

*Excerpt from the Special Communiqué
of the Supreme Command of
the Lao People's Liberation Army*

Through 43 days and nights of continual, valiant and resourceful fighting, and with very high fighting spirit, our armed forces and people have recorded tremendous and glorious victories.

— We put out of action 15,400 enemy troops, including 200 Americans, and captured 1,000 others, including many field and company officers.

— We wiped out 2 brigades of the Saigon paratroop division, 4 battalions of the 1st "special mission" armoured brigade, the 147th marine brigade, and the 1st and 2nd infantry regiments.

— We heavily decimated the 3rd infantry regiment of the 1st infantry division, badly mauled the 1st ranger brigade and the 258th marine brigade.

— We put out of action 8 artillery battalions and heavily decimated 5 others.

— We destroyed or captured 496 aircraft (mostly helicopters), destroyed or captured 586 military vehicles (including 318 tanks and armoured cars), destroyed or captured 144 heavy artillery pieces, more than 5,000 weapons of various kinds, a large quantity of important documents and military equipment.

We have defeated the enemy's main tactical moves: heli-borne, armour-spearheaded, digging in on hilltops, leap-frogging, and intense artillery barrage supporting the infantry. . . .

The high command warmly congratulates and commends all units, services and all officers and men who have contributed to the glorious victories in this historic campaign. . . .

Sam Neua, March 23, 1971



Lao people joyfully greet returning victorious fighters.

Dancing the "Lam Vong" to hail the victories of the liberation forces





Lao P.L.A. and S.V.N.P.L.A.F. attacks



Choppers, tanks and vehicles wrecked



Enemy airfields pounded by Lao artillery

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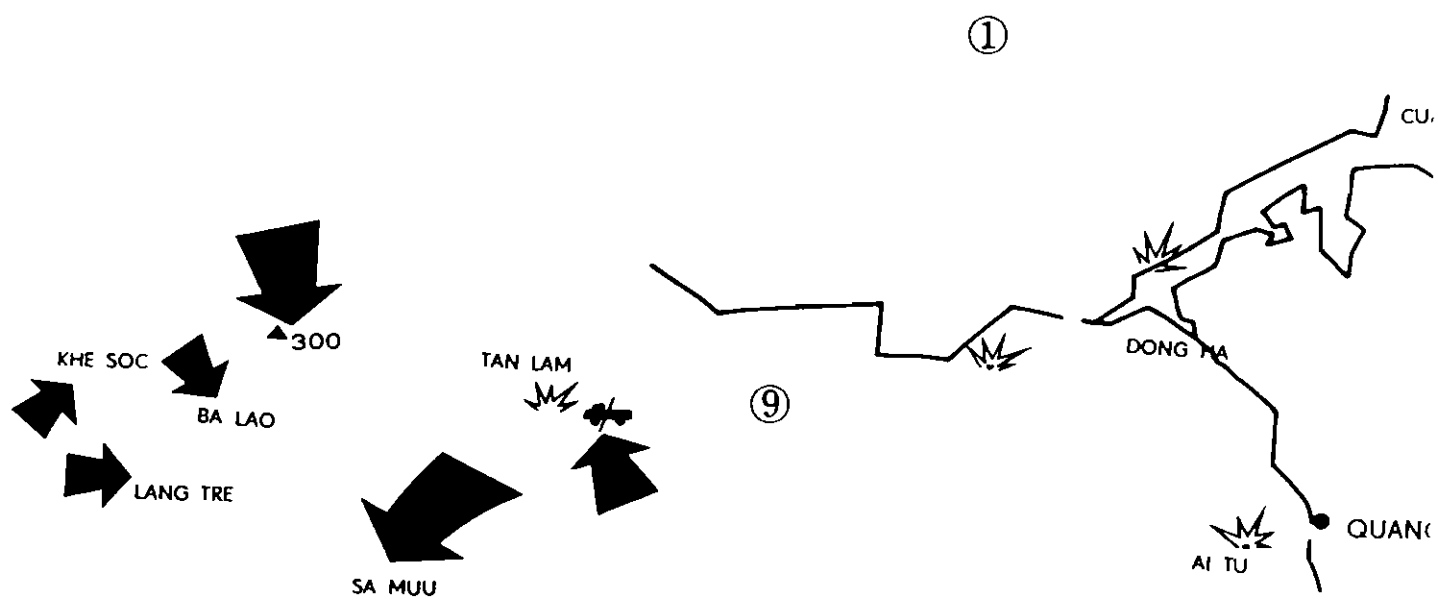
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Along with the "Lam Son 719" aggressive operation in Southern Laos, the U.S. imperialists and their Saigon stooges launched an operation dubbed "Total Victory 1-71" in Cambodia.

They mustered over 20,000 seasoned mobile troops of the 3rd corps area, planning to occupy a number of important strategic areas, erect a screen in eastern and northeastern Cambodia, destroy storage areas and especially to create some victories for the Saigon puppet army to prove the success of "Vietnamization" of the war policy and the "Nixon doctrine". But the U.S. aggressors and their henchmen miscalculated. All six infantry and armoured multi-battalion units of the Saigon puppet army were trounced one after another. From February 4 to late April 1971 the liberation forces wiped out 13,000 enemy troops, including 21 battalions and 12 armoured multi-company units. They also shot down or destroyed on the ground 200 aircraft and 1,100 military vehicles and 100 artillery pieces.

Meanwhile the people and patriotic forces of Cambodia repeatedly carried out many splendid exploits on Highway 4, cut off enemy lines, smashed his reinforcements, and threw back his nibbling attacks around Phnom Penh, Konpong Cham and Siem Reap. They continued to threaten the enemy in his dens and caused his contradictions to become more and more acute.

The Cambodian liberation armed forces' victories in the first three months of this year, particularly the splendid victories on Highway 4 and at Pochentong airbase, virtually wiped out the Lon Nol puppet air force. By their victories in northwest Cambodia, the Cambodian patriotic forces foiled the "Total Victory 1-71" operation. Together with the great victories recorded on Highway 9, in Southern Laos, the High Plateaux and the U Minh jungle area, these victories brought strategically significant successes.

These successes have shown the fine military solidarity and close co-ordination between the people and armed forces of the three Indochinese countries against U.S. aggression and frustrated an important step in the "Vietnamization" of the war program and the "Nixon doctrine".

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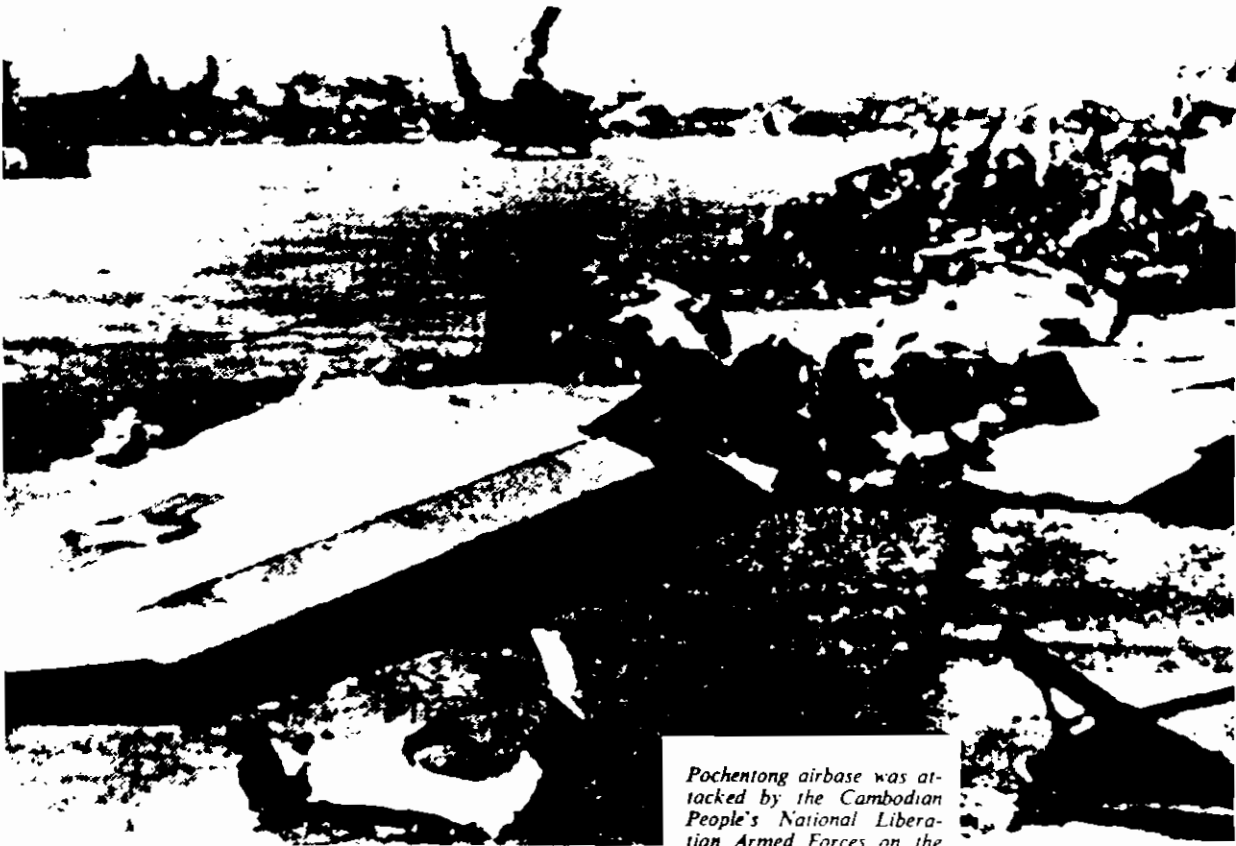
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*C.P.N.L.A.F. artillery attacks
on the enemy positions.*



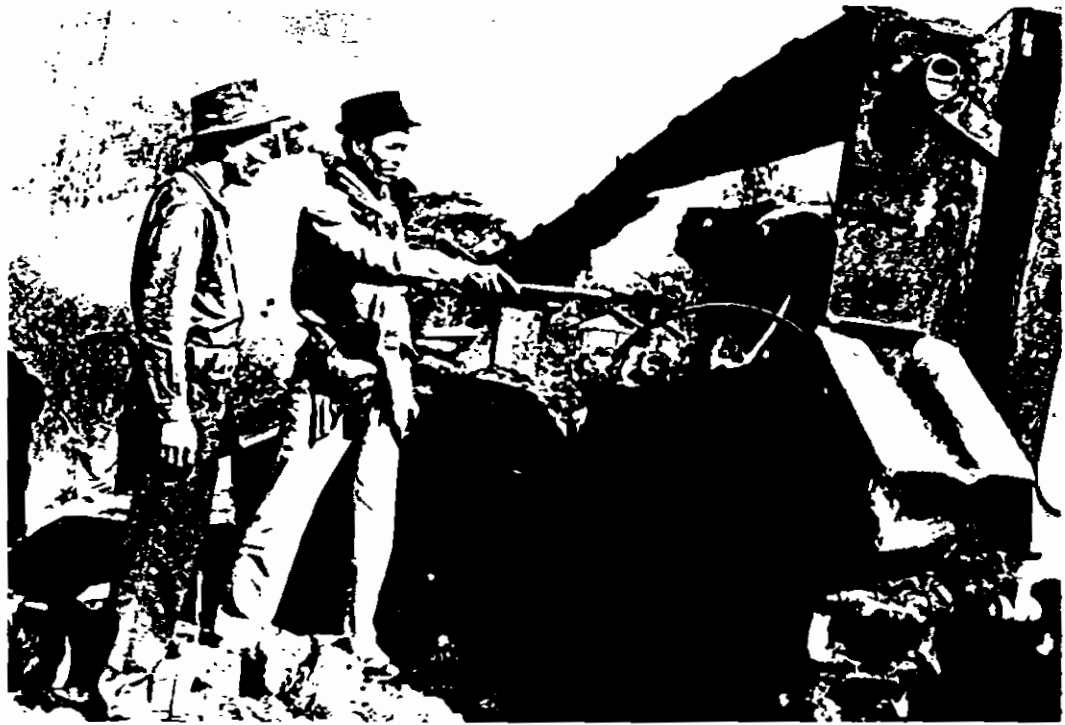
*Casualties inflicted on the
Lon Nol puppet troops by the
C.P.N.L.A.F. in Prey Veng*



Pochentong airbase was attacked by the Cambodian People's National Liberation Armed Forces on the night of January 21, 1971; 750 enemy troops, including 350 pilots and technicians, were killed, and more than 90 jet fighters destroyed

On Highway 4 8,500 Saigon puppet troops were put out of action by C.P.N.L.A.F. from November 20, 1970 to January 1971





Wrecked Saigon puppet armoured cars on Highway 7.



Soundly defeated in their "Total Victory 1-71" operation, Lon Nol puppet troops carried their dead companions as they fled.

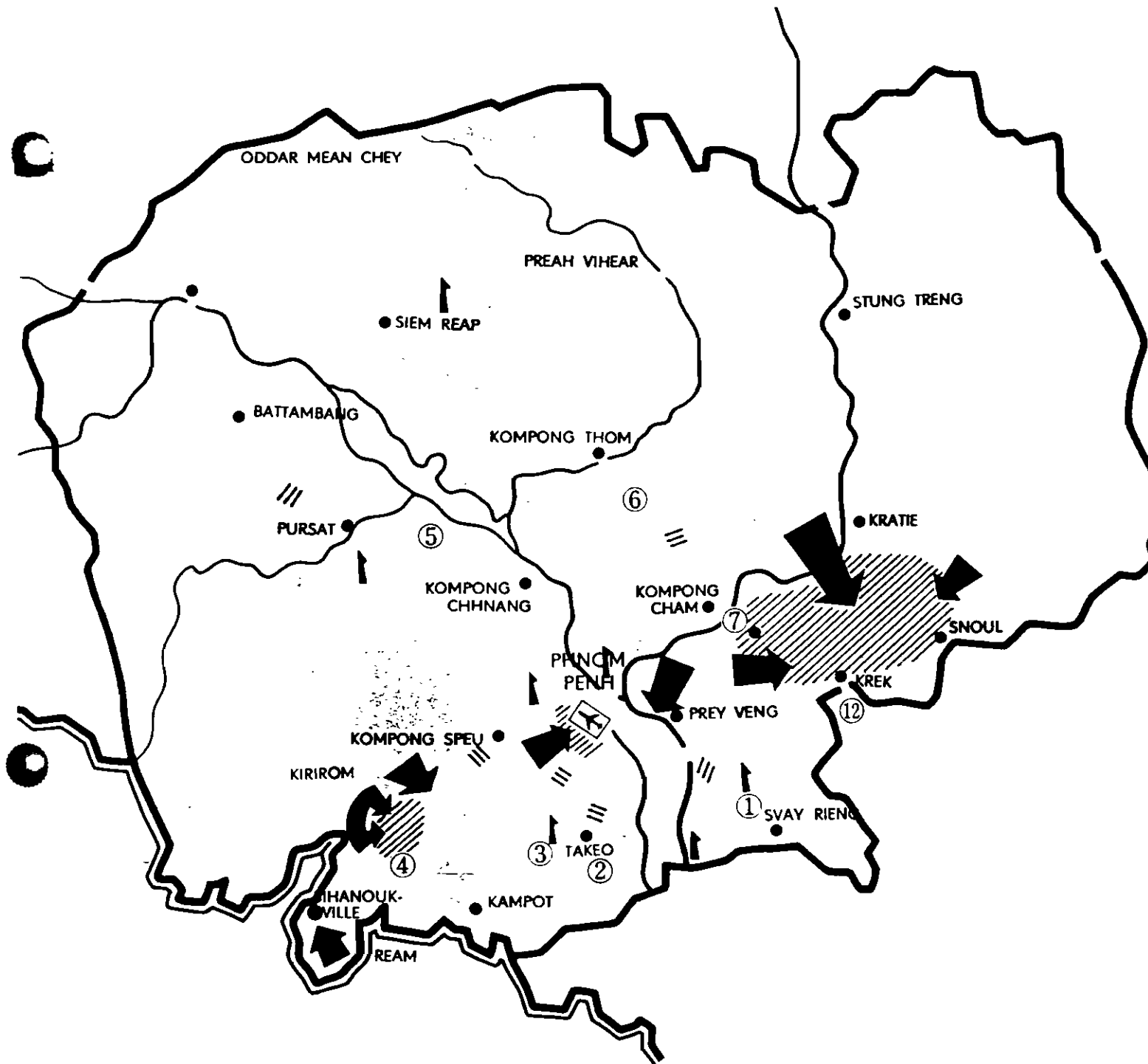


Inspired by their own shining exploits, Cambodian people and youths are eager to leave for the front!





*Mimot people (Cambodia) cheer
the victorious Cambodian liberation
troops returning from the front*



-  Spearheads launched by the Cambodian National Liberation Armed Forces.
-  Zones of lightning offensive launched and of great victories won by the Cambodian people and armed forces.
-  Liberated zones of Cambodia.
-  Cut and damaged communication arteries.
-  The enemy's nibbling and clearing operations failed by the Cambodian people and armed forces.
-  Airfield.

*Communique of the Cambodian
National Liberation Armed
Forces Command
(Excerpt)*

March 23, 1970 — March 23, 1971

— 170,000 enemy troops, including 70,000 Saigon puppet troops put out of action.

— Many military sector or sub-sector commands, 170 infantry battalions, more than 20 armoured squadrons, and hundreds of companies wiped out or badly beaten.

— Over 900 aircraft shot down or destroyed on the ground.

— 250 war vessels sunk.

— Over 5,200 military vehicles wrecked.

— Over 500 artillery pieces blasted.

— 32,500 firearms of various kinds captured.

— Nearly 300 military vehicles and thousands of tons of weapons destroyed or seized.



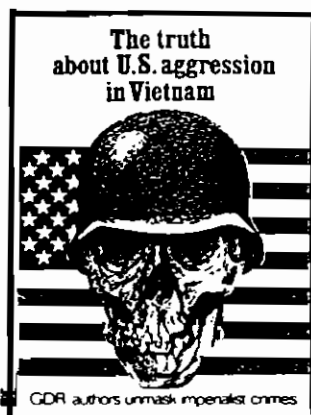


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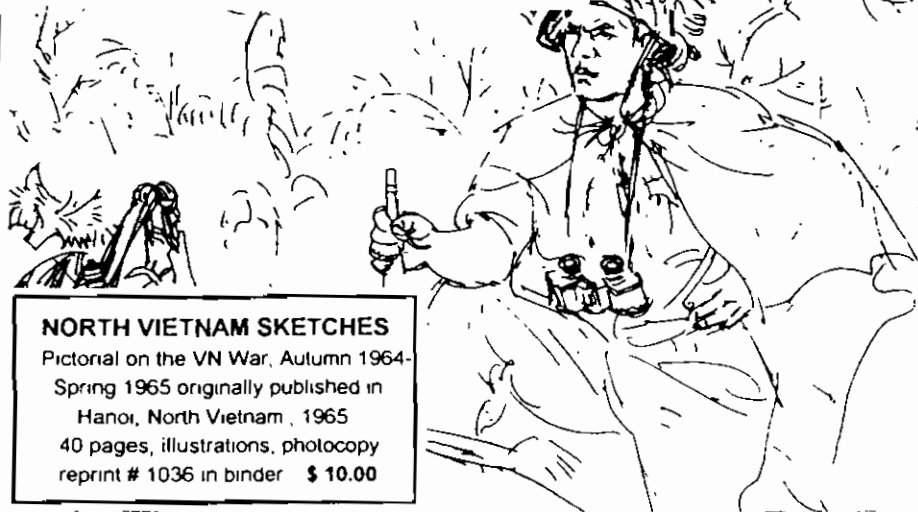
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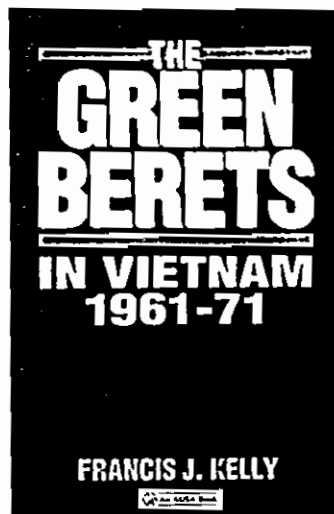
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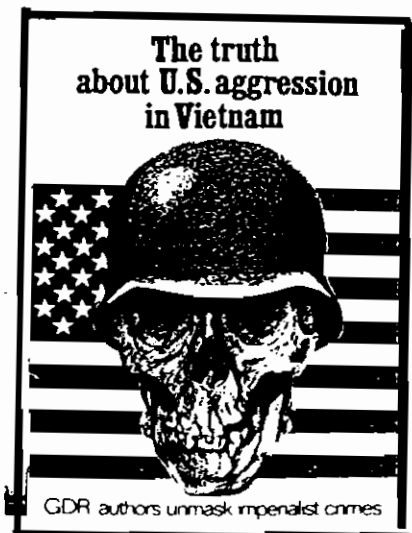


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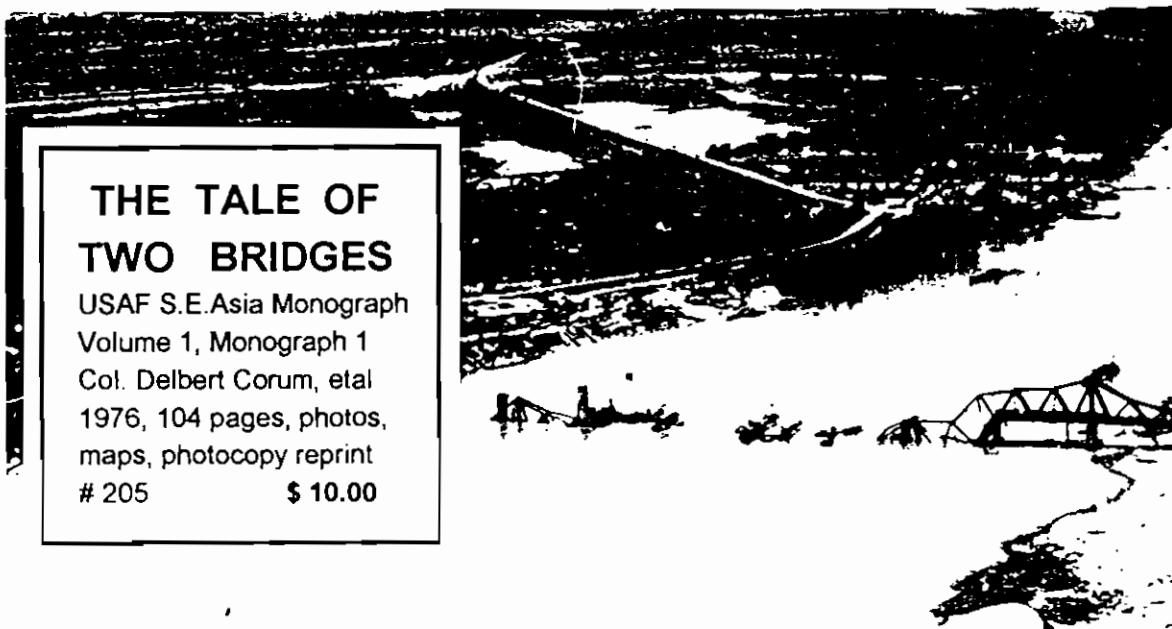
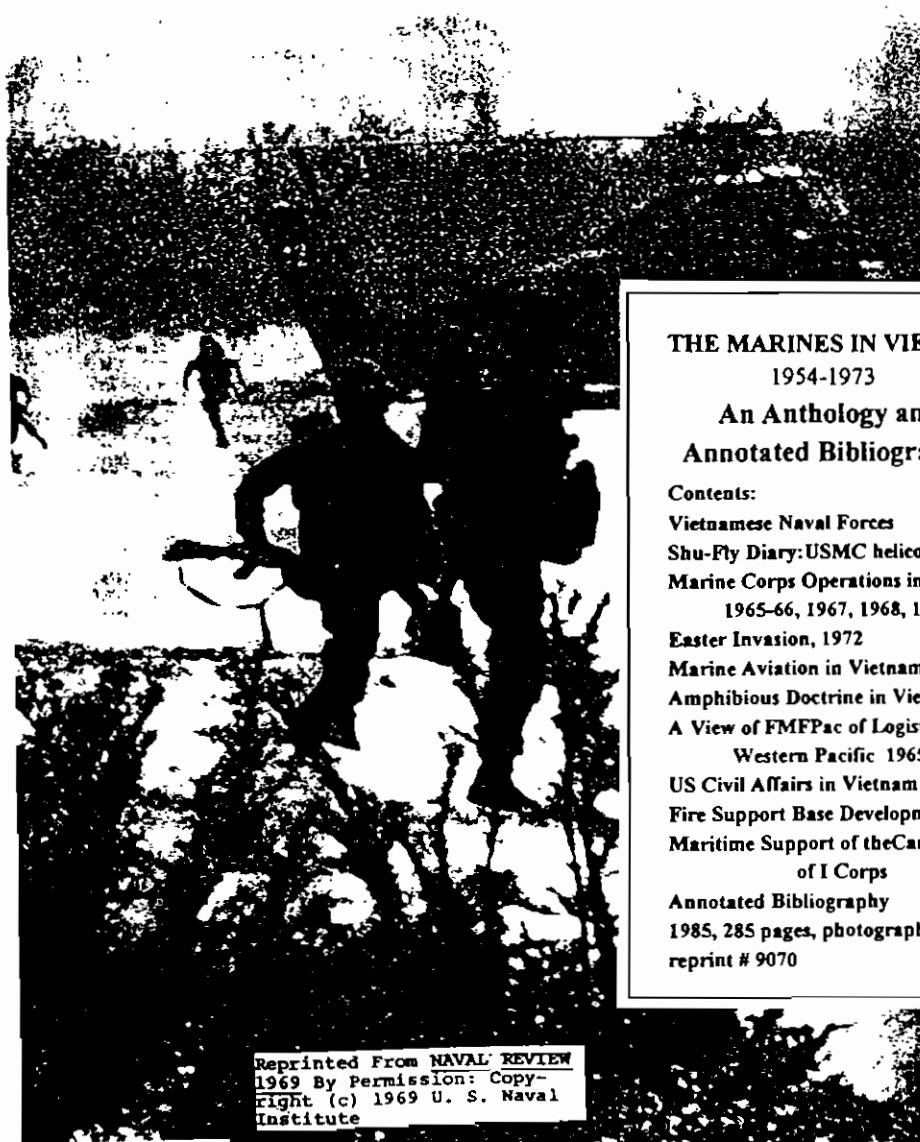


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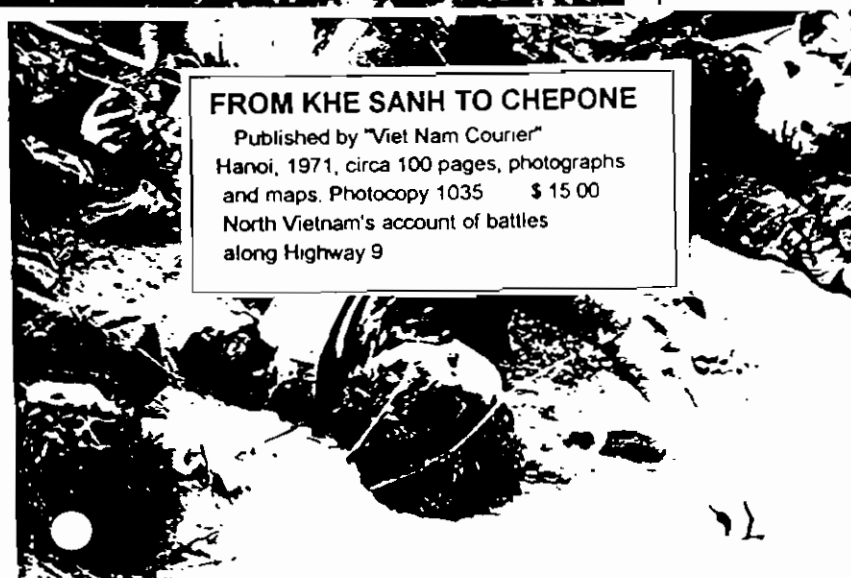


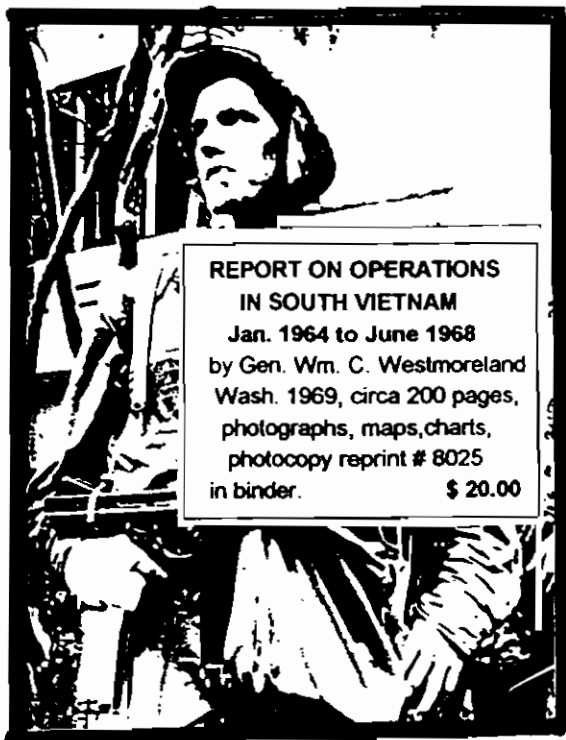
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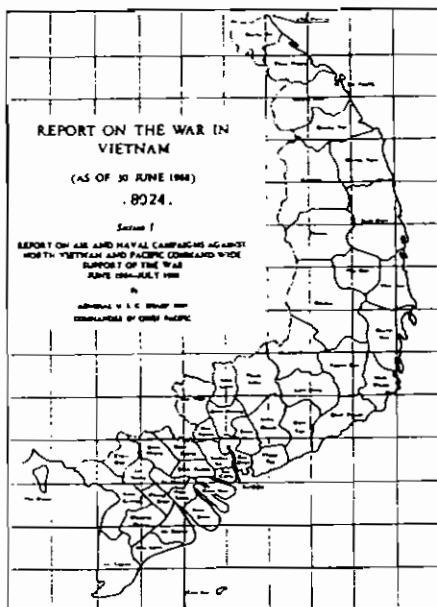




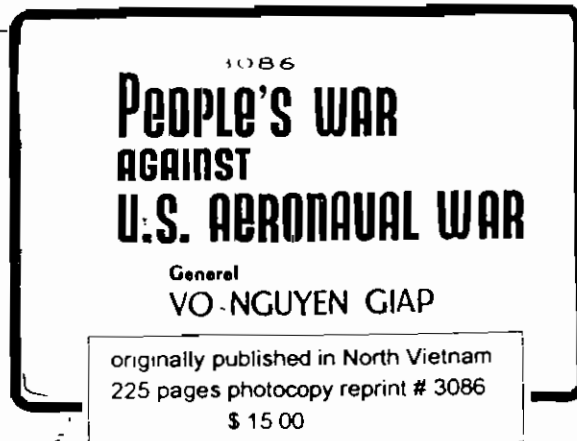
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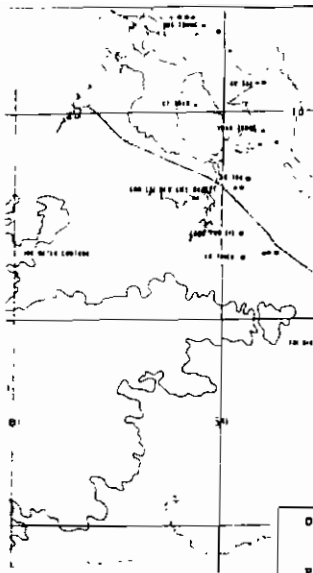
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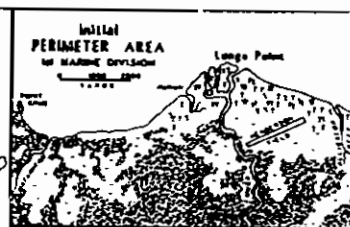
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