong Hoi, were destroyed or damaged by the destroyer USS GOLDSBOROUGH on 12 January. On 14 January, she destroyed three watercraft and heavily damaged another one while shelling a watercraft concentration 22 kilometers north-northwest of Dong Hoi.

The cruiser USS NEWPORT NEWS and the destroyer HMAS PERTH reported destroying two water supply craft 38 kilometers north-northwest of Vinh.

On 16 January, the destroyer USS GOLDSBOROUGH heavily damaged a newly reconstructed ferry landing and pier 31 kilometers north-northwest of Dong Hoi. She also destroyed or damaged 10 watercraft 22 kilometers north-northeast of Dong Hoi on the same day. The cruiser USS NEWPORT NEWS and destroyer HMAS PERTH destroyed nine watercraft 52 kilometers north-northeast of Vinh. The destroyer USS BLUE was active in the north on the same day as she destroyed an anti-aircraft site 23 kilometers north-northwest of Vinh and heavily damaged a coastal defense site 12 kilometers further north.

Eleven watercraft were destroyed or damaged by the destroyer USS GOLDSBOROUGH from 20 to 50 kilometers north-northwest of Dong Hoi on 17 January. The same day, the destroyer USS BLUE damaged a bridge and several buildings 20 kilometers north-northwest of Dong Hoi, and the cruiser USS NEWPORT NEWS and destroyer HMAS PERTH destroyed or damaged four supply boats in enemy targets 25 kilometers north-northwest of Vinh.

The destroyer HMAS PERTH destroyed or damaged 12 buildings in the Dong Hoi storage area. She also damaged Nam Lanh highway bridge 52 kilometers north-northwest of Dong Hoi on 23 January.

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NAVAL GUNFIRE DEMILITARIZED ZONE

The destroyer USS O'BANNON damaged two storage buildings five kilometers north of Gio Linh on 4 January.

On 8 January, the destroyer USS MANLEY damaged five enemy structures seven kilometers northwest of Gio Linh at an enemy bunker, storage and mortar position.

The cruiser USS CANERRA was active in the coastal areas of the Demilitarized Zone on 12 January as she fired on enemy bunkers seven kilometers northeast of Gio Linh destroying or damaging nine bunkers.

The destroyer USS MANLEY returned to the Demilitarized Zone on 16 January as she damaged three enemy support and storage buildings four kilometers north of Gio Linh and destroyed or damaged three support structures in the northern half of the Demilitarized Zone. The following day, the destroyer USS PHILIP destroyed two support buildings eight kilometers northeast of Gio Linh.

On 19 January, the destroyer USS MANLEY destroyed or damaged four support buildings six kilometers north-northeast of Gio Linh and destroyed one support building 12 kilometers north-northeast of Gio Linh. The next day the destroyer USS CHANDLER set off two fires in an artillery site in the Demilitarized Zone.

The destroyer USS EDWARDS set off two secondary explosions and one fire while shelling four artillery sites in the northern half of the Demilitarized Zone on 22 January. She also set off a secondary explosion in another artillery site five kilometers east-northeast of Gio Linh and secondary explosions in an enemy assembly area in the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone on 23 January.

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NAVAL GUNFIRE SOUTH VIETNAM

On 2 January, the rocket-firing ship USS CLARION RIVER destroyed or damaged 23 enemy structures and set off 14 fires

in an enemy area. The following day the destroyer USS ROBINSON destroyed four bunkers and one cave 51 kilometers northwest of Qui Nhon.

In an area 43 kilometers south-southeast of Saigon, the destroyer USS MASON destroyed two sampans and two bunkers on 6 January.

The USS CLARION RIVER destroyed or damaged 15 structures and set off six fires in an area 30 kilometers north-northwest of Qui Nhon on 7 January.

Sixty-seven structures and 15 bunkers were destroyed or damaged in an enemy bunker complex, assembly area, and storage position 11 kilometers south-southeast of Quang Ngai City on 8 January by the destroyer USS THOMASON.

The USS CLARION RIVER fired her rockets on targets 30 kilometers north-northwest of Qui Nhon destroying eight structures, damaging nine buildings and setting off three fires on 9 January. The following day she destroyed or damaged 12 structures and reported numerous fires in the same area.

On 12 January, the destroyer USS LOFBERG destroyed or damaged 37 enemy emplacements, and set numerous fires in an area 26 kilometers east-northeast of Phan Thiet.

A Seventh Fleet cruiser destroyed 18 support buildings 11 kilometers south-southeast of Da Nang on 13 January. She also damaged 15 emplacements, seven bunkers and ignited one secondary explosion in the area.

Fifty-two enemy structures were destroyed or damaged by the rocket-firing ship USS CLARION RIVER on 14 January, 29 kilometers north of Qui Nhon. The following day she reported killing 10 enemy soldiers 18 kilometers north-northwest of Qui Nhon and destroying or damaging 60 structures further north.

Ten enemy support buildings were destroyed on 17 January by the rocket-firing ship USS WHITE RIVER 29 kilometers north-northwest of Qui Nhon while firing on enemy positions. She also reported another 13 support buildings destroyed or damaged the following day, 18 kilometers north-northwest of the same city. Also on the 18th a Seventh Fleet cruiser destroyed five support buildings 27 kilometers south-southeast of Da Nang and damaged 15 support and storage buildings in the target area.

On 20 January, a Seventh Fleet cruiser destroyed 16 bunkers and 24 support structures 25 kilometers south-southeast of Da Nang

and reported two secondary explosions in the area. On the same day, the rocket-firing ship USS WHITE RIVER destroyed or damaged nine structures 19 kilometers north-northwest of Qui Nhon.

An underground storage facility 45 kilometers northwest of Phan Thiet was destroyed by the destroyer USS GOLDSBOROUGH, on 22 January. The next day she reported setting off a fire in an enemy supply area 145 kilometers east of Saigon.

On 27 January, a Seventh Fleet destroyer destroyed or damaged 15 structures 18 kilometers north-northeast of Hue. The destroyer USS CHANDLER set off two secondary explosions 17 kilometers north-northwest of Da Nang on the same day.

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The following is a brief day by day account of the significant actions during the month of January.

1 Jan (Monday)

- HQ MACV. (CMD) - US/FWMAF curtailed offensive opns fr 1800 31 Dec - 0600 2 Jan 1968. As of 1500 today, 43 incidents rept (16 significant). Results: 15 US wounded, 1 CIDG killed, 8 CIDG wounded. 16 EK.
- NVN. Recon mens flown over NVN. USMC & USAF pilots obs numerous convoys moving S. Trks not atkd. USN pilots rept over 200 trks, 130 rr cars & 100 barges fr N Thanh Hoa - S Vinh. None atkd.
- II FFV. (Tay Ninh Prov) - 3d Bde, 25th Inf Div base camp recd mort & hvy grd fire atk. Hel lt fire teams, tac air & arty sptd. 17 US WIA. En cas unk.
- US strike pilots flew 24 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 14 USMC 10). 2 EK.

2 Jan (Tuesday)

- HQ MACV. (CMD) - US & FWMAF curtailed offensive opns fr 1800 31 Dec - 0600 2 Jan 1968. At 0600, today, 110 incidents rept, 37 significant. Results: 27 US & 1 CIDG killed. 205 US & 9 CIDG wounded. 387 EK.
- NVN. US pilots flew 142 mens NVN (USN 64 USAF 44 USMC 34). USN pilots dest or dam over 80 cars, 70 watercraft & 30 trks & dropped 2 spans rr brg & dam 4 other brgs. USAF pilots dam 12 sup & stor struc, dest or dam 8 barges & silenced 6 gun pos. USN F-8 downed to unk causes, pilots rescued.

- WHEELER/WALLOW. (Quang Nam Prov) - 2 cos 3d Bde, 1st Cav Div engaged en force 12 km SE An Hoa. Another 3d Bde co & gunships reinf. 39 EK/3 US.
- BADGER TOOTH. Term.
- PERSHING. (Binh Dinh Prov) - 2d Bde, 1st Cav Div elms engaged en force 20 km SE Bong Son. Aerial rkt arty, arty, gunship & tac air sptd. 33 EK/5 US.
- I FFV. (Lam Dong Prov) - 1 VN civ killed & 13 US & 4 VN civ wounded by terrorist atk 150 km NE Saigon. Unk pers threw into bar at Bao Loc town. Terrorist escaped.
- KLAMATH FALLS. (Binh Thuan Prov) - 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div co engaged en force 3-hr battle, 68 km NNE Phan Thiet. En entrenched in prepared pos on high grd. En cas unk. 8 US WIA medevac, 3 WIA treated - ret to duty.
- YELLOWSTONE. (Tay Ninh Prov) - Army gunships pursuing VC forces, killed 20 en S & E 3d Bde, 25th Inf Div base camp.
- II FFV. (Tay Ninh Prov) - 3d Bde, 25th Inf Div base camp, recd another atk. Hel lt fire teams, tac air & arty sptd. 382 EK/23 US. En elms identified as 271st & 272d VC Main Force Regt.
- US strike pilots flew 462 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 351 USMC 111). BDA incl 18 sampans & numerous pos dest or dam. 14 secd explo & 7 fires rept.
- USA gunships killed 84 en & dest 16 pos RVN. UH-1 hel downed by grd fire. 3 US WIA medevac & 1 WIA treated - ret to duty.
- USMC gunships killed 6 en & flew 79 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck Binh Dinh Prov (49 km NNW Qui Nhon), Tay Ninh Prov (8 km NW Bo Tuc) & Thua Thien Prov (34 km NW A Chau).
- NGF-RVN. Rkt firing ship USS CLARION RIVER dest or dam 23 en struc & set off 14 fires in en area.
- Official acft loss figures: (fxd-wg) NVN 776 RVN 219
(hel) NVN 8 RVN 455

3 Jan (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 106 msns NVN (USAF 49 USMC 35 USN 22). USN pilots hit Hung Yen boatyd 51 km SE Hanoi; made 2 direct hits Hai Duong rr/hwy brg 34 km WNW Haiphong; dam Kien An hwy brg 3 km SW

Haiphong. USAF pilots claimed downing 2 MIG-17s vic Hanoi. Other AF pilots hit Trung Quan rr yd 11 km NE Hanoi; interdicted rnwy Kep afld 95 km ENE Hanoi & hit Lang Dang rr 103 km NE Hanoi. USMC pilots hit Hoa Binh army bks 48 km SW Hanoi. USN A-4 downed by grd fire, pilot MIA. USAF F-105 downed to MIG-21, pilot MIA.

- WHEELER/WALLOWA. (Quang Nam Prov) - AMERICAN Div elms engaged 3d/21st Regts 2d IVA Div 17 km SSE An Hoa. En atkd LZ "Leslie" & "Ross" wave formations & mort fire. 3 other pos atkd same time. 196 EK/17 US.
- RUBEN. Term. Final results: 37 EK/5 US.
- III MAF. (Quang Nam Prov) - 7th Mar Regt, 1st Mar Div bn & MACV compound Hieu Duc HQ recd hvy mort atk 0045. Fire ret & fire ceased. 1 US KIA. 14 US WIA medevac, 5 US WIA treated - ret to duty. 5 EK.
- PERSHING. (Binh Dinh Prov) 2d Bde, 1st Cav Div cont opn Dam Trao Lake area 20 km SE Bong Son. After tac air strike, units swept area 2 Jan battle. Lt & sporadic contact made during sweep. Results 2-day battle: 79 EK/6 US.
- II FFV. (Binh Duong Prov) - 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div bn base camp 44 km NNW Saigon recd 120 rds mort & 15 rds RPG rkt gren fire. Fire ret w/unk results. 9 US WD. medevac, 4 US WI. treated - ret to duty.
- US strike pilots flew 512 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 356 USMC 156). BDA incl 27 sampans & numerous pos dest or dam. 10 secd explo & 5 fires rept.
- US. gunships killed 94 en, dest 18 sampans & 18 pos RVN.
- USMC gunships flew 123 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck NVN (15 km NW Gio Linh), Quang Nam Prov (20 km SW Da Nang) & Tay Ninh Prov (90 km NW Saigon).
- NGF-RVN. DD ROBISON dest 4 bunkers & 1 cave 51 km NW Qui Nhon.
- III MAF. Da Nang AB recd approx 41 rds 122mm rkt fire 0400. Lt dam rept. 4 US pers wounded. AC-47 crew obs rkts being launched & fired into area. En cas unk.

4 Jan (Thursday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 135 msns NVN (USN 46 USAF 46 USMC 43). USN pilots hit Hanoi rr/hwy brg 5 km N Hanoi; hit Phu Thi ferry 19 km SSE Hanoi; Haiphong hwy by-pass ferry dest & rept direct hits Yen Ha transshipment point 53 km NE Thanh Hoa. USAF pilots hvy dam Ha Gia rr/by-pass brg 32 km N Hanoi; hit Lang Son rr/hwy brg 128 km NE Hanoi. USMC pilots hit Xinh Yen army bks, Vinh cave stor area & rept secd explo Som Tra rr yd 131 km NW Hanoi.
- NGF-DMZ. DD O'BANNON dam 2 stor bldgs 5 km N Gio Linh.

- WHEELER/WALLOWA. (Quang Nam Prov) - AMERICAL Div elms atkd by est 30 en 1035. SA, AW & mort fire exchanged. En cas unk. 2 US KIA/18 WIA.
- I FFV. (Binh Dinh Prov) - En atkd An Khe afld 30 rds mort fire. No cas rept. Lt dam.
- I FFV. (Darlac Prov) - En atkd Ban Me Thuot City afld w/20 rds mort & rkt fire. No cas rept. Mod dam.
- II FFV. (Binh Duong Prov) - 101st Abn Div elms engaged en force 35 km NNW Saigon & exchanged SA & AW fire. Other elms bde & gunships & arty reinf. 20 EK/7 US.
- II FFV. (Tay Ninh Prov) - Special Forces troops made contact w/en force 47 km NNW Tay Ninh City. SA & AW fire exchanged. Hel lt fire teams reinf. 10 EK. No US cas rept.
- SARATOGA. (Binh Duong Prov) - Tac air pilots had ordnance fall short on 2d Bde, 25th Inf Div pos. VNAF & USAF both involved in incidents. Investigation underway.
- US strike pilots flew 530 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 353 USMC 177). BDA incl 25 sampans & numerous pos dest or dam. 8 secd explo & 2 fires rept.
- USA gunships killed 63 en, dest 40 sampans & 29 pos. UH-1 downed by grd fire. 1 crewman injured. Hel hvy dam, recovered.
- USMC gunships flew 148 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck Tay Ninh Prov (95 km NW Saigon) & twice Quang Nam Prov (45 & 54 km SSW Da Nang).
- NGF-RVN. DD ROBISON set off secd explo 29 km NNW Qui Nhon & dam spt bldg en area.

5 Jan (Friday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 104 msns NVN (USAF 59 USMC 27 USN 18). USAF pilots dest Lang Son rr brg 131 km NE Hanoi; cratered Kep afld 60 km NE Hanoi. USN pilots rept numerous secd explo Thanh Hoa transshipment point & hit Thanh Hoa rr yd 3 km SW Thanh Hoa. 2 USAF F-105s downed over NVN, pilots MIA.
- WHEELER/WALLOWA. (Quang Tin Prov) - AMERICAL Div fire spt base atkd by en force 1800. SA, AW & mort fire exchanged. 24 EK/20 US. 54 US WIA.
- I FFV. (Tuyen Duc Prov) - MACV compound Duc Trong Sub-Sector HQ recd 25 rds 82mm mort & rifle gren w/SA fire. Arty & gunships sptd. 14 US & 6 VN civ wounded. En cas unk.
- FARGO. (Binh Long/Phuoc Long Prov) - Announced. Initiated 22 Dec

by 11th Armd Cav Regt.

- SARATOGA. (Binh Duong Prov) - 2d Bde, 25th Inf Div elms swept area 20 km NNW Saigon, found 19 en bodies fresh graves. Other elms 20 km NNW hit by 1 short rd 105mm arty. 2 US KIA/11 WIA. Investigation underway.
- YELLOWSTONE. (Tay Ninh Prov) - 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div engaged en force in fort pos & exchanged SA & AW fire. Unit reinf by another bde co. 68 EK/10 US. 3 UH-1s downed by grd fire sptg opn. 1 dest & 2 crewmen wounded. 25th Inf Div fire spt base vic Bo Tuc hit w/RR & mort fire. Fire ret w/hel lt fire teams & tac air sptg. 11 US WIA. En cas unk.
- US strike pilots flew 572 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 384 USMC 188). BDA incl 10 EK & 8 sampans & numerous pos dest or dam. 13 secd explo & 3 fires rept.
- USA gunships killed 34 en & dest 58 sampans, 19 pos.
- USMC gunships flew 122 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck Tay Ninh Prov (59 km NNW Saigon), Phu Yen Prov (22 km SSW Tuy Hoa) & twice Quang Nam Prov (45 & 60 km SSW Da Nang).

6 Jan (Saturday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 144 msns NVN (USAF 61 USMC 42 USN 41). USAF pilots hit Bac Giang rr yd 45 km NE Hanoi & 30 rr cars near Lang Giai rr yd 120 km NE Hanoi. USN pilots dest or dam 4 locomotives, 34 rr cars & 36 watercraft near Thanh Hoa. USMC pilots hit Co Trai rr/hwy brg, Phu Ly rr by-pass brg & Kep Ha afd.
- NGF-NVN. Cruiser USS CANNBERRA set off secd explo coastal defense site 18 km SE Thanh Hoa & rept excellent target coverage SAM site 13 km SSE Thanh Hoa & left 2 struc burning.
- WHEELER/WALLOWA. (Quang Nam Prov) - AMERICAN Div hel gunships engaged 3 different groups en in area 15 km SSE An Hoa. 56 EK. Grd troops rept 16 EK in engagements 15 km NNW Tam Ky during day. No US cas rept either incident.
- III MAF. (Quang Ngai Prov) - En explo devices detonated while medevac units 198th Lt Inf Bde carrying man medevac hel. 4 US KIA/11 WIA.
- III MAF. (Thua Thien Prov) - En atkd Allied pos in & near Phu Loc 24 km ESE Phu Bai. En atkd w/hvy mort, SA, AW & grd atks. Arty & hel gunships sptd. Fire ret. 91 EK/15 US. RVN/AF cas rept lt.
- SANTA FE I. Term. Final results: 86 EK/2 US.
- FARGO. (Binh Long Prov) - 11th Armd Cav elms made contact w/en force 109 km NNW Saigon while making sweep area. Tac air, gunships & arty sptd. 34 EK/2 US.

- LAM SON 67. (Binh Long Prov) - 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div co engaged en force 36 km N Saigon near Ben Cat. Arty, gunships & tac air sptd. 87 EK/4 US.
- II FFV. (Binh Duong Prov) - En atkd Phu Loi aFld 24 km N Saigon 0009 w/est 60-80 rds mort fire. Fire ret w/artty & hel lt fire teams sptg. 7 US minor wounds. Lt dam rept.
- US strike pilots flew 557 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 359 USMC 198). BDA incl 224 pos dest or dam. 7 secd explo & 9 fires rept.
- USA gunships killed 116 en & dest 58 pos, 43 sampans. UH-1 downed by grd fire. 1 US KIA & 8 WIA. Hel dest.
- USMC gunships flew 64 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck Kontum Prov (22 km WSW Dak To) & Tay Ninh Prov (95 km NNW Saigon).
- NGF-RVN. USS MASON dest 2 sampans & 2 bunkers 43 km SSE Saigon.

7 Jan (Sunday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 81 msns NVN (USAF 40 USMC 29 USN 12). USAF pilots hit Kep afd 60 km NE Hanoi. USN pilots hit hwy brg 26 km SE Vinh & rr brg 16 km SSW Thanh Hoa. USMC pilots hit army bks 70 km NW Hanoi.
- KENTUCKY. (Quang Nam Prov) - 4th Mar Regt, 3d Mar Div co sptd by tac air engaged en force 3 km W Gio Linh. 28 EK/6 US.
- WHEELER/WALLOWA. (Quang Tin Prov) - 17th Air Cav Sqd sptg AMERICAL Div engaged & killed 11 en rice paddy. No US cas.
- III MAF. (Quang Nam Prov) - 1st Mar Recon Bn obs 170 en 47 km SSW Da Nang. Arty directed onto en pos. 24 EK. No US cas.
- III MAF. (Quang Nam Prov) - Mar Corps' Force Logistic Command 7 km WSW Da Nang recd 41 rds en 122mm rkt fire. Fire ret w/unk results. 9 Mar WIA medevac 20 lt WIA treated - ret to duty.
- I FFV. (Khanh Hoa Prov) - Unk type en device explo bus stop Nha Trang. 23 US wounded.
- PERSHING. (Binh Dinh Prov) - 1st Cav Div (Airmbl) elms on recon msn recd AW fire fr en force 30 km W Phu My. Air strike directed onto en pos. 52 secd explo obs. No US cas rept.
- WHEELER/WALLOWA. (Quang Tin Prov) - 2 AMERICAL Div cos engaged unk size en force w/SA & AW fire. En used hvy mort & RR fire. Arty & gunship sptd. UH-1 hit by grd fire while on grd making re-sup msn. Aft dest. 147 EK/8 US days action.
- II FFV. (Binh Duong Prov) - 3d Bde, 1st Inf Div on ptl hit by 3 command detonated claymore mines, 7 km S Ben Cat. 7 US KIA, 3 WIA medevac. En broke contact immediately.
- CORONADO IX. (Kien Hoa Prov) - 9th Inf Div elms made contact w/en force 76 km SW Saigon. SA & AW fire exchanged. 22 EK/7 US WIA.
- US strike pilots flew 515 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 370 USMC 145). BDA incl 30 sampans & numerous pos dest or dam. 11 secd explo & 5 fires rept.
- USA gunships killed 29 en, dest 24 sampans & 10 pos.
- USMC gunships flew 310 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck DMZ (9 km NNE Con Thien), Kontum Prov (26 km WSW Dak To) & twice Tay Ninh Prov (both 95 km NW Saigon).
- NGF-RVN. Rkt firing ship USS CLARION RIVER dest or dam 15 struc 30 km NNW Qui Nhon & set off 6 fires in area.

8 Jan (Monday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 76 mns NVN (USAF 34 USMC 31 USN 11). USMC pilots set off 2 secd explo Cat Bi afd 5 km SE Haiphong. USAF pilots hit Thai Nguyen rr yd 56 km N Hanoi.
- NGF-NVN. DD GOLDBOROUGH dest or dam 12 watercraft & set off secd explo 4 km ENE Dong Hoi. DD CHEVALIER dest gun & ammo magazine at coastal defense site 5 km N Dong Hoi.
- NGF-DMZ. DD MAJLEY dam 5 en struc 7 km NW Gio Linh at en bunker, stor & mort pos.
- WHEELER/WILLOW. (Quang Tin Prov) - 2 AMERICAN Div cos engaged est en co 21 km SE An Hoa. AW & SA fire exchanged. Arty & gunships sptd. 21 EK/1 US.
- III MAF. (Thua Thien Prov) - Mar CH-53 hel downed.
- ENTERPRISE. (Long An Prov) - 9th Inf Div units hvy contact w/en force 30 km S Saigon. SA, AW, gunship & arty fire employed. In engagement 3 UH-1s downed by grd fire. 2 dest, 1 maj dam. 31 EK. 17 US KIA, 27 US WIA medevac.
- KLAMATH FALLS. Term. Final results: 156 EK/28 US.
- II FFV. (Long Khanh Prov) - US arty unit firing H&I fires accidentally hit 52d ARVN Ranger Bn compound 59 km DNE Saigon w/2 rds 155mm arty fire. 3 VN civ killed. 1 Ranger & 3 children wounded. Investigation underway.
- US strike pilots flew 459 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 338 USMC 121). BDA incl 12 sampans & numerous pos dest or dam. 15 secd explo & 12 fires rept.
- USA gunships killed 51 en, dest 58 pos & 53 sampans.
- USMC gunships flew 116 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck Pleiku Prov (36 km WNW Pleiku City; rept 19 secd explo) & Quang Nam Prov (45 km SSW Da Nang).
- NGF-RVN. DD THOMASON dest or dam 67 struc & 15 bunkers in en bunker complex, assy area & stor pos 17 km SSE Quang Ngai City. DD MASON dest 10 fort pos 45 km SE Saigon.

9 Jan (Tuesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 85 mns NVN (USAF 45 USMC 23 USN 17). USAF pilots hit Kep afd 60 km NE Hanoi & Yen Bai afd & stor area 125 km NE Hanoi. USN pilots cratered rwy Haiphong Cat Bi afd.

- WHEELER/WALLOWA. AMERICAN Div cos made contact w/unk size en force. SA & AW fire exchanged. Gunships & arty sptd. 61 EK/27 US.
- III MAF. (Thua Thien Prov) - CH-53 still missing.
- I FFV. (Kontum Prov) - En atkd Kontum afd using satchel charges. SA fire exchanged w/en force. 16 EK/7 US. 25 US WIA. Dam US acft rept mod.
- II FFV. (Phuoc Long Prov) - 101st Abn Div base camp engineer elm 4 km SW Phuoc Binh recd 30 rds unk cal. en mort fire. Lt fire teams & arty sptd. 5 US WIA medevac, 16 US WIA treated - ret to duty.
- US strike pilots flew 487 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 362 USMC 125). BDM incl numerous pos dest or dam. 14 secd explo rept.
- USA gunships killed 32 en, dest 75 sampans & 8 pos.
- USMC gunships flew 79 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck twice Tay Ninh Prov (90 & 95 km NW Saigon) & Quang Nam Prov (53 km SSW Da Nang).
- NGF-RVN. Rkt firing ship USS CLARION RIVER dest 8 struc, dam 9 bldgs & set off 3 fires 30 km NNW Qui Nhon. DD LOFBERG dam 4 bunkers 22 km SSW Phan Thiet.
- Official acft loss figures: (fxd-wg) NVN 784 RVN 222
(hel) NVN 8 RVN 465

10 Jan (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 75 msns NVN (USAF 37 USMC 27 USN 11). USAF pilots hit Cao Hung rr siding 89 km NE Hanoi. USMC pilots hit Hoa Binh bks 48 km SW Hanoi. USAF F-4 downed by grd fire, crew MIA.
- WHEELER/WALLOWA. (Quang Nam Prov) - AMERICAN Div engaged est en bn 4-hr battle. Arty, gunship & tac air sptd. 28 EK/3 US. 14 US WIA.
- III MAF. (Thua Thien Prov) - 5th Mar Regt, 1st Mar Div elms in field pos 38 km ESE Phu Bai recd mort & RR fire fr en force. Fire ret w/3 secd explo obs. 12 US WIA medevac. Lt mat dam rept. En cas unk.
- III MAF. (Thua Thien Prov) - CH-53 still missing.
- CORONADO IX. (Dinh Tuong Prov) - MRF's 2d Bde, 9th Inf Div engaged 2 en plt 86 km SW Saigon. Other elms 2d Bde reinf units in contact. 46 EK/18 US. 50 US WIA.
- SARATOGA. (Hau Nghia Prov) - 25th Inf Div elms engaged en force making abortive attempt to overrun bn CP 39 km NW Saigon. Arty, tac air sptd. 103 EK/5 US. 28 US WIA. UH-1 downed by grd fire during action. 2 US KIA, 2 WIA. Hel dest.

- US strike pilots flew 526 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 381 USMC 143 USN 2). BDA incl numerous pos dest or dam. 9 secd explo & 8 fires rept.
- USA gunships killed 12 en, dest 27 pos & 6 sampans.
- USMC gunships flew 100 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck twice Tay Ninh Prov (95 & 105 km NW Saigon) & Quang Tin Prov (57 km SSW Da Nang).
- NGF-RVN. Rkt firing ship CLARION RIVER dest or dam 12 struc & rept numerous fires 30 km NNW Qui Nhon while firing on en sup areas. DD MASON set off secd explo & 1 fire while dest or dam 2 bunkers 99 km E Saigon in en struc complex.

11 Jan (Thursday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 82 msns NVN (USAF 47 USMC 27 USN 8). USAF pilots hit Yen Bai rr yd 122 km NW Hanoi. USN pilots hit Cam Pha mining region 48 km ENE Haiphong, dest steam shovel & hvy dam trk. USMC pilots hit Phu Ly bypass brg & a rr yd 130 km NW Hanoi.
- III MAF. (Quang Nam Prov) - Mar ptl made contact unk size en force. SA & AW fire exchanged. Gunships sptd grd forces. 11 EK/2 Mar WIA.
- III MAF. (Thua Thien Prov) - CH-53 still missing.
- II FFV. (Kontum) - 17th Air Cav Sqd, 4th Inf Div recd fire fr en force. Fire ret on en in well dug-in pos w/overhead cover. 15 EK. 2 US WIA.
- AKRON V. (Bien Hoa Prov) - Initiated by multi-bn force 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div & 2d&7th bns RAR 47 km E Saigon.
- NAVFORV. (Ba Xuyen Prov) - PER's on ptl Hau Giang River 26 km SE Can Tho recd fire en ambush team using SA & RPG rkt gren. USN hel lt fire team fired on en pos. Navy SEAL teams inserted into area. Team recd fire fr en bunkers. Fire ret. 5 EK/1 member SEAL team killed.
- US strike pilots flew 561 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 377 USMC 184). BDA incl 16 EK, & numerous pos dest or dam. 18 secd explo & 6 fires.
- USA gunships killed 39 en, dest 35 pos & 6 sampans.
- USMC gunships flew 150 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck DMZ (6 km NNW Con Thien), Tay Ninh Prov twice (4 km SW & 7 km E Bo Tuc) & Kontum Prov (60 km NNE Dak To).
- NGF-RVN. DD LOFBERG dest 8 en fort 43 km ENE Phan Thiet in en area.

12 Jan (Friday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 91 msns NVN (USAF 43 USN 29 USMC 19). USMC pilots hit Yen Bai afd & a stor area 125 km NW Hanoi.
- NGF-NVN. DD GOLDSBOROUGH dest or dam 5 watercraft 4 km N Dung Hoi.
- NGF-DMZ. Cruiser USS CANBERRA dest or dam 9 bunkers 7 km NE Gio Linh.
- WHEELER/WILLOWA. (Quang Tin Prov) - AMERICAN Div elms engaged en force Que Son Valley. 3d Bde, 1st Cav Div (airmb) troop on S&D msn recd AW & mort fire. Arty & tac air directed onto en pos. 12 EK/4 US WIA. CH-13 downed by grd fire. Crew uninjured, acft recovered.
- III MAF. (Thua Thien Prov) - CP 5th Mar Regt, 1st Mar Div bn recd en mort fire. CP located 25 km SE Phu Bai. Fire ret w/unk results. 6 Mar KIA, 12 WIA.
- III MAF. (Thua Thien Prov) - Wreckage USMC CH-53 hel missing since 8 Jan located by AO in mountainous terrain. Acft carrying 36 pers & crew of 5. Recovery opns underway.
- US strike pilots flew 578 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 377 USMC 201). BDA incl 6 wpns pos & numerous other pos dest or dam. 26 secd explo & 8 fires rept.
- USA gunships killed 39 en, dest 55 pos & 40 sampans.
- USMC gunships flew 190 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck Binh Long Prov twice (8 & 13 km WSW Loc Ninh) & Kontum Prov (87 km N Kontum City).
- NGF-RVN. DD PHILIP dest or dam 5 en spt bldgs 24 km NW Hue. DD LOFBERG dest or dam 37 en emplacements & set numerous fires in en area 26 km ENE Phan Thiet. DD PERKINS shelled en assy area 50 km N Nha Trang & rept several fires in area.

13 Jan (Saturday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 98 msns NVN (USAF 45 USMC 37 USN 16). USAF pilots hit Hoa Lac afd. USMC pilots hit Co Trai rr/hwy brg 32 km S Hanoi, Hoa Binh mil installation 50 km SW Hanoi & My Trach hwy ferry 19 km S Thanh Hoa.
- LANCASTER. (Quang Tri Prov) - En ambushed elms 9th Mar Regt, 3d Mar Div, traveling in convoy 9 km SW Camp Carroll. Mar elms ret fire. Grd forces sptd by tac air, tanks & arty. 10 EK. 19 US KIA/70 WIA. Lt dam to vehicles.
- III MAF. (Quang Tin Prov) - USA SF's ptl obs 10 en crossing river. Ptl opened fire on en & SA & AW fire exchanged. Arty sptd grd forces. 10 EK/2 US WIA.

- AKRON V. (Bien Hoa Prov) - Announced. Initiated by multi-bn force 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div & 2d&7th bns RAR 47 km E Saigon. New Zealand troops attached to RAR found 2 en caches during sweep mns: 1,000 lbs rice & 4 tons salt.
- US strike pilots flew 484 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 323 USMC 161). BDA incl 12 EK & 33 sampans, numerous pos dest or dam. 16 secd explo & 15 fires rept.
- USA gunships killed 15 en, dest 27 pos & 14 sampans.
- USMC gunships flew 147 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck Hau Nghia Prov (35 km NW Saigon), Tay Ninh Prov (85 km NNE Saigon) & Kontum Prov (44 km WSW Kontum City).
- NGF-RVN. 7th Flt cruiser dest 18 en spt bldgs 11 km SSE Da Nang. She also dam 15 emplacements, 7 bunkers & ignited 1 secd explo in area. DD PERKINS dest mort pos 11 km NW Da Nang.

14 Jan (Sunday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 83 msns NVN (USAF 41 USMC 26 USN 16). USAF pilots hit Yen Bai afd 125 km NW Hanoi. F-105 downed by MIG-21 NW Hanoi. Pilots MIA.
- NGF-NVN. DD GOLDSBOROUGH dest 3 watercraft & hvy dam 1 while shelling watercraft concentration 22 km NNW Dong Hoi.
- II FFV. (Binh Duong Prov) - Elm 3d Bde, 1st Inf Div discovered lg rice cache: 106 100-lb bags polished rice.
- US strike pilots flew 522 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 346 USMC 176). BDA incl 10 EK, 13 sampans & numerous pos dest or dam. 14 secd explo & 2 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships killed 41 en, dest 29 en pos & 16 sampans.
- USMC hel gunships flew 130 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck twice Quang Tri Prov (4 km SW Con Thien & 6 km S southern DMZ border) & Binh Long Prov (100 km NNW Saigon).
- NGF-RVN. Rkt firing ship USS CLARION RIVER dest or dam 52 en struc 29 km N Qui Nhon. DD LOFBERG dest 2 bunkers 26 km NE Phan Thiet.

15 Jan (Monday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 121 msns NVN (USAF 61 USMC 33 USN 27). USAF pilots hit Thai Nguyen fabrication plant 60 km N Hanoi. USN pilots hit Nam Dinh rr yd, Dong Phuong Thuong rr siding & Chau Cau bks area.
- NGF-NVN. Cruiser USS NEWPORT NEWS & DD HMAS PERTH rept dest 2 water sup craft 38 km NNW Vinh.
- MUSCATINE. (Quang Ngai Prov) - Announced. Initiated 19 Dec 15 km N Quang Ngai City by 11th & 198th Lt Inf Bde of AMERICAL Div.
- MACARTHUR. (Pleiku Prov) - Unk size en attempted ambush against 40-vehicle convoy 40 km W An Khe. En employed 3 command detonated mines & atkd w/SA & AW fire. Ready reaction force 4th Inf Div inserted into area. En broke contact. 13 EK/10 US WIA. Lt dam equip.
- I FFV. (Khanh Hoa Prov) - ARVN soldier saves 4 US when en gren lands in bunker. Soldier threw himself on gren & died.

- US strike pilots flew 522 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 346 USMC 176). BDA incl 36 EK & numerous pos dest or dam. 18 secd explo & 9 fires.
- USA hel gunships killed 32 en, dest 24 en pos & 10 sampans.
- USMC hel gunships flew 223 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck twice Quang Tri Prov (32 & 35 km NW Khe Sanh) & Phuoc Long Prov (142 km N Saigon).
- NGF-RVN. Rkt firing ship USS CLARION RIVER rept 10 EK 18 km NNW Qui Nhon & dest or dam 60 struc farther N. A 7th Flt DD dest or dam 6 stor bldgs target area 28 km SSE Da Nang. DD LOFBERG set off fire en assy area 148 km E Saigon, Binh Thuan Prov.

16 Jan (Tuesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 117 msns NVN (USN 40 USMC 39 USAF 38). USN pilots hit Da Chong barge repair facility 61 km ENE Haiphong & dropped Thuc Hoa hwy/bypass brgs 77 km SSW Haiphong. USAF pilots dest 1 mile track Mo Trang rr yd 62 km NNE Hanoi & hit Som Bai bks area 69 km WNW Hanoi. USMC pilots hit Hoa Binh mil installation 50 km SW Hanoi. USAF F-4 downed by grd fire, crew rescued. AF F-4 downed unk causes, 1 crew rescued, 1 MIA.
- NGF-NVN. DD GOLDSBOROUGH hvy dam newly reconstruc ferry landing & pier 31 km NNW Dong Hoi. The DD GOLDSBOROUGH dest or dam 10 watercraft 22 km NNE Dong Hoi. Cruiser NEWPORT NEWS & HMAS PERTH dest 9 watercraft 52 km NNE Vinh. DD BLUE dest AA site 23 km NNW Vinh & hvy dam coastal defense site 12 km further N.
- NGF-DMZ. DD MANLEY dam 3 en spt & stor bldgs 4 km N Gio Linh & dest or dam 3 spt struc N half DMZ. DD PHILIP dest or dam 4 bunkers & dest 1 sup boat 10 km NE Gio Linh.
- LANCASTER. (Quang Tri Prov) - 3d Mar air obs sighted 30 armed en moving open area. Tac air & arty directed into area. AO obs 16 EK.
- III MAF. (Quang Nam Prov) - AF F-4 on radar bombing msn dropped ordnance in assigned area & accidentally downed UH-1 hel by concussion of explo, 13 km SSE An Hoa. 4 US WIA, hel dest. Investigation underway.
- US strike pilots flew 478 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 340 USMC 138). BDA incl 19 EK & 11 sampans, numerous pos dest or dam. 11 secd explo & 2 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships killed 35 en, dest 19 sampans & 18 en pos.
- USMC hel gunships flew 165 sorties RVN.

- B-52s struck twice Quang Tri Prov (15 km NW & 17 km N Khe Sanh), Tay Ninh Prov (93 km NW Saigon) & Phu Yen Prov (70 km NNW Nha Trang).
- NGF-RVN. DD MASON rept 11 EK while shelling en concentration Phu Quoc Island W SVN mainland.
- Official acft loss figures: (fxd-wg) NVN 786 RVN 224
(hel) NVN 9 RVN 482

17 Jan (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 82 msns NVN (USAF 35 USMC 30 USN 17). USMC pilots hit Hon Gai ferry complex 32 km NE Haiphong & rr yd 30 km S Hanoi. USN pilots hit rr bypass brg 21 km NW Vinh. USAF pilots dam 3 barges 1.6 km N Dong Hoi & hit 2 AA pos 10 km S Dong Hoi.
- NGF-NVN. DD GOLDSBOROUGH dest 4 watercraft 20 km NNW Dong Hoi. She dest or dam another 7 watercraft 50 km NNW Dong Hoi. DD BLUE dam brg & several bldgs 20 km NNW Dong Hoi. Cruiser NEWPORT NEWS & HMAS PERTH dest or dam 4 sup boats en target 25 km NNW Vinh.
- NGF-DMZ. DD PHILIP dest 2 spt bldgs 8 km NE Gio Linh.
- MUSCATINE. (Quang Ngai Prov) - AMERICAL Div units engaged en force 17 km NNE Quang Ngai City. USA hel gunships sptd. 198th Lt Inf Bde co inserted into area set up blocking pos. Made contact w/en. En employed SA fire. Fire ret. 80 EK/2 US WIA.
- YELLOWSTONE. (Tay Ninh Prov) - 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div elms made contact w/unk size en force 112 km NNW Saigon. SA, AW fire exchanged. USA hel gunships & arty sptd. 17 EK/5 US KIA, 1 WIA medevac & 21 WIA treated - ret to duty.
- ENTERPRISE. (Long An Prov) - 3d Bde, 9th Inf Div & sptg elms engaged en force 45 km SW Saigon. USA hel lt fire teams & arty sptd. 14 EK. No US cas.
- II FFV. (Binh Duong Prov) - 2 cos 3d Bde, 101st Abn Div in field pos recd 2 rds 105mm arty fire fr US arty unit, 14 km SSE Phuoc Vinh. 2 US killed & 21 wounded.
- US strike pilots flew 474 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 331 USMC 143). BDA incl 4 sampans & numerous pos dest or dam. 11 secd explo & 6 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships killed 49 en, dest 19 en pos & 6 sampans.
- USMC hel gunships flew 115 sorties & rept 1 EK & 1 secd explo RVN.

- B-52s struck Quang Tri Prov (5 km NW Gio Linh) & Pleiku Prov (35 km NW Pleiku City).
- NGF-RVN. Rkt firing ship USS WHITE RIVER dest 10 en spt bldgs 29 km NNW Qui Nhon.

18 Jan (Thursday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 112 mns NVN (USAF 47 USN 34 USMC 31). USAF pilots hit Bac Giang TPP 45 km NE Hanoi & Kep Ha afd. USN pilots dropped center span Dong Phong Thuong rr bypass brg & cratered both approaches Ky Anh hwy brg 85 km NNW Dong Hoi. MIG-17 downed by Af F-4. 2 AF F-4s downed unk causes, crews MIA.
- KENTUCKY. 4th Mar 1st Regt, 3d Mar Div elms engaged en force 6-hr battle. On sweep msn 3 km NE Con Thien, SA & AW fire exchanged w/en force. Arty, gunships sptd grd forces. 162 EK/ 8 US KIA, 39 WIA medevac.
- SAIGON. (Gia Dinh Prov) - Vn civ fired at USA Sgt riding motor scooter Cholon. MPs apprehended 3 suspects, turned over to NP. No wpn found at time suspects det.
- CORONADO IX. (Dinh Tuong Prov) - Term. Final results: 259 EK/ 35 US.
- CORONADO X. (Kien Hoa Prov) - Initiated by USN TF 117 & USA 9th Inf Div, 66 km SSW Saigon.
- US strike pilots flew 500 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 345 USMC 155). BDA incl 4 EK & 23 sampans, numerous pos dest or dam. 32 secd explo & 10 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships killed 74 en, dest 66 en pos & 17 sampans.
- USMC hel gunships flew 109 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck Quang Tri Prov (14 km SSW Quang Tri City), Tay Ninh Prov (105 km NW Saigon) & Kontum Prov (22 km WNW Dak To).
- NGF-RVN. 7th Flt cruiser dest 5 spt bldgs 27 km SSE Da Nang & dam 15 spt & stor bldgs in target area. Rkt firing ship USS WHITE RIVER dest or dam 13 spt bldgs 18 km NNW Qui Nhon.

19 Jan (Friday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 126 mns NVN (USAF 48 USN 46 USMC 32). USN pilots dest Thi Long rr brg & rr bypass brg 32 km S Thanh Hoa & downed northern & center spans Dong Phong Thuong hwy brg 19 km NNE Thanh Hoa. USAF pilots hvy dam 50-trk convoy, 10-15 rr cars 15-56 km NNE Thanh Hoa.

- NGF-NVN. DD GOLDSBOROUGH set off 3 secd explo & several fires 2 km N & 5 km NNW Dong Hoi.
- NGF-DMZ. DD MANLEY dest or dam 4 spt struc 6 km NNE Gio Linh & dest 1 spt bldg 12 km NNE Gio Linh.
- III MAF. (Quang Tri Prov) - 3d Mar Div elms made contact w/en force 8 km E Gio Linh. Hvy SA & AW fire exchanged. AO operating in area directed Mar arty & tac air msns onto en pos. 23 EK/3 US.
- III MAF. (Thua Thien Prov) - Mar CH-53 missing since 8 Jan found. Investigation underway.
- III MAF. (Thua Thien Prov) - Mar co night pos fired 81mm on en force. 1 volley fell short, hit inhabited area 10 km S Hue & set fire. 3 Vn civ killed, 2 wounded. Cause short rd under investigation.
- BYRD. (Binh Thuan Prov) - Term. Final results: 849 EK/34 US KIA.
- II FFV. (Hau Nghia Prov) - 25th Inf Div base camp Cu Chi atkd by mort fire. Fire ret. 3 US KIA, 13 WIA medevac & 32 lt WIA treated - ret to duty. Mat dam rept lt.
- NARESUAN. (Bien Hoa Prov) - Announced. Initiated 21 Oct 67 by Royal Thia Army Volunteer Regt 32 km ESE Saigon.
- YELLOWSTONE. (Tay Ninh Prov) - Fire spt base 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div vic Katum recd 10-min en mort atk. Frd pos recd 68 rds 82mm mort fire. Fire ret. 14 US WIA medevac.
- US strike pilots flew 475 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 326 USMC 149). BDA incl 3 EK & wl sampans, numerous pos dest or dam. 5 secd explo & 15 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships killed 59 en, dest 12 en pos & 9 sampans.
- USMC hel gunships flew 178 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck Quang Tri Prov twice (11 km S Quang Tri City & 6 km SSE Khe Sanh).

20 Jan (Saturday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 94 msns NVN (USMC 37 USAF 29 USN 28). USN pilots hit Hon Gai TPP 43 km ENE Haiphong. USAF pilots hit Cao Nung rr siding 89 km NE Hanoi & Yen Bai afld 125 km NW Hanoi.
- NGF-DMZ. DD CHANDLER set 2 fires in arty site in the DMZ.

- SCOTLAND. (Quang Tri Prov) - 26th Mar Regt, 3d Mar Div elms engaged est en sqd 11 km NW Khe Sanh throughout day. 60 EK/1 US.
- OSCEOLA. Term. Final results: 76 EK/17 US.
- III MAF. (Quang Tri Prov) - PF plt made contact est 150-200 en w/SA & AW fire exchanged. ARVN reinf & AMTRAC force fr 3d Mar Div reinf units in contact. USA arty sptd. 50 EK/2 US. 17 US WIA medevac. ARVN cas lt.
- LANCASTER. Term. Final results: 46 EK/22 US.
- III MAF. (Quang Tri Prov) - USA SF ptl sptd by arty engaged en force 11 km WSW Khe Sanh. 10 EK. No US cas.
- MACARTHUR. (Kontum Prov) - 2 cos 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div recd 75mm RR fire fr en force 15 km W Dak To. USA arty & USAF tac air sptd. 21 EK/23 US WIA medevac, 3 lt WIA treated - ret to duty.
- I FFV. (Pleiku Prov) - II Corps Hq & surrounding area atkd by en 122mm rkt fire. USA hel gunships, arty & AF AC-47 sptd. 17 US WIA. En cas unk.
- SARATOGA. (Hau Nghia Prov) - 3d & 4th Cav, elms 25th Inf Div recd SA & AW fire & rkt gren fire fr en force 2 km SE Cu Chi. USA arty & hel gunships sptd. En cas unk. 8 US KIA & 15 WIA medevac.
- CORONADO X. (Kien Hoa Prov) - Announced. Initiated 18 Jan 66 km SSW Saigon by USN TF 117 & USA 2d Bde, 9th Inf Div forces.
- US strike pilots flew 470 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 327 USMC 141 USN 2). BDA incl 5 EK & 11 sampans, numerous en pos dest or dam. 7 secd explo & 12 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships killed 19 en, dest 9 en pos & 7 sampans.
- USMC hel gunships killed 11 en, dest 12 fort pos RVN.
- B-52s struck Quang Tri Prov 3 times (5 & 16 km S & 8 km SSE Khe Sanh).
- NGF-RVN. 7th Flt cruiser dest 16 bunkers & 24 spt struc 25 km SSE Da Nang & rept 2 secd explo. Rkt firing ship USS WHITE RIVER dest or dam 9 struc 19 km NNW Qui Nhon.

21 Jan (Sunday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 100 msns NVN (USAF 39 USN 33 USMC 28). USN pilots cratered both approaches hwy ferry 64 km NNW Vinh. USAF pilots hit Yen Bai afd 125 km NW Hanoi. Other AF pilots dest or dam 42-27 watercraft during day.
- SCOTLAND. (Quang Tri Prov) - 26th Mar Regt, 5th Mar Div elms cont contact 4 km NW Khe Sanh during day. Khe Sanh base recd unk number mort rds 0505. Day's results Khe Sanh area: 25 EK/14 US KIA, 43 WIA.
- KENTUCKY. (Quang Tri Prov) - En atkd opn area w/250 rds 82mm mort fire. Fire ret w/unk results. Cas due all action opn: 10 US WIA.
- I FIV. (Pleiku Prov) - Unk number en atkd USA Engr camp 5 km N Pleiku City. En used SA, AW, RPG fire & satchel charges. USA hel gunships & USAF tac air sptd. 7 EK/1 US WIA.
- SARATOGA. (Binh Duong Prov) - 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div elms vic Lai Khe made contact w/en force 37 km NNW Saigon. USA hel gunships & arty sptd grd forces. 63 EK/1 US KIA, 8 WIA medevac, 7 lt WIA treated - ret to duty.
- FARGO. (Binh Long Prov) - Term. Final results: 49 EK/6 US KIA.
- AKRON V. (Bien Hoa Prov) - Term. Final results: 47 EK/4 US KIA.
- NAVFORV. (Vinh Binh Prof) - CG ptl boat operation off RVN coast 135 km SSW Saigon fired on en pos & reprd numerous fires & secd explo. En cas unk. No US cas.
- US strike pilots flew 524 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 313 USMC 200 USN 11). BDA incl 106 EK & 8 sampans, numerous pos dest or dam. 8 secd explo & 3 fires reprd.
- USA hel gunships killed 29 en, dest 27 sampans RVN.
- USMC hel gunships flew 220 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 4 times Quang Tri Prov (7 km SW Con Thien, 24 & 26 km N & 10 km ESE Khe Sanh).

22 Jan (Monday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 75 msns NVN (USAF 37 USN 21 USMC 17). USN pilots hit Hai Duong rr yd 37 km WNW Haiphong & Nam Dinh rr yd 72 km SW Haiphong.
- NGF-DMZ. DD EDWARDS set off 2 secd explo & 1 fire while firing on 4 arty sites N half DMZ.

- SCOTLAND. (Quang Tri Prov) - Action rept 1t during day. Mar F-44 downed by grd fire while flying close air spt msn Khe Sanh area. Pilots ejected & rescued. Acft dest. Mar UH-34 downed by grd fire while on resup msn vic Hill 881. Crew recovered.
- KENTUCKY. (Quang Tri Prov) - En atkd opn area w/est 100 rds mixed arty & mort fire. Fire ret w/unk results. As result all action in opn, 4 US KIA, 27 WIA medevac, 5 lt WIA treated - ret to duty.
- NAVFORV. (Dinh Tuong Prov) - Navy SEAL teams inserted into area 123 km SW Saigon. Teams engaged 2 en sampans in canal. 8 EK. No US cas.
- US strike pilots flew 658 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 372 USMC 267 USN 19). BDA incl 19 EK & 15 sampans, numerous pos dest or dam. 25 secd explo & 42 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships killed 27 en, dest 11 pos & 11 sampans RVN.
- USMC hel gunships flew 206 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 4 times Khe Sanh area Quang Tri Prov (10 km E, 25 km N, & twice 5 km SE Khe Sanh).
- NGF-RVN. DD GOLDSBOROUGH dest undergrd stor facility 45 km NW Phan Thiet.

23 Jan (Tuesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 52 msns NVN (USAF 29 USMC 17 USN 6). USAF pilots hit Dong Hoi afld So Panhandle.
- NGF-NVN. HMAS PERTH dest or dam 12 bldgs in Dong Hoi stor area. She also dam Nam Lanh hwy brg 52 km NNW Dong Hoi.
- NGF-DMZ. DD EDWARDS set off secd explo in arty site 5 km ENE Gio Linh & set off another secd explo en assy area S half DMZ.
- SCOTLAND. (Quang Tri Prov) - AO sighted occupied en pos 12 km S Khe Sanh & directed tac air strikes onto en pos. 40 en rept killed. 26th Mar Regt, 5th Mar Div elms obs est 30-40 en 8 km NW Khe Sanh. Arty & tac air directed onto pos. 21 EK. No US cas either action. Mar A-4 downed by grd fire while atkg en pos Khe Sanh area. Pilot ejected & rescued. Acft dest.
- WHEELER/WALLOWA. (Quang Nam Prov) - AMERICAL Div elms sptd by arty & tac air engaged en 20 km SSW An Hoa. 31 EK. No US cas rept.
- PERSHING. (Binh Dinh Prov) - 2nd Bde, 1st Cav Div (Airmbl) made contact en force 5 km E Phu My. En in open area near Hwy 8. USA hel gunships & arty & USAF tac air sptd. 128 EK 8-hr battle. 4 US KIA & 19 WIA medevac.

- MACARTHUR. (Pleiku Prov) - Elms 2nd Bde, 4th Inf Div found arms/ammo cache 17 km W Pleiku City: 1 IW, 2 CSW, 25 Mines & gren, 20 rds 82mm ammo, 3 B-40 rkt rds, 300-400 rds SA ammo & 30 packs.
- US strike pilots flew 736 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 439 USMC 251 USN 46). BDA incl 13 EK & 6 sampans, numerous pos dest or dam. 19 secd explo & 6 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships killed 45 en, dest 15 pos & 13 sampans.
- USMC hel gunships flew 213 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck Quang Tri Prov 4 times (15 km WNW, 15 km SSW, 24 km NNW Khe Sanh & 10 km NW Camp Carroll).
- NGF-RVN. DD GOLDSBOROUGH rept set off fire eh sup area 145 km E Saigon.
- Official acft loss figures: (fxd-wg) NVN 792 RVN 226
(hel) NVN 9 RVN 498

24 Jan (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 59 msns NVN (USN 31 USMC 16 USAF 12). USN pilots hvy dam rr siding 24 km SSW Thanh Hoa.
- SCOTLAND. (Quang Tri Prov) - No grd atks rept Khe Sanh area. Arty, tac air & gunships fired on en pos during day. Pilots rept 10 EK, & 29 secd explo Khe Sanh area during day.
- III MAF. (Quang Tri Prov) - Mar convoy travelling fr Dong Ha to Camp Carroll hit by unk size en force 3 km N Camp Carroll. Hel gunships, tac acft, arty sptd. 8 US KIA, 44 WIA. 3 NVA bodies found.
- I FFV. (Binh Dinh Prov) - Action 10 km SSE Phu Cat involving CRID & 2nd Bde, 1st Cav Div (Airmbl) elms in past 2 days have resulted 179 EK. Contact cont.
- CMD. (Gia Dinh Prov) - USAF man shot & wounded by 2 terrorists on motorcycle Truong Minh St, Saigon. Terrorists escaped. Airman taken to 3rd Field Hospital.
- US strike pilots flew 798 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 463 USMC 259 USN 76). BDA incl 14 EK & 13 sampans, numerous pos dest or dam. 23 secd explo & 26 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships killed 9 en & dest 1 sampan RVN.
- USMC hel gunships flew 209 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 4 times Khe Sanh area Quang Tri Prov (15 km S, 17 km NE, 22 km N, 10 km SE & 25 km NNW Khe Sanh).

25 Jan (Thursday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 69 msns NVN (USMC 26 USAF 22 USN 21). Strikes limited to Panhandle region. Pilots rept 18-23 trks, 7 watercraft & 4 struc dest or dam & 6 secd explo, 2 fires. USN A-4 downed by grdfire. Pilot rescued.
- SCOTLAND. (Quang Tri Prov) - Action Khe Sanh area lt, hvy air spt. 17 EK 8 km NW Khe Sanh. SA & AW fire exchanged. 1 US KIA, 5 WIA.
- YELLOWSTONE. (Tay Ninh Prov) - 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div elms engaged en force 118 km NNW Saigon near Katum. SA & AW fire exchanged brief contact. Hel & arty sptd. 27 EK/9 US WIA medevac & 15 lt WIA treated - ret to duty.
- I FFV. (Binh Dinh Prov) - Contact cont fr 24 Jan 10 km SSW Phu Cat. CRID forces & 2d Bde, 1st Cav Div (Airmbl) units engaged en force, identified as 9th Bn, 18th NVAR. Action cont during day. 61 EK. Total since 22 Jan: 240 EK 3-day action.
- II FFV. (Binh Duong Prov) - Lai Khe base complex recd 6 RPG rkt gren 2250H. Lt dam facilities. 6 USA, 1 American Red Cross, 2 PA&E, 1 VN killed. 22 USA wounded.
- US strike pilots flew 825 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 453 USMC 239 USN 133). BDA incl 16 EK & 19 sampans, numerous pos dest or dam. 7 secd explo & 11 fires rept.
- USMC hel gunships flew 251 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 3 times Khe Sanh area Quang Tri Prov (16 km SE, 22 km NW & 24 km N Khe Sanh).
- NGF-RVN. DD OWENS dam 5 spt & stor bldgs en fort pos 27 km SSE Quang Tri City.

26 Jan (Friday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 60 msns NVN (USN 24 USAF 20 USMC 16). Pilots limited strikes to Panhandle region. 12 watercraft dest or dam.
- III MAF. (Thua Thien Prov) - Mar arty unit Phu Bai recd en mort atk 0135-0230 hrs. AW & SA fire exchanged. En cas unk. 3 US WIA medevac & 7 lt WIA treated - ret to duty.
- I FFV. (Pleiku Prov) - Camp Holloway afld atkd by en force using SA & AW fire. Grd atk followed. USA hel gunships & USAF tac air sptd, grd forces ret fire. Lt dam acft, mat and facilities rept. 4 US WIA medevac, 18 lt WIA treated - ret to duty. En cas unk.

- YELLOWSTONE - 25th Inf Div fire spt base 39 km NNE Tay Ninh City, recd 25 rds an 82mm mort fire. 3 US KIA, 25 WIA medevac & 5 lt WIA treated - ret to duty.
- MCARTHUR. (Kontum Prov) - 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div elms 17 km NW Dak To engaged unk size en force 0930 hrs. St, AW & organic mort fire exchanged. US arty & hel gunships & USF tac air sptd. 14 EK/4 US.
- US strike pilots flew 776 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 409 USMC 229 USN 138). BDA incl 24 sampans & numerous pos dest or dam. 13 secd explo & 7 fires rept.
- US hel gunships killed 13 en & dest 47 sampans, 45 pos RVN.
- USMC hel gunships flew 211 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 4 times Khe Sanh area Quang Tri Prov (twice 12 km N, 11 km NNW & 11 km NW (4 secd explo rept) Khe Sanh).
- MAC-ARVN. DD OWENS dest or hvy dam several en bunkers 10 km SE Dak Lanh in en pos.

(Saturday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 65 mns NVN (USF 33 USN 17 USMC 15). USAF pilots hit Hoa Lac afd 32 km W Hanoi & dam approach, 1 abutment & dropped 2 spans hwy brg 6 km S Dong Hoi. USN pilots hit Vinh Loc afd brg 59 km SSW Thanh Hoa & hvy dam transshipment point 56 km W Vinhphong. Pilots rept 47 watercraft, 17 struc, 1 brg & 10 rd sampans dest or dam & 1 secd explo & 5 fires set off during strikes.
- SCOTLAND. (Quang Tri Prov) - En atkd opn area w/52 rds mixed rkt & mort fire. Fire ret w/30 secd explo rept. 4 US KIA & 28 WIA in opn area fr all actions.
- WHEELER/WILLOW. (Quang Tin Prov) - AMERICAN Div units engaged en force 13 km WSW Tam Ky. US hel gunships & arty & USF tac air sptd ord forces. Other elms reinf units in contact. 21 EK/1 US.
- III MAF. (Quang Tri Prov) - Quang Tri Prov afd recd 70 rds rkt fire. No dam to facilities or acft rept. Fire ret w/unk results. 3 US KIA, 7 WIA. En cas unk.
- SARUTOGI. (Binh Duong Prov) - 3d Bde, 25th Inf Div elms making sweep man made contact en force. Engagement cont during afternoon 28 km NNW Saigon. USAF tac air & USA hel gunships & arty sptd units in contact. 13 EK/4 US KIA, 3 WIA medevac & 8 lt WIA treated - ret to duty.