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VIETNAM WAR TROOP REDUCTION STATISTICS: 1972

US TROOP REDUCTIONS IN VIETNAM

ISA/VNTF
1 March 1972

Units -- Div and Div-equiv

| Date | Ceiling | Cumulative | | By name/number | Div/Dfe | Remaining | Cumulative w/d | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------|------|--|-------------|-----------|----------------|--------|--|
| | | Number | % | | | | Number | % | |
| At outset - 20 Jan 69 | 549,500 | -0- | -0- | 1st and 3rd Marines Airmobile - 1st Cav, 101st | 2 2 | 11 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | Inf - 1,4,9,23,25 | 5 | | | | |
| | | | | Sep bdes/bde-equivs 1/5 Inf Mech 26 Marine RLT 3/82nd Abn 173rd Abn 199th Lt Inf Bde 11th Arm Cav Regt | 2 | | | | |
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| <u>First Increment</u> | <u>-25,000</u> | 25,000 | 4.5% | 1 & 2/9th Inf | -2/3 | | | | |
| 8 June 69 | | | | | | 10 | 1 | 9% | |
| 31 Aug 69 | 524,500 | | 4 | 1/3 MAR Div | <u>-1/3</u> | | | | |
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| <u>Second Increment</u> | <u>-40,500</u> | 65,500 | 12 | 2 Regts, 3 MAR Div | -2/3 | | | | |
| 16 Sep 69 | 484,000 | | | 3/82nd Abn | <u>-1/3</u> | 9 | 2 | 18 | |
| 15 Dec 69 | | | | | | | | | |
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| <u>Third Increment</u> | <u>-50,000</u> | 115,500 | 21 | 1st Inf | -1 | | | | |
| 1 Feb 70 | 434,000 | | | 26th MAR.RLT | -1/3 | 7 1/3 | 3 2/3 | 33 1/3 | |
| 15 Apr 70 | | | | 3/4th Inf | <u>-1/3</u> | | | | |
| | | | | | -1 2/3 | | | | |
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| <u>Fourth Increment</u> | <u>-50,000</u> | 165,500 | 30 | 199th Lt Inf Bde | -1/3 | | | | |
| 16 Apr 70 - | 384,000 | | | 3/9th Inf Div | -1/3 | 6 1/3 | 4 2/3 | 42.5 | |
| 15 Oct 70 | | | | MAR Rit 7 | <u>-1/3</u> | | | | |
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| <u>Fifth Increment</u> | <u>-40,000</u> | 205,500 | 37 | 1 + 3/4 Inf | -2/3 | | | | |
| 16 Oct 70 | 344,000 | | | 1 + 3/25 Inf | <u>-2/3</u> | 5 | 6 | 54.5 | |
| 31 Dec 70 | | | | | -1 1/3 | | | | |

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| <u>Sixth Increment</u> | <u>-60,000</u> | 265,500 | 48 | 1 + 2/1st Cav | -2/3 | | | |
| 1 Jan 71 - | 284,000 | | | 2/25 Inf | -1/3 | | | |
| 30 Apr 71 | | | | 11th Armed Cav (-) | -1/3 | 3 1/3 | 7 2/3 | 70 |
| | | | | 5th MAR Regt | <u>-1/3</u> | | | |
| | | | | | -1 2/3 | | | |
| <u>Seventh Increment</u> | | | | | | | | |
| 1 May - 30 Jun 71 | <u>-29,300</u> | 294,800 | 54 | 1 Air Cav Sqn | | 3 | 8 | 76 |
| | 254,700 | | | 3 Inf Bns | -1/3 | | | |
| | | | | 3d MAR AMPHIB BDE | <u>-1/3</u> | | | |
| | | | | | -2/3 | | | |
| <u>Eighth Increment</u> | <u>-28,700</u> | 323,500 | 59 | 2 Inf Bdes | -2/3 | | | |
| 1 Jul - 31 Aug 71 | 226,000 | | | 5 Arty Bns | | | | |
| | | | | 4 Avn Cos | | 2 1/3 | 8 2/3 | 82 |
| | | | | 3 Engr Bns | | | | |
| <u>Ninth Increment</u> | <u>-42,000</u> | 365,500 | 67 | 2 Inf Bdes | -1 | 1 2/3 | 9 1/3 | 84.8 |
| 1 Sep - 30 Nov 71 | 184,000 | | | -6 Inf Bns | | | | |
| | | | | 2 Armd Cav Sqdn | | | | |
| | | | | 10 Arty Bns | | | | |
| | | | | 3 Cmbt Engr Bns | | | | |
| | | | | 2 Engr Const Bns | | | | |
| | | | | 1 Sig Bn | | | | |
| <u>TENTH INCREMENT</u> | <u>-45,000</u> | 410,500 | 75 | 2 Inf Bdes | -2/3 | 1 | 10 | 91 |
| 1 Dec 71 - | 139,000 | | | -6 Inf Bns | | | | |
| 31 Jan 72 | | | | 5 Arty Bns | | | | |
| | | | | 1 Aerial Rocket Bns | | | | |
| | | | | 2 Air Defense Bns | | | | |
| | | | | 2 Combat Engr Bns | | | | |
| | | | | 4 Engr Const Bns | | | | |
| | | | | 1 Sig Bn | | | | |
| | | | | 12 Assault Helo Co | | | | |
| | | | | 2 Attack Helo Co | | | | |
| | | | | 1 Assault Supt. Helo Co | | | | |

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~~Abn (-) 7~~
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~~(-) 7~~

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| <u>Eleventh Increment</u> | <u>-70,000</u> | 480,500 | 87 | 101st Abn Div(-) | -1 | 0 | 11 | 100 |
| 1 Feb 72 - 30 Apr 72 | 69,000 | | | 5 Inf Bns (Ambl) | | | | |
| | | | | 1/1 Armd Cav Sqdn | | | | |
| | | | | 2/11 Armd Cav Sqdn | | | | |
| | | | | 2 Air Cav Sqdns (+) | | | | |
| | | | | 3 Arty Bns | | | | |
| | | | | 1 Cbt Engr Bns | | | | |
| | | | | Remaining 1 May 72 | | | | |
| | | | | 196 Inf Bde (3 Bns) | | 2 Army Engr Bns | | |
| | | | | 3d Bde, 1st Cav (3 Bns) | | 10 Army Signal Bns (sep) | | |
| | | | | 2 Arty Bns | | | | |
| | | | | 5 Assault Helo Cos | | | | |
| | | | | 5 Air Cav Trp | | | | |
| | | | | 4 Attack/Fighter Sqdns | | | | |
| | | | | 2 Recon/Electronic Sqdns | | | | |

PLANNED ALLIED REDEPLOYMENTS

| | <u>Man Bns</u> | <u>Bde/Regt</u> | <u>Div</u> | <u>Redeployment</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|--|
| Thailand | 7 <u>a/</u> | 2 | - | One Bde redeployed in July 71; the second Bde completed redeployment in February 72. About 200 residual personnel will redeploy prior to Jun 72. |
| Korea | 22 | 7 <u>b/</u> | 2 | The Marine brigade and logistics support (about 10,000 personnel) began redeployment in December 71 which was completed by March 31, 1972. |
| Australia | 2 | - | - | Australia redeployed all forces by December 31, 1971, except for about 100 training and advisory personnel. |
| New Zealand <u>c/</u> | - | - | - | The artillery battery redeployed in May 1971; the rifle company redeployed by December 31, 1971. A small residual force of about 100 remains in SVN. |

a/ Includes one armored cavalry squadron.

b/ Includes a marine brigade and a cavalry regiment.

c/ Forces include only one artillery battery and one rifle company.

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| TIME (as of end CY) | Pre-1964 | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | PROJECTED CHANGES |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------|---|
| TCC | | | | | | | | | | | |
| US - Major Units: Div Equiv (DFE) - Total actual strength - Redeployment increments completed | - End '60: 800 End '68: 15,300 | - 23,300 | 4 DFE 184,300 | 8-2/3 DFE 385,300 | 10-1/3 DFE 485,600 | 11 DFE 536,100 | 9 DFE 475,200 | 5 DFE 334,600 | 4/3 DFE 156,975 | 119,606 | On 13 Jan 72, President Nixon authorized troop ceiling in SVN of 69,000 by 1 May 1972. The 11th increment began withdrawals in Feb 1972 with 1/3 DFE deploying in February. |
| | | | | | | | 1st: 1 DFE 2d: 1 | 3d: 1-2/3 DFE 4th: 1 5th: 1-1/3 | 6th: 1-2/3 DFE 7th: 1/3 DFE 8th: 2/3 DFE 9th: 2/3 DFE | 10th: 2/3 DFE | |
| KOREA - Major Units: Div Equiv (DFE) - Total actual strength - Redeployment increments completed | - - | - 200 | 1 DFE 20,700 | 2-1/3 DFE 45,600 | 2-1/3 DFE 47,800 | 2-1/3 DFE 49,900 | 2-1/3 DFE 50,200 | 2-1/3 DFE 48,600 | 2-1/3 DFE 46,400 | 41,490 | Withdrawal of 1st increment (10,000 troops) began in Dec 71 and is scheduled for completion in May 1972. The withdrawal of this increment is being accelerated, however. The retention of the two ROK divisions has not been determined at this time. |
| THAILAND - Major Units: Div Equiv (DFE) - Total actual strength - Redeployment increments completed | - - | - 17 | - 16 | - 200 | 1/3 DFE 2,200 | 1/2 DFE 5,900 | 1 DFE 11,800 | 1 DFE 11,600 | 1/2 DFE 6,200 1st: 1/2 DFE | 200 2d: 1/2 DFE | Withdrawal of 2d increment (1/2 DFE) was completed in Feb 72. Remaining Thai headquarters personnel are expected to be reduced to about 25 spaces at FWMF HQ during April or May 1972. |
| AUSTRALIA - Major Units: Battalions (Bn) - Total actual strength - Redeployment increments completed | - 62: Advisor Detachment | - 200 | 1 1,500 | 2 4,400 | 2 6,800 | 3 7,600 | 3 7,600 | 2 6,800 | 1,700 | 244 | The ATF was effectively withdrawn with redeployment of final Inf Bn on 8 Dec 71. The major portion of remaining Australian contingent is associated with logistic base at Vung Tau, scheduled to close during Mar 72. Australia plans to retain a training group and presence at FWMF HQ. |
| | | | | | | | | 1st: 1 Bn | 2d: 1 BN 3d: 1 BN | | |
| NEW ZEALAND - Major Units: Rifle Co/ArtyBtry - Total actual strength - Redeployment increments completed | - - | - 30 | /1 100 | /1 200 | 1/1 500 | 2/1 600 | 2/1 500 | 1/1 350 | 60 | 56 | Final NZ rifle Co was withdrawn with Australians on 8 Dec 1971. New Zealand retains a training group and presence at FWMF HQ. |
| | | | | | | | (Strength reduction) | 1st: 1 Co | 2d: 1 Btry 3d: 1 Co | | |
| PHILIPPINES (NOTE: No longer a TCC) - Major Unit: PHILCAG (engineer, medical, and security units) - Total actual strength - Redeployment increments completed | - - | - 28 | Medical Team 72 | PHILCAG 2,100 | PHILCAG 2,000 | PHILCAG 1,600 | Non-Military 200 | Non-Military 100 | Non-Military 56 | 47 | Philippine contingent consist of 4 medical teams. |
| | | | | | | (Strength reduction) | PHILCAG withdrawn Dec 69 (TCC status ended) | | | | |