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En Route to Cambodia
4th Infantry Troops Arrive at Pleiku Staging Area

Team Efforts Typify Activity As Cambodia Push Continues

TAN SON NHUT — The U.S. Air Force is making its mark quickly and effectively in the thrust against enemy sanctuaries inside Cambodia.

Averaging more than 200 sorties a day since the operations began, Air Force fighter-bomber crews destroyed more than 1,000 enemy fortifications in the first 10 days of the operation. Pilots were also credited with destroying more than 600 bunkers, setting off more than 250 secondary explosions, and killing more than 300 enemy soldiers.

Air operations were conducted by AC-119 Stinger and Shadow gunships from the 14th Special Operations Wing headquartered at Phan Rang AB; A-37 Dragontflies and F-100 Supersabres from the 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, Bien Hoa AB; F-100s from the 31st TFW at Tuy Hoa AB and the 35th TFW at Phan Rang AB; and F-4 Phantoms of the

12th TFW at Phu Cat AB and 366th TFW at Da Nang AB.

Directing the air strikes were forward air controllers flying out of such places as Quan Loi, Bien Hoa and Pleiku ABs.

O-1 Bird Dogs of the 22d Tactical Air Support Squadron had to move quickly to get ready for the move into Cambodia.

According to Maj. Robert Drawbaugh, air liaison officer

for the Army of the Republic of Vietnam's 1st Airborne Division, the Bird Dogs moved into position for the offensive on 36 hours notice.

Normally working out of Phuoc Binh, Fire Support Base Buttons and Tay Ninh, the unit moved to Quan Loi April 30 and, Major Drawbaugh noted, were ready to go out for the first

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