

Ranger North Fighting position after gunship preparatory rockets

Photo by Joe Kline, Crewchief on a Kingsmen Huey, B Company, 101st Aviation Battalion, 101st Airborne Division, February, 1971







Hoc Bao, ARVN Rangers, The Black Panthers of the 1st ARVN Division





Tank, Truck, Anti-Aircraft artillery Kills

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UNIT	TYPE	A/C #	MIA	KIA	LOCATION	REMARKS
48 Co	UH1C	097	1		XD 431372	Not Flyable, SA, 12.7mm, 37mm
48 Co	UH1C	530			XD 371385	Flyable, 37mm, 3 Hits
48 Co	UH1H	388			XD 431372	Flyable, SA, 12.7mm, 2 Hits
48 Co	UH1C	649			XD 431372	Not Flyable, SA 12.7mm
71 Co	UH1H	761			XD 431372	Flyable SA, 12.7, 37mm
71 Co	UH1H	383			XD 431372	Not Flyable, 6 Hits
71 Co	UH1H	568	1		XD 431372	Flyable, 2 Hits
71 Co	UH1H	496			XD 431372	Flyable, 4 Hits
71 Co	UH1H	826			XD 431372	Flyable, 2 Hits
71 Co	UH1H	357	1		XD 431372	Not Flyable, 5 Hits
71 Co	UH1H	426			XD 431372	Not Flyable, 3 Hits
174 Co	UH1H	671	1		XD 432373	Not Flyable, 5 Hits
174 Co	UH1H	953	1		XD 432373	Flyable, 1 Hit
174 Co	UH1H	191			XD 640380	Not Flyable, 1 Hit
174 Co	UH1C	170	1		XD 640380	Not Flyable, Crew Extr
174 Co	UH1H	082			XD 431372	Not Flyable, Crew Extr
174 Co	UH1H	533			XD 432373	Flyable, 2 Hits
71 Co	UH1H	376			XD 431372	Not Flyable, 5 Hits
A/101	UH1H	495			XD 431372	Not Flyable, Rtrn KS
A/101	UH1H	049			XD 431372	Not Flyable, Rtrn KS
A/101	UH1H	511			XD 431372	Not Flyable, Rtrn KS
A/101	UH1H	641			XD 431370	Flyable, Rtrn KS
B/101	UH1H	341			XD 440378	Flyable, Rtrn KS
A/101	UH1H	268			XD 432372	Flyable, Rtrn KS
A/101	UH1H	252	1		XD 431372	Not Flyable, Rtrn KS
A/101	UH1H	261			XD 431372	Not Flyable, Rtrn Eagle
A/101	UH1H	900			XD 431372	Not Flyable, Crew Extr, At Lalo
A/101	UH1H	103			XD 440378	Flyable, Rtrn KS
C/101	UH1H	735			XD 440378	Not Flyable, Rtrn KS
B/158	UH1H	425			XD 538349	Not Flyable, 1 Rd R/B
B/158	UH1H	326			XD 538349	Flyable, 2 Hits in Side
B/158	UH1H	455			XD 538349	Flyable, 2 Hits T/B, Rt Skid
B/158	UH1H	812			XD 538349	Flyable, 2 Hits Console
B/158	UH1H	894			XD 538349	Flyable, 1 Hit Rt Door Post
D/158	AH1G	577			XD 354540	Not Flyable, Hit M/R, Sync Elev
A-2/17	AH1G	697			XD 363354	Flyable, Hit Rotor

SUMMARY: 4 UH1C(3 Non Fly), 30 UH1H(15 Non Fly), 2 AH1G (1 Non Fly), 7 WIA

3 Mar 71

UNIT	TYPE	A/C #	MIA	KIA	LOCATION	REMARKS
48 Co	UH1H	177		4	XD 650299	Crew Extr, 12.7, Destroyed
71 Co	UH1H	358			XD 431372	Crew Extr, Down in LZ, Destroyed
71 Co	UH1H	269		4	XD 431372	Crew Extr, Down in LZ, Destroyed
174 Co	UH1H	639		1	XD 586388	Destroyed
A/101	UH1H	189			XD 431370	Destroyed, Crew Extr
A/101	UH1H	720			XD 431370	Destroyed, Crew Extr
B/158	UH1H	279	1	2	XD 538349	Destroyed

SUMMARY: 7 UH1H, 9 MIA, 3 KIA

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John May, to left of the Joker nose art, leaning on the aircraft, Ed May, second to right of the Joker, KIA march 19, 1971.

Paul Langenor walked out from Laos with ARVN troops on March 30, 1971

Viets Retake Fire Base; Bombing Kills 280 Reds

SAIGON, Vietnam — Three battalions of South Vietnamese soldiers met only light resistance Thursday night as they recaptured Firebase 2, following day-long saturation bombing by Vietnamese and American light bombers, a South Vietnamese spokesman said here Friday.

As estimated Communist reinforcements attacked the central highland fire base early Wednesday, two South Vietnamese companies manning the base withdrew about 3-30 p.m. that day, the spokesman said.

The South Vietnamese called in 42 air strikes on the hill Thursday and found 290 Communist bodies when they retook it late Thursday afternoon. Although there were no government casualties in recapturing the base, 20 South Vietnamese were killed and 25 wounded during the attack Wednesday, the spokesman said.

Short-range Communists were killed and seven captured Friday by elements of the Ameri can 72nd Airborne Brigade and by South Vietnamese local forces sweeping an area 30 miles north of Qui Nhon, according to a U.S. military spokesman at Landing Zone English.

The American and South Vietnamese units are in the third day of an operation which has been supported by artillery and tactical air strikes, destroying numerous bunkers and causing some secondary explosions, the spokesman said.

Later Thursday afternoon, two South Vietnamese Air Force Skyraider aircraft dropped four miles southwest of Sogay, Cambodia, just south of the larger Chuoi rubber plantation. Aerial observers reported about 100 Communists killed by the strikes, according to spokesman.

Meanwhile, 30 miles to the east near Soutl South Vietnamese headquarters, discovered a Communist arms dump. Government forces killed 12 Red soldiers, captured four submachine weapons and some munitions while raiding the cache, the spokesman said.

Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) infantry, reconnaissance and cavalry units killed 20 Communists in two fierce battles against an enemy force about 10 miles south of Quang Nam. The ARVN also captured three prisoners, 11 todividual weapons, two M16 rifles and 20 grenades, spokesman said.

Twenty-two more fresh were added in the same area Friday morning, spokesman continued in a Military Region Thursday. A South Vietnamese armored cavalry unit was attacked by a Communist platoon supported by 80mm mortar fire on the outskirts of Konsum. Heavy fighting ensued before the Reds were driven back leaving nine dead and two M16 rifles, spokesman said Friday. ARVN cavalrymen were used killed and one wounded.

Communist soldiers launched a decline and upward attack against a Regional Forces position near Phu Thien, 20 miles north of Pleiku. The RVs suffered six killed and two wounded, but killed 13 Communists during the attack. The 200th Infantry also captured six ARVN rifles and one M16 rocket launcher, spokesman said.

Each Friday morning, a unit of the 1st Brigade, 5th Inf. Div. (Moch) killed nine NVAs while in a rugged defensive position eight miles northwest of Rhu. South to Quang Tri Province, according to the U.S. Command. The Americans also captured five individual weapons, one rifle and one M16 rocket launcher, spokesman said.



Next to Paul Lagroux is mounted into a motor, spokesman at Phu Bai Field Hospital. (AP Wirephoto)

Mine Rips Bus With 78 Riders

SAIGON — Seventy-eight civilians were killed or wounded when the bus they were riding triggered a mine on the Chuoi rubber plantation 40 miles north east of here, Vietnamese officials revealed Friday.

The Foreign Affairs Ministry said Friday it had delivered to the International Control Commission (ICC), a resolution signed by the residents of the hamlet of Can Tan condemning the terrorism. The ministry added its own protest against the incident, which occurred March 4.

National police also reported 15 other terrorist incidents in which 27 persons were killed, 61 wounded and 23 kidnapped as the Communists continued their escalated attacks against civilians.

Communist soldiers killed six civilians and wounded five in a ground attack on Khat Thien in Quang Tri Province, 20 miles northeast of Da Nang, spokesman said.

Red guerrillas assassinated a 15-year-old boy in the Mekong Delta's Binh Thuan Province, 60 miles southwest of here, and three schoolgirls were kidnapped by the VC from Tan Loi in Binh Long Province, 40 miles north of Saigon, police said.

Viets Take Over River, Canal Duty

SAIGON — Vietnam (AP) — The South Vietnamese government assumed responsibility Friday for the U.S. Navy's patrol of the Gulf of Thailand.

Survived on Rice, Leaves Wounded GI Tells

By SPECK AND DAN EVANS

PHU BAI, Vietnam — Speck and Paul Lagroux, the helicopter door gunner who walked out of Laos and into the position of a U.S. wounded unit near Lang Vei Wednesday with a South Vietnamese soldier and a Vietnamese Marine, told friends of the U.S. helicopter company and other ARVN soldiers seen raised from their units during the 13-day ordeal.

Lagroux, 31, said he and his companions survived by eating rice and beans, and carefully avoiding contact with enemy troops. Three other ARVN soldiers who started out with Lagroux when he was captured from the main ARVN advance force were captured by the Reds as they fled from a U.S. position attacking a look over their position, he said.

Lagroux said a chopper was downed by enemy ground fire March 13 along with three other U.S. ships on a landing zone three miles southeast of fire support base A Level, then being abandoned.

The choppers were trying to extract the 2nd ARVN Airborne Bn., which was surrounded by enemy troops on the 12.

The 21st was absorbed in the

Cambodia Arming Villagers

PHNOM PENH (UPI) — The Cambodian general continued the country's Field Military Hospital has been armoring villages.

of 13-Day Ordeal

face of intense ground fire and Lagroux found himself directly in U.S. air strikes around the position when a chopper came in to pick him up.

He said he was not able to reach the rescue ship, "because in the left arm and leg by an enemy mortar shell. He couldn't direct any strikes with the Vietnamese mortar companies the situation.

He said the officer made a strong lobby of javalins while working with him to calm the hand-picked troops.

The unit moved south Friday and Saturday, fighting a running battle with North Vietnamese forces as Lagroux continued to call in U.S. airplanes and jets. Thirteen, particularly hot fire, ARVN soldiers were separated from the rest of the unit and started south hoping to find a friendly fire base.

Lagroux said the thought that most occupied his mind during the ordeal was a cold orange soda. He had to wait for cold soda wrapped in a rubber leaves. "It tasted really good," he said. "Just of like a very dry match."

He said he sometimes wished he had a special gift to thank God for. He said he and his men got their wrapped dry leaves in

Villagers

Cambodia, even for the army's most regular volunteer army. However, in Tonle Sap, the

Helicopter units involved in Lam Son 719

1st Bde (Avn Det), 5th Inf (Mech) / 4 UH-1H, 6 OH-58

1st Bde (Avn Det), 101st ABN

2d Bde (Avn Det), 101st ABN

3rd Bde (Avn Det), 101st ABN

48th Avn Co (AHC) OPCONed to 223d CAB / 23 UH-1H, 8 UH-1C / Ninh Hoa / Dong Ha/ Da Nang

71st Avn Co (AHC) OPCONed to 14th CAB / 23 UH-1H, 8 UH-1C

116th Avn Co (AHC) served 5 - 7 and 22 - 24 Mar OPCONed to 14th CAB / 23 UH-1H, 8 UH-1C / Quang Tri. Part of the company participated. Assets from the 176th AHC joined with the 116th during these two "reinforcing" efforts.

132d Avn Co (ASHC) OPCONed to 159th ASHB, 101st ABN / 16 CH-47

163d Avn Co (GS) , 101st ABN / 10 UH-1H, 12 OH-6A

173d Avn Co (AHC) OPCONed to 223d CAB / 23 UH-1H, 8 UH-1C

174th Avn Co (AHC) OPCONed to 14th CAB / 23 UH-1H, 8 UH-1C

176th Avn Co (AHC) served 5 - 7 and 22 - 24 Mar OPCONed to 14th CAB / 23 UH-1H, 8 UH-1C / Quang Tri. Only part of the company participated. Assets from the 176th AHC joined with the 116th during these two "reinforcing" efforts.

179th Avn Co (ASHC) OPCONed to 159th ASHB, 101st ABN / 16 CH-47

235th Avn Co (AWC) OPCONed to 101st AHB / 21 AH-1G, 3 UH-1H

237th Med Det/Phu Bai and Quang Tri/Khe Sanh

238th Avn Co (AWC) OPCONed to 223d CAB / 12 UH-1C, 1 UH-1H

282d Avn Co (AHC) served 5 - 7 and 22 - 24 Mar OPCONed to 223d CAB / 23 UH-1H, 8 UH-1C

326th Med Bn

478th Avn Co (HH) attached to 159th ASHB, 101st ABN / 10 CH-54A / operated out of their permanent base camp at Red Beach, Da Nang but stages two or three aircraft at Phu Bai each night.

*498th Med Co (Air Ambulance) based out of An Son in II Corps
maintained a two ship detachment at Khe Sanh*

571st Med Det Khe Sanh

A/101st AHB, 101st ABN / 20 UH-1H

A/158th AHB, 101st ABN / 20 UH-1H

A/159th ASHB, 101st ABN / 16 CH-47

A/2/17 Cav, 101st ABN / 8 UH-1H, 9 AH-1G, 10 OH-6A

A/4/77 ARA, 101st ABN / 12 AH-1G supported the operation only when the situation required.

B/2-20 ARA, 1st Cav, OPCON 4-77 ARA, unit stood down after LS 719 and did not return to III Corps

B/101st AHB, 101st ABN / 20 UH-1H

B/158th AHB, 101st ABN / 20 UH-1H

B/159th ASHB, 101st ABN / 16 CH-47

B/2/17 Cav, 101st ABN / 8 UH-1H, 9 AH-1G, 10 OH-6A

B/4/77 ARA, 101st ABN / 12 AH-1G supported the operation only when the situation required.

B/7/1 Cav attached to 223d CAB, OPCONed to 2/17 Cav, 101st ABN / 8 UH-1H, 9 AH-1G, 10 OH-6A

C/101st AHB, 101st ABN / 20 UH-1H

C/158th AHB, 101st ABN / 20 UH-1H

C/159th ASHB, 101st ABN / 16 CH-47

C/2/17 Cav, 101st ABN / 8 UH-1H, 9 AH-1G, 10 OH-6A

*C/4/77 ARA, 101st ABN / 12 AH-1G supported the operation as its primary mission and was
augmented by assets from the other ARA batteries as the situation required.*

C/7/17 Cav attached to 223d CAB, OPCONed to 2/17 Cav, 101st ABN / 8 UH-1H, 9 AH-1G, 10 OH-

6A / An Son / Quang Tri / An Son

D/101st AHB, 101st ABN / 12 AH-1G

D/158th AHB, 101st ABN / 12 AH-1G

D/227th AHB OPCONed to 158th AHB / 12 AH-1G

HHB/4/77 ARA, 101st ABN

HHC 14th CAB OPCONed to 101st CAG

HHC 101st AHB, 101st ABN

HHC 101st CAG, 101st ABN

HHC 158th AHB, 101st ABN

HHC 159th ASHB, 101st ABN

HHC 223d CAB OPCONed to 101st CAG

HHT/2/17 Cav, 101st ABN / 8 UN-1H

HMH-463 OPCONed on a mission basis to 159th ASHB, 101st ABN / 16 CH-53 / operated out of their permanent base camp at Marble Mountain Airbase, Da Nang.

HML-367 sent USMC AH-1Gs to escort the CH-53s.

Shark Gunship



Shark Gunships

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