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REPORTS ON PLAF MILITARY ACTION IN SOUTH

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[Text] Hanoi VNA November 29--The regional armed forces and guerrillas in Thien Ngon area, Tay Ninh Province, in the 2 weeks ending November 22 put out of action nearly 500 enemy troops, according to GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY.

They also shot down or damaged 18 helicopters and seized a large quantity of weapons and other military equipment.

It was also in this area that the PLAF on the night of November 15 annihilated a whole battalion of the U.S. 1st Air Cavalry Division.

In northern Quang Nam Province, guerrillas on November 21 ambushed an enemy convoy at the Hai Van pass. All the nine vehicles were destroyed, and 63 GI's were killed.

Earlier, on November 17, the P.L.A.F. pounded with artillery fire several enemy positions including the Nuoc Man airfield, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

From November 16 to 21, the P.L.A.F. assaulted enemy cantonments at My Loc area, neatly wiping out three U.S. platoons.

In the southern part of Quang Nam, the P.L.A.F. on November 19 attacked the Cam Gioi position, killing 20 GI's.

The patriotic armed forces in Quang Ngai Province on November 16 and 17 mounted several attacks on the enemy, killing or wounding over 100 of them, shooting down five aircraft, and capturing a large quantity of firearms.

My Tho Province

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[Text] Hanoi, VNA December 1--The People's Liberation Armed Forces on the night of November 20 slammed big gun fire into the headquarters of the puppet Seventh Division and the Hung Vuong military base in My Tho provincial capital, according to GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY.

At the same time, they assaulted a company of puppet troops guarding the airport and another enemy company in Phu Khiet village, some 7 kilometers north-west of the provincial town, wiping out hundreds of U.S. and puppet soldiers.

On the night of November 23, the liberation fighters again shelled many military and administrative targets in the provincial capital, inflicting additional losses on the enemy. This is the 5th big-gun attack by the P.L.A.F. on the enemy in My Tho since early November this year.

Effectively assisted by the armed forces, the people in many town districts [as received] punished several cruel agents of the enemy and served warnings on others. Flags of the South Vietnam N.F.L. were put up in many places of the town. In face of the disarray among the puppet ranks, many officers and men of the Saigon army in My Tho abandoned their posts.

GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY further reported that in the attack on the Binh Duc base of the U.S. on the night of November 4 and early 5, the P.L.A.F. hit several U.S. vessels on Van Kinh Xang canal, sinking one warship, wiping out nearly 170 Americans aboard. On the same night, the P.L.A.F. bombarded many other enemy positions in the same base, destroying many storages and wiping out 180 more Americans.

All told, on November 5 alone, the P.L.A.F. in My Tho wiped out nearly 350 U.S. soldiers on Van Kinh Xang canal and at the Binh Duc base.

Tay Ninh Province

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[Text] Hanoi VNA November 29--An assault was launched in the morning of November 22 on a cantonment of the US 1st Air Mobile Cavalry Division in Tay Ninh Province.

According to GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY, the cantonment was situated in [word indistinct] some 8 kilometers west of the enemy Special Forces camp in Thien Ngon. During the brief fight, GPPA added, the PLAF killed or wounded 150 GI's.

At the same time with the ground assault, PLAF gunners heavily shelled the Thien Ngon camp, interdicting enemy artillery from providing support fire to the troops of the Air Cav. [sentence as received]

According to Western reports, the PLAF at 7 a.m. November 27 attacked a puppet cantonment 25 kilometers west northwest of the Go Dau area. In the afternoon, they engaged US reinforcements in a fierce battle while intercepting elements of the US 25th Infantry Division helilifted to an area 13 kilometers southeast of Tay Ninh city.

The losses of the 25th Infantry Division alone comprised two helicopters downed, the others damaged, and 34 GI's killed or wounded, the sources added.

Tra Vinh, Ben Tre

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[Text] Hanoi VNA December 2--According to GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY, on the night of November 24, the P.L.A.F. in Tra Vinh shelled the base camp of the 13th Regiment, puppet 9th Division, in the provincial capital, and the base camp of the 2nd Battalion, 14th Regiment, in Base, about 4 km west of the provincial capital. 70 enemy troops were killed or wounded, a military vehicle destroyed and many barracks and storages burnt down in the bombardments.

The following night, P.L.A.F. gunners hit the base camp of the 1st Battalion, 16th Regiment, puppet 9th Division, at Nha Dai, knocking down many enemy.

In Ben Tre, in the 5 days ending November 25, the liberation fighters launched a series of artillery and ground attacks on the enemy in the province capital and Giong Trom district. The targets included Tan Thanh airfield, a U.S. encampment at Ba Mu bridge in the vicinity of the provincial capital, and artillery ground and a U.S. company stationed [word indistinct] highway 25. They killed or wounded nearly 100 U.S. and puppet troops and destroyed 4 cannons.

Repulsing a counter-attack by the enemy against Thuan Dien village, Giong Trom district, the liberation fighters in the same period shot down 4 helicopters and put out of action 25 more enemy.

Quang Nam Province

Hanoi VNA International Service in English 1641 GMT 1 Dec 68 B

[Text] Hanoi, VNA December 1--GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY has further reported that during the 10 days ended November 25, the patriotic armed forces in Dien Ban district in northern Quang Nam Province wiped out nearly 950 enemy troops instead of 643 as earlier reported, shot down 18 aircraft and wrecked seven tanks and armoured cars.

The report said that after blasting their way into Vinh Dien township in Dien Ban district at 1:30 a.m. on November 25, the P.L.A.F. in one-half hours fighting wiped out one militia platoon and heavily decimated two other platoons.

At 10 hours the same day, one puppet battalion and two U.S. companies sent from Hoi and Cau Mong as reinforcements were beaten off after losing 195 men, including 35 G.I.'s, two armoured cars and one aircraft. The guerrillas alone wiped out 30 enemy troops. This was the second attack within 10 days on enemy positions in Vinh Dien township.

In the same period, fighting enemy troops engaged in the so-called accelerated pacification program, the liberation forces and population in five villages of Dien Ban district killed 465 of them including 335 Americans, captured six others, brought down 16 aircraft, destroyed four military vehicles and blew up six blockhouses and five bridges.

Binh Thuan Province

Hanoi VNA International Service in English 1626 GMT 30 Nov 68 B

[Text] Hanoi, VNA November 30 -- The People's Liberation Armed Forces on the night of November 25 launched a surprise attack on the Song Mao military base some 50 kilometers northeast of Phan Thiet, capital of Binh Thuan Province.

Initial reports by GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY said that after one hour of fighting the PLAF completely overran the base. They killed or wounded more than 1,000 enemy troops and captured a large quantity of weapons and other military equipment.

The enemy losses included one regimental command, one battalion, one infantry company, one squadron, and one group of armour of the 44th regiment of the puppet 23d division. One company of the U.S. Air Mobile Cavalry Division, and 30 American advisors were also wiped out. The PLAF destroyed four artillery pieces, many storages and barracks.

In close coordination with these attacks, the local people rose up to liberate themselves.

Long An Province

Hanoi VNA International Service in English 1735 GMT 27 Nov 68 B

[Text] Hanoi VNA November 27--The South Vietnam People's Liberation Armed Forces in Long An Province yesterday assaulted the cantonment of an American battalion-sized infantry unit just helilifted the previous day to Chum Moi hamlet, Duc Hue district, for a sweep in the liberated area.

Initial reports from GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY said that after less than one hour's fighting, the P.L.A.F. wiped out the [word indistinct] American battalion and its headquarters, destroyed its signal system, and captured a large quantity of arms and military equipment.

Lóng An Province

Hanoi VNA International Service in English 1542 GMT 30 Nov 68 B

[Text] Hanoi, VNA November 30--A surprise attack was launched on November 28 by the People's Liberation Armed Forces on a U.S. cantonment in My Quy Dong village, Long An Province, close to Saigon.

Initial reports by GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY said that after 30 minutes of fighting the PLAF completely wiped out one U.S. battalion command and one American company totalling more than 100 men, shot down two helicopters, and seized a large quantity of firearms.

At the same time, the PLAF slammed artillery fire into the Quo Ba commando post and a U.S. artillery site, interdicting enemy artillery from providing support fire. The shellings caused serious losses to the enemy.

Tay Ninh, Thu Dau Mot

Hanoi VNA International Service in English 1639 GMT 30 Nov 68 B

[Text] Hanoi, VNA November 30--The South Vietnam People's Liberation Armed Forces in Tay Ninh Province at one a.m. November 28 launched a surprise attack on a battalion of the U.S. First Air Cavalry Division encamped near the Ben Cau strategic hamlet 20 kilometers south of the Tay Ninh provincial capital, according to GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY.

Initial reports said the P.L.A.F. killed or wounded 400 GI's and captured many others together with a large quantity of weapons and military equipment. They also shot down three helicopters.

At five p.m. the same day, the P.L.A.F. assaulted by surprise a puppet paratroops unit in Go Thap, wiping out 200 men, and seized many weapons. Also on November 28, the P.L.A.F. in northern Thu Dau Mot intercepted men of the same air cavalry division and puppet troops 6 kilometers northeast of Loc Ninh district capital.

The next day, the P.L.A.F. shelled 10 enemy positions including the headquarters of the Vinh Long military sector, those of the Thanh military sub-sector, and the position of a puppet battalion in Tha Dau Mot, about 21 kilometers north of Saigon. The same day, the P.L.A.F. in northern Thu Dau Mot again intercepted troops of the U.S. First Air Cav northeast of Loc Ninh. Enemy reports said 23 GI's were killed or wounded.

On November 30, the P.L.A.F. in Tay Ninh lobbed big gun rounds on the H.Q. of the enemy military sector in the province capital while those in My Tho intercepted two companies of the U.S. Ninth Infantry Division near Cai Lay district capital.

CRUEL MEASURES USED IN PACIFICATION PROGRAM

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[Text] Hanoi VNA November 29--The U.S. aggressors and their lackeys have since mid-November mustered about 7,000 troops, including one U.S. Marine regiment, one puppet regular regiment, and one Pak Chong-hui mercenary battalion under the cover of aircraft, artillery, and tanks to conduct raids on several villages in Dien Ban district (northern Quang Nam Province) to implement the so-called accelerated pacification program.

According to GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY, the raiders have resorted to cruel measures, burning down the people's houses, looting their property and arresting and savagely torturing civilians; but they have met with stiff attacks from the People's Liberation Armed Forces who have dealt heavy blows at the raiders, driving them into great passivity and confusion.

Within 10 days from November 16 to 26, the patriotic armed forces wiped out 643 enemy including 368 U.S. and satellite troops, shot down 13 aircraft (including two jets), wrecked six tanks or armored cars, and seized large quantities of weapons and other military equipment.