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REPORTAGE ON COMMUNIST MILITARY ACTIVITY

Khe Dong Base

LIBERATION PRESS AGENCY (Clandestine) in English to East Europe and the Far East  
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[Text] South Viet Nam August 20 (GPA)--Khe Dong Base lies in a hilly area 1 kilometer north of the Quang Tri River and about 2 kilometres from Hill 420. It is surrounded by thick jungles. This base was set up by the enemy in 1968 and 1969 to prevent P.L.A.F. attacks on Cua area and the Quang Tri provincial capital.

Under strong pressure of the P.L.A.F., the U.S. commanders sent elements of the U.S. 101st Paratroop Division to beef up defences at this position. On April 30 last, U.S. helicopters brought to the hill a mixed artillery battalion of about 400 GI's equipped with heavy cannons and mortars.

The Americans were encamped on both hills of the Khe Dong area. Beside the existing fortifications, the enemy laid three more barbed wire fences and many mine fields around the base. The outer defence was entrusted to three battalions of the puppet 54th Regiment.

At 3.58 a.m., May 6, the P.L.A.F. opened fire on the key targets inside Khe Dong. Then, they stormed into the command post, the radio centre and the rows of tents, throwing hand bombs and firing tank busters. A pillbox at the bridge-end was blown up and the machinegun was silenced. Other units then smashed the wire entanglements and quickly occupied the bridgehead.

Another detachment of the P.L.A.F. attacked Hill 1 and besieged the 155-mm artillery site and the radar station. The GI's there ran helter-skelter leaving behind guns and shells. A unit of the P.L.A.F. reserve force headed toward the northern and northwestern slopes of Hill 1. Their advance was stopped by two heavy machineguns. A small unit of the assailants quickly put them out of action.

Meantime, other units of the liberation army assaulted Hill 2, closed in on their target, smashing the artillery and mortar sites. The fighters also hit the fuel depot, triggering fires and explosions which lasted until shortly before noon the next day. Almost all the American artillerymen were put out of combat. The rest fled to the jungle.

The battle ended in about an hour. The P.L.A.F. wiped out over 300 GI's, smashed nine 105-mm and 155-mm artillery pieces, 10 heavy mortars, a radar post and two generators. They shot down seven aircraft, set ablaze a fuel dump, exploded a shell storage and captured a large quantity of weapons and other military equipment.

Quang Tri-Thua Thien-Hue

LIBERATION PRESS AGENCY (Clandestine) in English to East Europe and the Far East  
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[Text] South Viet Nam August 20 (GPA)--In the first half of August, the infantry, artillery and anti-aircraft units of the P.L.A.F. in Quang Tri-Thua Thien-Hue area inflicted nearly 1,570 casualties on the U.S. and puppet troops.

The enemy losses included three puppet battalions seriously trounced, one company and one platoon of the U.S. and five "civil guard" and "civilian defence" platoons neatly wiped out. They also shot down 64 aircraft, destroyed 10 military vehicles and five howitzers, set ablaze two fuel and ammunition dumps, razed to the ground 40 barracks, bunkers and pillboxes, and blew up two military trains.

LPA 20 August Report

LIBERATION PRESS AGENCY (Clandestine) in English to East Europe and the Far East  
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[Text] South Viet Nam August 20 GPA--The liberation armed forces in Can Tho, Vinh Long, Rach Gia, Kien Tuong, My Tho, An Giang and Ca Mau provinces in the Mekong delta have mounted repeated attacks on the enemy "pacification" and coercive forces and recorded brilliant victories.

On the night of July 30, the regional forces in Can Tho Province, about 130 km south of Saigon heavily pounded two enemy airfields, causing big losses to the enemy.

From August 1 to 4 guerrillas in the same province ground assaulted or shelled two enemy military sub-sectors and many posts, killing or wounding more than 200 enemy troops, among them three companies totally wiped out or heavily decimated.

In Vinh Long Province, on August 5, the armed home guards assaulted the enemy airfield in the provincial capital, some 100 km southwest of Saigon, destroying one artillery shell dump, killing and injuring 17 GI's.

The same day, the armed home guards in the said provincial capital also smashed one enemy military vehicle, killing one puppet major.

From August 10 to 12, the P.L.A.F. in Rach Gia Province, about 190 km southwest of Saigon, overran two enemy positions, completely knocked down two "pacification" teams, and killed or wounded more than 200 enemy troops.

Guerillas in Kien Tuong Province, some 75 km south west of Saigon, on the night of August 12 razed to the ground one enemy post, wiped out one "pacification" team, disbanded one "civilian defence" team and captured 20 men.

The people in many "strategic hamlets" supported by guerillas rose up to smash the enemy control.

The same night, the guerrillas punished many cruel agents and disbanded the enemy "civilian defence" groups.

On July 30 an enemy position situated 10 km northwest of Cai Be township, My Tho Province, was overrun by guerrillas. Thirty enemy troops were killed or wounded and a large quantity of weapons and military equipment seized.

In 3 straight days ending July 22, guerrillas in An Giang Province intercepted enemy raiders, killing or injuring 150 of them, and wrecking three M-113 armoured cars.

On August 10, guerrillas in this province killed or wounded 16 enemy troops engaged in looting.

In Ca Mau Province, some 270 km southwest of Saigon, the guerrillas on the night of August 8 killed or wounded eight enemy field policemen in an assault on the local administrative office.

Earlier, on July 20, 24, and 26, guerillas in the same province conducted ground and artillery attacks on the 2nd Battalion, puppet 33rd Regiment, killing or injuring nearly 120 enemy troops.

LPA 21 August Report

LIBERATION PRESS AGENCY (Clandestine) in English to East Europe and the Far East  
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[Text] South Viet Nam August 21 GPA--The P.L.A.F. in Quang Tri-Thua Thien-Hue area in the 3 days beginning August 14 launched attacks on the enemy in Da Ban and intercepted their reinforcements around the Coc Bai Base. At the same time they heavily pounded this base. As a result, the P.L.A.F. put out of action 160 enemy troops, shot down five planes and wrecked two howitzers.

On August 16, the P.L.A.F. in the same area also seriously trounced one puppet company in their surprise attack on Hill 365, 24 km northwest of Hue city, killing many enemy troops.

In Quang Nam Province, the liberation armed forces on the night of August 6 assaulted the artillery position of the U.S. Americal Division in Hui Sam area, 90 km south of Da Nang, wiping out 150 GI's, damaging its radio station, razing to the ground more than 30 pillboxes, bunkers and barracks, destroying four 105mm and 155mm artillery pieces, 70 firearms of various kinds and nine military vehicles and set afire more than 7,000 litres of gasoline.

In the first 2 weeks of August, guerillas in Gia Lai Province, some 230 km south of Da Nang, ambushed the enemy on highways 14 and 19, wiping out nearly 70 enemy troops, shooting down or destroying on the ground three planes, and wrecking 16 military vehicles including nine tanks and armoured cars.

The enemy in "strategic hamlets" and "pacification" teams were attacked by guerillas in Tay Ninh Province, about 80 km northwest of Saigon on July 31 and August 1 and 20 enemy "pacification" men were killed and many "civilian defence" teams disbanded.

On the night of August 12 and the following day, the P.L.A.F. in Ben Tre Province about 70 km south of Saigon, concertedly attacked many enemy positions in the provincial capital and in five district towns. At the same time, they assaulted the hqs of the 10th and 14th regiments, puppet 9th Division and nearly 100 other positions. The P.L.A.F. also cut off many enemy communication lines.

First reports said that in this period, the P.L.A.F. in Ben Tre Province put out of action more than 300 enemy troops, heavily decimated the hqs of the 10th Regiment and two companies, wiped out two other companies, brought down three helicopters, sank one landing craft, and seized a large quantity of weapons. With the support of the P.L.A.F., the people in this province broke down nearly 40 "strategic hamlets."

On August 10 and 11, the liberation armed forces in Rach Gia Province, some 190 km southwest of Saigon, conducted repeated attacks on the enemy along a canal, putting out of combat more than 200 enemy troops, sending to the bottom 15 gun-boats, and downing two aircraft.

## LPA 23 August Report

LIBERATION PRESS AGENCY (Clandestine) in English to East Europe and the Far East  
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[Text] South Viet Nam August 23 GPA--On August 14, the P.L.A.F. in Tay Ninh Province intercepted an enemy fleet of six vessels on Vam Co Dong River in Chau Thanh district. Five vessels were sunk and 80 troops on board wiped out.

On August 9, the P.L.A.F. in Binh Long Province assaulted an enemy position in Xa Trach area 7 kms south of Hon Quan, putting out of action a company of "civil guards", killing and wounding 80 of them, destroying a dozen pillboxes and bunkers and seizing a great quantity of firearms and equipment.

From August 12 to 14, guerrillas and regional forces in the southern plain of Quang Tri Province put out of combat over 300 puppet troops, set ablaze 10 armoured cars, and shot down two helicopters. Also in this area, on July 28 and August 3, 5 and 10 the guerrillas killed and wounded 45 puppet troops, and wrecked two military vehicles including one M.113 armoured car.

According to additional reports, from August 15 to 17 the liberation infantry, artillery and anti-aircraft units repeatedly attacked the enemy in Coc Bai and Da Ban areas (northwest of Hue), wiping out nearly 250 troops, bringing down five aircraft, and destroying two artillery pieces. In Coc Bai area alone, in 3 straight days ending August 17, the P.L.A.F. violently attacked all the three battalions of the 1st puppet regiment, putting out of combat 125 troops.

## Further Report

LIBERATION PRESS AGENCY (Clandestine) in English to East Europe and the Far East  
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[Text] South Viet Nam August 23 GPA--At 7:30 a.m. on July 30, 29 helicopters, full of puppet troops, whirred into a hilly area southeast of Cu Pung, 40 km southwest of Hue city. They suspected no reaction from the P.L.A.F. since fighter-bombers had duly "softened up" the area. Meanwhile, the fighters of the 1st anti-aircraft unit reinforced by infantrymen stood fast in their fortifications.

The unit commander calmly followed the flight of the enemy planes and ordered his men ready to fire at the first signal.

The helicopters moved closer to their death. A flip of the hand and a dense net of fire caught the first group of choppers. Five of them fell on the spot, killing all the troops on board. The second formation came and more planes went down. Facing the deadly fire of the liberation fighters, the third, fourth and fifth groups changed tactics. Flying at different altitudes and from different directions, they swooped down to land their troops, but the liberation fighters did not give them a chance, blasting one craft after another.

After 35 minutes, the 1st anti-Aircraft Unit of the liberation forces recorded an exploit unheard of on the Quang Tri-Thua Thien-Hue battlefield: with 125 shots they brought down 13 helicopters and damaged 11 others.

They also used small arms and grenades to drive off many groups of freshly landed enemy troops, killing 25 of them and wounding many others.

## LPA 24 August Report

Liberation Press Agency (Clandestine) in English to East Europe and the Far East  
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[Text] South Viet Nam August 24 GFA--The P.L.A.F. in Quang Nam Province where Da Nang is located launched repeated attacks on the enemy from August 3 to 7 putting out of action nearly 500 enemy troops, bringing down nine planes, and destroying a large quantity of war means.

In the 11 days ending August 5 the regional forces in Quang Ngai Province, some 120 km south of Da Nang, relentlessly assaulted many enemy "concentration camps" and "strategic hamlets," and at the same time broke off many enemy looting raids, wiping out or capturing nearly 280 enemy troops including 70 G.I.'s, neatly wiping out one "civil guard" platoon, wrecking nine military vehicles, and shooting down two aircraft.

From August 6 to 18, the liberation forces in Gia Lai Province about 230 km south of Da Nang waylaid the enemy while they were looting the population and herding it into concentration camps, intercepted enemy military convoys on highways 7, 14, and 19, putting out of combat more than 250 three five zero [confirmation as received] enemy troops among them 158 G.I.'s, wrecked 40 military vehicles including 20 tanks and armoured cars, and downed or destroyed on the ground seven planes.

The P.L.A.F. in Binh Thuan, Ninh Thuan, Lam Dong and Tuyen Duc provinces last July put out of action nearly 2,000 enemy troops including 555 G.I.'s. In terms of units, the P.L.A.F. completely wiped out five companies, eight platoons and one "pacification" team. They smashed 100 military vehicles including 60 tanks and armoured cars, and 90 howitzers and heavy mortars, shot down or destroyed on the ground 16 planes, razed to the ground 26 pillboxes and destroyed 130 tons of ammunition and a large quantity of military equipment.

In Quang Duc Province on August 9 and 10, 60 enemy were knocked down and five military vehicles destroyed by the P.L.A.F. in their assault on the Gia Nghia provincial capital and in engagement with the enemy raiding an area about 170 km north of Saigon.

On August 9 the liberation armed forces in Binh Long Province conducted a surprise attack on the enemy encampment some 90 km north of Saigon, totally wiped out a company of 80 "civil guards".

Last month, the P.L.A.F. in Tra Vinh Province inflicted more than 1,100 casualties on the enemy. These losses compose three companies, nine platoons and one "pacification" team wiped out or seriously trounced. Besides 10 helicopters were downed or damaged and nine military vehicles and two dumps of gasoline and ammunition burned out.

In the same month, guerillas and regional forces in Rach Gia Province about 190 km southwest of Saigon killed or wounded more than 800 enemy troops including one "pacification" team, one battalion and three companies heavily decimated. They also destroyed four military vehicles and three planes and set ablaze two fuel and ammunition dumps.

## Further Report

LIBERATION PRESS AGENCY (Clandestine) in English to East Europe and the Far East  
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[Text] South Viet Nam August 24 GPA--Carrying out the so-called "special pacification" plan the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys launched many sweeps in densely populated areas in western Nam Bo in July 1970, inflicting heavy losses on the people. In Tra Vinh Province from July 1 to 20, the U.S. puppets conducted raids on Hoa Binh, Xuan Hiep, Tich Thien, Thien My, Tra Con villages, Tra On district, and Tam Ngai and An Phu Tan villages, Cau Ke district. The raiders savagely beat many local people and burned down more than 800 dwelling houses.

To realize their dark design the U.S. aggressors and their henchmen on July 19 herded the inhabitants into Tan Hanh hamlet, Long Duc village, on the outskirts of Tra Vinh provincial capital, then ordered aircraft to strafe them, killing eight persons. The Saigon puppet troops stationed in the Cang Long military sub-sector on July 29 shelled a "strategic hamlet" in My Cam village, killing and wounding 17 persons.

In the terror sweeps on Ke Sach, Phung Hiep, Long My, Chau Thanh A, Gau Thanh B districts, Can Tho Province, conducted by elements of the 31st and 33rd regiments of the puppet 21st Division ordered aircraft to bomb the inhabitants' shelters. [as received] As a result, the raiders killed or wounded over 150 persons. Meanwhile, U.S. B-52 strategic bombers rained bombs on the inhabitants of U Minh Thuong and U Minh Ha areas, causing heavy losses in lives and property to the people.

On the morning of July 12, U.S. B-52's dropped more than 250 tons of bombs on Tri Phai village, Ca Mau Province, killing 13 persons and ravaging a vast area of fruit trees and crops. A similar raid on July 16, on Khanh Binh Tay village, Ca Mau Province, killed dozens of persons and destroyed many houses.

U.S. B.52's in 21 sorties on July 29 and 30 bombed Binh Hao, Vinh Binh, Vinh Thuan villages, Rach Gia Province, causing heavy losses to the people. In Vinh Tien hamlet, Vinh Thuan village, the same province, 20 people were killed.

## LPA 25 August Report

LIBERATION PRESS AGENCY (Clandestine) in English to East Europe and the Far East  
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[Text] South Viet Nam August 25 GPA--In Ca Mau Province, to greet the anniversaries of the August Revolution and Independence Day (September 2), guerrillas and regional armed forces in the first 15 days of August relentlessly attacked the enemy, wiping out 700 troops, mostly G.I.'s, sank or set ablaze eight war vessels and shot down one helicopter. Besides, they duly punished many cruel puppets, foiled the U.S. river fleet operations and the operation of the puppet 33rd Regiment in support of the "pacification" teams.

On August 5, guerillas of Tri Ton district in An Giang Province killed and wounded 18 raiders. On August 8 regional armed forces of the same district intercepted the enemy engaged in a mopping operation in the area, putting out of action 30 more enemy troops.

From August 10 to 14, guerillas of My An district in Kien Phong Province wiped out 43 men of the puppet "pacification" teams and shot down one helicopter.

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LIBERATION PRESS AGENCY (Clandestine) in English to East Europe and the Far East  
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[Text] South Viet Nam August 25 GPA--The P.L.A.F. in Quang Da Province on August 2 blew up two enemy military trains on the Hai Van Pass south of Hue, destroying both engines and 11 carriages and a large quantity of military goods, and killing many troops on board.

On August 3, 4, 5, 11, 14, and 17, the P.L.A.F. in Quang Nam Province encircled the enemy in Kham Duc area, 85 km southwest of Dan Nang, inflicting on the enemy over 110 casualties and shooting down two planes. As a result, in the afternoon of August 17 the 3rd Battalion of the puppet 6th Regiment had to withdraw from Hill 1,290 in Kham Duc area.

In Khanh Hao Province, on the night of August 6, the P.L.A.F. broke through all the enemy defence lines and assaulted the Lo Dat storage area in Cam Ranh, 300 km northeast of Saigon, burning out tens of thousands of litres of gasoline and dozens of tons of war means and military equipment.

In the first week of August, guerillas in Kien Phong, Rach Gia and Soc Trang provinces in the Mekong Delta repeatedly attacked the enemy raiders and "pacification" teams, wiping out more than 150 troops and bringing down three planes.

VNA 23 August Report

Hanoi VNA International Service in English 1552 GMT 23 Aug 70 B

[Text] Hanoi VNA August 23--According to GPA, the P.L.A.F. in Binh Thuan, Ninh Thuan, Lam Dong and Tuyen Duc provinces in the first week of August continuously punished the "civil guards" and "pacification" teams, killing more than 210 enemy troops.

On the night of July 23 the liberation forces in Ba Ria-Long Khanh Province mounted simultaneous attacks on the puppet commando training centre and the hqs of the 2nd Battalion of the puppet 19th Division about 60 km north of Saigon. After 10 minutes of fighting the liberation forces completely overran the hqs of the training centre, the radio station and the hqs of the 2nd Battalion, putting out of action more than 100 U.S. and puppet troops, destroying three artillery pieces and two tanks, razing to the ground 30 pillboxes, bunkers and barracks and bringing down one plane.

On August 4, 7, and 8, the P.L.A.F. in Tay Ninh Province again intercepted the enemy in Xa Mat area, some 90 km northwest of Saigon, and at the same time ambushed enemy convoys on the Van Com Dong River, inflicting nearly 200 casualties, wrecked 13 military vehicles and sank three war vessels. On August 6 alone, the P.L.A.F. intercepted one enemy military convoy on the road from Tay Ninh to Cambodia. In 20 minutes, the P.L.A.F. blasted 13 military vehicles and killed 95 enemy troops.

In Ben Tre Province, on August 12, guerillas intercepted the enemy "pacification" teams and at the same time attacked the enemy field-policemen in the Thanh Phu township, about 170 km south of Saigon, wiped out two field-police squads and heavily decimated one "civil guard" company, killing or wounded 70 men and liberated 200 civilians in labour gangs.

On August 10, the P.L.A.F. in Tra Vinh Province attacked three enemy "pacification" teams stationed on Highway 7. After a few minutes of fighting, they seriously trounced all these teams, killing 50 enemy troops and seizing 20 firearms.