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Tra Vinh Province

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[Text] South Vietnam March 20 GPA--The regional forces of Tra Vinh Province on March 7 intercepted a puppet battalion in Trung Lap village, Vung Liem district. After 30 minutes fighting, they killed or wounded 250 enemy including the battalion commander and seized a large quantity of firearms and other military equipment.

Mekong River Delta

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[Text] South Vietnam March 20 GPA--From the end of February to early this month, the P.L.A.F. repeatedly shelled enemy positions in five provinces in the Mekong River Delta, putting out of action more than 600 enemy troops, destroying 29 aircraft, five military vehicles and four artillery pieces, setting ablaze three vessels and blowing up 24 barracks and eight blockhouses

On the night of March 12 alone, the P.L.A.F. artillery gun fire (?cut) down 102 GI's in the headquarters of the Third Brigade of U.S. Ninth Infantry Division in Tan An town, Long An Province.

In Binh Long Province, P.L.A.F. fired heavy guns on the enemy basecamp at Quan Loi on March 12 and 13, wiping out 160 enemy including over 100 and wrecking six helicopters.

From the night of March 2 to March 7, the P.L.A.F. slammed big gun fire into several enemy positions in Tay Ninh Province, inflicting more than 123 casualties on the enemy.

In two big gun attacks on enemy positions in Rach Gia town on February 25 and 28 120 enemy were knocked out.

My Tho Province

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[Text] South Vietnam March 19 GPA--The PLAF in My Tho Province on the night of March 14-15 struck a series of enemy positions in the provincial capital and six townships and military sectors, wiping out over 550 enemy troops and providing effective support for the people in many localities to rise up and break enemy control

At zero hour on March 15 the liberation forces shelled many U.S. and puppet positions in the provincial capital including the headquarters of the puppet Seventh Division the My Tho military subsector, gunnery stations of the Seventh and 72d Artillery Battalions, the Hung Vuong military training center and the airfield.

The 72d Artillery Battalion alone suffered over 100 casualties including five puppet officers. At the headquarters of the puppet Seventh Division, the PLAF's artillery rounds hit a billet of radiomen, causing heavy losses to them.

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At the same time the guerrillas attacked Ly Thuong Kiet and Cau Do posts in the provincial capital and the Phu Khuong and Phu Kiet posts on Route 4, wiping out many policemen.

Meanwhile, the PLAF artillerymen fiercely pounded the U.S. base at Binh Duc and the Tan Hiep military sector.

At 5 p.m. the liberation forces again shelled the Hung Vuong military training centre, killing or wounding dozens of enemy troops. At zero hour on the same day, U.S.-puppet positions in My Tho provincial capital again came under fire. The cantonment of the Third Battalion, 11th Regiment, puppet Seventh Division was badly hit.

In Cai Lay military sector, 11 targets were attacked by the liberation infantry and artillerymen, while in An Huu township, the provincial chief's residence and the artillery site were badly mauled.

On Route 4, the PLAF assaulted the U.S. encampment at Hoi Cu and An Thai Trung village in Cai Be district, killing or wounding nearly 100 GIs, destroying 11 military vehicles and one 105-millimeter artillery piece and setting aflame 15,000 litres of gasoline.

At Tganh Hung village, Cai Be district, the regional forces badly mauled a civil guard company and wiped out a pacification team.

All told, the PLAF in My Tho Province on the night from March 14 to March 15 wiped out 550 enemy troops, including nearly 100 GIs, heavily decimated one civil guard company, destroyed 11 military vehicles and three artillery pieces, set ablaze 15,000 litres of gasoline and many storages, and seized a great quantity of war material.

Saigon Area Attacks

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[Text] South Vietnam March 17 GPA--On the night of March 9-10, 16 U.S.-puppet bases northwest of Saigon including the headquarters of the puppet 25th Division and the puppet Fifth Regiment and the Hau Nghia military sub-sector were attacked by the PLAF. According to initial reports, the liberation forces wiped out 250 U.S. and puppet troops.

The PLAF in Duc Hoa district, Long An Province, on the night of March 7-8 shelled the Hau Nghia military sub-sector and the enemy position at Bau Ngan Hai, wiping out over 100 enemy troops and wrecking three 105-millimeter artillery pieces and six mortars.

In Bien Hoa Province, in the afternoon of March 13 the PLAF assaulted a U.S. unit at Bau Chuon, heavily decimating one company of the Third Brigade, First Air Cavalry Division.

In Kien Phong Province, in the morning of March 15 the PLAF engaged the enemy rescue column heading for Cao Lanh town which was under the PLAF pressure, killing or wounding 170 enemy troops. Many other U.S.-puppet positions in My Tho, Go Cong, Kien Phong and Ben Tre provinces were simultaneously attacked by the PLAF on the night of March 14-15.

Quang Tri, Kien Phong

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[Text] South Vietnam March 17 GPA--The PLAF artillery in northern Quang Tri at 3 a.m. March 15 pounded the Cua Viet military port, hitting storages and billets and causing big fires that lasted 3 hours.

On the night of that day, the liberation forces assaulted an enemy position about 2 kilometers north of Dong Ha base, overrunning it after 10 minutes fighting. The enemy headquarters and 150 U.S. and puppet soldiers including "pacification" agents were wiped out, and four heavy machineguns, three mortars, one military vehicle and one signal centre destroyed.

In other engagements on March 13 and 14 northwest of Tan Lam, the PLAF put out of action one U.S. Marine company totalling 180 men killed or wounded, shot afire two helicopters and wrecked two mortars. Also on March 13 and 14, two U.S. military vehicles were blown up by guerrilla mines on Highway 73 and 9, killing eight GI's.

In Kien Phong Province, at 6:00 a.m. March 10, a homeguard unit attacked Tan Loi and An Dong restaurants in Cao Lanh, the provincial capital, exclusively reserved for U.S. and puppet officers. In a matter of minutes, the liberation fighters killed on the spot 58 U.S. and puppet officers and wounded 80 others.

The enemy casualties included nine U.S. "advisers," the puppet major-deputy-governor of Kien Phong Province, nay officers from the 44th special sector and from the Cao Lanh military sub-sector, and many operational and air force officers.

Bac Lieu Airfield

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[Text] South Vietnam March 17 GPA--The PLAF on the night of March 11-12 tore the hell out of the Bac Lieu airfield and many enemy positions in Soc Trang Province.

Within minutes of fighting, the PLAF neatly wiped out the command post, seized control of the airfield, the Bac Lieu military sub-sector and the biggest logistic base of the puppet 21st Division.

According to still incomplete figures, the patriotic fighters killed or wounded over 200 enemy troops including two engineer companies and one plus-sized company, wiped out the command post, wrecked 40 military vehicles and destroyed four L-19 observation planes and four ammunition storages.

On the night of March 12-13 the regional forces in the high plateau province of Kontum launched a ground-artillery attack on a U.S. position 4 kilometers south of the provincial capital, nearly wiped out two U.S. platoons, wrecking three fortresses and setting aflame one gasoline dump.

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Gia Dinh Province

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[Text] South Vietnam March 15 GPA--During the 11 days ending March 4, the People's Liberation Armed Forces and people in the northern part of Gia Dinh Province attacked 30 enemy positions. These included the base camp of the 2d Brigade, the U.S. 25th Infantry Division at Dong Du, the base camp of the 3d Brigade at Dau Tieng and the base camp of the 1st Infantry Division at Lai Khe.

According to still incomplete figures, during that period the liberation forces killed or wounded 6,240 enemy soldiers, among them 5,750 GI's including many company and field officers and nearly 200 airmen. Enemy units wiped out or decimated included four U.S. battalions and six U.S. companies.

The P.L.A.F. destroyed 355 military vehicles, including 192 tanks and armoured troop carriers, 279 aircraft and 35 artillery pieces, burnt down seven ammunition and petrol storages and two power stations, and demolished five towers and posts. 112 blockhouses, 200 billets and 29 bunkers.

In the meantime, people in townships and "strategic hamlets" along Highway 1 rose up to smash the enemy's control and dissolve enemy "civil-defence" units.

Gia Dinh Battle Account

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[Battle account: "Tropical Lightning" Division Under Fire"]

[Excerpts] South Vietnam March 15 GPA--Dong Du, in Cu Chi district, Gia Dinh Province, the base of U.S. 25th Infantry Division headquarters, lay like an island lost among wilderness. Around the base, 10 kilometres on each side, formerly lush fields and rich villages had been completely levelled by U.S. bombs, shells and bulldozers.

The map at the U.S. military command presents Dong Du as the shield protecting Saigon from the north, and the meeting place of strategic Highways 8, 1, and 15. Around the base had been erected seven barbed wire walls each five metres high, a real belt of fire pockets consisting of 330 blockhouses and a road for patrols.

What is more, the no man's land had been constantly subject to searches by five commando companies, a squadron of helicopters, and an armoured car unit, and had been sown with the best electronic detection gadgets.

In the small hours of February 26 last, a unit of the PLAF moved toward that enemy position. The glare of parachute flares and search-lights and the random rounds from enemy artillery could neither detect nor deter the PLAF fighters. After the PLAF men had taken up their assigned positions, a loud explosion was heard. That was the signal for attack.