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This release has been prepared to present a review of the significant events occurring in this command during April 1967. It also contains information on March events which became available after the last report.

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REVIEW OF EVENTS  
APRIL 1967

GENERAL

April was a month of rising enemy activity in the South, especially in I Corps, and of dramatic changes in the air war in the North. Unrelenting pressure on the NVA and VC was continued in all areas of the Republic and in NVN by U.S., ARVN and other Free World ground, air and sea units.

April was a significant month in the air war in the North. Weather conditions were better and the targets struck were militarily more lucrative.

Except for a series of significant attacks and attacks by fire in the northern I Corps area, the enemy in the RVN avoided major contact whenever possible. April produced no major battle (the Khe Sanh battle commenced but extended into May). April, therefore, was less spectacular than March in terms of enemy killed. About 5,400 enemy were killed, compared with 5,954 in January, 7,449 in February, and 9,015 in March (the high month of the conflict).

The allied forces casualty reports for April totalled 1,576 killed (875 RVNAF, 653 U.S. and 48 OFWMAF).

Chieu Hoi returnee losses to the enemy for April totalled 2,805 compared with 2,272 in January; 2,917 in February; 5,557 in March (the high month for the program). The decrease is partly due to the increase in enemy activity and an active enemy propaganda campaign concerning attacks against cities in the two northern provinces of I Corps.

Estimated enemy strength in the RVN decreased from 287,000 to 286,000 during April, but does not reflect the April movement of NVA 325th Division units into the Khe Sanh battle area. The allied build-up in the RVN was continued. U.S. troop strength in the RVN increased from 435,000 to 442,000. Breakdown of U.S. strength by service on 27 April was: Army 286,000; Marine Corps 74,000; Air Force 56,000; Navy 25,000; and Coast Guard over 400. Military strength in the RVN of other Free World Forces supporting the GVN remained at 54,000. On 27 April, Republic of Korea troop strength in the RVN was nearly 46,000; Australian, over 5,800; and Philippine, about 2,000.

On 31 March, the Australian destroyer HMAS HOBART joined U.S. Seventh Fleet forces supporting allied operations in Vietnam. During April a Royal Australian Air Force unit with eight Canberra bombers arrived in the RVN at Phan Rang and commenced air operations in support of allied forces. On 20 April, the 7th Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment arrived, relieving the 5th Battalion, RAR, for return to Australia.

## EVENTS BY AREA

### NORTH VIETNAM

#### Air North

Air strikes continued to be the primary effort against NVN targets. The tempo of air operations increased with clearing weather. USAF and USN pilots struck 19 major targets in the last 13 days of April. MIG engagements increased sharply with U.S. pilots scoring seven confirmed MIG kills and other MIGs damaged. Unofficial U.S. aircraft losses attributed to MIG aircraft numbered five, including one prop A-1E Skyraider. Air defense installations, transportation networks, equipment, and facilities that support the movement of troops and materiel to the south continued as primary targets. Operational jet airfield in NVN were attacked for the first time on 24 April. A number of MIGs were destroyed or damaged in the strikes.

USN, USAF and USMC pilots flew more than 2,800 strike, reconnaissance and air rescue missions over NVN during the month (USN 1,322 USAF 1,188 USMC 371).

NVN weather restricted operations against major military targets the first two weeks of April. USN A-6 all-weather Intruder aircraft, striking primarily at night, attacked the Loi Dong POL storage area 4 miles northwest of Haiphong on 1 and 6 April. They hit the Bac Giang TPP on 5 April and the Thai Nguyen industrial complex on 7 and 10 April.

On 18 April, USAF Thunderchief and Phantom pilots struck Thai Nguyen railroad yard and industrial complex north of Hanoi sending grey and black smoke billowing 5,000 feet in the air.

On 19 April, USAF jets struck the Xuan Mai Army barracks and supply storage area. Pilots were credited with destroying 22 barracks and storage buildings. A MIG-21 was downed by an F-105 Thunderchief.

USN pilots hit the Muong Dong transformer station 44 miles northeast of Haiphong damaging transmission towers, barracks areas and the transformer yard.

The initial strikes on two TPPs located 1.1 miles northwest and 2 miles east of the center of Haiphong were conducted by USN carrier pilots on 20 April. Morning and afternoon strikes were launched on both targets. Both plants were severely damaged.

USAF Thunderchief pilots caught three freight trains in the Kep railroad yards 39 miles northeast of Haiphong. They reported numerous secondary explosions and fireballs. Tracks were cut throughout the area.

56 miles northeast of Hanoi, F-4C pilots tore up a long freight train derailling or destroying 2 locomotives and some 60 freight cars.

On 23 April, USAF F-105 and F-4C pilots struck Thai Nguyen steel and industrial complex, destroying a coke production plant, rolling mill, and an open hearth furnace. An F-4C Phantom shot down a MIG-21.

The first attacks on operational jet airfields in NVN took place on 24 April. USAF Phantoms hit Hoa Lac airfield 20 miles west of Hanoi while USN Intruder, Skyhawk and Phantom pilots struck Kep airfield 37 miles northeast of the capitol. USN A-6 pilots returned to Kep later that night triggering a secondary explosion and huge fireball visible over 20 miles away. In addition to the damage on the airfield, USN Phantom pilots downed 2 MIG-17s in air combat.

At Hoa Lac, USAF pilots reported dense black smoke rising from re-  
vetment areas where MIG-17 alert aircraft were parked.

On 25 April, USN carrier pilots heavily damaged the Haiphong cement plant which produces 95 percent of all cement in NVN. They also hit POL and ammo storage areas near Haiphong.

USAF Thunderchiefs struck a major railroad repair yard 2½ miles north-east of Hanoi and a transformer site 7 miles north of the capitol. Heavy damage was inflicted at both targets.

USAF pilots returned to strike NVN's main transformer site 7 miles north of Hanoi and launched their first strike against an important railroad and highway bridge 5 miles northeast of Hanoi on 26 April.

USN pilots meanwhile hit the Hon Gai railroad yard and a POL storage area near Haiphong.

On 28 April, USAF Thunderchief pilots downed two MIG-17s during strikes on the Hanoi railroad repair facility 2½ miles northeast of Hanoi.

USAF Phantom pilots made a predawn raid on Hoa Lac airfield 29 April. During the day F-105 Thunderchiefs climaxed a highly successful strike against the main railroad and highway bridge northeast of Hanoi by dropping two of its five spans into the Canal Des Rapides.

On 29 and 30 April, USMC and USAF airstrikes, Army artillery and naval gunfire combined to destroy a SAM site just 10 miles north of the DMZ.

On 30 April, a USAF Thunderchief pilot downed a MIG-17 while USN pilots cratered the Bai Thuong airfield west of Thanh Hoa keeping it inoperable for jets.

During the month a total of seven MIG aircraft were confirmed as destroyed by U.S. pilots in air combat -- two MIG-21s and five MIG-17s. Another eight MIG-17s were confirmed destroyed on the ground with 8 to 12 more probably destroyed in the raids on Kep and Hoa Lac. U.S. losses in the North for the month numbered 28 aircraft (including one A-1) from all causes -- five to MIGs and the rest to ground fire or unknown causes.

### Naval Gunfire North

U.S. Seventh Fleet ships off the coast of North Vietnam continued to attack military targets in North Vietnam, concentrating on targets that support the infiltration of troops and equipment to the south.

On 5 April the destroyers USS TURNER JOY and DUNCAN were fired on by the Hon Nieu Island shore battery 31 km northeast of Vinh. They returned fire, silencing the battery. DUNCAN was hit with fragments, causing light damage.

On 6 April, 104 km southwest of Haiphong near the Song Ma River, the destroyer USS WADDELL was hit by shore battery fire which caused light damage. The shore battery was silenced. There were no casualties.

Destroyers USS TURNER JOY and DUNCAN were fired on again on 7 April by a shore battery 7 km south-southeast of Thanh Hoa. The battery was silenced. TURNER JOY received light damage and one crewman injured.

On 9 April, TURNER JOY and DUNCAN attacked a group of 30 barges in a river mouth 30 km NW of Dong Hoi, destroying or damaging 25.

Destroyers HMAS HOBART, USS COLLETT and USS AULT were engaged by shore battery fire 26 km S of Thanh Hoa on 21 April. The ships maneuvered and returned fire. HOBART received some shrapnel aboard but suffered no casualties or damage. The destroyers later damaged or destroyed 10 watercraft 55 km S and 2 shore batteries 49 km SSE of Thanh Hoa.

### I CORPS/III MAF

In northern I Corps the enemy continued his build-up in the DMZ area; conducted stepped-up attacks employing mortars, barrage rockets, and conventional artillery; and continued his resupply, reconnaissance and harassment efforts.

Principal enemy units in the general DMZ area are the NVA 324B Division, NVA 341st Division, and major elements of the NVA 325th Division. At least one other NVA division is located within reinforcement distance. Enemy units were encountered in two-battalion strength during March and in greater strength during the Khe Sanh battle at the end of April. That battle commenced at 1100H on 24 April, 10 km NW of Khe Sanh, when a company of the 3d Marines engaged an estimated NVA platoon of the 325th Division on Hill 861. Contact became increasingly heavy throughout the day as both sides committed additional forces to the fighting. Contact continued in the general area and flared up again on 30 April when Marine units encountered enemy forces entrenched in bunkers and trenches on Hill 881 (XD 774438). The Marines employed heavy mortar, artillery and tactical air support. Major contact terminated 3-5 May and the Marines secured the high ground in that area. 764 NVA were killed. 139 Marines were killed.

Throughout I Corps, mortar attacks were frequent and were mostly 82mm, with some 120mm mortars. The enemy employed barrage rockets on 28 April

firing 50 rounds of 140mm rocket at a 9th Marines command post at Dong Ha. A Marine search force after the attack found 30 rocket firing positions and 50 unfired rockets. This was the fifth enemy barrage rocket attack of the conflict. The first was on 27 February against the Da Nang military complex (51 rounds of 140mm); the second was against Camp Carroll 7-8 March (209 rounds, of which 121 were spin-stabilized and 88 folding fin type); the third was against the Da Nang airbase 15 March (over 10 rounds of 140mm); and the fourth was during the heavy shelling of the Gio Linh area 20-21 March. Gio Linh drew considerable enemy attention during March and April. The enemy attacked Gio Linh with 116 rounds of 120mm mortar fire on 6 March, and attacked Gio Linh and Con Thien with 82 and 120mm mortars and conventional artillery on 21 March. The artillery employed was 105mm and 122mm from the DMZ and NVN. On 27 April, in a series of seven mortar and artillery attacks against Gio Linh, the enemy fired an estimated 400 rounds of 105mm/122mm artillery and an estimated 800 rounds of 81mm/82mm mortar.

On the night of 5-6 April in Quang Tri Province, USMC artillery fired in the vicinity of the Ben Hai Bridge at the request of and to reinforce ARVN artillery firing into that area. About eight rounds hit the bridge causing light damage. The ARVN request was based on an incursion across the bridge.

In Quang Tri Province on 6 April, enemy forces launched four coordinated attacks at about the same time. They attacked the 1st ARVN Regiment compound at La Vang (40 enemy killed); an ARVN infantry battalion (30 enemy killed); an ARVN artillery compound at La Vang (7 enemy killed); and two ARVN cavalry units (enemy casualties unknown). The ARVN artillery unit at La Vang fired its artillery at point-blank range and called other artillery fire onto the compound in fighting off the attack.

Also on 6 April, at 0300H, in Quang Tri City, enemy attacked a USA artillery platoon at Quang Tri Citadel (7 enemy were killed, and one enemy machinegun, an automatic rifle, a rocket launcher and a carbine were captured. U.S. casualties were 10 killed and 9 wounded.); assaulted the Quang Tri Provincial Jail and released 220 prisoners (enemy guerrillas and cadre); hit the ARVN provincial headquarters with two rounds of recoilless rifle fire; attacked a compound with satchel charges and B-40 rocket fire; and hit three OCO houses with explosives and satchel charges (2 OCO personnel and 4 U.S. advisors were wounded).

In Thua Thien Province during March, enemy activity increased in the A Chau Valley area, and patrols contacted up to two enemy battalion in the valley. On 6 April, the enemy attacked PK-17 base near Hue with about 150 rounds of 82mm mortar and a B-40 rocket and recoilless rifle attack. One ground assault was halted and another ground assault which penetrated the compound was repulsed. 20 enemy were killed. On 28 April, from 0128H-0146H, the enemy attacked the Phu Bai perimeter with 70-100 rounds of 81mm/82mm mortar fire, wounding 68 U.S. and causing light damage.

On 14 April, the 196th Light Infantry Brigade completed air movement from its base camp in Tay Ninh Province to Chu Lai in Quang Tin Province,

and commenced TAOR operations. On 22 April, the presence of Task Force OREGON, a U.S. Army multi-brigade force consisting of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade and the 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (with headquarters at Cu Chi) was announced. The 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division's TAOR is in the Duc Pho area in southern Quang Ngai Province. The brigade relieved 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) forces in Operation LEJEUNE in place by phases during that operation. On 26 April, Task Force OREGON assumed responsibility for both TAORs in Quang Tin and Quang Ngai Provinces including the Chu Lai Defense Command. The Task Force is opposed by the NVA NT2 Division.

DE SOTO, initiated 26 January in Quang Ngai Province by 1st Marine Division units, was terminated 7 April. Final results were 383 enemy killed and 100 tons of rice captured. 76 U.S. were killed. The operation was supported by 848 direct support air sorties and 345 naval gunfire missions.

CHINOOK II, initiated 17 February in Thua Thien Province by 3d Marine Division units, was terminated 4 April. Final results were 104 enemy killed and 55 tons of rice captured. 12 U.S. were killed. The operation was supported by 187 direct support air sorties and 6 naval gunfire missions.

BEACON HILL I, initiated 20 March in Quang Tri Province by the U.S. Marine special landing force of a Seventh Fleet amphibious ready group, terminated 1 April. Final results were 334 enemy killed. 29 U.S. were killed. The operation was supported by 55 direct support air sorties and 231 naval gunfire missions. The battalion landing team (BLT 1/4) joined the PRAIRIE III forces upon termination of BEACON HILL I.

PRAIRIE III, initiated 19 March in Quang Tri Province by 3d Marine Division units, was terminated 19 April. Final results were 262 enemy killed. 55 U.S. were killed. The operation was supported by 448 direct support air sorties.

BIG HORN, initiated 5 April in Thua Thien Province by 3d Marine Division units, developed significant contact 5-6 April during sweep of a village. A Marine reaction force encountered 60 rounds of enemy mortar fire and heavy sniper fire in that action. On 6 April, an enemy force attacked a USMC howitzer battery with 100 rounds of mortar fire and then assaulted it with an estimated two enemy companies. The attack caused light damage. 19 enemy and 3 U.S. were killed in the action. The operation was terminated 21 April. Final results were 70 enemy killed. 22 U.S. were killed. The operation was supported by 3 direct support air sorties.

CANYON, initiated 6 April in Quang Tin and Quang Nam Provinces by 1st Marine Division units, was terminated 10 April. Final results of the four-day operation were 85 enemy killed. Three U.S. were killed. The operation was supported by 29 direct support air sorties and 55 naval gunfire missions.

PRAIRIE IV was initiated 20 April in Quang Tri Province by units of the 3d Marine Division, a continuation of the PRAIRIE series of operations to block infiltration of large NVA units through the DMZ. On 27 April, from 1755H until midnight, the enemy conducted seven mortar and artillery attacks against the Gio Linh OP in Quang Tri Province. In the attacks the enemy fired an estimated 400 rounds of 105/122mm artillery fire, from positions NW of the OP, and an estimated 800 rounds of 81/82mm mortar fire. U.S. casualties were 2 killed and 72 wounded. Damage was light. The fire was returned with mortars, artillery and naval gunfire. Artillery fired at suspected enemy positions in NVN and in the DMZ. On 28 April, at 0230H, the enemy attacked the 9th Marines command post at Dong Ha with 50 rounds of 140mm barrage rocket fire causing 8 killed, 74 wounded, and light aircraft and materiel damage. Fire was returned. Marine units swept the enemy firing position after the attack and located 30 rocket firing positions and 50 unfired rockets. The area had been hit by counter-battery fire. In PRAIRIE IV during April, 45 enemy were killed and 33 enemy weapons captured. 18 U.S. were killed. The operation, supported by 47 direct support air sorties and 20 naval gunfire missions, continued into May.

BEACON STAR was initiated 21 April in Thua Thien Province as a search and destroy sweep of the coastal areas NW of Hue. The operation, conducted by the U.S. Marine special landing force (BLT 2/3) of a Seventh Fleet amphibious ready group, was initiated by a helicopter and surface amphibious assault into the operation area. Air cover for the assault was provided by the 1st Marine Air Wing. U.S. Seventh Fleet ships stood ready to provide naval gunfire support. USN Swift boats and Coast Guard craft from TF 115 patrolled the landing area to seaward, cleared the boat lanes of junks and sampans, and watched for signs of exfiltration. The landing was not opposed and there has been no significant contact. The battalion landing team changed operational control to CG III MAF on 24 April. The operation was suspended on 26 April when the unit was moved to Khe Sanh to reinforce the 9th Marines.

SHAWNEE, initiated 22 April in Thua Thien Province by units of the 3d Marine Division, accounted for 47 enemy killed during April. Two U.S. were killed. On 29 April, an enemy unit attacked a USMC artillery position with 80-100 rounds of mortar fire wounding 20 U.S. and causing light damage.

BEAVER CAGE was initiated 28 April in Quang Tri Province by the U.S. Marine special landing force of a Seventh Fleet amphibious ready group. The helicopter and surface amphibious assaults were unopposed, and there were no significant contacts in April. The employment of this special landing force (BLT 1/3) concurrently with the employment of another special landing force (BLT 2/3) in BEACON STAR marked the first time in the Vietnam conflict that two USMC special landing forces had been employed ashore at the same time.

On 21 April in Quang Tin Province there was heavy contact in the Nui Loc Son area 27 km NNW of Tam Ky. At 0655H, two platoons of the 1st Marines engaged an estimated enemy company while on a sweep. Contact continued throughout the morning. Additional enemy were observed moving into the area about noon. Marine units were inserted to reinforce, and these units made contact. Air observers and fixed-wing aircraft were on station and employed throughout the day. Mortar and artillery fired in support. ARVN units also supported. 52 enemy and 41 U.S. were killed.

## II CORPS/I FORCE

During March, enemy forces from the NVA NT1 and the NVA NT10 Divisions continued operations in the southwestern Kontum and western Pleiku areas. During April, enemy activity in the central highlands consisted primarily of harassment attacks and mortar attacks.

In Kontum Province on 12 March, elements of the 4th Infantry Division in Operation SAM HOUSTON were attacked by an estimated two enemy battalions 20 km SW of Plei Djereng. The enemy fired mortars in support of the attack. On 21 March the enemy conducted a mortar attack west of the Se San River, and there was contact that same day with an unknown size enemy force two kilometers to the east. In Pleiku Province on 13 and 14 March, the enemy conducted mortar attacks SW of Plei Djereng and on the Plei Mrong and Duc Co Special Forces Camps. On 22 March, 18 km NW of Duc Co, there was contact with an estimated enemy battalion. On 27 March, the enemy attacked the Plei Me Special Forces Camp with mortar fire. Mining incidents on routes 509B and 19 were reported throughout March.

The NVA NT 3 Division continued to operate in southern Quang Ngai Province and northern Binh Dinh Province. In Phu Yen and Khanh Hoa Provinces, the NVA NT 5 Division continued to evade contact.

I FORCE units continued border surveillance operations in the western highlands; search and destroy operations in Quang Ngai Province; and search and destroy, rice protection, and TAOR expansion operations along the other coastal provinces; and support of Revolutionary Development in all areas.

BYRD, initiated 25 August in Binh Thuan Province by 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) units, was continued in support of Revolutionary Development. The units conducted small unit air assaults, search operations, and coordinated operations with ARVN units. 62 enemy were killed during the month. Three U.S. were killed. The operation was supported by 105 direct support air sorties during the month.

ADAMS was initiated 26 October in Phu Yen Province by 4th Infantry Division units as a search and destroy operation to provide rice harvest protection in the heavily populated Tuy Hoa Valley. It was terminated 2 April with final results of 491 enemy killed. 46 U.S. were killed. The operation was supported by 203 direct support air sorties. The operations in this rice producing valley have returned the area to GVN control.

SAM HOUSTON, initiated 1 January in Pleiku and Kontum Provinces by 4th Infantry Division and 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division units, was terminated 5 April with final results of 733 enemy killed. 172 U.S. were killed. The operation was supported by 2,066 direct support air sorties.

PERSHING, initiated 12 February in Binh Dinh Province by units of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, was continued in northern Binh Dinh Province during April. On 8 April, U.S. units engaged an enemy company in prepared positions NW of Bong Son. 63 enemy were killed. 20 U.S. were killed. At 0050H on 9 April, the enemy attacked Camp Radcliff at An Khe with 80 rounds of mortar fire in eight minutes, wounding two U.S. and causing light damage to aircraft. In PERSHING, 317 enemy were killed during the month. 78 U.S. were killed. The operation was supported by 721 direct support air sorties during the month. This highly productive operation, continuing a long series of operations in Binh Dinh Province, is breaking the enemy's hold on that area.

OH JAK KYO, initiated 8 March in Phu Yen Province, was conducted by units of the Capital (Tiger) ROK Infantry Division and the 9th (White Horse) ROK Infantry Division. The ROK forces killed 536 enemy during the period 1-18 April. The operation was terminated 18 April with final results of 831 enemy killed and 662 enemy weapons captured. It was supported by 15 direct support air sorties and 68 naval gunfire missions. A result of the operation was to link-up the TAORs of the two ROK divisions thus releasing U.S. forces in the ADAMS area of operations for other missions. Upon link-up, the ROK forces assumed responsibility for the coastal area from Phan Rang to a point north of Qui Nhon. OH JAK KYO II was initiated 19 April.

SUMMERALL, initiated 30 March in Phu Yen and Khanh Hoa Provinces by units of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, was terminated 29 April with final results of 72 enemy killed and 57 enemy weapons captured. Seven U.S. were killed. The operation was supported by 85 direct support air sorties.

FRANCIS MARION was initiated 6 April in Pleiku and Kontum Provinces by units of the 4th Infantry Division and 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, continuing the border surveillance mission in the central highlands. On 8 April, a U.S. company uncovered an enemy base camp of 250 bunkers. During the month, the enemy conducted 82mm mortar attacks on U.S. units on 8 April (40-50 rounds), again on 8 April (40 rounds), on 20 April (80-100 rounds), 21 April (50 rounds), and 28 April (47 rounds). Total U.S. casualties from these five attacks were 16 wounded. During April, 64 enemy were killed and 40 enemy weapons captured. 17 U.S. were killed. The operation was supported by 777 direct support air sorties.

LEJEUNE was initiated 7 April in Quang Ngai Province by units of the 2d Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. Although in the III MAF area, it was controlled by I Force and permitted time-phasing of U.S. Army units into III MAF for future employment by that command. The operation was terminated 22 April with final

results of 181 enemy killed, 17 U.S. were killed. The operation was supported by 175 direct support air sorties and 26 naval gunfire missions.

### III CORPS/II FORCE

The VC CT 9 Division sustained heavy losses during March and April, the result of Operation JUNCTION CITY in War Zone C. The multi-division operation in northern Tay Ninh Province is seriously disrupting the historic base areas of COSVN. There were four major battles during March, with the last one extending into April. Otherwise, enemy reactions to JUNCTION CITY consisted primarily of harassment and mortar attacks to slow the advance of friendly forces. On 16 April the 3d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division assumed control of Operation JUNCTION CITY. The 1st and 25th Infantry Divisions moved to the SW to start Operation MANHATTAN.

In northern III Corps, the NVA CT 7 Division remained in base areas in and north of War Zone D. On 24 March, a two company CIDG force contacted an enemy force 20 km NE of Bu Dop Special Forces Camp. The VC 273d Regiment took heavy losses in an attack on a U.S. 5th Cavalry squadron in Binh Duong Province during March. The VC 274th and 275th Regiments continued operations in Phuoc Tuy, Long Khanh and Binh Tuy Provinces.

U.S. units continued to support GVN operation RANG DONG during April. RANG DONG, initiated 1 December, is aimed at destroying enemy forces and eliminating the VC infrastructure in the villages and hamlets around Saigon. Battalions of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade supported ARVN airborne and ranger battalions, conducting numerous "buddy" operations, ARVN/US cordon and search operations, night ambush patrols, eagle flights, and riverine operations. 112 enemy were killed during April. ARVN/US casualties were light. The operation was supported by 42 direct support air sorties during April.

U.S. units in III Corps continued operations ALA MOANA and LAM SON 67 without significant contact during April. WAIALUA was terminated.

ENTERPRISE, initiated 14 February in Long An Province by 9th Infantry Division units, was continued during April with significant contact. The principal contact commenced on 9 April when an airstrike on a suspected enemy position resulted in 10 enemy killed and considerable movement of enemy troops in the area of the strike. U.S. units were lifted into the area by helicopter and made contact. The area was surrounded by nightfall, and the contact continued until 1100H on the 11th. 207 enemy were killed in the battle. One U.S. was killed and 25 wounded. Results of ENTERPRISE for the month were 427 enemy killed. 31 U.S. were killed. The operation was supported by 164 direct support air sorties during the month. U.S. and ARVN forces working together are conducting extensive saturation patrols and ambushes throughout the province and are providing support for revolutionary development in the heavily populated area.

JUNCTION CITY, initiated 22 February in Tay Ninh Province by II FIELD FORCE VIETNAM, continued during April. It is the largest U.S. operation of the conflict. There were four major battles in the operation during March, with the last battle commencing on 31 March and extending into

April. This battle developed at Landing Zone George between the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry and the 271st Viet Cong Regiment. 585 enemy were killed in the battle. U.S. casualties were 11 killed and 74 wounded. During the fight, the enemy employed 75mm howitzer fire against the U.S. forces. During the remainder of April the enemy conducted frequent mortar attacks against U.S. units in the operation area. There were about nine such attacks in each of which 20-75 rounds of mortar were fired, and there was one attack in which 150-200 rounds of mortar were fired. The latter attack took place on 14 April against the Prek Klok CIDG Camp in support of a small-arms attack by an estimated enemy battalion. The camp was supported by USAF AC-47s, USA 8-inch howitzer and 175mm gun artillery. During April, 781 enemy were killed in JUNCTION CITY. 53 U.S. were killed. The operation was supported by 951 direct support air sorties during the month. In addition to the large numbers of enemy killed, the large number of base camps destroyed and the huge quantities of supplies and equipment captured, it has been a great step forward in making War Zone C an insecure enemy area.

MANHATTAN was initiated 24 April in Binh Duong Province in a 70 mile-square circular area just south of Dau Tieng running SE to Ben Suc on the northern edge of the Iron Triangle. Employing major units of the 1st and 25th Infantry Divisions and the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (-), the operation's mission is to clear the area between War Zone C and the Iron Triangle of enemy units, installations and VC infrastructure. The operation will close the circle to the Saigon River on a 20 km (12 mile) SE line between Dau Tieng and Ben Suc. As the month ended, the operation had been supported by 476 direct support air sorties, claimed 106 enemy killed and cost the enemy 139 individual and 7 crew-served weapons. 26 U.S. were killed and 165 wounded.

HARVEST MOON was initiated 2 April in Phuoc Long Province with parachute assault of a multi-company force of U.S. Special Forces, Vietnamese Special Forces (LLDB) and CIDG. The drop zone was secured without contact. The drop was successful. The mission of the force was to secure an area - the Bunard area - for establishment of a special forces outpost. The operation proceeded with light contact.

PORTSEA was initiated 21 March as an Australian/US/ARVN search and destroy operation in Phuoc Tuy Province. On 6 April, a 6th RAR company located 70 tons of enemy rice. On 8 April, a U.S. infantry unit located a large tunnel complex containing 2 LMGs, 23 SMGs, 25 rifles/carbines, over 201,000 rounds of small-arms ammunition, over 4,700 rounds of mortar ammunition, 19 claymore mines, 17 AT mines, over 600 grenades, over 3,000 pounds of TNT and 16 bangalore torpedoes. The 1st Brigade, 9th Infantry Division units and ARVN units terminated their participation in the operation on 15 April. 6th RAR terminated the operation on 16 April with 47 enemy killed. Friendly casualties were light. The operation was supported by 213 direct support air sorties.

Australian forces continued Operation LEETON in Phuoc Tuy Province. Operation PUCKAPUNYAL was initiated 27 April by the newly-arrived 7th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment.

## DELTA/RUNG SAT SPECIAL ZONE

In the Delta, the enemy continued his campaign with the objective of strengthening his political and military position while denying control of the population to the GVN. To accomplish this objective, the enemy continued the pattern of attacks and harassment of outposts, towns, and lightly defended areas; interdiction of lines of communications; and acts of sabotage and terrorism. In Vinh Long Province on 26 March, elements of an estimated two Viet Cong battalions attacked Tam Binh and Mang Thiet villages employing mortars, small arms and automatic weapons. The ARVN reaction operation resulted in 142 enemy killed. On 27 March, the enemy attacked Binh Tuy Airfield in Phong Dinh Province with 40-45 rounds of mortar fire. On 22 and 31 March, the enemy mined segments of Route 4 west of My Tho in Dinh Tuong Province. In An Xuyen Province on 13 March, enemy detonated a mine and destroyed 60 houses in a refugee hamlet near Ca Mau. On 30 March, terrorists detonated a claymore mine at the bus station in Ben Tre City, Kien Hoa Province, killing one and wounding 15. Reports of planned sabotage, terrorism, and intimidation of candidates and voters indicated that the enemy would attempt to disrupt the elections with tactics similar to those used in September 1966.

On 2 April, an estimated two enemy companies attacked a CIDG force and U.S. Special Forces advisors in Kien Phong Province. AC-47s, armed helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft supported. 73 enemy were killed. Friendly casualties were light.

PALM BEACH, initiated 28 January in Dinh Tuong Province of IV Corps, was continued during March and April by the 2d Brigade, 9th Infantry Division to secure the Dong Tam Base. On 8 March, the enemy attacked the base with 81mm or 82mm mortars, firing 80 rounds in 15 minutes. In PALM BEACH during April, 117 enemy were killed. Four U.S. were killed. The operation was supported by 30 direct support air sorties during the month. On 29 April, an explosion occurred aboard an Esso storage barge 1 km S of My Tho. The explosion caused a severe fire which gutted the barge. The cause is unknown.

In the Rung Sat Special Zone, 9th Infantry Division units continued Operation CHAPMAN with only light contact. The operation is part of a larger effort to counter increased enemy threat in the zone, particularly the threat against the main shipping channel to Saigon Port. On 21 April, a U.S. company discovered an enemy base camp and munitions storage area consisting of 31 bunkers and a perimeter trench. The camp contained 35 empty water mine cases, 18 water mines, a workshop and miscellaneous other munitions.

On 20 April on the Long Tau River, enemy attacked a USNS tank landing ship (LST-550) with 75mm RR fire. Five rounds hit the ship and killed one Japanese crewman, wounded three others, and wounded one U.S. MP. The enemy also fired automatic weapons at a VNN utility landing craft and four USN MSBs, but caused no casualties or damage. Armed helicopters, PBRs and air-strikes supported.

In IV Corps, at 2105H on 28 April on the Bassac Rive SE of Can Tho, two USN PBRs and two enemy sampans engaged. One sampan, 25-feet long with two large motors and a mounted automatic weapon, opened fire and closed on one of the PBRs. The PBR returned fire and the sampan exploded in two secondary explosions. The other sampan exchanged fire with the PBRs and was destroyed in a secondary explosion. Four enemy were killed. Two USN were wounded.

On 20 April in Ba Xuyen Province, seven USN PBRs destroyed 18 small sampans, 14 large sampans, and three large cargo junks abandoned by the enemy in a canal. One of the cargo junks exploded.

On 21 April in Sa Dec Province, two PBRs interdicted an enemy crossing point and took seven enemy sampans under fire. Six were sunk, and one was destroyed in a large secondary explosion and fireball.

U.S. Army helicopter "Firefly" missions continued to restrict the enemy's use of inland waterways. U.S. Army helicopters also provided troop lift, cargo lift and gunship support to augment ARVN forces operating in the Delta.

#### SPECIAL CATEGORY OPERATIONS

##### Tactical Air Support South

Free World forces continued a high-level of tactical air support operations in the Republic. The operations included direct air support sorties by strike pilots, forward air controller sorties, B-52 strikes, AC-47 sorties, helicopter support in all its forms, and other fixed-wing aircraft support.

U.S. strike pilots provided direct air support for ground forces and struck enemy troop concentrations, base camps, fortifications, storage areas, and routes of communication and supply. U.S. strike pilots flew 13,999 sorties in the Republic during April (USAF 9,142 USMC 4,848 USN 9). About half of the total strike sorties flown in the Republic were direct air support sorties. The Free World strike sorties flown in the Republic during March obtained 318 secondary explosions.

Forward air controllers kept up daily surveillance over the entire Republic, detecting enemy concentrations and activities, marking targets, clearing strike requests, directing artillery and airstrikes, and surveying damage assessment. These highly qualified officers are principals in coordinating with the province chiefs for obtaining permission to conduct air strikes and artillery or naval gunfire missions. More than 3,300 forward air controller sorties were flown during March.

Strategic Air Command units in the Western Pacific and Thailand continued to conduct daily B-52 strikes in the Republic. Targets for the strikes are enemy base areas, infiltration routes, troop concentrations, and enemy strongholds. The ordnance delivered without warning by these

bombers (up to 30 tons per aircraft) undoubtedly has had and is having a tremendous effect on the enemy in disrupting his operations, keeping him on the move, denying him sanctuary and destroying large quantities of his laboriously acquired supplies.

There were 89 strikes reported during April (59 were in I Corps). 168 secondary explosions were reported.

USAF AC-47 Dragonship crews continued to provide flare-light and fire support for Free World forces in the Republic.

Helicopters in the Republic continued to be used to lift troops and equipment in combat assaults and to provide aerial reconnaissance, machine-gun and rocket support, administrative lift of troops and cargo, medical evacuation, insertion and extraction of ground reconnaissance units, pilot rescue, and "Firefly" illumination and strike missions against enemy river traffic. Helicopter crews flew more than 343,000 sorties during April.

In I Corps, helicopter pilots flew more than 37,000 sorties during March, lifting nearly 45,000 troops and more than 3,500 tons of cargo in support of III MAF, ARVN and ROKMC operations. U.S. Army fixed-wing and helicopter pilots flew nearly 399,000 sorties during March, lifting more than 540,000 troops and more than 45,000 tons of cargo.

#### Naval Gunfire South

Seventh Fleet warships continued to provide naval gunfire support for allied ground forces throughout the coastal areas of the Republic. A new addition to the force was the Australian destroyer HMAS HOBART (D-39).

On 9 April, at 0323H, off the coast of Quang Ngai Province, the Australian destroyer HMAS HOBART fired a naval gunfire mission on enemy troops attacking an OP. The ship's fire killed 15 of the enemy.

On 20 April, off the coast of Thua Thien Province, while the destroyer USS BIGELOW was providing naval gunfire support, an explosion occurred in a 5"/54 gun mount injuring 6 USN. It is believed the explosion was caused by detonation of powder cartridge during ram cycle. The mount sustained substantial damage.

On 27 April in Quang Ngai Province, a 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division naval gunfire officer directed naval gunfire on enemy positions, killing 61 enemy and triggering four large secondary explosions.

#### Market Time

Market Time units, consisting of U.S. Navy and Coast Guard units assisting the VNN Sea and Coastal Forces in the prevention of infiltration by sea, during March inspected or boarded more than 300 steel-hulled vessels and several thousand junks/sampans. More than 30 junks and 500

persons were detained. The detainees included persons without identification cards, draft dodgers, deserters, restricted area violators, looters, possible enemy tax collectors, and suspected black marketeers. Market Time units during March participated in four search and rescue missions, accomplished 14 naval gunfire support missions, and had 10 instances of hostile fire.

## LOGISTICS

### Enemy

The Hanoi regime, to sustain the war effort in South Vietnam, must provide the replacement personnel and the hard war materiel -- the munitions, weapons and communications equipment.

It must maintain or increase the enemy strength in-country, or suffer defeat. The input from in-country recruitment is falling off because of a reduction of population under Viet Cong control, increasing casualties sustained and disaffection resulting from the hardships and low survival probability inherent in a protracted war of attrition. A significant percentage of the RVN population is action motivated to support the side that demonstrates the power to win, the ability to provide security. The enemy is losing support in that area despite extremes of response -- desperate attempts to win a significant victory, gross acts of violence to instill terror, and harsh recruitment and repressive measures. To offset the reduction in in-country recruitment and increased battle casualties, there must be an increase in infiltration of fillers from North Vietnam.

The personnel input required to sustain the enemy strength in the Republic is an uncertain figure but obviously is a significant demand on North Vietnam. Perhaps of greater consequence is the number of personnel North Vietnam must divert to infiltration and logistics support roles to sustain, maintain and repair the logistics system in the face of Free World air-sea-ground attack.

North Vietnam alone is incapable of sustaining the flow of hard war materiel required to sustain its aggression in the Republic. The Hanoi regime is heavily dependent on Red China and the Soviet Bloc for war materiel. An estimated 70 to 85 percent of that materiel is received through the port of Haiphong.

The flow of that materiel from the north to the south is a laborious and tenuous process. The materiel is transported by stages, by all available means, whether by truck, barge, sampan, oxcart, bicycle, or back-pack, to the ocean or overland infiltration routes into the Republic of Vietnam. They are subjected to attack all the way, and suffer attrition all the way. Were it not for that attrition, the war in the Republic of Vietnam would cost far more in allied lives.

## U.S. Forces

The intensity of the Free World air-ground-sea operations, construction requirements and civic action requirements have placed a massive demand on the logistics system. The demands are being met.

Some 98 percent of the materiel coming into the Republic comes by ship. The remainder - priority items of equipment or supply - are flown into the Republic. In-country distribution of equipment and supplies is accomplished by coastal shipping, river craft, truck or cargo aircraft.

The functions fulfilled by the tactical airlift system in the Republic include air delivery of combat personnel, supplies and equipment; medical evacuation, defoliation and crop denial; and maintenance of air lines to the major aerial ports, air bases and units. There are about 150 airfields of various types, throughout the Republic to support this network of air transportation. A new addition is the 25 million dollar airbase at Phu Cat opened on 31 March.

The opening of ground transportation networks has had its effect on the enemy, as indicated by his increased activity in April to disrupt the flow of traffic over them.

On 11 April, enemy detonated a floating mine under Go Cong Bridge in Kien Tuong Province, collapsing a section, and under Ong Nhien Bridge 12 km E of Saigon in Gia Dinh Province. On 13 April, in Quang Nam Province 12 km NW of Da Nang, enemy blew a support on the Nam O Bridge collapsing 75 feet of the span. The bridge was reopened to traffic the next day by installation of a floating bridge. On 13 April in Dinh Tuong Province NW of My Tho, enemy detonated a charge cratering a road near a bridge. The road was reopened. On 15 April 20 km SE of Bien Hoa City, enemy blew two culverts on Highway 15, halting traffic. On 22 April in Thua Thien Province, 7-10 enemy attempted to blow a bridge on Highway 1 but were driven off by a CAC team. One enemy was killed. On 27 April in Saigon, enemy set off six explosive charges in the Chi Hoa Railroad Repair Yard damaging several diesel locomotives. One satchel charge containing 39 blocks of TNT was found. On 28 April in Vinh Binh Province, enemy attacked a bridge on Highway 7A with explosives and rifle grenades, damaging the bridge.

Increase in the tempo of the war has brought a corresponding increase in the medical facilities within the Republic to handle the injured. The hospital network includes the USN hospital ships REPOSE and SANCTUARY off I Corps. As a result of this medical coverage and the rapid response of the medical evacuation teams, 45 percent of the wounded-in-action are returned to duty in 24 hours with 40 percent returned to duty at a later date. Of the personnel hospitalized, 35 percent are evacuated from the Republic.

("On Background Rules")

REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT

As of 31 March, about half the ARVN infantry battalions were in position performing missions in direct support of RD. Training of ARVN infantry battalions in the tactics and techniques for support of RD continued. RF companies and PF platoons continued to provide close-in security for provincial RD areas and programs. The country-wide trend of enemy incidents directed toward disruption of the RD organization continued.

In I Corps, US/FWMAF units continued to support RD by breaking up large concentrations of enemy units and securing RD areas. In Thua Thien Province on 17 April, enemy attacked three RD teams and RF/PF forces. An ARVN reaction force was committed and made contact. 71 enemy were killed.

In II Corps, US/FWMAF provided security for RD efforts with a U.S. battalion task force in Binh Thuan Province and ROK units in Binh Dinh, Phu Yen, Khanh Hoa and Ninh Thuan.

In III Corps, in March as in February, there were few contacts with enemy main force units as the enemy endeavored to avoid large engagements. The most significant RD operation in March was conducted in Long An Province by one U.S. and one ARVN battalion in the area of Long Huu, an area that had been under VC control for three years. 12,000 people were brought under GVN control as a result of this operation.

On 16 April, in Long Khanh Province 6 km N of Xuan Loc, enemy attacked Binh Loc with mortars at 0100H and again at 0446H; attacked Boa Moa and Bao Ti with mortar and ground attack; and overran the village of Suci Chan. A third of the village was destroyed by fire. 11 civilians were killed. The enemy tied three female RD workers to a pole and shot each of them in the head.

On 24 April, in Gia Dinh Province, enemy attacked a Buddhist school building in Phu Tho where a group of female RD workers were meeting. The enemy employed submachinegun fire and threw 8 grenades in the attack. Two female RD workers were killed; 10 wounded.

RVNAF civic action activities consisted primarily of medical treatments, immunizations and distribution of food, clothing and commodities. In Long An, an ARVN battalion constructed two footbridges, each about 20 meters in length; opened the village school and provided five soldiers for instructors; conducted daily MEDCAP and operated the village dispensary. Another battalion in Long An Province constructed a dispensary, staffed the dispensary with unit medics and conducted MEDCAP. The unit assisted RD workers in building school tables and chairs and helped the local people in several tasks. In Binh Duong Province, ARVN soldiers dug latrines for each school in a village, aided in teaching school children, conducted

daily MEDCAP, assisted in building a church, and participated in hamlet cleanup operations. In Hau Nghia Province, a ranger battalion and local people constructed an eight bed dispensary with a dental office, a supply room and a patient treatment room. Throughout the III CTZ, there was increased RF/PF participation in civic action. In Hau Nghia, RF medics treated 1,744 patients during March. In Binh Long Province, RF reconstructed homes that had been damaged by mortar fire.

In IV Corps, RVNAF civic action became more intense as RD units became familiar with their areas. The local people joined with the RD teams more readily than in the past to participate in unfunded projects. Notable high impact projects were construction of schools, roads and bridges. Medical assistance offered by RD teams and military units was widespread. A result of the many civic action projects could be seen in the increased ability to market local products and buy outside goods. (End of Background Rules)

#### SIGNIFICANT TRENDS

The enemy's overall objectives and determination appear unchanged. He attempts to extend his control over the population of RVN, prevent the GVN from controlling the population of the RVN, and reduce the will to resist of the FVMAF and their governments. He continues to strive for a significant victory to strengthen his own will to continue a protracted war of attrition.

Free World military operations continued to accent search and destroy actions against the enemy's combat forces and base areas and provide an improving environment for revolutionary development. They also continued to defeat the enemy in every major encounter. The ground, air and sea operations are exacting heavy losses on the enemy's manpower and defensive resources, tearing up his base areas, his lines of communication and destroying large amounts of laboriously gathered munitions, weapons, food stores, and other materiel.

The large numbers of men that the enemy is forced to divert to his infiltration and logistics problems in North and South Vietnam, plus the large number of casualties, undoubtedly have a telling effect on his capacity for continuing the aggression. He has, however, added to his defenses in the panhandle of NVN by adding artillery in the DMZ and by attempting to establish an operational SAM site just north of it.

The enemy's activities admittedly have been affected by the progress of the Revolutionary Development and Chieu Hoi programs. He has been forced to divert political forces from other projects to counter the threats to his infrastructure. As a result, increased terror activity and quasi-military actions against these programs are evident and will probably intensify.

Increasing military reversals suffered by the enemy have forced him to resort to more harsh and repressive recruitment and retention measures which, in turn, have had a damaging effect on the loyalty of his cadre. There are indications of significant strain upon members of enemy combat

units, resulting from the hardships of life in the swamps and jungles, absence from home, and limited prospects of survival in a protracted war.

But, he appears undaunted. His strength grows in northern I Corps as the Division joins the fight. But there are signs further south that he is cracking and becoming discouraged. As his casualties and desertion rates climb he deludes himself by reporting "victories" to Hanoi and exaggerates Free World casualties ten to twenty fold or more.

On balance, intensity of enemy mortar and artillery attacks has been, and probably will remain, high. Large unit (battalion or larger) battles have increased in frequency and may increase further.

MONTHLY REVIEW OF GROUND OPERATIONS

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OPERATION	PROVINCE INITIATED	TERM	FRIENDLY LOSSES					ENEMY LOSSES				
			AIR	NGF	KIA	WIA	MIA	EK	DET	IW	CSW	
III MAF												
DE SOTO 7thMar(Bnt)	Quang Ngai 26 Jan	7 Apr	848	345	76	574	0	383	378	28	0	
CHINOOK II 9thMar(Bn)	Thua Thien 17 Feb	4 Apr	187	6	12	111	0	104	226	28	2	
PRAIRIE III 3dMarDiv(Bde)	Quang Tri 19 Mar	19 Apr	448	0	55	529	0	252	312	117	11	
BEACON HILL I 4thMar(SLF)(Bn)	Quang Tri 20 Mar	1 Apr	55	275	29	230	0	334	4	29	2	
BOONE 5thMar(Bn)	Quang Ngai 24 Mar	7 Apr	33	0	2	61	0	39	80	0	0	
BIG HORN 3dMarDiv(Bnt)	Thua Thien 5 Apr	21 Apr	33	0	22	127	0	70	40	12	0	
CANYON 1stMarDiv(Bn)	Quang Tin 6 Apr	10 Apr	29	55	3	40	0	85	253	7	0	
PRAIRIE IV 3dMarDiv(Bde)	Quang Tri 20 Apr		47	20	18	267	0	45	24	31	2	
GRAND 7thMar(Bn)	Quang Nam 21 Apr	26 Apr	0	0	0	1	0	0	47	0	0	
BEACON STAR 3dMar(SLF)(Bn)	Thua Thien 22 Apr		8	1	1	10	0	0	1	0	0	
SHAWNEE 3dMarDiv(Bnt)	Thua Thien 22 Apr		49	0	2	46	0	47	13	6	0	

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OPERATION	PROVINCE INITIATED	TERM	AIR	NGF	FRIENDLY LOSSES			ENEMY LOSSES			
					KIA	WIA	MIA	EK	DET	IN	CSW
BEAVER CAGE 3dMar(SLF)(Bn)	Quang Tin 28 Apr		5	1	0	3	0	3	1	0	0
I FORCE											
HYRD 1stCavDiv(Airmbl)(Bn)	Binh Thuan 25 Aug		734	50	14	180	0	526	209	176	1
ADAMS 4thInfDiv(Bn)	Phu Yen 26 Oct	2 Apr	203	0	46	278	0	491	2146	160	1
SAM HOUSTON 4thInfDiv/3dBde 25th InfDiv(Bdet)	Pleiku/Kontum 1 Jan	5 Apr	2184	0	172	767	1	733	205	181	50
PERSHING 1stCavDiv(Airmbl) (Bdet)	Binh Dinh 12 Feb		1739	944	254	1001	0	1286	6146	298	13
OH JAK KYO 9thROK/CapROKInfDivs (Regt+)	Phu Yen 8 Mar	18 Apr	15	68	<u>L</u> <u>i</u> <u>g</u> <u>h</u> <u>t</u>			831	417	633	29
SUMMERALL 1stBde 101stAbnDiv (Bn+)	Phu Yen/Khanh Hoa 30 Mar	29 Apr	85	0	7	43	0	72	14	57	0
FRANCIS MARION 1st/2dBdes 4thInfDiv 3dBde 25thInfDiv(Bde)	Pleiku/Kontum 6 Apr		777	0	17	103	0	64	160	38	2
LEJEUNE 1stCavDiv(Airmbl) 3dBde 25thInfDiv(Bn+)	Quang Ngai 7 Apr	22 Apr	175	26	17	65	0	181	756	15	1

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OPERATION	PROVINCE INITIATED	TERM	AIR	NGF	FRIENDLY LOSSES			ENEMY LOSSES					
					KIA	WIA	MIA	EK	DET	IW	CSW		
OH JAK KYO II 9thROKInfDiv(Regt+)	Phu Yen/Khanh Hoa 19 Apr		33	0	<u>N</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>e</u>	8	3	26	0	
II FORCE													
ALA MOANA 1stBde 25thInfDiv(Bn+)	Hau Nghia 1 Dec		1215	0	45	141	0	371	648	91	5		
RANG DONG ARVN/199thLtInfBde (Bde)	Gia Dinh/Long An 1 Dec		758	0	<u>L</u>	<u>i</u>	<u>g</u>	<u>h</u>	<u>t</u>	733	2064	284	3
PALM BEACH 2d/3dBdes 9thInfDiv (Bn+)	Dinh Tuong 7 Jan		35	0	24	183	0	189	34	22	0		
LAM SON 67 1st/3dBdes 1stInfDiv (Bn+)	Binh Duong/Bien Hoa 8 Feb		527	0	5	123	0	39	1156	53	4		
ENTERPRISE 1st/3dBdes 9thInfDiv (Bde)	Long An 14 Feb		196	0	68	330	3	796	38	61	4		
CHAPMAN 2dBde 9thInfDiv(Bn)	Bien Hoa (RSSZ) 16 Feb		193	0	0	18	1	23	0	23	0		
JUNCTION CITY 1st/2dBdes 9thInfDiv (Bde+)	Tay Ninh 22 Feb		4080	0	274	1535	0	2724	98	491	100		
LEETON 6thRAR 1stATF(Bn+)	Phuoc Tuy 6 Mar		0	0	<u>L</u>	<u>i</u>	<u>g</u>	<u>h</u>	<u>t</u>	3	0	2	0

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OPERATION	PROVINCE INITIATED	TERM	AIR	NGF	FRIENDLY LOSSES			ENEMY LOSSES					
					KIA	WIA	MIA	EK	DET	IN	CSW		
WAIALUA 2dBde 25thInfDiv(Bnt)	Tay Ninh/Hau Nghia 8 Mar	7 Apr	258	0	5	90	0	67	69	26	1		
PORTSEA 6thRAR 1stATF(Bn)	Phuoc Tuy 21 Mar	16 Apr	213	0	L	i	g	h	t	47	31	89	2
HARVEST MOON 5th USSF GP	Phuoc Long 2 Apr		83	0	L	i	g	h	t	2	0	0	0
MANHATTAN 1st/25th InfDivs 11thArmdCavRegt(Div+)	Binh Duong 24 Apr		476	0	26	165	0	106	88	139	7		
PUNKAPUNYAL 7thRAR 1stATF(Bn)	Phuoc Tuy 27 Apr		8	0	N	o	n	e	0	0	0	0	

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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS - APRIL 1967

1 Apr (Saturday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 98 msns NVN (USAF 43 USN 44 USMC 11). USN A-6s night atk Loi Dong POL storage area 6 km NW Haiphong.
- NGF-NVN. USS WADDELL and CUNNINGHAM (DDs) dest or dam 16 watercraft 10 km NNW Dong Hoi. WADDELL reported 4 shore btry air bursts. None near ship. USS PROVIDENCE (cruiser), USS TURNER JOY and DUNCAN (DDs) hit coastal defense posns Hon Matt and Hon Nieu Islands.
- BEACON HILL I. Term.
- BOCNE. Announced.
- JUNCTION CITY. 40 km NE Tay Ninh City at 0525H, contact initiated yesterday reestablished and continued. At 0740H, en regt atkd 1/26. At 0900H, a reinforcing US bn counter-atkd and pursued fleeing en force. Hvy arty and air strikes sptd. Results, 31 Mar-1 Apr battle: 585 EK 51 IW. Frd cas: 11 KIA 74 WIA. USAF pilots flew 214 direct spt sorties during the battle.
- US strike pilots flew 494 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 326 USMC 166 USN 2).

2 Apr (Sunday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 108 msns NVN (USAF 46 USN 46 USMC 16).
- III MAF. Quang Tri Prov, en atkd Gio Linh Base w/50 rds 81mm mort fire.
- ADAMS. Term.
- US strike pilots flew 441 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 303 USMC 138).
- USA gunships flew 825 combat sorties.
- NGF-RVN. Three 7th Flt ships and Aust DD HMAS HOBART fired NGF msns.

3 Apr (Monday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 147 msns NVN (USAF 55 USN 78 USMC 14).
- III MAF. Quang Ngai Prov 10 km NNE Quang Ngai City at 1600H, USAF F-4s and F-100s atkd VC force in coastal village mouth Tra Khuc River w/prov-chief approval and FAC control. 1 US killed 4 US wounded 3 VN civ killed 22 VN civ wounded vic atk.
- SUMMERALL. Announced.
- PORTSEA. Announced.

3 Apr (Continued)

- US strike pilots flew 497 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 304 USMC 193).
- USA gunships flew 1,400 combat sorties.

4 Apr (Tuesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 70 msns NVN (USAF 41 USN 15 USMC 14).
- CHINOOK II. Term.
- DE SOTO. HMAS HOBART (DD) dest 8 en emplacements and triggered secondary explosion.
- OH JAK KYO. 58 EK 31 IW 31 radios.
- US strike pilots flew 436 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 325 USMC 111).
- USA pilots flew 2110 tac hel sorties (30 EK), USMC flew 1073 sorties.
- NGF-RVN. USS BRINKLEY sptd 9th ROK Regt in Khanh Hoa Prov. Dest or dam en base camp. Numerous secondary explosions and fires.

5 Apr (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 67 msns NVN (USAF 34 USN 23 USMC 10). USN A-6s hit TPP 32 km NE Hanoi. USAF F-4s hit POL storage area 52 km SE Dong Hoi. 2 large secondary explosions.
- NGF-NVN. USS O'BRIEN recd shore btry fire 42 km SE Vinh. Fire ret, btry silenced. No cas to ship or pers. USS DUNCAN and TURNER JOY atkd by island shore btry 31 km NE Vinh. Lt dam DUNCAN. No dam TURNER JOY. No frd cas:
- OH JAK KYO. Sporadic contacts. 78 EK 95 IW.
- PORTSEA. 70 tons rice.
- US strike pilots flew 414 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 323 USMC 91). 12 secondary explosions.
- USA pilots flew 2100 tac hel sorties (53 EK), USMC flew 702 sorties.

6 Apr (Thursday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 80 msns NVN (USAF 38 USN 25 USMC 17). USN A-6s night atk Loi Dong POL area.
- NGF-NVN. USS WADDELL atkd by en shore btry 104 km SW Haiphong near Mai River. Fire ret. Btry silenced. Lt dam to ship. No frd cas.

6 Apr (Continued)

- III MAF. Quang Tri Prov, Quang Tri City at 0300H, en atkd USA arty plat at Quang Tri Citadel. 7 EK. Frd cas: 10 KIA 9 WIA. En released 220 prisoners from Quang Tri Jail. Quang Tri Prov, coordinated en atks hit ARVN regt compound, Inf Bn, arty compound and 2 cav units.
- III MAF. Thua Thien Prov 13 km NW Hue at 0055H, en atkd 12th Mar arty btry w/100 rds 82mm mort and ground aslt by 2 cos. Contact term 0340H. 19 EK. Frd cas: 3 KIA 8 WIA.
- CANYON. Announced. 31 EK.
- FRANCIS MARION. Announced. En atkd 1st Bde 4th Inf Div unit w/lt concentration riot control agent. Agent was powdered gas dispensed from packets and bottles.
- JUNCTION CITY. 48 km NE Tay Ninh City at 1115H, en atkd 1st Inf Div FSB unit w/hvy mort fire. Arty fire ret. Frd cas: 38 WIA. 35 km NE Tay Ninh City at 1345H, en atkd 1st Inf Div unit w/60-75 rds 82mm mort fire. Fire ret. Frd cas: 1 KIA 10 WIA. Day's results: 18 EK. USAF pilots flew 70 direct spt sorties.
- US strike pilots flew 473 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 322 USMC 151). 21 secondary explosions.
- USA pilots flew 1330 tac hel sorties, USMC flew 1467 sorties.
- NGF-RVN. USS PROVIDENCE (cruiser) hit en assembly area Quang Nam Prov. 2 secondary explosions. USS McKEAN (DD) dest en base camp. 13 secondary explosions.
- Official acft loss figures: (Fxd-wg): NVN 501 RVN 167  
(Hel): NVN 5 RVN 317

7 Apr (Friday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 102 msns NVN (USAF 43 USN 48 USMC 11). USN A-6s night atk Thai Nguyen steel complex.
- NGF-NVN. 8 km SSE Thanh Hoa, en shore btry fired on USS TURNER JOY and DUNCAN. TURNER JOY recd hit after part main deck. Minor dam. 1 USN WIA.
- III MAF. At 0015H, en atkd ARVN/USMC Gio Linh base w/100 rds 82mm mort fire.
- OH JAK KYO. 52 EK 15 DET 71 IW 3 CSW.
- WAIALUA. Term.
- US strike pilots flew 434 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 292 USMC 142).

7 Apr (Continued)

- USA pilots flew 3100 tac hel sorties, USMC flew 1639 sorties.

8 Apr (Saturday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 103 msns NVN (USAF 43 USN 47 USMC 13).
- FRANCIS MARION. 4th Inf Div co found en base camp containing 250 emplacements and fort posns.
- PERSHING. Contact 20 km NW Bong Son. 51 EK. US cas: 19 KIA 27 WIA.
- OH JAK KYO. 62 EK 38 IW 4 CSW.
- PORTSEA. 20 km NE Ba Ria at 1655H, US 9th Inf Div co found large tunnel complex containing 2 LMG; 8 TSMG; 15 other SMG; 10 rifles; 3 AR; 12 carbines; a revolver; over 201,000 rds SA; over 4700 rds mort; 19 claymore mines; 17 AT mines; over 600 gren; over 3000 lbs TNT; and 16 bangalore torpedoes.
- US strike pilots flew 479 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 327 USMC 152).
- USA pilots flew 1412 tac hel sorties (18 EK), USMC pilots flew 1097 sorties.

9 Apr (Sunday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 96 msns NVN (USAF 36 USN 45 USMC 15).
- I FFV. Binh Dinh Prov 62 km NW Qui Nhon at 0050H, en atkd Camp Radcliff w/80 rds mort fire. Armd helms atkd en posns resulting large secondary explosion. US cas: 2 WIA. Lt hel dam. 5 km NW Camp Radcliff, 0120H-0155H, en co atkd 1st Bde 1st Cav Div sety force. US reinf and sptd by armd hel and arty. 8 EK. US cas: 9 KIA 15 WIA.
- ENTERPRISE. 32 km SW Saigon at 1045H, 3d Bde 9th Inf Div co obs en bn. Airstrikes called. 10 EK. At 1225H, another 3d Bde co obs 40 en. Air and arty strikes called. US reinf w/another co. Contact cont. Day's results: 68 EK.
- JUNCTION CITY. 40 km NE Tay Ninh City at 1750H, 1st Bde 1st Inf Div arty spotter obs 60 en. Arty msn fired. 60 EK.
- US strike pilots flew 485 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 227 USMC 180). 27 secondary explosions.
- USA pilots flew 2727 tac hel sorties (30 EK), USMC flew 1666 sorties.

9 Apr (Continued)

- NGF-RVN. HMAS HOBART (DD) fired NGF 28 km SSE Quang Ngai City. 15 EK.

10 Apr (Monday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 133 msns NVN (USAF 60 USN 58 USMC 15). USN A-6s night atk Thai Nguyen.
- BIG HORN. Announced.
- CANYON. Term.
- ENTERPRISE. 32 km SW Saigon, contact cont from 1045H 9 Apr near Rach Kien. Multi-co 3d Bde 9th Inf Div force in contact w/en force. 62 EK.
- CHAPMAN. 195 tons rice.
- DA NANG. USS SANCTUARY (hospital ship) arrived off Da Nang.
- US strike pilots flew 459 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 285 USMC 174).
- USA pilots flew 2230 tac hel sorties, USMC flew 1089 sorties.

11 Apr (Tuesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 78 msns NVN (USAF 42 USN 26 USMC 10).
- ENTERPRISE. 32 km SW Saigon, contact cont from 1045H 9 Apr near Rach Kien, term 1100H. 207 EK. US cas: 1 KIA 25 WIA.
- US strike pilots flew 444 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 290 USMC 154).
- USA pilots flew 2020 tac hel sorties, USMC flew 1139 sorties.

12 Apr (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 82 msns NVN (USAF 24 USMC 8 USN 50).
- III MAF. Quang Tin Prov, 0035H-0055H, en atkd Chu Lai airstrip w/30-40 rds 82mm mort fire. US cas: 2 KIA 45 WIA. Lt acft and equip dam.
- I FFV. Khanh Hoa Prov at Nha Trang harbor at 0005H, British POL tanker SS AMASTRA had external explosion near stern resulting hole 4x6 ft, below waterline. No pers cas. Stern resting on bottom in 60 ft water. Type and amount demolitions unk.
- US strike pilots flew 410 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 275 USMC 135). 12 secondary explosions.
- USA pilots flew 3780 tac hel sorties, USMC 1395 sorties.

12 Apr (Continued)

- NGF-RVN. HMAS HOBART dest or dam 14 en emplacements, set-off secondary explosion in NGF spt Opn PERSHING.

13 Apr (Thursday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 72 msns NVN (USAF 31 USN 34 USMC 7).
- III MAF. Quang Nam Prov 12 km NW Da Nang at 0450H, 75-ft span of Nam O Bridge over Cu De River collapsed from explosion. The type and size of explosive unk.
- I FFV. Khanh Hoa/Ninh Thuan Provs at Cam Ranh Bay at 0100H, USAF C-141 crashed into bay on take-off. 9 pers aboard. 2 injured. 7 missing.
- ENTERPRISE. 34 EK.
- US strike pilots flew 396 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 273 USMC 123).
- USA pilots flew 1900 tac hel sorties, USMC flew 1124 sorties.

14 Apr (Friday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 103 msns NVN (USAF 31 USN 66 USMC 6).
- NGF-NVN. USS TURNER JOY hit truck park and POL storage area 52 km SE Dong Hoi. 1 secondary explosion. USS O'BRIEN hit coastal fortifications 48 km NNE Vinh. Numerous fires in area.
- III MAF. Quang Tin Prov, 196th Lt Inf Bde completed air movement from Tay Ninh Prov to Chu Lai. Under OPCON 1st Mar Div, 196th will shield RD opns w/USMC in Quang Tin and N Quang Ngai Provs.
- US strike pilots flew 426 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 308 USMC 116 USN 2). 2 USAF F-4Cs and 2 USN F-4Bs hit en troop concentration 21 km W Quang Ngai City. FAC directed strike. 40 EK 2 fort posns dest.
- USA pilots flew 5800 tac hel sorties (20 EK), USMC flew 833 sorties.

15 Apr (Saturday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 84 msns NVN (USAF 40 USN 36 USMC 8).
- I FFV. Binh Dinh Prov 37 km NW Qui Nhon at 0140H, 2 F-100s on pre-planned night radar control msn dropped ordnance off target. ARVN cas: 35 KIA 69 WIA.
- PORTSEA. 1st Bde 9th Inf Div term their portion of opn.
- IV CTZ. Kien Hoa Prov near Truc Giang at 0530H, USAF F-100 accidentally bombed Chieu Hoi Village. 14 killed 25 wounded 5 houses dest or dam.

15 Apr (Continued)

- US strike pilots flew 488 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 334 USMC 154).  
12 secondary explosions.
- USA pilots flew 5205 tac hel sorties (43 EK), USMC flew 1296 sorties.

16 Apr (Sunday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 96 mens NVN (USAF 31 USN 57 USMC 8).
- LEJEUNE. Announced. 45 EK.
- PORTSEA. Term.
- JUNCTION CITY. Term Phase II. Multi-bn 3d Bde 4th Inf Div and ARVN Ranger bn initiate Phase III S&D.
- II FFV. Lam Dong Prov 57 km NNE Saigon at 1215H, C-130 crashed and burned on attempting go around at Bao Loc airfield. 4 injured.  
Acft hvy dam.
- US strike pilots flew 420 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 296 USMC 122 USN 2).
- USA pilots flew 3900 tac hel sorties (30 EK), USMC flew 1085 sorties.

17 Apr (Monday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 101 mens NVN (USAF 38 USN 52 USMC 11).
- NGF-NVN. HMAS HOBART, USS DUNCAN and COLLETT hit POL storage areas, truck parks, radar sites and shore btrys between 50-60 km SSE and 60 km NNW Dong Hoi. 1 secondary explosion.
- LEJEUNE. Inf and gunships killed 39, en.
- II FFV. Long An Prov 19 km NE Tan An, 1st Bde 25th Inf Div co found wpns cache. 57 IW 8 CSW.
- CMD. Gia Phu st., Cholon at 0610H, two gren exploded at bus stop in front Colosseum Annex BEQ. 10 US WIA. Claymore found 20 meters right of stop. EOD disarmed.
- US strike pilots flew 448 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 288 USMC 160).
- USA pilots flew 6740 tac hel sorties (50 EK), USMC flew 956 sorties.
- NGF-RVN. USS McCAFFERY hit en base camp and supply rts in Phuoc Tuy Prov. 5 secondary explosions.

18 Apr (Tuesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 142 mens NVN (USAF 49 USN 80 USMC 13). USAF F-105s and F-4s hit Thai Nguyen RR yd and steel complex. 9 secondary explosions w/grey-black smoke to 5,000 ft.

18 Apr (Continued)

- OH JAK KYO. Phase I term, Phase II initiated.
- HARVEST MOON. Announced.
- US strike pilots flew 411 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 279 USMC 132).
- USA pilots flew 6863 tac hel sorties (49 EK), USMC flew 986 sorties.

19 Apr (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 100 msns NVN (USAF 31 USN 47 USMC 22). USAF reported 17 MIG engagements. 1 MIG-21 downed by F-105. USAF F-105s and F-4s hit bks and storage area 59 km SSE Hanoi. Numerous bldgs dest, dam and burning. Smoke visable to 64 km.
- PRAIRIE III. Term.
- US strike pilots flew 478 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 308 USMC 170).
- USA pilots flew 7600 tac hel sorties (63 EK), USMC flew 1052 sorties.
- NGF-RVN. USS ST. FRANCIS RIVER hit en target in Binh Tuy Prov. 14 emplacements dest or dam. USS FLETCHER hit en targets Quang Ngai Prov. Dest or dam 34 emplacements.

20 Apr (Thursday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 77 msns NVN (USAF 31 USN 37 USMC 9). USN jets hit Haiphong West and East Power Plants 1.8 and 3 km from Haiphong. 10,000 kw W Plant, hvy dam boiler house w/mod dam to water treatment and cooling plants. 7,000 kw E Plant boiler, generator and transformer bldgs dam. Pilots recd hvy AAA fire. USAF jets hit Kep RR yd 62 km NE Hanoi. 3 freight trains dest or dam w/numerous secondary explosion, flames to 300 ft and smoke to 2,000 feet. USAF F-4s dest 60-car freight train 89 km NW Hanoi.
- III MAF. Quang Tri Prov 26 km NW Quang Tri City at 0825H, Mar recon elm found wpns cache: 200 rds 82mm mort, 100 CHICOM gren, 25 IW w/additional ammo and fuses.
- FRANCIS MARION. Pleiku Prov at 2355H, en atkd 4th Inf Div FSB w/80-100 rds 82mm mort fire. Half of rds landed outside perimeter.
- GAME WARDEN. Ba Xuyen Prov 34 km N Khanh Hung at 1600H, 7 USN PBRs dest 18 small and 14 large sampans.
- RSSZ. On Long Tau River 20 km SE Saigon at 1650H, en atkd USNS LST w/5 rds 75mm RR fire. MSTC contract ship was hit in superstructure. VNN LCU and 4 USN PBRs in same area recd hvy AW from E bank river. PBRs and Army/Navy gunships sptd. 1 Japanese crewman killed 4 Japanese crewmen wounded (aboard USNS ship). LST proceeded to Nha Be under own power.

20 Apr (Continued)

- US strike pilots flew 394 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 272 USMC 122).
- USA pilots flew 6330 tac hel sorties (56 EK), USMC flew 1053 sorties.
- NGF-RVN. Off coast Thua Thien Prov at 0611H during NGF msn, premature detonation of powder cartridge in gun mount on USS BIGELOW. Mount hvy dam. 6 USN injured. Remaining mounts and ship are operational.
- II FFV. 7th RAR arrived in RVN at Nui Dat.

21 Apr (Friday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 118 msn NVN (USAF 34 USN 71 USMC 13). BDA included, as dest or dam: 101 watercraft, 86 boxcars, 28 trucks, 2 RR locomotives, 2 RR yds, 1 POL storage area, 5 AAA sites, 31 rd and RR segments. 4 secondary explosions.
- NGF-NVN. 26 km S Thanh Hoa, HMAS HOBART and USS COLLETT and AULT recd shore btry fire while shelling water traffic mouth Cua Co River. Fire ret. HOBART recd shrapnel aboard w/no cas or dam. Later, destroyers dest or dam 10 watercraft and 1 shore btry 55 km S and 49 km SSE Thanh Hoa respectively.
- BIG HORN. Term.
- TF OREGON Joined III MAF units in I CTZ to spt GVN forces under OPCON III MAF.
- LEJEUNE. Term.
- MAKALAPA. Term.
- CHAPMAN. RSSZ 28 km SE Saigon at 0905H, 2d Bde 9th Inf Div co found en base camp w/assorted bunkers and bldgs. 18 watermine cases, 30 home made gren, several hundred rds SA ammo.
- GAME WARDEN. RSSZ 6 km ENE Sa Dec at 2218H, 2 USN PBRs engaged and sank 6 en sampans. At 2315H PBRs engaged 1 en sampan w/M-79 fire. 1 secondary explosion w/red fire-ball. Sampan dest. No frd cas or dam.
- US strike pilots flew 498 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 296 USMC 202). 16 secondary explosions.
- USA pilots flew 5593 tac hel sorties (36 EK), USMC flew 1237 sorties.
- Official acft loss figures: (Fxd-wg) NVN 507 RVN 170  
(Hel) NVN 5 RVN 329

22 Apr (Saturday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 120 mns NVN (USAF 32 USN 73 USMC 15). BDA included, as dest or dam: 108 watercraft, 52 boxcars, 19 bridges, 2 trucks, 4 storage areas, 5 AAA sites. 8 secondary explosions.
- III MAF. Quang Tin Prov 27 km NNW Tam Ky, contact from 210655H, term 0700H. Final results of engagement: 96 EK. Mar cas: 46 KIA 105 WIA.
- GRAND. Announced.
- PRAIRIE IV. Announced.
- US strike pilots flew 496 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 297 USMC 199). 15 secondary explosions. USAF B-57 downed by ground fire 25 km SE Saigon. Pilot KIA. Navigator rescued.
- USA pilots flew 4100 tac hel sorties, USMC flew 1316 sorties.
- NGF-RVN. USS SPROSTON dest 44 en emplacements and 3 watercraft in Binh Dinh Prov. USS ST. FRANCIS RIVER (LSMR) dest 80 en emplacements in Quang Ngai Prov.

23 Apr (Sunday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 96 mns NVN (USAF 45 USN 32 USMC 19). USAF F-105s and F-4s hit Thai Nguyen steel mill coke production and foundry area. Open hearth furnace took 6 hits w/smoke rising to 4000 ft. USAF F-4s downed 1 MIG-21 and 1 probable. Other BDA included, as dest or dam: 23 watercraft, 23 trucks, 25 storage building, 8 AAA sites, 1 SAM site, 6 bridges, 32 rd segments. 6 secondary explosions and 7 fires.
- BEACON STAR. Announced.
- TF OREGON. Lt contacts. 50 EK by air and Inf actions.
- US strike pilots flew 441 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 281 USMC 159).
- USA pilots flew 5510 tac hel sorties (11 EK), USMC flew 1105 sorties.
- NGF-RVN. USS ST. FRANCIS RIVER (LSMR) dest numerous fort posns Quang Nam Prov. USS SPROSTON (DD) dest or dam 30 fort posns and 5 sampans Quang Ngai Prov. USS PICKING dest or dam 12 emplacements Vinh Binh Prov.

24 Apr (Monday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 88 mns NVN (USAF 29 USN 44 USMC 15). USN A-4s, A-6s, F-8s hit Kep airfld 59 km NE Hanoi. Dam maintenance bldg, control tower and other spt bldgs; dest numerous AAA and SAM sites, acft revetments. USN A-6s hit Kep again in evening; 1 large secondary explosion. USAF F-4s hit Hoa Lac airfld 30 km W Hanoi, dam maintenance bldgs and acft. Hvy black smoke at both ends runway. 2 MIG-17s downed by USN F-4s vic Kep.

24 Apr (Continued)

- III MAF. Quang Tri Prov 54 km W Quang Tri City (11 km N Khe Sanh) at 1100H, en atkd 9th Mar recon elm w/hvy SA AW and mort fire. Recon elm withdrew and joined 9th Mar plat at 1415H. Air and arty msns sptd. Contact term 2000H. USMC cas: 12 KIA 17 WIA. En cas unk.
- SHAWNEE. Announced.
- MANHATTAN. Initiated.
- US strike pilots flew 459 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 289 USMC 170). 18 secondary explosions.
- USA pilots flew 7090 tac hel sorties, USMC flew 2046 sorties.
- NGF-RVN. USS ST. FRANCIS RIVER hit en posns Quang Ngai Prov. 27 EK, 18 sampans dest, 25 sampans dam.

25 Apr (Tuesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 72 msns NVN (USAF 41 USN 18 USMC 13). USAF F-105s hit RR repair yds 4 km ENE Hanoi. Dam RR repair shop w/large fires and smoke visable to 48 km. F-105s also hit transformer site 11 km N Hanoi. Orange fireballs obs vic switching house. Hvy AAA/SAM fire and MIGs were launched. USN acft hit cement plant 1.8 km W Haiphong resulting hvy dam. USN A-4 downed by MIG-17. Pilot MIA. Other BDA included, as dest or dam: 5 watercraft, 2 AAA sites, 1 bridge, 13 rd segments. 25 secondary explosions.
- NGF-NVN. USS AULT, COLLETT and SHELTON (DDs) dest Vinh Son radar site 58 km NNW Dong Hoi. 2 secondary explosions.
- PRAIRIE IV. 15 km E Khe Sanh at 0830H, en force atkd 11th Mar engineer elm convoy on hwy 9. Convoy elm reinf, sptd by armd hels. At 1100H, 3d Mar co swept area. No contact. At 1340H, 16 km NW Khe Sanh, recon elm engaged 10-15 en. Airstrike called w/unk results. 8 USMC WIA. At 1830H, 6 km NW Khe Sanh, 3d Mar co engaged en cot. Arty sptd. Contact term 2130H. USMC cas: 9 KIA 8 WIA. En cas unk.
- US strike pilots flew 481 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 302 USMC 179). 16 secondary explosions.
- USA pilots flew 6799 tac hel sorties (20 en fort posns, 22 sampans dest w/secondary explosions), USMC flew 2063 sorties.
- NGF-RVN. USS PICKING hit en posns Vinh Binh Prov, dest or dam 11 posns, 13 sampans. USS ST. FRANCIS RIVER (LSMR) hit en targets Quang Ngai Prov, dest 35 emplacements and 32 sampans. 3d rd segments interdicted.

26 Apr (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 84 msns NVN (USAF 36 USN 31 USMC 17). USAF F-105s hit RR/hwy bridge 6 km NE Hanoi. No BDA. F-105s hit main transformer site 11 km N Hanoi. Dest 8 warehouses, 6 storage bldgs. Several fireballs w/hvy black-brown smoke. Numerous MIG encounters. USN A-4s

26 Apr (Continued)

- A-6s, F-8s hit POL storage area 3.2 km SW Haiphong. Hvy dam. Other BDA included, as dest or dam: 89 watercraft, 11 AAA sites, 2 RR yds, 4 bridges, 6 rd segments, 12 secondary explosions, 1 large fire.
- PRAIRIE IV. 6 km NW Khe Sanh, command group and 3d Mar co recd est 200 rds mort fire. No cas reported.
  - III MAF. Quang Tri Prov 12 km NW Khe Sanh, 3d and 9th Mar elms engaged est NVA co. Mar elms reinf. Contact term 1500H. 16 NVAK. USMC cas: 13 KIA 27 WIA.
  - GRAND. Term.
  - US strike pilots flew 495 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 313 USMC 182). 22 secondary explosions. AC-47 downed from unk causes on combat spt msn 35 km S Nha Trang in Khanh Hoa Prov. 7-man crew KIA. Acft dest.
  - USA pilots flew 8450 tac hel sorties, USMC flew 1361 sorties.
  - NGF-RVN. Cruiser USS ST. PAUL hit en posns Thua Thien Prov, dam 48 emplacements. USS SPROSTON (DD) dest 7 fort posns in Quang Ngai Prov. USS ST. FRANCIS RIVER (LSMR) dest 66 emplacements, dam 92, 5 fires, in Quang Ngai Prov.
  - Official acft loss figures: (Fxd-wg): NVN 523 RVN 170  
(Hel): NVN 5 RVN 331

27 Apr (Thursday)

- US pilots flew 48 msns NVN (USAF 24 USN 17 USMC 7).
- PRAIRIE IV. 26 km NW Quang Tri City at 1030H, en atkd 4th Mar co w/mort and SA fire. Arty and air strikes sptd. Mar co asltd posn. 3 EK. 1755H-1820H, Gio Linh recd 250 rds arty fire from 11 en posns. Arty fire ret hitting posns (1 in NVN, 8 N portion DMZ, 2 S portion DMZ). 1950H, Gio Linh atkd w/mort fire. Arty ret. US cas: 2 USMC KIA 35 USMC WIA 7 USA WIA. Lt dam guns and vehicles. 4th Mar CP atkd w/30-50 rds mort fire. Arty ret. USMC cas: 15 WIA.
- TF OREGON. Quang Ngai Prov 5 km N Duc Pho, NGF obs en posns, called NGF msn. 61 EK. 4 secondary explosions.
- MANHATTAN. 3 supply caches found. 71 tons rice, 50 CHICOM rifles, 7 BARs, 7 MGs, 2 .30 cal MGs, 45,000 rds SA.
- PUCKAPUNYAL. Initiated.
- US strike pilots flew 542 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 332 USMC 210).

27 Apr (Continued)

- USA pilots flew 7617 tac hel sorties (108 EK), USMC flew 1329 sorties.
- RADM Kenneth L. Veth assumed command of COMNAVFORV/CHNAVADVGP, from RADM Norvell G. Ward.
- NGF-RVN. USS SPROSTON hit en targets Quang Ngai Prov, 14 EK, 44 emplacements dam. 6 secondary explosions.

28 Apr (Friday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 98 msns NVN (USAF 43 USN 41 USMC 14). USAF pilots reported 21 MIG sightings w/6 engagements. F-105s downed 2 MIG-17s vic 19 km W Hanoi.
- III MAF. Quang Tri Prov 10 km NW Quang Tri City, 0230H-0315H, en atkd 9th Mar CP w/50 rds 140mm rkt fire. Mar units swept area 8 km N Dong Ha found 30 firing posns w/50 rkt rds. USMC cas: 9 KIA 51 WIA. Same type rkts were used 27 Feb, 15 Mar atks on Da Nang AB.
- III MAF. Thua Thien Prov 18 km SE Hue at 0128H, en atkd Phu Bai base w/100 rds 81/82mm mort fire. Arty fire ret. Contact term 0146H. USMC cas: 67 WIA.
- BEAVER CAGE. Initiated.
- MANHATTAN. 61 tons rice in scattered caches. At 1020H, 34 km NW Phu Cuong, 2d Bde 1st Inf Div co found cache: 25 30-lb mines, 900 gren, 200 rds 60/81mm mort, 300 mort fuses.
- US strike pilots flew 557 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 345 USMC 212). 27 secondary explosions.
- USA pilots flew 7019 tac hel sorties, USMC flew 1215 sorties.
- GAME WARDEN. 24 km SE Can Tho on Bassac River, 2 USN PBRs engaged 2 en sampans. 4 EK. Secondary explosions on sampans. Both sampans dest. USN cas: 2 WIA.

29 Apr (Saturday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 85 msns NVN (USAF 52 USN 23 USMC 10). USAF F-105s dropped 2 spans of 5-span hwy/RR bridge 5 km NE Hanoi. F-4s vic bridge encountered 10 MIG-17s in several engagements. BDA included, as dest or dam: 15 AAA sites, 53 boxcars, 7 bridges, 3 SAM sites, 3 RR yds, 1 airfield, 4 fort posns, 1 transshipment point, 1 storage area, 3 bridge approaches, 3 rd segments, 1 secondary explosion. US pilots, NGF and long range Army arty dest SAM complex 10 km N DMZ. This is furthest south SAMs have been located.
- SHAWNEE. Thua Thien Prov 24 km W Hue at 1927H, en atkd Mar arty posn w/80-100 rds 60/82mm mort fire. Fire ret. USMC cas: 20 WIA.

29 Apr (Continued)

- SUMMERALL. Term.
- ENTERPRISE. 39 EK.
- US strike pilots flew 526 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 305 USMC 219 USN 2).
- USA pilots flew 7815 tac hel sorties (15 EK), USMC flew 1844 sorties.

30 Apr (Sunday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 133 msns NVN (USAF 65 USN 58 USMC 10). USAF F-105 downed MIG-17.
- NGF-NVN. USS HUBBARD dam 2 shore btrys 50 km SSE Thanh Hoa on Hon Me Island.
- III MAF. Quang Tri Prov 10 km NW Khe Sanh vic Hill 881 at 0800H, 3d Mar co engaged en force. Hvy contact all day. Sptd by hvy arty mort and air strikes. Two 3d Mar bns engaged entrenched en on Hill 881. Interim results: 180 NVAK. Contact cont.
- RANG DONG. 28 EK.
- US strike pilots flew 577 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 337 USMC 240). 20 secondary explosions.
- USA pilots flew 8619 tac hel sorties (58 EK), USMC flew 1554 sorties.

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