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SUMMARY 3 Jul 68 & MAP ARC LIGHT (S)
7. MSG 030901 - 040900 OPERATION THOR With MAP (S)
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I AM HAVING A SUMMARY PULLED TOGETHER WHICH I WILL FORWARD TO YOU OF WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN WESTERN QUANG TRI FROM 1 APRIL TO THE PRESENT.

ON THE 19TH OF JUNE THE FOUR BATTALIONS WE HAD OPERATING ASTRIDE THE ENEMY'S NEW EAST WEST ROAD 15-20 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE KHE SANH BASE WERE WITHDRAWN. PRESENT DISPOSITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: 1BN IS AT THE KHE SANH BASE, 2 BNS ARE OPERATING TO THE NORTH TO THE WEST AND TO THE SOUTH IN COMPANY SIZE FORCES, 2 BNS PROVIDE SECURITY ALONG ROUTE 9 FROM KHE SANH TO CALU. 2 BNS ARE SECURING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 2 FIRE BASES ONE NORTH AND ONE SOUTH OF ROUTE 9 ABOUT MIDWAY BETWEEN CALU AND THE KHE SANH BASE, 1 BN IS AT STUD THE BASE CREATED FOR PEGASUS ADJACENT TO ROUTE 9 AND JUST NORTH OF CALU. ABOUT 1 JULY OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE BATTALIONS ON THE KHE SANH PLATEAU WILL BE WITHDRAWN THRU THE SCREEN PROVIDED BY THE 2 BATTALIONS AND THE 2 FIRE BASES NOW BEING ESTABLISHED MIDWAY BETWEEN CALU AND KHE SANH. THE DISPOSITIONS WILL THEN BE 2 BATTALIONS PATROLLING WEST, NORTHWEST AND SOUTHWEST FROM THE FIRE BASES

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ESTABLISHED ALONG ROUTE 9 MIDWAY BETWEEN CALU AND KHE SANH
AND 1 BN ALONG ROUTE 9 COVERING CALU, STUD, AND THE ROCKPILE.
BRIG GEN HOFFMAN WILL HAVE HIS CP AT STUD AND WILL COMMAND
ALL FORCES IN WESTERN QUANG TRI FROM CAMP CARROLL WEST.

A DETACHMENT WILL REMAIN ON HILL 950 JUST NORTH OF THE KHE
SANH BASE AND A DETACHMENT WILL BE PLACED ON A PINNACLE TO
THE SOUTHEAST OF THE KHE SANH BASE YET TO BE SELECTED. THESE
DETACHMENTS BASICALLY WILL PROVIDE OBSERVATION AND SENSOR
READOUT. FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY WILL BE USED FOR
DEEP PATROLLING AND EMPLACEMENT OF SENSORS. WE WILL

HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF REINFORCING AS REQUIRED. IN FACT
I BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO OPERATE IN WESTERN
QUANG TRI AS WEATHER AND THE AVAILABILITY OF FORCES WILL
PERMIT. I WILL FORWARD THE INFORMATION PLAN AS QUICKLY
AS WE CAN PULL IT TOGETHER AND COORDINATE WITH THE
EMBASSY -- ANOTHER DAY OR TWO. I REALIZE IT MUST BE CLEARED
IN WASHINGTON. I KNOW ITS URGENT AND WE MUST ALL BE TOGETHER.

NEW SUBJECT -- WE ARE PUTTING TOGETHER OPERATION THOR,
A SIX-DAY AIR, ARTILLERY, NAVAL GUNFIRE ATTACK AGAINST ARTILLERY,
TROOP, AAA AND SUPPLY SITES IN THE EASTERN DMZ TO START ON
1 JULY. PROBABLY ABOUT 200 B-52 SORTIES, A CONCENTRATION OF
TAC AIR, FORWARD DEPLOYMENT OF HEAVY ARTILLERY AND A

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CONCENTRATION OF NAVAL GUNFIRE. FROM THIS OPERATION WE PLAN TO MOVE INTO THE AREA NORTH OF CAMP CARROLL BUT SOUTH OF THE DMZ. IN ADDITION I HAVE TASKED MONYER TO ORGANIZE A CONCENTRATED ATTACK FOR THE MONTH OF JULY AGAINST ROUTE 1036, SUPPLY DUMPS, AND AAA IN TALLY-RO TO INCLUDE THE USE OF B-52.

FINALLY I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT WE HAVE ALL THE MESSAGES ON WESTERN QUANG TRI, YOURS AND MINE DELIVERED TO WESTY UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN HAWAII SO HE WILL BE CURRENT ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

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SUBJ: ATTACK ON ENEMY ARTY/ INSTALLATIONS CAP MUI LAY SECTOR

(CMLS) AND RP- ONE (S)

REF: CINCPAC DTG 242000Z JAN 68, ARC LIGHT BASIC OPERATIONS ORDER (S),

1. (S) A MASSIVE AIR/ ARTY/ NGF ATTACK OPERATION AGAINST THE ENEMY ARTILLERY STRONGHOLD IN CAP MUI LAY SECTOR (CMLS) IS PLANNED TO COMMENCE ON 1 JULY 68, CMLS BOUNDARIES ARE THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF THE DMZ, THE YD 90 LINE ON THE WEST, THE YD 90 LINE ON THE NORTH AND THE GULF OF TONKIN. THE OPERATION WILL BE CALLED THOR.

2. (S) OPERATION THOR IS PLANNED IN PHASES AS FOLLOWS:

A. PHASE I, D-DAY AND D PLUS 1, MASSIVE TACTICAL AIR AND ARC LIGHT BOMBARDMENT OF KNOWN TARGETS,

B. PHASE II, D PLUS 2 AND D PLUS 3, AIR/ARTY/NGF ATTACKS TO SECURE PERMISSIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR AIR OBSERVATION, CONCENTRATING IN THE COASTAL SECTOR,

C. PHASE III, D PLUS 4 D PLUS 5 AND D PLUS 6, INTEGRATED AIR/ARTY/NGF

ATTACKS TO OPEN ENTIRE CMLS TO CLOSE SURVEILLANCE AND PRECISION DESTRUCTION BY OBSERVED FIRES,

D. D PLUS 7, RESUME NORMAL OPERATIONS, CONTINUE RECON/OBSERVATION AND IMMEDIATE ATTACKS ON REEMERGING TARGETS,

3. (S) DURING AND AFTER PHASE III, IT IS PLANNED TO CONCENTRATE HEAVY BOMBING AND TACTICAL AIR STRIKES IN ROUTE PACKAGE ONE, PARTICULARLY IN THE TALLY HO AREA, TARGETS WILL INCLUDE ENEMY TROOPS AND WEAPONS CONCENTRATIONS, LOC, BASE AREAS AND INFILTRATION ROUTES,

4. (S) PLANNING AND COORDINATION FOR OPERATION THOR IS UNDERWAY, REQUEST CONCURRENCE ON PLAN FOR FOLLOW-ON ARC LIGHT BOMBARDMENT IN RP-ONE, APPROVAL OF INDIVIDUAL ARC LIGHT STRIKES WILL BE REQUESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REFERENCE, GP-4

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Subject: Casualties at Khe Sanh

1. In response to a query from LtCol HUGO (NMCC J-3) regarding casualties at Khe Sanh, the following was provided:

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USA</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>
OPERATION SCOTLAND	19Jan-31Mar68	199 KIA 1,600 WIA		1,536
OPERATION PEGASUS	1Apr-7Apr68	24 KIA 225 WIA	25 KIA 167 WIA	576

TOTALS: 19Jan through 7Apr68

<u>FRIENDLY</u>		<u>ENEMY</u>
<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	
223 USMC	1,825 USMC	2,112 KIA
25 USA	167 USA	
248	1,992	

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3. (C) III CTZ:

BETWEEN 2310 HOURS AND 0110 HOURS LAST NIGHT THERE WERE FOUR ENEMY ATTACKS ON RF AND PF OUTPOSTS NORTH AND WEST OF GO DAU HA. THE ATTACKS WERE MINOR AND MAY HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO MASK ENEMY TROOP MOVEMENTS. THERE WERE TWO LIGHT MORTAR ATTACKS DURING THE PERIOD.

EIGHT KILOMETERS NORTH OF GO DAU HA, A/2/22 INFANTRY ENGAGED TWO ENEMY PLATOONS. B/2/22 INFANTRY REINFORCED THE CONTACT WHICH LASTED FOR TEN HOURS AND RESULTED IN 24 ENEMY KILLED, TWO DETAINEES AND THREE WEAPONS CAPTURED.

4. (C) IV CTZ:

LIGHT CONTACT WAS REPORTED IN THREE MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS. TACTICAL AIR SORTIES WERE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL WITH 256 STRUCTURES, 58 SAMPANS AND 44 BUNKERS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. FOUR SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND THREE SECONDARY FIRES WERE ALSO REPORTED. TROPIC MOON AIRCRAFT ENGAGED TWO TARGETS SOUTHWEST OF GIA RAI IN BAC LIEU PROVINCE AND REPORTED FOUR SECONDARY FIRES. USS WHITE RIVER NEUTRALIZED THREE COASTAL TARGETS IN KIEN GIANG PROVINCE. SEVEN ENEMY INITIATED INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD. MORTAR

ATTACKS WERE EMPLOYED AGAINST FOUR OUTPOSTS AND ONE SPECIAL FORCES CAMP RESULTING LIGHT CASUALTIES.

5. (S) DMZ-NORTHERN I CORPS SUPPLEMENT:

ATTACKS BY FIRE INCREASED DURING THE PERIOD. A TOTAL OF 234 ROUNDS (153 MORTAR, 81 ARTILLERY) STRUCK WITHIN THE PCV AREA. OF THE TOTAL, 167 WERE REPORTED IN THE KHE SANH AREA. 44 ROUNDS WERE FIRED FROM WITHIN THE DMZ AND FIVE ROUNDS FROM AN UNDETERMINED LOCATION IN THE VICINITY OF THE DMZ. THE AVERAGE DAILY LEVEL OF ROUNDS RECEIVED FROM WITHIN OF APRIL WAS 32. THE AVERAGE FOR MAY WAS 62 ROUNDS AND FOR JUNE, 29 ROUNDS. OVERALL DAILY AVERAGE SINCE 15 APRIL IS 44 ROUNDS.

~~OPERATION THOR COMMENCED TODAY WITH 300 TACTICAL AIR AND 60 B-52 SORTIES SCHEDULED. TODAY, STRIKES WILL CONCENTRATE ON ENEMY AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY, AND SHORE BATTERY POSITIONS. PLANS FOR 2 JULY CALL FOR 300 TACTICAL AIR AND 54 B-52 SORTIES.~~

EIGHT PHOTO MISSIONS WERE FLOWN, THREE ALONG THE DMZ, TWO IN THE HUE AREA AND THREE IN THE A SHAU VALLEY. FORTY

EIGHT HOURS OF VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE WERE FLOWN ALONG THE DMZ WHILE HUE AND THE A SHAU VALLEY HAD 26 AND 17 HOURS RESPECTIVELY. THREE SIDE LOOKING AIRBORNE RADAR MISSIONS PROVIDED OVERALL COVERAGE OF PCV. ONE RED HAZE MISSION WAS FLOWN ALONG THE DMZ.

~~ARTILLERY EXPENDED 410 AND NAVAL GUNFIRE 226 ROUNDS AGAINST TARGETS IN THE HIGH RISE AREA.~~

5. (S) FIRE SUPPORT:

THERE WERE 163 TACTICAL AIR SORTIES FLOWN. 65 FOR THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION, 41 FOR THE 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION AND 35 FOR THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION. THE REMAINING 21 SORTIES WERE FLOWN AGAINST TARGETS IN THE A SHAU VALLEY. ~~ENEMY POSITIONS IN THE OPERATION THOR AREA WERE STRUCK BY ELEVEN SKYSPOT AND SIX TACTICAL AIR SORTIES. ONE TACTICAL AIR SORTIE STRUCK AN ACTIVE ARTILLERY POSITION IN THE DMZ NORTH OF GLO LINK CAUSING SEVENTEEN SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. ARTILLERY RATED IN POSITION TO SUPPORT OPERATION THOR: ELEVEN 105MM HOWITZERS, TWENTY 155MM HOWITZERS, FOUR 155MM GUNS, FIVE 8 INCH HOWITZERS, AND ELEVEN 170MM GUNS.~~

ARTILLERY - 10,452 ROUNDS WERE FIRED: 5,164 FOR THE 3RD

MARINE DIVISION, 2,592 FOR THE 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION, AND 2,596 FOR THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION.

THE STATUS OF QL-1 AND 4 IS REPORTED FOR THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 0800 HOURS, 1 JULY 1968. CONDITION OF THE HIGHWAY IS REPORTED FROM AN ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION POINT OF VIEW.

QL-1: JONG HA TO DANANG - NO INCIDENTS REPORTED DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS. ROAD IS OPEN. VOLUME OF TRAFFIC IS NORMAL.

QL-4: SAIGON TO CA MAU.

SAIGON TO MY THO- BEN LUC BRIDGE RIVER CROSSING REMAINS CLOSED TO HEAVY TRAFFIC. LIGHT TACTICAL RAFT OPERATIONAL AND CROSSING LIGHT TRAFFIC. MATS BYPASS BEING CONSTRUCTED BY ARVN UNITS. EDC OF BYPASS 1 COB 1 JULY 1968.

MY THO TO CA MAU - NO INTERDICTIONS REPORTED. ROAD IS OPEN. VOLUME OF TRAFFIC IS LIGHT.

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(CONTINUED)ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS - 29, 30 JUNE

There were 113 USAF B-52 sorties flown during the past two days; 30 of these sorties were flown in support of Operation THOR in and near the eastern sector of the DMZ.

MISSION & NR OF ACFT	TIME ON TARGET EDT	TARGET SAIGON	TARGET LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION
QUEEN 46 (6 B-52s)	2136 30 Jun	0936 1 Jul	In NVN, 12 nm north of Dong Ha in the northern DMZ; artillery, AA and rocket positions.
QUEEN 09 (6 B-52s)	2143 30 Jun	0943 1 Jul	In NVN, 16 nm north of Dong Ha; artillery, AA and rocket positions.
QUEEN 17 (6 B-52s)	2202 30 Jun	1002 1 Jul	In NVN, 15 nm north of Dong Ha; artillery, AA and rocket positions.
QUEEN 34 (6 B-52s)	2213 30 Jun	1013 1 Jul	In NVN, 12 nm north of Dong Ha in the northern DMZ; artillery, AA and rocket positions.
QUEEN 79 (6 B-52s)	2229 30 Jun	1029 1 Jul	In NVN, 12 nm north of Dong Ha in the northern DMZ; artillery, AA and rocket positions.

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D. (S) FIRE SUPPORT:

THERE WERE 99 TACTICAL AIR SORTIES FLOWN. 39 FOR THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION, 31 FOR THE 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION AND 15 FOR THE 121ST AIRBORNE DIVISION. THE REMAINING 14 SORTIES WERE FLOWN AGAINST TARGETS IN THE A SHAU VALLEY.

ARTILLERY - 9,222 ROUNDS WERE FIRED: 4,922 FOR THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION, 2,712 FOR THE 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION, AND 1,588 FOR THE 121ST AIRBORNE DIVISION.

OPERATION THOR: TEN B-52 STRIKES HIT TARGETS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION THOR; SEVEN ALONG THE COAST AND THREE IN THE

NORTHWEST PORTION OF THE OPERATIONAL AREA. TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE NOTED. TACTICAL AIRCRAFT FLEW 296 SORTIES WITH 322 PLANNED FOR TODAY. AT 0320Z1 HOURS, ARTILLERY AND NAVAL GUNFIRE BOMBARDMENT IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE. ADDITIONAL ARTILLERY HAS BEEN POSITIONED TO SUPPORT. A TOTAL OF 122 ARTILLERY PIECES ARE NOW CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING (FIFTY-SIX 125MM HOWITZERS, TWENTY-SIX 155MM HOWITZERS, FOUR 155MM GUNS, SEVENTEEN 8 INCH HOWITZERS AND NINETEEN 175MM GUNS.) TWO CRUISERS AND SIX DESTROYERS WILL BE ON STATION TO PROVIDE GUNFIRE SUPPORT.

THE STATUS OF QL-1 AND 4 43094531 194 5 3 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING AT 0320 HOURS 2 JULY 1968. CONDITION OF THE HIGHWAY IS REPORTED FROM AN ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION POINT OF VIEW.

QL-1: DONG HA TO DANANG-NO INCIDENTS REPORTED DURING PAST 24 HOURS. ROAD IS OPEN. VOLUME OF TRAFFIC IS NORMAL.

QL-4: SAIGON TO CA MAU.

SAIGON TO MY THO-YAT6 FLOAT BRIDGE BYPASS FOR BEN LUC BRIDGE NOT COMPLETED. NEW ESTIMATED DATE OF COMPLETION IS COB 2 JUL 68. TRAFFIC CONTINUES TO CROSS ON LIGHT TACTICAL CRAFT.

MY THO TO CA MAU-NO INTERDICTIONS REPORTED. ROAD IS OPEN.

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30 June - 7 July

OPERATION THOR

THOR, a massed US air, artillery, and naval gunfire operation against the enemy artillery stronghold in Cap Mui Lay sector, terminated on 7 July after 8 days of operation. During the operation artillery expended 24,243 rounds (all calibers); 6 destroyers and 3 cruisers expended 17,922 rounds; and Air Force, Navy, and Marine aircraft flew a total of 1,616 air sorties. US B 52s flew a total of 216 sorties in support of the operation.

Preliminary results are:

<u>TARGET</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>		<u>DAMAGED</u>	
	<u>OCCUPIED</u>	<u>UNOCCUPIED</u>	<u>OCCUPIED</u>	<u>UNOCCUPIED</u>
SAM PSN	5	22	6	10
AAA PSN	63	81	4	49
AA/AW PSN	8	101	0	9
ARTY PSN	23	170	13	22

	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
BUNKERS	209	97
STRUCTURES	243	60

	<u>OBSERVED</u>
SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS	269
SECONDARY FIRES	187

SOURCE: COMUSMACV 241138Z Jun 68 (S)
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5. (S) DMZ - NORTHERN I CORPS SUPPLEMENT:

A TOTAL OF 143 ROUNDS (82 MORTAR, 55 ARTILLERY, 3 ROCKET) STRUCK THE PCV AREA. ALL 55 ARTILLERY ROUNDS IMPACTED IN THE KHE SANH AREA. NO ROUNDS WERE FIRED FROM WITHIN OR ACROSS THE DMZ.

FIVE PHOTO MISSIONS WERE FLOWN, TWO NEAR KHE SANH AND THREE IN THE HUE AREA.

45 HOURS OF VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE WERE FLOWN ALONG THE DMZ WHILE HUE AND THE A SHAU VALLEY HAD 22 AND 14 HOURS RESPECTIVELY. TWO SIDE LOOKING AIRBORNE RADAR MISSIONS PROVIDED OVERALL COVERAGE OF PCV. THREE RED HAZE MISSIONS WERE FLOWN, ONE ALONG THE DMZ, ONE NEAR KHE SANH AND ONE OVER BASE AREA 101.

6. (S) FIRE SUPPORT:

THERE WERE 107 TACTICAL AIR SORTIES FLOWN. 26 FOR THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION, 34 FOR THE 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION AND 38 FOR THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION. THE REMAINING 9 SORTIES WERE FLOWN AGAINST TARGETS IN THE A SHAU VALLEY.

ARTILLERY - 12,123 ROUNDS WERE FIRED: 7,106 FOR THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION, 2,992 FOR THE 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION AND 1,672 FOR THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION AND 353 FOR OPERATION THOR.

OPERATION THOR: NINE B-52 STRIKES AND 296 TACTICAL AIR SORTIES WERE FLOWN ON D PLUS 1. 132 AA POSITIONS, 90 ARTILLERY POSITIONS AND 74 COASTAL GUN POSITIONS WERE ATTACKED. INTERIM RESULTS: NINE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, FOURTEEN SECONDARY FUEL FIRES AND ONE SAM MISSILE AND LAUNCHER DESTROYED. ON D-DAYN ARTILLERY AND NAVAL GUNFIRE EXPENDED 593 ROUNDS IN SUPPORT OF THE OPERATION.

KHE STATUS OF QL-1 AND 4 IS REPORTED FOR THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 0300 HOURS E JULY 1968. CONDITION OF THE HIGHWAY IS REPORTED FROM AN ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION POINT OF VIEW.

QL-1: DONG HA TO DANANG - NO INTERDICTIONS REPORTED DURING PAST 24 HOURS. ROAD IS OPEN. VOLUME OF TRAFFIC IS NORMAL.

QL-4: SAIGON TO CA MAU.

SAIGON TO MY THO - FOUR CRATERS AND THREE ROAD BLOCKS REPORTED. DAMAGE REPAIRED BY 1100 HOURS. BYPASS FOR THE BEN LUC BRIDGE COMPLETED AT 1800 HOURS, 2 JULY 1968. ROAD IS OPEN.

MY THO TO CA MAU - THREE MINE CRATERS REPORTED. DAMAGE REPAIRED BY 1200 HOURS. ROAD IS OPEN.

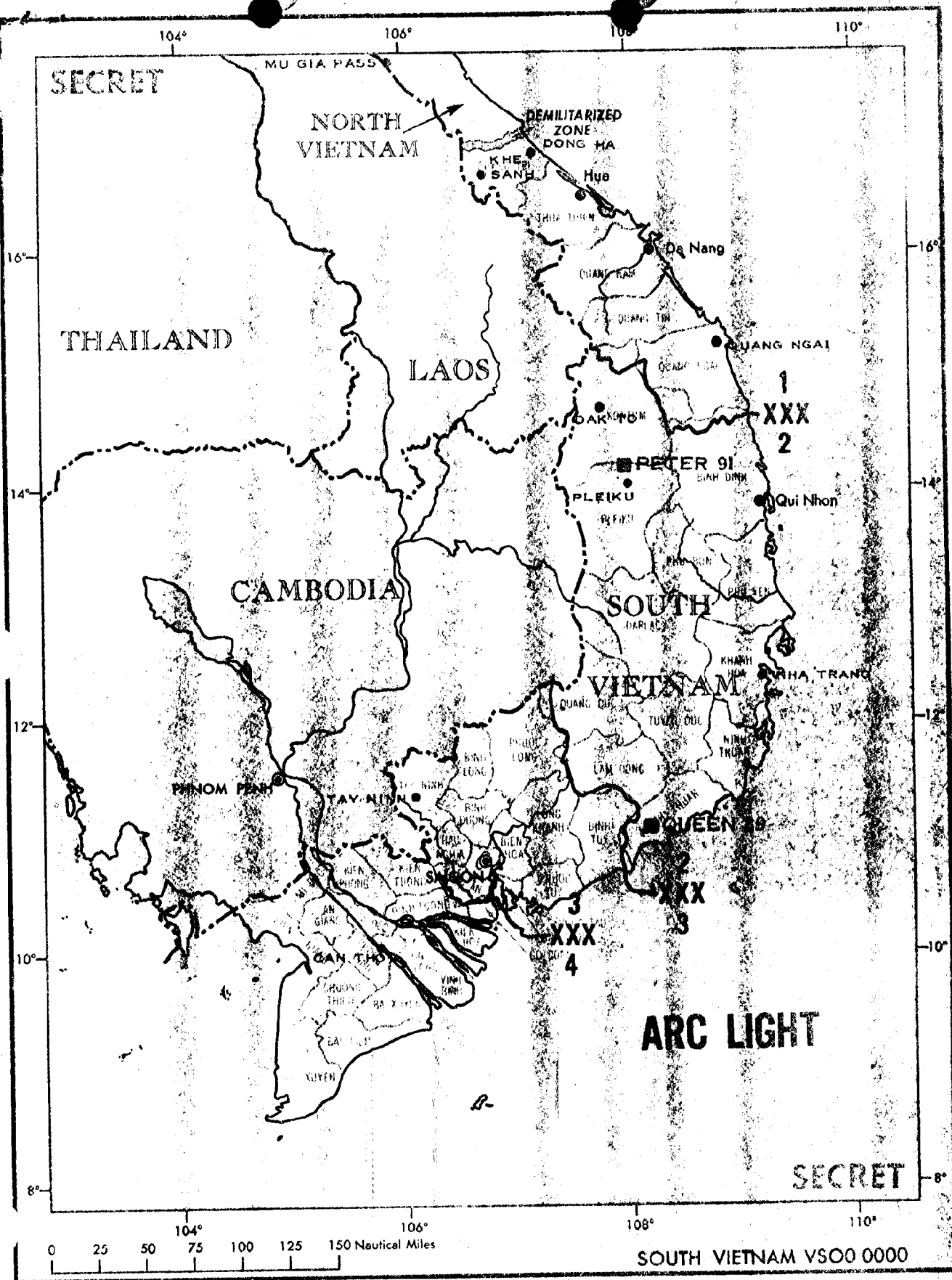
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ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS - 2 JULY

Thirty USAF B-52 sorties were flown yesterday. Of these, 22 were flown in support of Operation THOR, in or near the eastern sector of the DMZ.

<u>MISSION & NR OF ACFT</u>	<u>TIME ON EDT</u>	<u>TARGET SAIGON</u>	<u>TARGET LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION</u>
QUEEN 76 (6 B-52s)	0504 2 Jul	1704 2 Jul	In NVN, 16 nm west-northwest of Dong Ha; numerous artillery sites, storage areas, bunker systems, caves, AA/AW and rocket positions.
QUEEN 39 (6 B-52s)	0523 2 Jul	1723 2 Jul	In NVN, 12 nm north-northwest of Dong Ha; numerous artillery sites, storage areas, bunker systems, caves, AA/AW and rocket positions.
QUEEN 88 (6 B-52s)	0534 2 Jul	1734 2 Jul	In NVN, 15 nm north of Dong Ha; numerous artillery sites, storage areas, bunker systems, caves, AA/AW and rocket positions.
QUEEN 19 (4 B-52s)	0550 2 Jul	1750 2 Jul	In NVN, 19 nm northwest of Dong Ha; numerous artillery sites, storage areas, bunker systems, caves, AA/AW and rocket positions. (S)

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5. (S) DMZ - NORTHERN 1 CORPS SUPPLEMENT:

ATTACKS BY FIRE: 222 ROUNDS (222 ARTILLERY, 2 ARTILLERY) WERE RECEIVED IN THE PCV AREA. 0 ROUNDS OF ENEMY FIRE WERE RECEIVED IN THE PCV AREA. TWO ROUNDS OF ENEMY FIRE WERE RECEIVED FROM WITHIN THE DMZ.

EIGHT PHOTO MISSIONS WERE FLOWN. FOUR ALONG THE DMZ, FOUR IN THE HUE AREA. 62 HOURS OF VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE WERE FLOWN ALONG THE DMZ WHILE HUE AND THE A SHAU VALLEY HAD SEVENTEEN

AND FIVE HOURS RESPECTIVELY. THREE SIDE LOOKING AIRBORNE RADAR MISSIONS PROVIDED OVERALL COVERAGE OF PCV. ONE RED HAZE MISSION WAS FLOWN SOUTH OF HUE.

6. (S) FIRE SUPPORT: (DOES NOT INCLUDE THOR TOTALS)

THERE WERE 36 TACTICAL AIR SORTIES FLOWN. 38 FOR THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION, FIFTEEN FOR THE 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION AND 24 FOR THE 121ST AIRBORNE DIVISION. THE REMAINING NINE SORTIES WERE FLOWN AGAINST TARGETS IN THE A SHAU VALLEY.

ARTILLERY - 11,954 ROUNDS WERE FIRED: 6,143 FOR THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION, 3,438 FOR THE 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION AND 2,373 FOR THE 121ST AIRBORNE DIVISION.

OPERATION THOR:

FIVE B-52 STRIKES WERE FLOWN: THREE ALONG THE COASTAL SECTOR AND TWO INLAND. 230 TACTICAL AIR SORTIES WERE FLOWN HITTING 57 AA POSITIONS, 141 ARTILLERY POSITIONS, FOUR COASTAL GUN POSITIONS AND EIGHTEEN FIXED INSTALLATIONS.

AIRARTILLERY FIRED 7,952 AND NAVAL GUNFIRE 5,675 ROUNDS IN SUPPORT. BDA FOR 2 JULY INCLUDED: TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, NINE SECONDARY FIRES, 51 AA/AW POSITIONS DESTROYED, ONE SAM SITE DESTROYED, SEVEN AA POSITIONS AND ONE ARTILLERY POSITIONS

DAMAGED.

THE STATUS OF QL-1 AND 4 IS REPORTED FOR THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 2300 HOURS, 4 JULY 1968. CONDITION OF THE HIGHWAY IS REPORTED FROM AN ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION POINT OF VIEW.

QL-1: DONG HA TO DANANG-NO INCIDENTS REPORTED DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS. ROAD IS OPEN. TRAFFIC VOLUME IS NORMAL.

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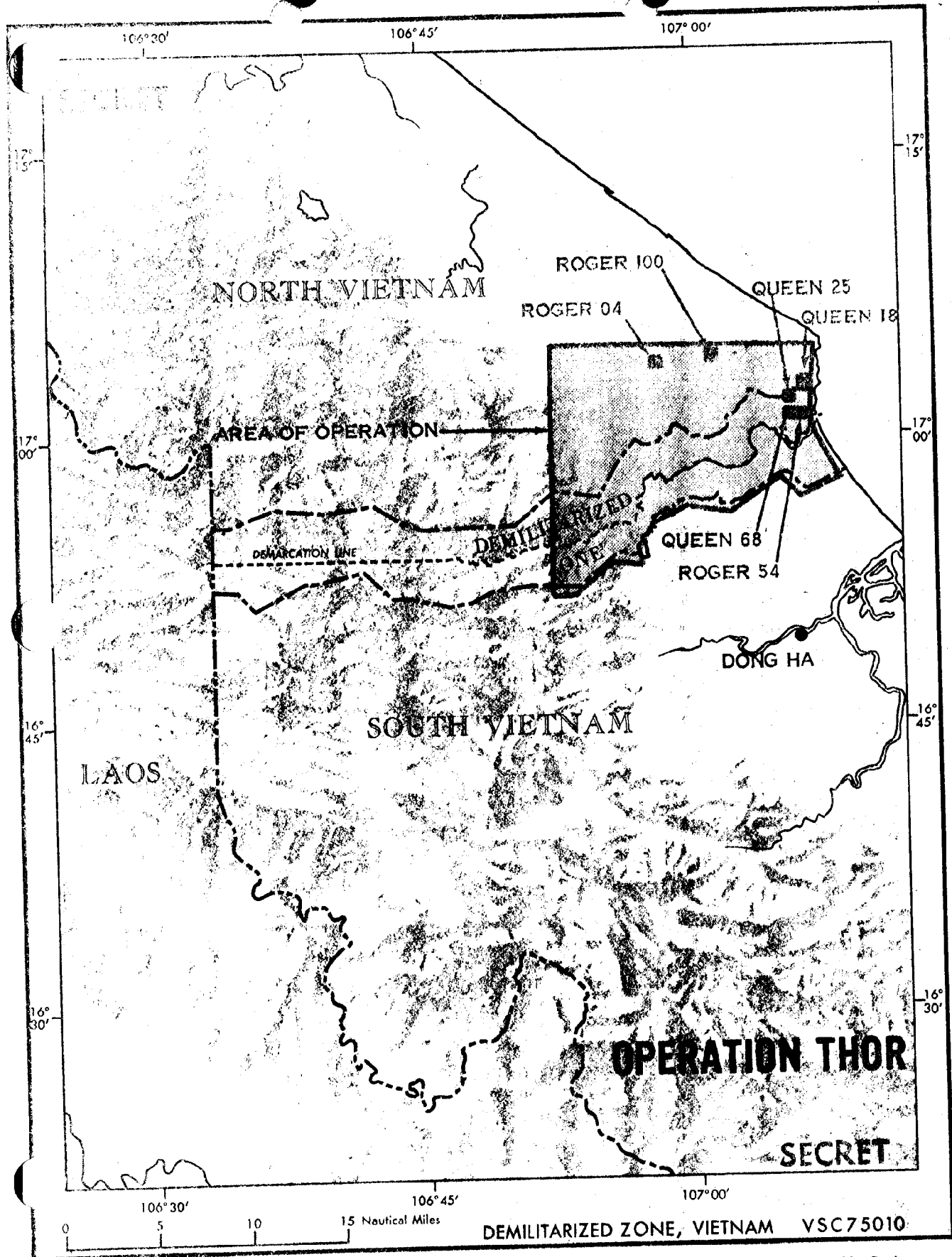
SAIGON TO MY THO - NO INTERDICTIONS. BYPASS OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.

MY THO TO CA MAU - NO INTERDICTIONS REPORTED. ROAD IS OPEN.

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AND AIRBORNE MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

OPERATION THOR IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THERE AFTER, MOBILE OPERATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN AND AROUND THE KHE SANH AREA UTILIZING TWO FIRE SUPPORT BASES. TWO BATTALIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN THEM SA. ELEVEN PHOTO MISSIONS WERE FLOWN, SIX ALONG THE DMZ, THREE IN THE HUE AREA AND TWO IN THE A SHAU VALLEY. SEVENTY HOURS OF VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE WERE FLOWN ALONG THE DMZ WHILE HUE HAD 15 HOURS. THREE SIDE LOOKING AIRBORNE RADAR MISSIONS PROVIDED OVERALL COVERAGE OF PCV.

ARTILLERY EXPENDED 573 ROUNDS AGAINST TARGETS IN THE HIGH RICE AREA, EXCLUSIVE OF OPERATION THOR.

5. (S) FIRE SUPPORT: (DOES NOT INCLUDE THOR TOTALS)

THERE WERE 144 TACTICAL AIR SORTIES FLOWN. 66 FOR THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION, 23 FOR THE 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION AND 55 FOR THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION. THE REMAINING 17 SORTIES WERE FLOWN AGAINST TARGETS IN THE A SHAU VALLEY.

ARTILLERY - 11, 506 ROUNDS WERE FIRED: 6,009 FOR THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION, 3,277 FOR THE 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION AND 2,220 FOR THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION.

OPERATION THOR: FOUR B-52 STRIKES HIT TARGETS IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE THOR AO. TAC AIR SUPPORTED WITH 230 SORTIES HITTING 126 AA POSITIONS, 92 ARTILLERY POSITIONS AND 12 FIXED INSTALLATION. ARTILLERY FIRED 2,378 AND NAVAL GUNFIRE 2,663 ROUNDS DURING THE PERIOD. YESTERDAY, AERIAL OBSERVERS FLEW ACROSS THE SOUTHERN TRACE OF THE OPERATIONAL AREA WITHOUT EXPERIENCING AA FIRE. PHASE III OF THE OPERATION COMMENCED AT 050221 HOURS. THIS PHASE IS DESIGNED TO CONCENTRATE ON ATTACKING ENEMY TARGETS IN THE ZONE UTILIZING AERIAL OBSERVATION.

THE STATUS OF QL-1 AND 4 IS REPORTED FOR THE PAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS ENDING AT 0800 HOURS 5 JULY 1968. CONDITION OF THE HIGHWAY IS REPORTED FROM AN ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION POINT OF VIEW.

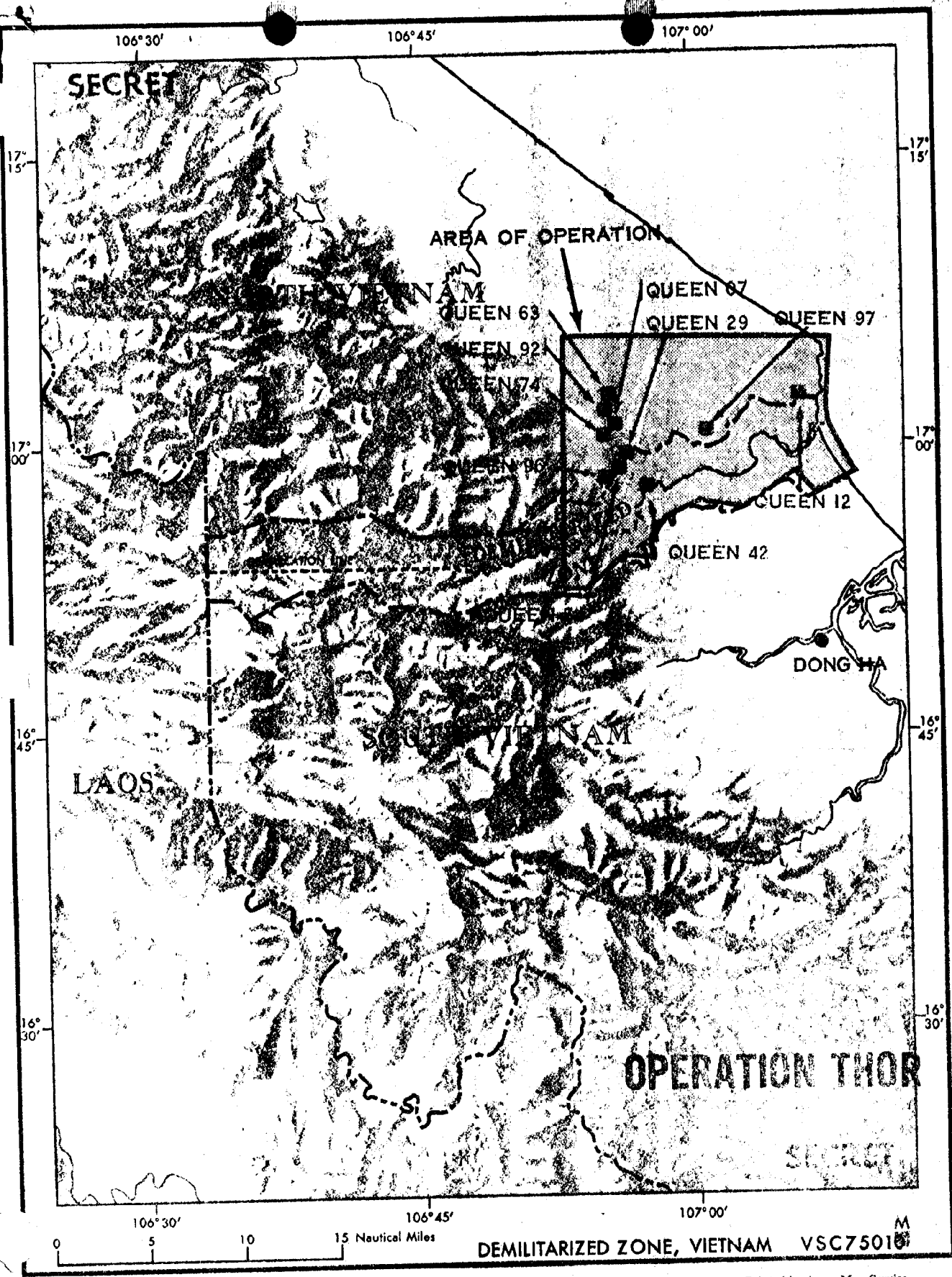
QL-1: DONG HA TO DANANG- NO INCIDENTS REPORTED DURING PAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. ROAD IS OPEN. TRAFFIC VOLUME IS NORMAL.

QL-4: DAIKON TO SA MAU:

DAIKON TO SA MAU INTERDICTIONS. ROAD IS OPEN. LIGHT TRAFFIC ADVANCE AT JUNCTIONS BYPASS OF THE BEN LUC BRIDGE. ROAD TO DANANG ROAD BLOCKS REPORTED AT XS 157400.

ROAD BLOCKS CHIEF AND ROAD IS OPEN.

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Sixty USAF B-52 sorties were flown yesterday in or near the eastern sector of the DMZ, in support of Operation THOR.

MISSION & NR OF ACFT	TIME ON EDT	TARGET SAIGON	TARGET LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION
QUEEN 12 (6 B-52s)	0436 1 Jul	1636 1 Jul	In NVN, 13 nm north of Dong Ha; numerous artillery sites, storage areas, bunker systems, caves, AA/AW and rocket positions.
QUEEN 97 (6 B-52s)	0446 1 Jul	1646 1 Jul	In NVN, 13 nm north-northwest of Dong Ha; numerous artillery sites, storage areas, bunker systems, caves, AA/AW and rocket positions.
QUEEN 07 (6 B-52s)	0502 1 Jul	1702 1 Jul	In NVN, 15 nm northwest of Dong Ha; numerous artillery sites, storage areas, bunker systems, caves, AA/AW and rocket positions.
QUEEN 92 (6 B-52s)	0513 1 Jul	1713 1 Jul	In NVN, 17 nm northwest of Dong Ha; numerous artillery sites, storage areas, bunker systems, caves, AA/AW and rocket positions.
QUEEN 63 (6 B-52s)	0531 1 Jul	1731 1 Jul	In NVN, 17 nm northwest of Dong Ha; numerous artillery sites, storage areas, bunker systems, caves, AA/AW and rocket positions.
QUEEN 96 (6 B-52s)	2204 1 Jul	1004 2 Jul	In NVN, 14 nm northwest of Dong Ha; numerous artillery sites, storage areas, bunker system, caves, AA/AW and rocket positions.
QUEEN 54 (6 B-52s)	2214 1 Jul	1014 2 Jul	In NVN, 13 nm northwest of Dong Ha; numerous artillery sites, storage areas, bunker system, caves, AA/AW and rocket positions. (S)

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<u>MISSION & NR OF ACFT</u>	<u>TIME ON EDT</u>	<u>TARGET SAIGON</u>	<u>TARGET LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION</u>
QUEEN 29 (6 B-52s)	2233 1 Jul	1033 2 Jul	In NVN, 14 nm northwest of Dong Ha; numerous artillery sites, storage areas, bunker systems, caves, AA/AW and rocket positions.
QUEEN 74 (6 B-52s)	2243 1 Jul	1043 2 Jul	In NVN, 15 nm northwest of Dong Ha; numerous artillery sites, storage areas, bunker systems, caves, AA/AW and rocket positions.
QUEEN 42 (6 B-52s)	2253 1 Jul	1053 2 Jul	In NVN, 12 nm northwest of Dong Ha; numerous artillery sites, storage areas, bunker systems, caves, AA/AW and rocket positions. (S)

SOURCE: ARC LIGHT TRAFFIC (S)

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ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS - 5 JULY

There were 36 USAF B-52 sorties flown yesterday; 11 of these were in support of Operation THOR, in or near the eastern sector of the DMZ.

<u>MISSION & NR OF ACFT</u>	<u>TIME ON EDT</u>	<u>TARGET SAIGON</u>	<u>TARGET LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION</u>
ROGER 10 (5 B-52s)	2007 5 Jul	0807 6 Jul	In NVN, 16 nm north of Dong Ha; artillery, AA, and rocket positions.
QUEEN 32 (6 B-52s)	2231 5 Jul	1031 6 Jul	In NVN, 15 nm north of Dong Ha; artillery, AA, and rocket positions. (S)

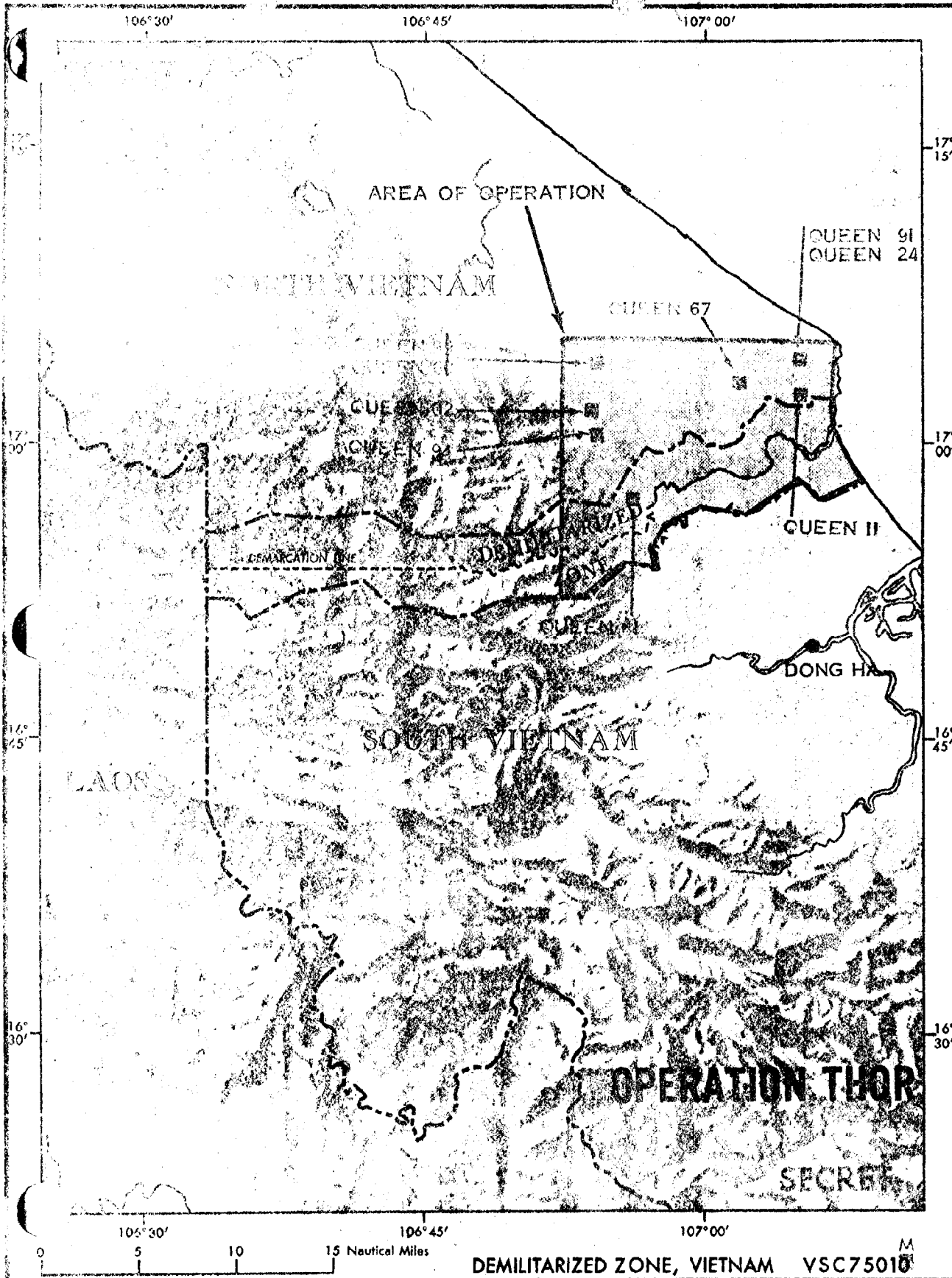
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ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS - 3, 4 JULY

There were 120 USAF B-52 sorties flown during the past two days; 53 of these sorties were flown in support of Operation THOR in or near the eastern sector of the DMZ.

MISSION & NR OF ACFT	TIME ON EDT	TARGET SAIGON	TARGET LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION
QUEEN 91 (6 B-52s)	0452 3 Jul	1652 3 Jul	In NVN, 15 nm north of Dong Ha; extensive AA/artillery positions and troop concentrations.
QUEEN 24 (6 B-52s)	0501 3 Jul	1701 3 Jul	In NVN, 15 nm north of Dong Ha; AA/artillery positions and troop concentrations.
QUEEN 41 (6 B-52s)	0518 3 Jul	1718 3 Jul	In NVN, 12 nm northwest of Dong Ha; numerous AA/artillery positions and bunkers.
QUEEN 11 (6 B-52s)	0528 3 Jul	1728 3 Jul	In NVN, 13 nm north of Dong Ha; 21 AA positions, nine artillery positions, and troop concentrations.
QUEEN 67 (5 B-52s)	0547 3 Jul	1747 3 Jul	In NVN, 14 nm north-northwest of Dong Ha; AA/artillery positions with a trench system and a base area.
QUEEN 99 (6 B-52s)	2149 3 Jul	0949 4 Jul	In NVN, 19 nm northwest of Dong Ha; AA/artillery positions with troop concentrations.
QUEEN 02 (6 B-52s)	2158 3 Jul	0958 4 Jul	In NVN, 17 nm northwest of Dong Ha; AA/artillery positions with troop concentrations.
QUEEN 94 (6 B-52s)	2218 3 Jul	1018 4 Jul	In NVN, 16 nm northwest of Dong Ha; AA/artillery positions with troop concentrations.
QUEEN 60 (6 B-52s)	2230 3 Jul	1030 4 Jul	In NVN, 18 nm northwest of Dong Ha; AA/artillery positions with troop concentrations. (S)

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There were 120 USAF B-52 sorties flown during the past 2 days; 36 of these sorties were flown in support of Operation THOR in and near the eastern sector of the DMZ.

MISSION & NR OF ACFT	TIME ON EDT	TARGET SAIGON	TARGET LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION
QUEEN 18 (6 B-52s)	0434 6 Jul	1634 6 Jul	In NVN, 14 nm north of Dong Ha; artillery, AA, and rocket positions.
QUEEN 25 (6 B-52s)	0445 6 Jul	1645 6 Jul	In NVN, 13 nm north of Dong Ha; artillery, AA, and rocket positions.
QUEEN 68 (6 B-52s)	0501 6 Jul	1701 6 Jul	In NVN, 12 nm north of Dong Ha in the DMZ; artillery, AA, and rocket positions.
ROGER 04 (6 B-52s)	2121 6 Jul	0921 7 Jul	In NVN, 17 nm northwest of Dong Ha; AA/artillery positions and revetments.
ROGER 100 (6 B-52s)	2130 6 Jul	0930 7 Jul	In NVN, 16 nm north-northwest of Dong Ha; AA positions, vehicle revetments, and two artillery units.
ROGER 54 (6 B-52s)	2149 6 Jul	0949 7 Jul	In NVN, 12 nm north of Dong Ha in the DMZ; supply/storage area, bunkers, and AA/artillery positions. (S)

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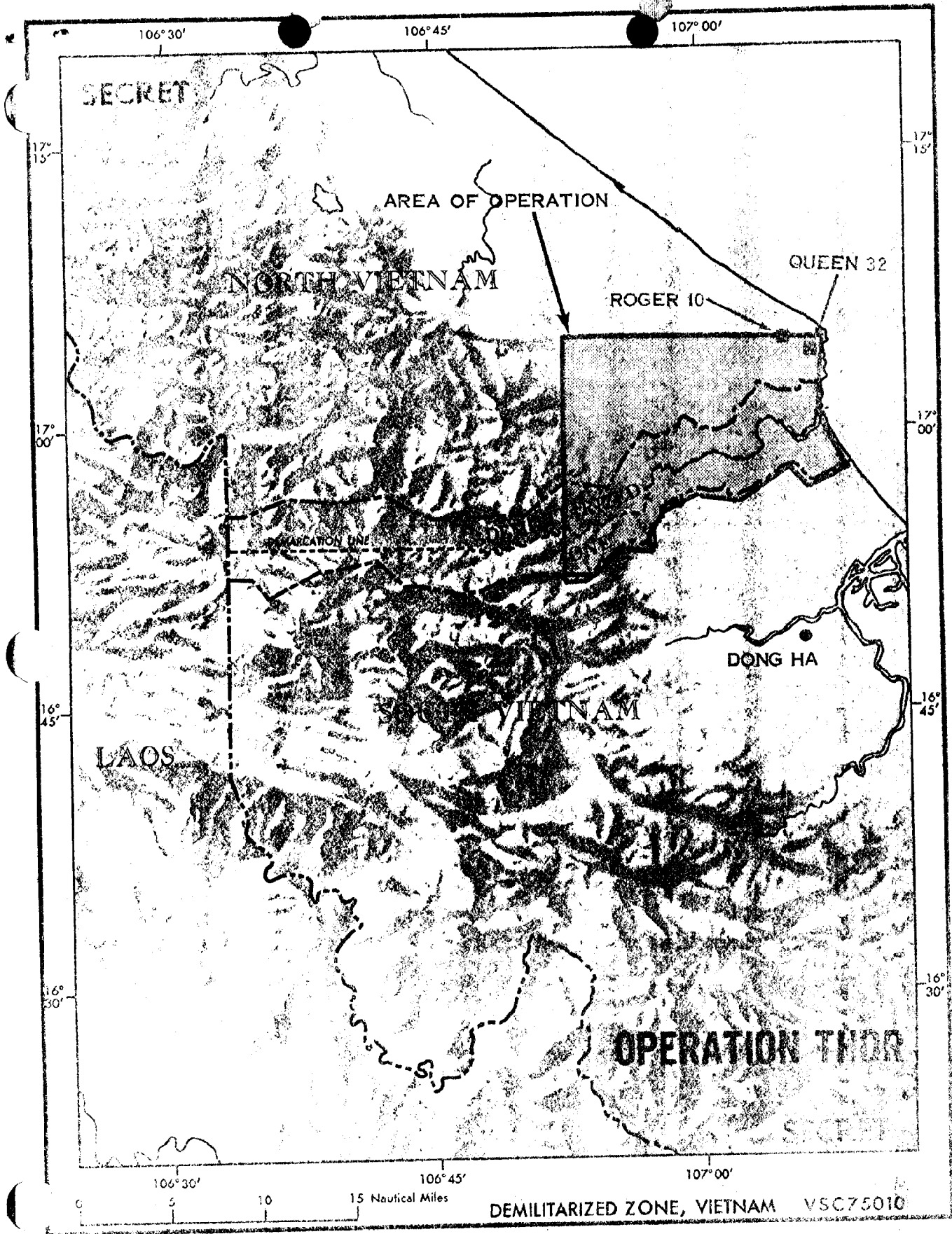
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WERE 4 WOUNDED. THERE WERE TWO ROAD BLOCKS ON HIGHWAY 4, IN BAC LIEU PROVINCE. BOTH WERE REMOVED AND TRAFFIC RESTORED PRIOR TO 111200 HOURS. TACTICAL AIR SORTIES DESTROYED OR DAMAGED 155 STRUCTURES, 20 SAMPANS AND 28 BUNKERS. THERE WERE THREE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND TWO SECONDARY FIRES. US COAST GUARD CUTTER AND ROSCOGGIN ENGAGED 2 COASTAL TARGETS IN THE BO DE RIVER MOUTH AREA OF AN XUYEN PROVINCE. RESULTS WERE 22 STRUCTURES, 14 SAMPANS, AND 10 BUNKERS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. LIGHT CASUALTIES RESULTED FROM 6 VC INITIATED INCIDENTS WHICH INCLUDED INDIRECT FIRE ATTACKS ON TWO DISTRICT TOWNS, ONE TROOP POSITION AND TWO OUTPOSTS. AT 111616 HOURS, A B-52 STRIKE WAS DIVERTED TO IV CORPS, 20 KILOMETERS SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF DAM DOI IN AN XUYEN PROVINCE. INITIAL BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT LISTED 3 STRUCTURES, 2 SAMPANS, 8 BUNKERS AND 1 GUN POSITION DESTROYED OR DAMAGED AND 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

5. (S) DMZ - NORTHERN I CORPS SUPPLEMENT:

ATTACKS BY FIRE WERE LIGHT. A TOTAL OF 124 ROUNDS (53 MORTAR AND 71 ARTILLERY) STRUCK THE PCV AREA. 68 ROUNDS OF ENEMY FIRE CAME FROM WITHIN THE DMZ AND ONE ROUND WAS FIRED FROM AN UNDETERMINED LOCATION IN THE VICINITY OF THE DMZ. IN EXCESS OF 15 TONS OF RICE WAS FOUND IN THE JEB STUART III/NEVADA EAGLE AO'S DURING THE PERIOD.

TEN PHOTO MISSIONS WERE FLOWN, ONE ALONG THE DMZ, FIVE IN THE HUE AREA, TWO NEAR KHE SANH AND TWO IN THE A SHAU VALLEY. THIRTY-TWO HOURS OF VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE WERE FLOWN ALONG THE DMZ WHILE HUE AND THE A SHAU HAD 23 AND 12 HOURS RESPECTIVELY. TWO SIDE LOOKING AIRBORNE RADAR MISSIONS PROVIDED OVERALL COVERAGE OF PCV. ONE RED HAZE MISSION WAS FLOWN IN THE HUE AREA.

ARTILLERY EXPENDED 1526 ROUNDS AND NAVAL GUNFIRE 595 ROUNDS AGAINST TARGETS IN THE HIGH RISE AREA, NORTH OF CON THIEN, ARTILLERY FIRE DAMAGED TWO ENEMY 130MM GUNS.

TWENTY SKYSPOT AND EIGHTEEN TAC AIR SORTIES STRUCK TARGETS IN THE DMZ. ONE ENEMY HEAVY ARTILLERY PIECE WAS DESTROYED AND SEVERAL SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE OBSERVED.

6. (S) FIRE SUPPORT:

THERE WERE 153 TACTICAL AIR SORTIES FLOWN. 91 FOR THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION, 33 FOR THE 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION AND 15 FOR THE 101ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION. THE REMAINING 14 SORTIES WERE FLOWN AGAINST TARGETS IN THE A SHAU VALLEY.

ARTILLERY: 12,954 ROUNDS WERE FIRED; 9,209 FOR THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION, 2,572 FOR THE 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION AND 1,375 FOR THE 101ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION. TWELVE FIRECRACKER MISSIONS WERE FIRED EXPENDING 167 ROUNDS OF 105MM AMMUNITION AND 74 ROUNDS OF 155MM AMMUNITION. RESULTS: TWO 130MM ARTILLERY PIECES, FOUR MORTARS AND ONE AA WEAPON SILENCED, TWENTY ENEMY KILLED AND FOUR SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FOR OPERATION THOR INCLUDED 63 AA WEAPONS DESTROYED, 15 ARTILLERY WEAPONS DESTROYED AND 6 DAMAGED, TWO SAM LAUNCHERS, FOUR MISSILES AND THREE SITES DESTROYED, 125 ENEMY KILLED, 332 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND 292 SECONDARY FIRES. NUMEROUS AA WEAPON AND ARTILLERY POSITIONS WERE DESTROYED AS WELL AS 502 STRUCTURES AND BUNKERS. DURING THE OPERATION, THE ENEMY FIRED A TOTAL OF 278 ARTILLERY ROUNDS, ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY AGAINST FRIENDLY TROOPS. NEITHER FRIENDLY ARTILLERY NOR SHIPS RECEIVED COUNTER BATTERY FIRE DURING THE OPERATION.

PARTLY CLOUDY SKIES PREVAILED THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD, EXCEPT FOR NIGHT FOG AND OCCASIONAL BROKEN CLOUDS IN THE WEST. VISIBILITY WAS GOOD.

CONTINUED DECREASE IN CLOUDINESS ACROSS THE ENTIRE REGION IS PREDICTED.

THE STATUS OF QL-1 AND 4 IS REPORTED FOR THE PAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS ENDING AT 1120 HOURS 12 JULY 1968.

QL-1: DONG HA TO DANANG - NO INTERDICTIONS REPORTED. ROAD IS OPEN. TRAFFIC VOLUME IS MODERATE.

QL-4: SAIGON TO CA MAU - NO INCIDENTS REPORTED. ROAD IS OPEN AND TRAFFIC VOLUME IS NORMAL.