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(Hanoi VNA International Service in English, 1451 GMT, 25 July 1970):

Hanoi VNA July 25--The Hanoi army paper "Quan Doi Nhan Dan" today editorially praised the fresh victory recorded by the South Viet-Nam people's liberation armed forces in Thua Thien province over the American paratroopers in Hill 935 area, 40 km west of Hue City.

It said: "This is the biggest feat of arms of the F.L.A.F. and people in Thua Thien province since their resounding victories in Hue City during the Mau Than Tet offensive (Spring 1968). This is also the heaviest punishing blow dealt at the American 101st Paratroop Division since it moved into this area."

The paper recalled that faced with bitter defeats and heavy F.L.A.F. pressure, in summer 1969, Abrams had to deploy the American 101st Paratroop Division to Thua Thien province to strengthen his defense and carry

out the so-called "forward defense." But, the paper pointed out, that division, which had suffered heavy losses in A Bia area last year, again took a crippling blow on Hill 935.

From A Bia to Hill 935, the American paratroopers have suffered heavier and heavier defeats and the U.S. strategic "forward defense" has met with another failure. While mobile American and puppet troops were heavily battered in their outer defense rings, they were also repeatedly assaulted in the plains and the surrounding areas of Hue City.

The victory of Hill 935 proved that the F.L.A.F. in Thua Thien province have made marked progress, increased their continuous fighting power and combat efficiency. If in A Bia last year they had fought continuously for 13 days running, in Hill 935 area this time they have fought for 3 straight weeks without letup, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, the paper added.