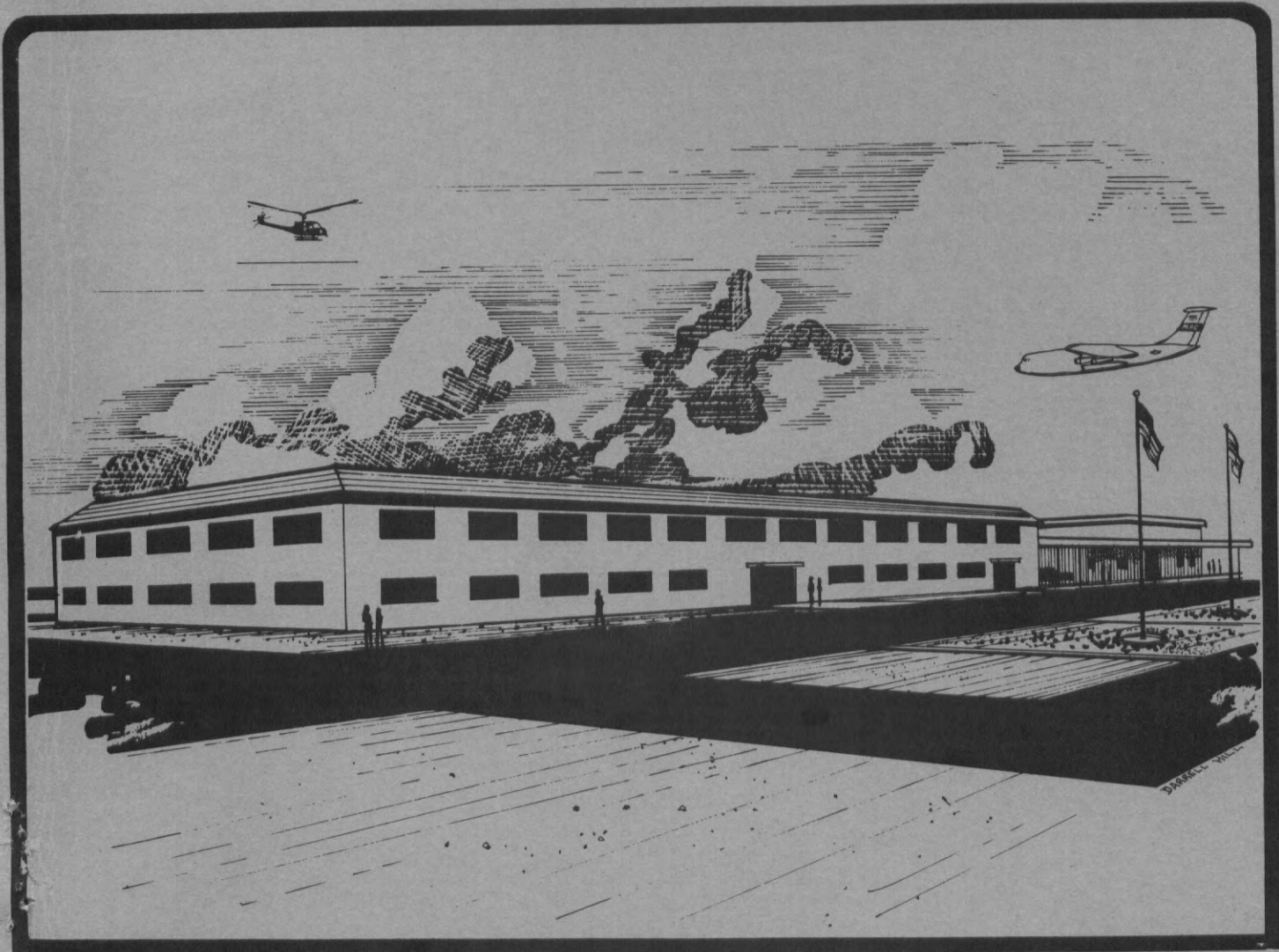


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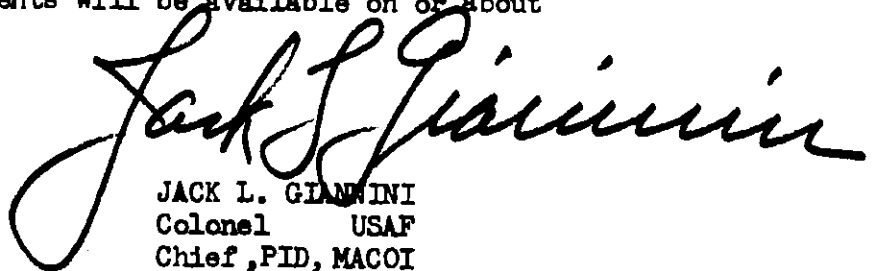
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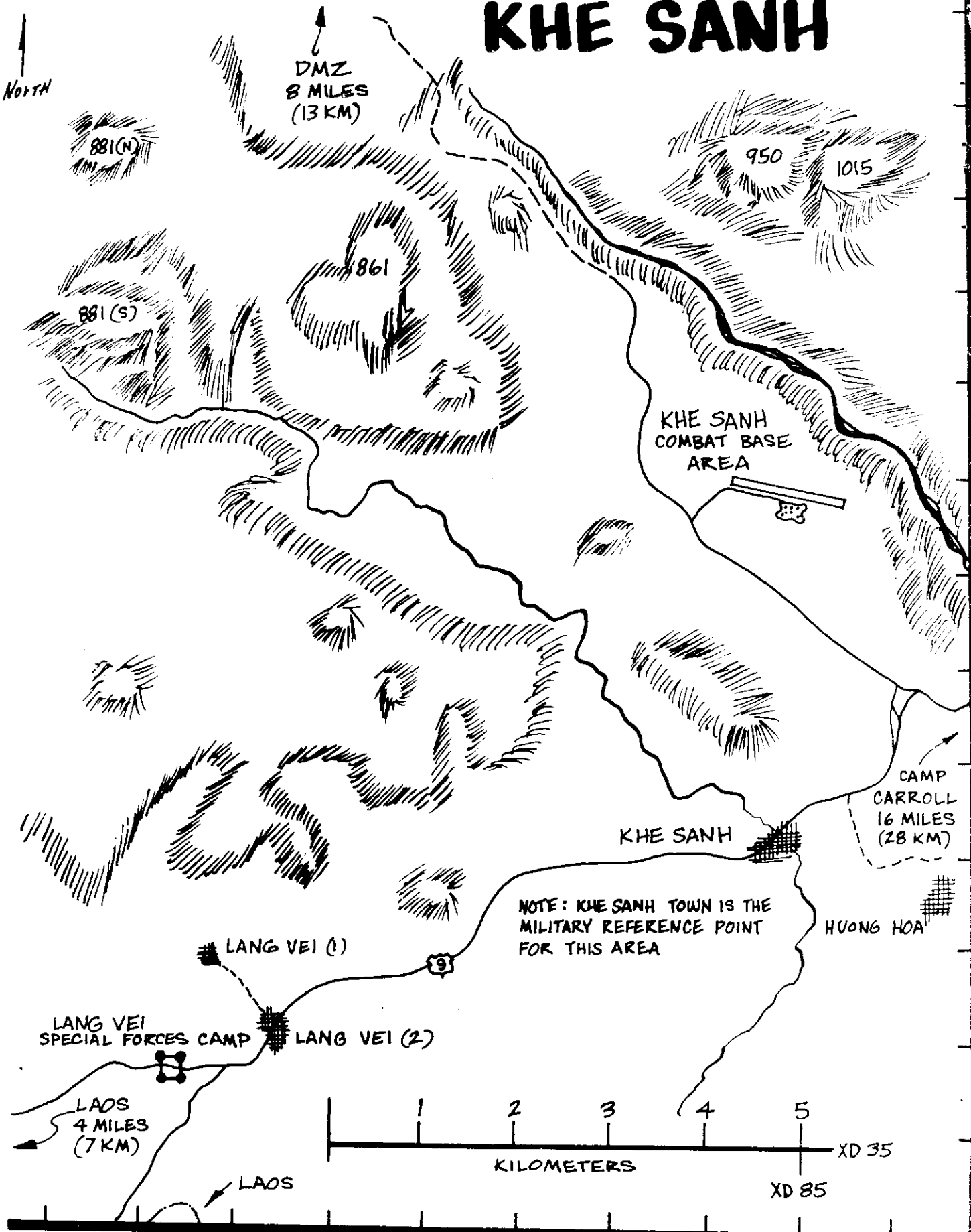
Action was heavy throughout most of the Republic during the month. RVNAF, U. S. and other Free World Military Assistance Forces first repelled enemy units which had attacked numerous installations and population centers during the South Vietnamese Tet celebrations, and then went on the offensive to destroy or neutralize the enemy forces.

I C O R P S

Beginning on 30 and 31 January, the enemy launched attacks by fire, coordinated with ground assaults on military installations and population centers throughout I Corps. He was quickly repulsed from Quang Tri City, Da Nang, Hoi An, Tam Ky and Quang Ngai City, suffering heavy casualties. Fighting persisted in the Hue Citadel, however, until 25 February. North Vietnamese Army elements remained active in the Demilitarized Zone area throughout the month, conducting sporadic attacks and harassments by fire against Allied positions. Elements of a North Vietnamese Division attacked friendly forces at Cam Lo on 2 and 7 February. The NVA 325C and 304th Divisions remained deployed in the Khe Sanh area. On 6 February, elements of the NVA 95C Regiment unsuccessfully assaulted Hill 861, 3 miles northwest of the Khe Sanh Combat Base (KSCB), while enemy artillery, mortar and rocket fire was directed against the combat base itself. On 7 February, elements of the NVA 304th Division overran the Lang Vei Special Forces Camp and again attacked KSCB by fire. Nine Soviet-built PT-76 amphibious tanks were used in the attack against Lang Vei. Several of the vehicles were destroyed by the defenders before they were forced to evacuate the camp. KSCB was attacked by fire on other occasions during the month, but ground assaults of any size did not materialize. Casualties and damage to equipment at the base as a result of the fire were light.

North Vietnamese forces harassed Allied shipping during the month on the Cua Viet River in an attempt to isolate Dong Ha from waterborne resupply and secure a personnel and logistics infiltration route. In mid-February, the enemy, using 122mm rockets, attacked friendly forces in southern Quang Tri Province. Rocket attacks were also conducted in the Hue and Phu Bai areas during this period.

# KHE SANH



Beginning 31 January, the VC Hue City Sapper Battalion and the 810th Local Force Battalion attacked Hue from the west and south. Some 2,500 prisoners were released from the city jail, many of whom were impressed into enemy units to compensate for high combat casualties. The enemy was completely ejected from the Citadel on 25 February, although his forces remained on the outskirts of the city and presented a threat-in-being during the remainder of the month.

On 31 January, Viet Cong units, reinforced by NVA forces, attacked Tam Ky, but were driven back almost immediately, sustaining heavy casualties. Toward the end of the month, enemy forces were again contacted in the Tam Ky area, and once again they were repelled with heavy losses.

Elements of all enemy battalions in Quang Ngai Province were involved in the 31 January attack on the provincial capital. These included local force companies and platoons from as far south as Duc Pho District. The enemy sustained some 800 casualties in the actions which continued until about 4 February. During the remainder of the month, enemy activity was at a low level in southern I Corps.

## II C O R P S

In II Corps on 30 January, the enemy initiated offensive actions in the cities of Kontum, Pleiku, Ban Me Thuot, Tuy Hoa, Ninh Hoa and Nha Trang. On 31 January, Phan Thiet was attacked. Dalat was hit on 1 February. Ground attacks were generally preceded by attacks by fire aimed at Government of Vietnam and U. S. facilities. In the larger cities, the enemy infiltrated his forces into the populated areas and launched attacks from within. Pleiku, Qui Nhon and Ninh Hoa were secured by the Allies within a day after the enemy attacks. In Kontum and Ban Me Thuot, where major enemy forces consisted of North Vietnamese units, the fighting continued for almost four days. After initial failures in Tuy Hoa and Phan Thiet, the enemy returned on 3 and 5 February, respectively. Except for Dalat and Phan Thiet, the enemy withdrew to their base areas after being repulsed. In Dalat, the enemy held strong points for about three weeks. Probing actions continued around Phan Thiet for several days.

In Kontum City, the elements of the 24th NVA Regiment and the VC 304th Local Force Battalion withdrew after suffering heavy losses early in the month. Enemy action was relatively light after that.

After hitting Ban Me Thuot two battalions of the NVA

33rd Regiment and a VC local force battalion suffered heavy casualties in early February. After the battle, the NVA units withdrew from the area, but harassing attacks by fire continued sporadically during the rest of the month.

The battles during the Tet period in the coastal provinces were not as severe as those in the western highlands. Nha Trang was the scene of the most significant action in this area as a North Vietnamese Army battalion attacked the city.

On 11 February, elements of two VC Main Force battalions were expelled from holding actions within the city. They entered the city again on the 18th, but after being repelled, withdrew.

In Phan Thiet, two VC Main Force battalions failed in their initial attempts to penetrate the city. Between the 3rd and the 18th, they again attacked and at times held sections of the city until completely driven out on the 20th. Sporadic contacts continued near the city during the remainder of the month.

Although the enemy generally withdrew from the urban areas after his initial attacks in II Corps, attacks against hamlets, villages and Regional and Popular Forces outposts, as well as attacks by fire against friendly installations, continued throughout the month.

No major contacts were made following the initial offensive, but the enemy maintained his presence near the urban areas.

In II Corps alone, over 7,000 enemy were killed as a result of Allied actions during and following the enemy's Tet offensive.

### III C O R P S

In III Corps, elements of two VC Main Force battalions, two VC Local Force battalions and a sapper battalion began a coordinated attack on Saigon and the Tan Son Nhut Air Base complex. At the same time, elements of at least seven other enemy battalions were active within the Capitol Military District. After infiltrating Saigon during the night, the sapper battalion attacked the United States Embassy and the GVN Presidential Palace. At the same time, the Main Force units hit Tan Son Nhut from the north and west while the Local Force Battalions entered Cholon from the west. Heavy action ensued in these areas as ARVN and U. S. forces organized reaction units. Military Police, National Police and units around the periphery of the city took

the brunt of the fighting until the reaction forces arrived and broke the back of the enemy's attack.

At the same time, two Main Force Regiments of the VC 5th Division attacked the II FFV Headquarters at Long Binh and Bien Hoa Airbase. The attack was initiated by rocket, mortar and small arms fire, and then followed by a ground assault against the airbase. Both regiments suffered heavy losses and withdrew to the east. After having taken heavy casualties in the cities, the enemy began a number of attacks by fire in other parts of III Corps on 3 February. The U. S. base camps at Lai Khe, Dau Tieng, Quan Loi and Cu Chi were attacked with 122mm rockets and recoilless rifles.

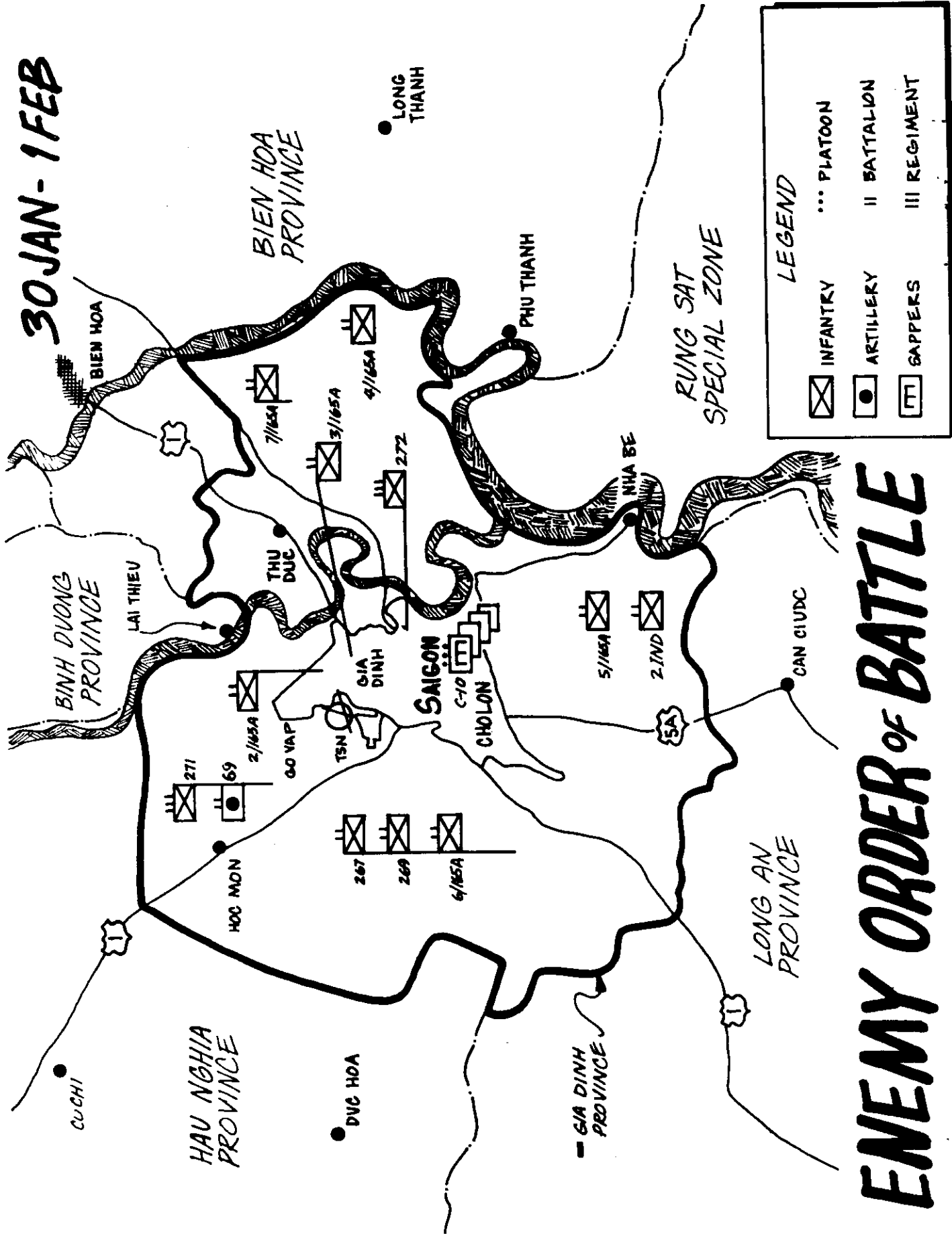
On the 5th, the enemy tried to regain the initiative in Saigon. They attacked south Cholon, pushing to the northwest, but were stopped by ARVN units. On the same day, Free World Military Assistance and ARVN Forces began Operation TRAN HUNG DAO. While units of the U. S. 1st, 9th and 25th Infantry Divisions surrounded Saigon, ARVN units swept the city. Surviving Viet Cong were forced out of the city, many being killed or captured by the Allied forces in the outskirts.

During the following week, VC actions throughout III Corps were reduced to attacks by fire and attempts to hold positions occupied after exfiltrating the city. A number of VC remained in the Phu Tho Race Track area in west Cholon and continued to fight sporadically until 21 February. One of the reasons action continued in this area for this length of time is because the track area had been designated well in advance as an assembly and rallying area, as well as supply base and field hospital. As units attempted to link up with their compatriots, evacuate their wounded and obtain supplies, they moved toward the race track where they were engaged by Allied forces.

On 18 February, the VC attacked 21 targets by fire throughout the Corps area. Province capitals, major towns, U. S. installations and airbases were hit with mortar and 122mm rocket fire. Song Be was the scene of a ground assault the same day, and the market place was occupied by the enemy for about nine hours before it was secured by friendly forces.

Elements of the VC 9th Division, which had moved from its normal area of operations north of Saigon prior to Tet, were contacted by Allied forces conducting TRAN HUNG DAO as they attempted to move away from the city.

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# ENEMY ORDER of BATTLE

Intermittent VC harassments by mortar, recoilless rifle and 122mm rocket fire were conducted after the 18th, although ground contacts were light. Friendly units continued to sweep areas of enemy concentration, and daily contacts were made during the last week of the month.

#### IV CORPS

In the Mekong Delta of IV Corps, enemy forces launched coordinated attacks which started during the early morning hours of 31 January. During February, they attempted to maintain pressure on urban centers and solidify positions in the countryside, but these attempts resulted in more than 6,000 enemy troops killed by Allied forces.

Between 31 January and 2 February, the fighting in IV Corps reached an unprecedented level of intensity. During the first three days of the Lunar New Year, 13 of the 16 province capitals were attacked, and portions of the cities of Chau Phu, Vinh Long, My Tho, Ben Tre and Can Tho were held for periods of time by enemy units.

Despite some element of surprise gained by the enemy, ARVN and U. S. troops methodically re-established their control over these cities. As the fighting developed, it became apparent that the enemy had been amply supplied with new model weapons and ammunition. There was widespread use of AK-47 assault rifles and RPG-2 and 7 rocket launchers. The size of the enemy units had been greatly augmented prior to the offensive. Many of the enemy dead and captured were youths between 14 and 16 years old. Interrogation of the detainees revealed that many of them had been inducted only days prior to the offensive and had received the bare rudiments of weapons familiarization and tactics.

After 4 February, the enemy's coordinated offensive activities dropped off sharply. Friendly sweep operations around the major cities resulted in large numbers of enemy casualties. These operations revealed, however, that the enemy intended to maintain a threatening posture around the urban areas. The largest concentrations of forces were in the vicinity of Can Tho, where three battalions remained south and west of the city, and along Highway 4 between My Tho and Cai Lay.

Enemy activity between 4 and 17 February was characterized by sporadic attacks by fire on towns and airfields throughout the Corps area. With the exception of a ground attack against

Bac Lieu City on the 10th (which eventually cost the enemy over 100 casualties), the enemy's ground activity was limited to harassment of outposts and watch towers in the rural areas. Binh Thuy and Can Tho airfields in Phong Ding Province were principal targets for attacks by fire during this period.

On the morning of 18 February, the enemy attacked eight province capitals, five major airfields and the Dong Tam naval operations base. These attacks were well coordinated and were characterized by a high volume of mortar and recoilless rifle fire. It is interesting to note, however, that the intensity of these attacks did not approach the level of the 31 January attacks.

Enemy activity decreased after these attacks and remained at a relatively low level during the remainder of the month. Friendly sweep operations and reconnaissance-in-force missions continued to make light contact near Cai Lay and Can Tho during this period, while the enemy devoted much effort attempting to interdict Highway 4.

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In air action over North Vietnam, daily missions were flown by U. S. Air Force, Navy and Marine pilots. They struck major airfields, highway and railroad bridges, railways, boat yards, and other major lines of communication throughout the Hanoi, Haiphong and Panhandle areas of North Vietnam. Weather continued to be a factor in the air war.

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There were approximately 39,867 enemy killed during the month of February in the Republic. This is the highest number of enemy reported killed during any one month of this conflict. During the month of January, 15,217 enemy were killed by Allied forces.

There were 763 Hoi Chanh during the month of February, (Military 615; Political 131; Other 17).

U. S., RVNAF and other Free World Military Assistance Forces casualty reports for February totalled 6,157. The breakdown of Allied killed is: U. S. 1,900; RVNAF 4,127; and other FVMAF 130.

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## G R O U N D O P E R A T I O N S

### I CORPS/III MAF

Some of the heaviest fighting of the Vietnam conflict took place during February in the I Corps area of responsibility as the enemy continued attempts to gain a significant military victory. Widespread attacks were conducted in the five northernmost provinces during the Tet period. Enemy forces, supported by Soviet-built tanks, succeeded in forcing the evacuation of the Lang Vei Special Forces camp, but were unable to bring the fall of Khe Sanh Combat Base in spite of heavy mortar, rocket and artillery attacks. The ARVN and U.S. defenders withstood the attacks by fire, and repelled ground assaults that were launched against them, suffering light casualties.

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Operation SALINE was conducted in Quang Tri Province by a battalion from the 3rd Marine Regiment which is part of the U.S. Navy's 7th Fleet Ready Amphibious Group. It commenced on 30 January in an area centered 7 kilometers east-southeast of Gio Linh.

Starting at 0820 hours, 31 January in an action which continued throughout that night and lasted until dark on 1 February, two companies of U.S. Marines assaulted a well-entrenched enemy force 6 kilometers northeast of Gio Linh. The enemy force of unknown size occupied bunkers along a tree line, had well coordinated fields of fire, and was supported by heavy machine guns and mortars.

By 1400 hours, the Marines were in heavy contact with the enemy but could not advance because of .50 caliber machine gun fire. Bad weather delayed air support, but by 1800 hours, tactical aircraft were striking the enemy positions.

At 2030 hours, the enemy counterattacked the Marines but were repulsed with heavy casualties. During the rest of the night, air strikes and artillery fire pounded the enemy force as the Marines prevented escape.

Contact with the enemy continued throughout 1 February with the enemy attempting to withdraw to the north. Contact was broken in the afternoon, but was regained at 1600 hours and continued until dark while tactical aircraft, helicopter gunship and artillery missions were directed onto the enemy positions. After dark, contact with the remnants of the enemy force was lost.

The cumulative results of the 31 January - 1 February engagement were 295 enemy killed (most of them on 31 January), 27 suspects detained, and 82 individual and 34 crew-served weapons captured.

Marine casualties were 36 killed and 164 wounded (medevaced).

Light to moderate engagements characterized the actions during the remainder of the month. The SALINE Leathernecks were credited with 280 enemy killed and 54 individual and 25 crew-served weapons captured during February. Tactical aircraft supported the operation with 115 sorties.

U.S. casualties during the month totalled 38 killed and 318 wounded.

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One of the highest number of enemy killed during the month in a III MAF operation was reported by AMERICAL Division units conducting WHEELER/WALLOWA. They reported killing 1,508 enemy in almost daily contacts. There were 297 enemy individual and 37 crew-served weapons captured during the month. U.S. casualties were 104 killed and 479 wounded. Four hundred and seventy-nine tactical air sorties were flown in support of the operation.

On 12 February, an AMERICAL Division company came under heavy automatic weapons fire from an unknown number of enemy 21 kilometers west-northwest of Hoi An.

U.S. artillery and helicopter gunships supported the infantrymen and the enemy contact was lost at 1830 hours. The results of the action were 31 enemy killed. Three U.S. soldiers were killed and four wounded (medevaced).

Just prior to that action, the company had found fresh graves in the same general area containing 22 enemy bodies.

Another major contact during February took place on the 27th when ground cavalry elements attached to the AMERICAL Division hit an unknown size enemy force four kilometers west of Tam Ky at 1520 hours. While conducting a sweep of the area, the cavalrymen became heavily engaged in a battle which lasted over four hours.

The cavalrymen exchanged organic weapons fire with the enemy and directed U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery and U.S. Air Force tactical aircraft onto the enemy locations.

Continuous pressure was maintained by the ground and air teams until 1940 hours when the enemy broke contact.

A sweep of the area revealed 179 enemy dead. U.S. forces also captured 13 individual and one crew-served weapon.

U.S. casualties for the engagement were two killed and 14 wounded (medevaced).

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Units from 1st and 3rd Brigades, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) conducting Operation JEB STUART were credited with killing 1,725 enemy in many small actions during February. In addition, 581 suspects were detained and 295 individual and 78 crew-served weapons captured. Throughout the month, the operation was supported by 343 tactical air strikes and 398 naval gunfire support missions.

One action during the month took place five kilometers northeast of Quang Tri City on 5 February. Elements of the 101st Airborne Division were sweeping the area when enemy forces attacked from three sides.

Employing small arms and automatic weapons, the enemy force was also supported by mortar fire.

USA helicopter gunships and artillery missions supported the friendly units in contact. Contact continued until 1600 when enemy forces broke contact and withdrew from the area.

Results show 35 enemy killed. One U.S. soldier was killed in action and 27 others were wounded.

In another action on 7 February, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) troops made contact with an unknown size enemy force which continued from 0855 to 1400. In scattered contacts, the Cav troopers were credited with 81 enemy killed. There were no U.S. casualties reported.

On the following day, elements of the 101st Airborne Division swept an area which had been pounded by artillery and aerial rocket artillery six kilometers south of Quang Tri City. The Cav troopers located 23 enemy bodies in area.

In two small unit actions on 15 February elements of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and 101st Airborne Division killed 67 enemy soldiers. The first action took place 10 kilometers south of Quang Tri City when elements from both divisions engaged an enemy force, killing 11 of them.

In another action 10 kilometers west-northwest of Hue 101st Airborne Division soldiers engaged an unknown size enemy force. Results show 56 enemy were killed. Three paratroopers were killed in the action and 14 others wounded.

On 19 February, a company from the 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division discovered three mass graves containing the bodies of 110 North Vietnamese soldiers 10 kilometers east of Quang Tri City.

Also on the 19th, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) forces made contact with an enemy unit six kilometers northeast of Quang Tri City while artillery and tactical aircraft supported. This action resulted in 51 enemy and 2 U.S. killed. Seven cavalrymen were wounded and medevaced.

In an area five kilometers northwest of Hue, on 21 February, two troops of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) attacked an enemy force in a fortified village and met heavy resistance. A third Cav troop joined the engagement at 0700 hours. Heavy resistance continued while the U.S. troops employed artillery in support. The action continued into 22 February.

After the initial attack, Cav troopers continued to sweep the area and made moderate to heavy contact throughout the day. Cumulative results for 2-day fight: 163 enemy killed and 12 U.S. killed and 137 wounded in action.

Other light and moderate actions were reported throughout the month in Operation JEB STUART.

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Enemy attacks by fire continued on a daily basis against the Khe Sanh Combat Base (KSCB). During the month, Leathernecks throughout the SCOTLAND operational area killed 588 enemy soldiers while conducting the operation in Quang Tri Province.

On 6 February, the Lang Vei Special Forces camp and KSCB received an enemy mortar and artillery fire attack. On the morning of 7 February, the main base area continued to receive artillery and rocket fire. The airfield at Khe Sanh was cratered but was fully operational at 1030.

The Lang Vei Special Forces camp received a heavy ground attack by an unknown size enemy force supported by nine armored vehicles (Soviet Model PT-76 tanks), heavy artillery and mortar fire.

Heavy contact followed while the defenders received continual artillery and tactical air support. An air observer reported the enemy was employing flamethrowers in the attack. Heavy fighting continued in the vicinity of Lang Vei until 1100 hours when it was evacuated by the defenders.

The following day, on 8 February, another air observer from the 3rd Marine Division observed four enemy tanks 10 kilometers southwest of Khe Sanh. Tactical air strikes were called in and two vehicles were reported disabled. About the same time 20 wheeled vehicles were observed by an air observer 14 kilometers west-southwest of Khe Sanh. Tactical air sorties were directed against them and at least two trucks were left burning after the strike.

Enemy forces shelled a 3rd Marine Division position three kilometers north-northwest of Khe Sanh on 8 February with an unknown number of 60mm mortar and RPG rocket grenade rounds and followed with a ground attack. The hostile forces were repulsed in bitter fighting by the Marine defenders. In this action 124 enemy were killed. U.S. losses were 21 killed and 27 wounded.

On 23 February, between 1300 and 1800, the Khe Sanh Combat Base complex received about 1300 pounds of enemy rocket, artillery and mortar fire. U.S. casualties due to all hostile actions during the day were: eight killed, 19 wounded and medevaced and 19 others wounded treated and returned to duty. Enemy casualties due to counterbattery fires are unknown.

Throughout the remainder of the month, action was characterized by light to moderate engagements with the hostile forces.

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In Operation KENTUCKY, Leathernecks from the 3rd Marine Division reported killing 142 enemy during the month of February while losing 93 of their own. The ground forces were supported by 167 tactical air sorties and 774 naval gunfire missions throughout the month.

On 7 February at 1400 elements of the 3rd Marine Division engaged an enemy force two kilometers southwest of Gio Linh. The two forces exchanged organic weapons fire while artillery missions were fired in support of the Marines. A Marine company was inserted into the area of contact and the enemy force broke contact at 1800 hours. During the action 30 enemy were killed while U.S. losses were four killed and 17 wounded.

Three enemy tanks were sighted in the northern part of the Demilitarized Zone seven kilometers north of Con Thien on 16 February. Air strikes were directed against the tanks with unknown results.

On 27 February, elements of the 3rd Marine Division observed enemy soldiers trying to extinguish a fire in their position. The Marines directed air strikes and 16 recoilless rifle rounds into the position and reported that 26 secondary explosions had been set off.

Throughout the remainder of the month Operation KENTUCKY forces reported light to moderate contact with the hostile forces.

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Operation MUSCATINE, conducted by the AMERICAL Division's 11th and 198th Light Infantry Brigades, was characterized by light to moderate engagements during the month. Three hundred and fifty-three enemy were reported killed at the cost of 13 infantrymen killed. Twelve tactical air sorties were flown in support of the ground forces throughout the month.

On 12 February, elements of the AMERICAL Division engaged an unknown size enemy force 10 kilometers northeast of Quang Ngai City. The enemy force employed 60mm and 82mm mortar, .50 caliber machinegun and anti-tank weapons fire against the attacking infantrymen.

Artillery and helicopter gunship missions supported the friendly troops. Seventy-eight enemy were killed while one U.S. soldier was killed and four were wounded.

Elements of the 11th Light Infantry Brigade made contact with an enemy force in the same vicinity on 23 February. Both forces exchanged small-arms and automatic weapons fire throughout the contact with the AMERICAL troops being supported by close air strikes.

Contact was lost at dusk, but the enemy left 68 of his dead behind. Two U.S. infantrymen were killed and 13 wounded and medevaced.

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In Quang Tri Province, elements of the 3rd Marine Division conducting Operation LANCASTER II were credited with killing 236 enemy soldiers during the month with the loss of 80 Leather-necks killed. The ground troops were supported by 437 tactical air sorties in February.

As in January, hostile forces continued to attack friendly base areas by rocket, mortar and artillery fire throughout the month.

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II CORPS/I FFV

Action was reported as moderate to heavy throughout most of the area during the month. Operation MACARTHUR forces recorded the heaviest action as allied units searched out the enemy forces.

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Action increased within Operation MACARTHUR during the month. Units of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division killed 1,103 enemy while losing 104 infantrymen. The operation, being conducted in Kontum, Pleiku and Darlac Provinces was supported by 1,155 tactical air sorties in February.

In one significant action, 69 enemy were killed on 27 February by elements of the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division.

At 0800 the night defensive positions of the U.S. force were hit by an enemy mortar attack. At 0830 the U.S. positions received incoming small arms fire from the southwest. At approximately 1030 the enemy initiated a ground attack from the same general direction.

U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery and U.S. Air Force tactical aircraft supported the defenders, striking the attacking enemy and his avenues of ingress and withdrawal. Heavy contact continued until 1930 hours.

No U.S. casualties were reported in the action.

In another action, 21 enemy were killed on the morning of 26 February by other elements of the 1st Brigade.

At 0845 hours, two companies of the 1st Brigade were being inserted into a landing zone 19 kilometers west-northwest of Dak To. The lead helicopter was engaged by enemy automatic weapons fire and made an emergency landing in the hot landing zone. The infantry squad aboard the chopper immediately engaged the enemy with organic weapons fire.

The remaining aircraft proceeded to a nearby alternate LZ and inserted the remainder of the troops.

The main body linked up with the squad in the original LZ at 1215 hours, at which time the enemy contact was lost.

In addition to the 21 enemy bodies left behind, U.S. troopers captured one crew-served and eight individual weapons and a quantity of miscellaneous equipment, including 50 pounds of medical supplies.

U.S. casualties were one killed and nine wounded in the action.

Action remained on a light-to-moderate daily basis throughout the rest of the month.

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In Operation BOLLING, members of the 173rd Airborne Brigade and the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) reported killing 97 enemy soldiers at the cost of 18 of their own killed. The ground forces were supported by 94 tactical sorties throughout the month.

No individual significant actions were reported as the U.S. units searched out hostile forces in Phu Yen Province.

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### III CORPS/II FFV

Action increased throughout the first half of February as enemy forces continued the Tet offensive in all areas of the Corps. Enemy action decreased as the month neared an end.

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The highest number of enemy killed in the III Corps area during February was reported in Operation SARATOGA. The enemy initiated heavy attacks against friendly forces throughout the month in Hau Nghia Province but failed to achieve a single military victory of significance. Elements of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division reported 2,884 enemy killed at the cost of 290 infantrymen killed. Six hundred and fifty-six tactical air sorties were flown in support of the operation. The month's action was characterized by almost daily moderate-to-heavy contacts.

One hundred and five enemy soldiers were killed on 10 February, 17 kilometers north-northwest of Saigon when elements of the 25th Infantry Division in conjunction with cavalry elements made contact with an unknown size enemy force three kilometers northeast of Hoc Mon.

The U.S. forces were supported by artillery and helicopter light fire teams while Air Force tactical air strikes were directed onto the enemy positions.

Contact with the enemy was lost at dusk, but their 105 dead were left behind. Five infantrymen were killed and 31 wounded during the engagement.

Other elements of the division killed 98 enemy on 14 February in two separate battles.

One fight between units of the 1st Brigade and an unknown size enemy force began at 0850, eight kilometers southeast of Cu Chi and lasted until 1830.

The infantrymen were supported by U.S. Army artillery and helicopter light fire teams and Air Force tactical air strikes.

While killing 91 enemy, four U.S. soldiers were killed and 48 wounded.

In the same general area on the 14th, elements of the 3rd Brigade engaged an unknown size enemy force at 1035. U.S. Army artillery supported the infantrymen in contact until contact was broken at 1840. Seven enemy dead were found in a sweep of the area just before dark. Nine of the 3rd Brigade soldiers were wounded in the action.

Throughout the remainder of the month action was reported as light to moderate in daily contacts with the hostile forces.

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Operation ENTERPRISE was continued throughout the month and into March by the 9th Infantry Division. During February, 468 enemy were killed by the infantrymen at the cost of 26 KIA. The ground troops were supported by 114 tactical air sorties throughout the month.

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On 24 February, Operation YELLOWSTONE terminated. The operation was initiated on 8 December, 1967, and was conducted by elements of the 25th Infantry Division in Tay Ninh Province. Final results for the operation show 1,254 enemy and 135 U.S. infantrymen killed. Of these total figures, 340 enemy and 24 infantrymen were killed during February. During the month, the ground troops were supported by 119 tactical air sorties.

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In Bien Hoa, Binh Duong and Long Khanh Provinces, elements

of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade conducting Operation MANCHESTER reported killing 250 enemy before they terminated the operation on 17 February. The operation was initiated on 18 December 1967. The final results for the operation are: 456 enemy killed at the cost of 37 U.S. infantrymen. During the month, 13 infantrymen were killed while searching out the hostile forces. The ground forces were supported by 15 tactical air sorties.

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#### IV CORPS

Light and widely scattered actions were reported throughout the area after the Tet offensive diminished. The only significant actions reported during the month were by elements of the 9th Infantry Division in Operation CORONADO XI, which was initiated on 14 February.

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CORONADO X, initiated on 18 January, was terminated on 13 February with final results of 334 enemy killed while U.S. losses were 12 killed. The operation was conducted by elements of the 9th Infantry Division in Kien Hoa Province.

During the month, 333 enemy were killed at the cost of 11 infantrymen. Sixty-six tactical air sorties supported the ground forces.

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Operation CORONADO XI was initiated on 14 February by elements of the 9th Infantry Division in Phong Dinh Province. During February 264 enemy were killed with the loss of 39 infantrymen. The operation was supported by 105 tactical air sorties throughout the month.

Shortly after noon on 22 February, elements of the Mobile Riverine Force, supported by helicopter gunships, killed 60 enemy, 30 kilometers south-southwest of Can Tho.

While conducting a sweep along a canal, infantrymen of the U.S. Army's 2nd Brigade, 9th Infantry Division, embarked in rivercraft of the U.S. Navy's Task Force 117, discovered an enemy

bunker complex. The complex was assaulted and a fire fight developed. During the engagement, the enemy attempted to flee their positions and were taken under fire by helicopter gunships.

The area of contact was swept after contact was lost, and the 60 enemy bodies were found. Thirty-eight of the enemy killed were credited to the helicopter gunship crews.

Four suspects were detained and two individual weapons taken. U.S. casualties were four wounded.

Fifty-seven more enemy were killed on 26 February by elements of the Mobile Riverine Force in an area five kilometers west of Can Tho.

At 0937, a company from the 2nd Brigade, 9th Infantry Division air-assaulted into a hot landing zone and became engaged with an estimated reinforced enemy company.

At about the same time a battalion from the 2nd Brigade moved to the south of the area of contact in U.S. Navy Task Force 117 river-craft. At 1245, a company landed from river-craft to the west, and another company air-assaulted to the east.

The engagement continued throughout the day, before contact terminated about dark. Artillery and tactical aircraft supported the units in contact throughout the engagement. Task Force 117 fire-support river-craft also assisted in the attack.

While killing the 57 enemy, 26 U.S. soldiers were killed and 51 wounded.

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## A I R O P E R A T I O N S

### A I R N O R T H

Although poor weather remained a major factor over North Vietnam during February, U.S. Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy crews continued to strike major airfields, railroad and highway bridges, storage areas and lines of communication throughout the Hanoi, Haiphong and Panhandle areas. Bomb damage assessment during the month was limited and many strikes employed radar bombing techniques.

During the month, U.S. Air Force pilots flew 997 missions over North Vietnam, Marine Corps aviators flew 786, while the Navy logged another 307 for a total of 2,090 missions.

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U.S. Air Force pilots reported destroying or damaging 52 waterborne supply craft and 19 enemy structures in the Panhandle area while flying 42 missions on 1 February.

The following day other Air Force pilots struck two army barracks areas 69 kilometers west-northwest and 88 kilometers northwest of Hanoi.

Hoa Lac airfield and the Thai Nguyen steel complex were struck by Air Force pilots on 4 February using radar bombing techniques. Other strikes were flown in the Panhandle region, but poor weather prevented bomb damage assessment.

On 5 February, an Air Force F-4 Phantom crew claimed downing a MIG-21. On the same day an Air Force F-105 was downed northwest of Hanoi by a MIG-21.

Another MIG-21 was downed by an Air Force F-4 Phantom crew west of Hanoi on 6 February.

On 9 February, Air Force pilots reported striking the Kep airfield 60 kilometers northeast of Hanoi, but poor weather prevented bomb damage assessment.

Phuc Yen airfield and the Thai Nguyen thermal power plant were struck on 10 February as Air Force pilots flew 35 missions over the North.

Air Force pilots hit the Kep airfield 60 kilometers northeast of Hanoi and the Yen Bai airfield 125 kilometers northwest of Hanoi. They also destroyed a 40-foot barge, a truck and seven military structures in the Panhandle area.

A U.S. Air Force F-4 Phantom crew was credited with a MIG-21 down north of Hanoi on 12 February. The MIG was downed by an air-to-air missile. On the 13th other Phantom crews downed two MIG-17s northwest of Hanoi.

On 14 February, Air Force pilots struck the Canal des Rapides railroad and highway bridge, Thai Nguyen thermal power plant, Phuc Yen airfield and the Hoa Loc airfield. An Air Force F-105 Thunderchief was downed by ground fire. The pilots are missing in action.

Kep airfield was hit by Air Force pilots on 15 February as were roads north of Vinh and other targets in the Panhandle. An Air Force F-4 Phantom was downed by ground fire and the pilots are missing in action.

Direct hits were reported on the south end of the main runway at Hoa Lac airfield on 16 February by Air Force pilots.

The following day pilots returned to the North to strike the Phuc Yen airfield, and returned on 18 February to strike the Yen Bai airfield. On 19 February, Air Force pilots struck both targets again.

On 22 February, Air Force pilots conducted strikes against the Hoa Lac airfield, and radar sites, artillery sites and truck parks throughout North Vietnam. Two days later, on 24 February, other pilots struck the Kep airfield.

The Hanoi motor vehicle maintenance area 7 kilometers west of Hanoi was hit for the first time on the last day of the month by Air Force pilots.

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U.S. Navy aviators struck enemy targets throughout North Vietnam during the first week of February hitting airfields, bridges, storage areas and lines of communication in the Panhandle, Haiphong and Hanoi areas. Most bomb damage assessment was not available due to overcast skies.

On 9 February, other Navy crews reported strikes against the Cat Bi airfield 7 kilometers southeast of Haiphong. The next day, on 10 February, Navy pilots hit the radio communications receiver station 17 kilometers south of Hanoi for the first time.

Throughout the Panhandle region on 11 February, Navy ordnance destroyed or damaged several trucks in scattered locations. The following day Navy aviators struck the Ninh Binh railroad yard.

While flying nine missions over the North on 13 February, Navy pilots attacked the Kien Hoa airfield 10 kilometers southwest of Haiphong and cut the runway at the Bai Thuong airfield 35 kilometers northwest of Thanh Hoa.

On 14 February, the Cat Bi airfield and Port Redon boat facility 19 kilometers north-northeast of Haiphong were targets for Navy crews. The next day while flying missions over the North, a Navy F-4 Phantom was downed by unknown causes. The pilots are listed as missing.

Uong Bi thermal power plant was struck by Navy aviators on 16 February, but bomb damage was unavailable due to poor weather conditions.

Navy pilots hit the Cam Pha transformer station on 17 February, and conducted strikes against the Bai Thuong airfield and cut the runway at the Cat Bi airfield on the following day.

On 24 February, the Hanoi port facility on the Red River 3 kilometers southeast of the city was struck for the first time by Navy pilots. The next day other aviators attacked the Haiphong railroad yard and the Bai Thuong airfield.

Again on 27 February, Navy fliers hit the Haiphong railroad yard and reported touching off several secondary explosions at the Uong Bi thermal power plant.

On the last day of the month, Navy aviators hit the Ban Thach power plant, but bomb damage assessment was unavailable due to poor weather conditions.

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U.S. Marine Corps pilots carried out strikes against enemy targets throughout the Panhandle region during the month. Bomb damage assessment was generally unavailable due to poor weather conditions over the North and due to darkness on night strikes.

Kep airfield, 19 kilometers north-northeast of Haiphong, was struck by Marine Corps pilots on 14 February as they flew 24 missions over the North.

On 17 February, other Marine Corps aviators attacked the Vinh airfield. The following day, other pilots hit the Phuc Yen airfield.

The Hanoi radio station 5 kilometers west of Bac Mai airfield was struck on 24 February.

During the remainder of the month Marine Corps aviators concentrated against targets in the Panhandle region.

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AIR SOUTH

U.S. Air Force pilots flew 11,501 tactical air sorties throughout the Republic of Vietnam in support of Allied ground forces. Marine Corps pilots logged 6,595 sorties and Navy pilots added another 1,863 for a total of 19,509 tactical air sorties during the month.

The air crews reported killing more than 520 enemy while destroying or damaging 325 sampans, numerous emplacements and artillery, mortar and automatic weapons positions. Their air-delivered ordnance also resulted in over 449 secondary explosions and more than 260 fires during the month.

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One hundred and sixty-six missions were flown during the month by Air Force B-52 crews from the 28th Bombardment Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota; 91st Bombardment Wing, Glasgow Air Force Base, Montana; 92nd Strategic Aerospace Wing, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington; and the 509th Bombardment Wing, Pease Air Force Base, New Hampshire. Of these missions, 111 were directed against targets in the Khe Sanh battle area.

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## NAVAL OPERATIONS

### NAVAL GUNFIRE NORTH VIETNAM

Seventh Fleet units conducting SEA DRAGON operations along the coast of North Vietnam continued to deprive the enemy of the use of coastal areas and tidal waters to move his supplies to the south.

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During the month, the ships destroyed or damaged 16 waterborne supply craft, ignited eight secondary explosions and fires, damaged four artillery sites, suppressed two anti-aircraft emplacements, damaged one wharf, bombarded three highway bridges, sliced two road segments, and pounded 12 coastal defense sites.

While firing on a concentration of waterborne supply craft 37 kilometers north-northwest of Dong Hoi on Sunday, 4 February, the destroyer USS HOEL was engaged by coastal defense sites 10 kilometers up the coast.

The HOEL, in company with another Seventh Fleet destroyer, commenced counterbattery fire, suppressing the site. The other destroyer silenced two additional sites in the area. Neither ship was hit during the encounter.

Three days later, on Wednesday, 7 February, the two destroyers were again taken under fire. The HOEL was firing on a highway bridge, while the other was providing suppression gunfire on known defense sites in the area, when they received hostile fire from a shore position 26 kilometers south-southeast of Dong Hoi.

The destroyers immediately commenced counterbattery fire on the enemy battery. An airborne spotter observed one secondary explosion at the gun emplacement. Neither ship was hit during the exchange of fire.

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### NAVAL GUNFIRE DEMILITARIZED ZONE

Supporting Allied troops south of the buffer zone in February, cruisers and destroyers of the U.S. Seventh Fleet fired on enemy artillery sites, mortar and rocket positions and bunker areas in the Demilitarized Zone.

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The ships shelled a total of 34 artillery sites, 23 mortar and rocket positions and two bunker complexes. They reported silencing 14 artillery and two mortar emplacements, destroying one and having excellent coverage on 10 others.

Their gunfire also ignited 18 secondary explosions, two fires, destroyed seven waterborne supply craft, four support buildings, and five bunkers, damaged four supply boats, and four support buildings, and silenced one anti-aircraft site.

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#### NAVAL GUNFIRE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

Enemy troop concentrations, bunkers, positions and gun sites were the primary targets for Seventh Fleet ships operating off the coasts of South Vietnam during the month of February.

The destroyer USS JOHNSTON on Monday, 12 February, fired on an enemy force 4 kilometers southeast of Gio Linh killing 22 enemy troops. The enemy soldiers were using the area as an assembly point for further movement.

The USS WALKER caught North Vietnamese Army troops in the open 5 kilometers southeast of the Marine outpost of Gio Linh and shelled them with five-inch projectiles. At least two of the enemy soldiers were killed by the destroyer's gunfire on Monday, 19 February.

On the same day, the cruiser USS CANBERRA unleashed her big eight-inch guns on enemy positions near Hue. Many enemy troops were reported killed when the cruiser bombarded a Viet Cong position 7 kilometers west of the ancient capital.

Eight secondary explosions were triggered on Monday, 26 February as a rocket-firing ship delivered her firepower on enemy bunkers, supply areas, and fortified positions in an area about 31 kilometers south-southeast of Da Nang.

Her rockets also destroyed 33 enemy fortifications and damaged 35; destroyed or damaged eight sampans; destroyed two bunkers; and collapsed 190 meters of trenchline.

Twenty-two secondary explosions erupted on Tuesday, 27 February, when the ship fired her rockets at enemy emplacements 31 kilometers southeast and 36 kilometers east-southeast of Quang Tri City. Shipboard personnel and an airborne spotter observed and heard all the blasts, 19 of which took place after the ship had ceased firing.

Airborne and ground spotters also reported the ships destroyed 259 enemy fortifications during the month and damaged 253; ignited 40 secondary explosions and 16 fires; destroyed or damaged 18 sampans and 11 waterborne supply craft; destroyed seven automatic weapons positions; silenced three gun sites; and collapsed 90 meters of trench.

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1 Feb (Thursday)

- HQ MACV. From 1800H 29 Jan - 2400 1 Feb over 10,000 NVA & VC KIA. Allied cas: 917 KIA (US 281; ARVN 632; FWMAF 4), 2,817 WIA (US 1,195; ARVN 1,588; FWMAF 34).
- NVN. US pilots flew 70 msns NVN (USAF 42 USN 22 USMC 16). Pilots hit targets Panhandle area. USAF pilots rept 52 sup craft, 19 struc dest or dam.
- NGF-NVN. USS BORDELON hit 3 hwy brg 34 and 58 km SSE & 42 km NNW Dong Hoi.
- III MAF. (Thua Thien Prov) - 25 km SE Phu Bai, Phu Loc under atk by unk size en force employing SA, AW & mort fire. Action term at nightfall. 32 EK/1 frd KIA & 51 WIA (USMC).
- III MAF. (Quang Nam Prov) - 3 km SE Da Nang 1000H, elms 1st MP Bn (USMC) commenced sweep opn W Marble Mtn air facility. 14 EK/no frd cas.
- I FFV. (Pleiku Prov) - 23 km SW Pleiku City 1140H, Tan An defended by RF/PF elms recd intense mortar & grd atk fr unk size en force. Reaction force reenforced; tac air, arty & gunship sptd. 208 EK & 203 DET/1 PF WIA.
- II FFV. (Binh Duong Prov) - 4 km NE Phu Cuong, 0945H, elms 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div made contact w/unk size en force. Hel gunships sptd. En broke contact 1830H. 197 EK/5 frd KIA. 8 km SW Phu Cuong, 1400H, Air Cav gunships fired on unk size en force. 93 EK/1 frd WIA.
- II FFV. (Bien Hoa Prov) - Vic Long Binh 1230H, co fr 3rd Bde, 101st Abn Div made contact w/unk size en force. SA, AW fire exchanged. Arty sptd. En broke contact 1730H. 33 EK/no frd cas.
- II FFV. (Hau Nghia Prov) - 3 km E Gia Ray 0800H ARVN Inf & Cav elms made contact w/est 2 en co's. Arty & hel gunships sptd. 26 EK/14 frd KIA & 18 WIA.
- II FFV. (Hau Nghia Prov) - Duc Hoa, 0625H, 25th ARVN Inf Div base camp recd 10 rds 82mm fire & grd atk. 50 EK/3 frd KIA & 25 WIA.

- SAN ANGELO. (Phuoc Long Prov) - 3 km W Song Be 1427H, co fr 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div made contact w/unk size en force in bunkers. SA & AW fire exchanged. 16 EK/1 frd KIA & 1 WIA.
- II FFV. (Bien Hoa Prov) - 10 km S Bien Hoa City 1347H, elms 11th Armd Cav Regt made contact w/unk size en force. SA & AW fire exchanged. Hel & arty sptd. 17 EK/1 frd WIA.
- COBURG. (Bien Hoa Prov) - 18 km NE Bear Cat 1750H, elms 2nd Bn RAR made contact w/unk size en force. SA & AW fire exchanged. En broke contact 1900H. 10 EK.
- CMD. 1830H, elms VN Mar Bn engaged en force 3 km N Tan Son Nhut AB, cas unk. Activity throughout Saigon & Cholon area characterized by small lightly armed en bands engaged in sniper activities as they were forced to break up into small groups by US & ARVN forces sweeping area.
- IV CORPS. Light contact rept throughout Corps area, mainly in Kien Hoa, Vinh Long & Kien Tuong Prov.
- US strike pilots flew 725 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 394 USMC 238 USN 93). BDA incl 200 EK & as dest or dam: 47 sampans & numerous pos. 27 secd explo & 17 fires rept.
- USMC hel gunships flew 244 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck twice Thua Thien Prov (both 13 km NW Khe Sanh).
- NGF-RVN. USS WALKER set off secd explo en target area 15 km NNW Da Nang.

#### 2 Feb (Friday)

- HQ MACV. Cas rept fr 1800H, 29 Jan - 2400H, 2 Feb are: 12,704 EK; 3,576 en DET; 1,814 IW & 545 CSW capt; 983 frd KIA (318 US; 661 ARVN; 4 FWMAF) & 3,483 frd WIA (1,639 US; 1,792 ARVN; 52 FWMAF). Ratio of en to frd KIA: 12.9 to 1.
- NVN. US pilots flew 69 msns NVN (USAF 36 USMC 29 USN 4). USAF pilots struck army bks 69 km WNW Hanoi & another army bks area 88 km NW of the city.
- III MAF. Fighting cont at Hue w/VNAF tac air strikes conducted on en strong points in Hue-Citadel compound. Grd fighting hvy throughout day. House to house sweeps conducted during day. At 2230H, only northern portion Citadel complex occupied by en forces & over 300 EK by Allied air & grd units.

- I FFV. At 2230H Kontum City rept quiet w/only sporadic light sniper fire at afld. Sporadic actions cont at Phan Thiet.
- II FFV. At 2400H last night SA fire recd at N gate at TSN AB. At 0100H base security & ARVN reinf repelled en fire. Cas not rept. At 0400H mort & RPG atk occurred on US sup co depot vic dock area in Saigon. US & ARVN forces reacting forcing en fr area. Dam & cas unk. Thu Duc National Police dist hq came under lt mort & SA atk. En driven off by National Police. Cas unk & no rept of dam.
- IV CORPS. Est 2 en bns atkd arty pos N Ben Tre City 1930H. En repulsed 2330H w/AC-47s sptg defenders. Light sniper fire still rept in city. My Tho rept quiet w/lt sporadic sniper fire occurring. En atkd cities of Vinh Loi, Vinh Long, Cao Lanh but were repulsed & lt sporadic sniper fire cont.
- CMD. Fighting sporadic throughout the day. Between 0900 & 1700H US elms engaged est en reinf bn. Hel gunships & tac air sptd units in contact 5 km NE TSN. En attempting escape along Saigon River to NE & being engaged by ARVN force.
- US strike pilots flew 788 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 558 USMC 206 USN 24). BDA incl: 50 EK & as dest or dam: 14 sampans & numerous pos. 29 secd explo & 12 fires rept.
- USMC hel gunships flew 284 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck three times vic Khe Sanh (12 km ESE, 5 km SE & 21 km NW) & 7 km SSW Con Thien.
- NGF-RVN. USS WALKER triggered 2 secd explo while dest en sup depot 32 km N Quang Ngai City.

### 3 Feb (Saturday)

- HQ MACV. Cas rept fr 1800H, 29 Jan - 2400H, 23 Feb: En cas: 14,997 KIA; 4,156 DET; 3,055 IW & 646 CSW capt; Frd cas: 1,116 KIA (367 US; 738 ARVN; 11 FWMAF); 4,171 WIA (2,063 US; 2,059 ARVN; 79 FWMAF).
- NVN. US pilots flew 61 mns NVN (USAF 31 USMC 26 USN 4). USAF pilots hit army bks 104 km NW Hanoi, no BDA.
- III MAF. (Quang Nam Prov) - 1500H, 10 km SW Hoi An, elms ROK Mar secured Duy Xuyen. Re-entry into town lightly opposed

- by scattered sniper fire. Results: 45 EK/no frd cas.
- III MAF. Hue, fighting cont. NE & SE portions Citadel remain occupied w/hvy contact cont. Est 2 en cos fleeing over SW wall at noontime. Results thus far: 514 EK.
  - I FFV. (Kontum Prov) - 2010H, en made light probes perimeter MACV compound in Kontum City & 3 rds mort fire recd in E portion city. Some en forces still in city but attempting to w/draw.
  - SARATOGA. (Hau Nghia Prov) - 4 cos 25th Inf Div engaged unk size en force while escorting convoy fr Saigon to Cu Chi. Arty, lt fire teams & tac air strikes sptd grd troops. Contact lost 1800H, convoy cont to Cu Chi. Results: 7 EK/2 US KIA & 44 WIA.
  - II FFV. (Bien Hoa Prov) - Elms 11th Armd Cav Regt engaged est 40 en at 1120H. Contact broke 1800H. Results: 34 EK. No US cas rept.
  - SARATOGA. (Binh Duong Prov) - 1415H, 37 km NW Saigon, elms 25th Inf Div sweeping area engaged est 2 en cos. USAF tac air strikes sptd. En broke contact 1610H. Results: 24 EK/6 US KIA & 24 WIA.
  - II FFV. Contact term w/in city Phan Thiet w/only occasional harassing SA & mort fire are being recd. In Dalat, only sporadic sniper fire has been recd in the town. No contact w/en has been rept. Afld now secured. The cities of Ban Me Thuot and Pleiku rept as quiet w/no contact w/en forces.
  - IV CORPS. All cities rept quiet, w/only light sporadic sniper fire occasionally.
  - US strike pilots flew 703 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 440 USMC 207 USN 56). BDA incl 174 EK & as dest or dam: 6 sampans & numerous pos. 30 secd explo & 6 fires rept.
  - USA gunships rept 82 EK & dest 53 pos & 8 sampans.
  - USMC hel gunships flew 207 sorties RVN.
  - B-52s struck 3 times vic Khe Sanh (6 km NE, 10 km W & 10 km WNW) & 3 times in Quang Tri Prov (7 km N, 7 km NNW & 10 km NE Camp Carroll).

4 Feb (Sunday)

- HQ MACV. Cas fr 1800H, 29 Jan - 2400H, 4 Feb: 16,976 EK; 4,131 DET; 4,220 IW & CSW capt; 1,477 Allied KIA (471 US; 993 ARVN; 13 FWMAF); 6,075 WIA (2,744 US; 3,229 ARVN; 102 FWMAF).
- NVN. US pilots flew 117 msns NVN (USAF 65 USMC 40 USN 12). USAF pilots radar bombed Hoa Lac aird & Thai Nguyen steel complex. Other AF, MC & USN pilots hit ferries, stor areas & trk convoys in Panhandle. No BDA due bad weather.
- NGF-NVN. USS HOEL recd fire fr en shore btry while firing on en watercraft concentration 37 km NNW Dong Hoi. The HOEL in co w/DD BORDELON commenced cbtry fire & silenced 3 of the sites. Neither ship was hit. She also set off a fire 11 km NW Dong Hoi in a radar site.
- III MAF. Hue fighting cont. Marine co recd fire fr built-up area. Marines atkd & killed 15 en w/1 US KIA & 2 WIA (medevaced).
- II FFV. In tunnel complex 26 km N Saigon, 1st Inf Div tunnel rats uncovered 58 en bodies & some wpns.
- IV CORPS. In night-long fight near Vinh Long City, 9th Inf Div forces suffered 1 KIA & 24 WIA. En cas unk. Sporadic contacts w/en forces were rept in various sections of Tuy Hoa City & Phuoc Binh & Tau Lam villages in Phu Yen Prov. Action cont w/no results rept.
- US strike pilots flew 706 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 450 USMC 213 USN 43). BDA incl 35 EK & as dest or dam: 7 sampans & numerous pos. 17 secd explo & 4 fires rept.
- USMC hel gunships flew 193 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 5 times vic Khe Sanh (4 km NE, 5 km E, 5 km ENE, 14 km S & 14 km W) & 7 km W Camp Carroll.
- NGF-RVN. USS HAMNER dest 3 spt bldgs en pos 15 km NNW Quang Tri City. She also dest spt bldg 14 km NNW same city.

5 Feb (Monday)

- HQ MACV. Cas rept fr 1800H, 29 Jan - 2400H, 5 Feb: 21,330 EK/1,729 Allied KIA (546 US; 1,169 ARVN; 14 FWMAF); 7,185 Allied WIA (3,084 US; 3,995 ARVN; 106 FWMAF).

- NVN. US pilots flew 72 msns NVN (USAF 28 USMC 27 USN 17). Poor weather limited BDA as pilots hit aflds, stor areas, wpns pos & lines of communication N of DMZ & in Panhandle. USAF F-4 claimed MIG-21 down. F-105 downed to MIG-21 NW Hanoi.
- JEB STUART. (Quang Tri Prov) - 5 km NE Quang Tri City, 101st Abn Div elms were atkd by en force while making sweep opn. En atkd fr 3 sides w/SA & AW fire sptd by mort fire. Contact cont till 1600H sptd by arty & hel gunships. 35 EK/ 1 US KIA & 27 WIA.
- III MAF. (Thua Thien Prov) - 0800H, elms 5th Mar Regt, 1st Mar Div on sweep msn 33 km SE Hue were ambushed by unk size en force. Fire ret w/organic wpns & sptd by arty fire. Contact lost 0900H. Sweep of ambush site revealed 54 EK. 2 Marines KIA & 3 WIA.
- III MAF. (Quang Nam Prov) - 0445H, elms 51st ARVN Regt made contact en force 11 km S Da Nang. USA hel gunships & arty sptd. Elms 1st Mar Div moved into blocking pos. Arty, tac air & gunship fire directed onto en pos. En broke contact 2000H. 187 EK/6 US KIA & 14 WIA (medevac). ARVN cas rept lt.
- I FFV. (Binh Dinh Prov) - En atkd Camp Radcliff Army afld at An Khe w/40 rds 60 & 82mm mort fire. Cmort msns fired & flaeships sptd w/unk results. 1 US KIA & 13 WIA (medevac) & 11 WIA - treated ret to duty. Mat & acft dam rept lt.
- I FFV. (Phu Yen Prov) - En atkd several US & GVN pos vic Tuy Hoa. Allied forces reacted & engaged en. Arty & hel gunships sptd. En broke contact prior to midnight. Results for day's action: 18 EK/1 US WIA. ARVN cas lt.
- II FFV. (Gia Dinh Prov) - 5 km S Saigon, 101st Abn Div troops atkd by en force 0415H, SA & AW fire exchanged. USA hel gunships, arty & USAF tac air sptd. Contact lost 0830H. 20 EK/11 US KIA & 6 WIA.
- IV CORPS. Latest action near Vinh Long City show 37 en killed by elms 9th Inf Div. US cas 1 KIA & 24 WIA.
- US strike pilots flew 689 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 373 USMC 218 USN 98). BDA incl 122 EK & as dest or dam: 117 sampans & numerous pos. 21 secd explo rept.
- USA hel gunships killed 87 en, dest 84 pos & 15 sampans.

- USMC hel gunships flew 296 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 3 times vic Khe Sanh (7 km SE, 10 km SW & 13 km WNW) & 7 km WNW Camp Carroll.
- Official acft loss figures: (fxd-wg) NVN 797 RVN 227  
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6 Feb (Tuesday)

- HQ MACV. Cas results fr 1800H, 29 Jan - 2400H, 6 Feb: 22,748 EK; 4,914 DET; 5,107 IW & 790 CSW capt; 1,768 Allied KIA (614 US; 1,130 ARVN; 24 FWMAF); 7,358 WIA (3,408 US; 3,821 ARVN; 129 FWMAF).
- NVN. US pilots flew 63 msns NVN (USAF 24 USMC 24 USN 15). Bad weather again hampered BDA as USAF & USN pilots hit aflds, barge repair facilities & rr sidings NW Hanoi & Haiphong. USMC pilots hit Panhandle area. USAF F-4 crew downed MIG-21 W Hanoi.
- SCOTLAND. (Quang Tri Prov) - 1840H, Lang Vei SF camp & Khe Sanh base atkd by en mort & arty fire of unk cal & type. Action cont.
- III MAF. (Thua Thien Prov) - Fighting cont in Hue w/small pocket resistance along wall in extreme SW corner Citadel.
- JEB STUART. (Quang Tri/Thua Thien Prov) - Announced. Initiated 22 Jan by 1st Cav Div (Airmbl) & 101st Abn Div. Since beginning, 578 EK, 15 DET & 70 IW & 19 CSW capt. US cas: 23 KIA & 144 WIA.
- I FFV. (Pleiku Prov) - 5 km N Pleiku City USA eng compound recd unk number en 82mm mort rds. Cmort msns fired during 10-min atk. En cas unk, US cas were 9 WIA (medevaced) & 10 lt WIA treated - ret to duty.
- II FFV. (Bien Hoa Prov) - 37 km NNE Saigon, co pos of 3rd Bde, 101st Abn Div came under SA, hand gren, & mort atk fr est en plt. Army hel gunships sptd as grd units returned SA & AW fire. Contact lost 2240H. 5 EK/1 US.
- IV CORPS. (Phong Dinh Prov) - 1830H, Can Tho recd est 20 rds mort fire. Several rds impacted in vic US compound. 1 US KIA & 14 WIA. En cas unk.
- IV CORPS. (Vinh Long Prov) - 5 km WNW Vinh Long City, 9th Inf Div & USN TF 117 elms sweeping area made contact w/unk

size en force. SA & AW fire exchanged. US arty & Navy transport & sup craft sptd grd units. Contact lost midnight. 64 EK/4 US KIA & 67 WIA.

- US strike pilots flew 714 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 430 USMC 226 USN 58). BDA incl 73 EK & as dest or dam: 22 sampans & numerous pos. 19 secd explo & 19 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships killed 100 en & dest 118 pos RVN.
- USMC hel gunships flew 203 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck twice vic Cam Lo (6 & 9 km WNW Cam Lo), once 11 km N Camp Carroll, once 12 km NW Khe Sanh & once Binh Duong Prov (11 km W Ben Cat).
- NGF-RVN. DD EVANS shelled en location 6 km W Phan Thiet & dam 8 spt struc.

7 Feb (Wednesday)

- HQ MACV. Cum results since 1800, 29 Jan - 2400, 7 Feb are: 24,662 EK; 4,996 DET; 5,572 IW & 872 CSW capt; 2,043 Allied KIA (703 US; 1,303 ARVN; 37 FWMAF); 8,376 WIA (3,729 US; 4,493 ARVN; 154 FWMAF).
- NVN. US pilots flew 83 msns NVN (USAF 46 USMC 25 USN 12). Pilots struck targets above the DMZ, but BDA unavailable.
- NGF-NVN. DDs HOEL & BORDELON recd fire fr en shore btry while shelling hwy brg 23 km SSE Dong Hoi. BORDELON was firing on known defense sites when another opened fire on them. Both ships commenced cbtry fire & obs 1 secd explo.
- III MAF. Fighting cont in Hue. Marines rept capt 5 pockets en & sweep opns cont. Thus far 2,036 EK in & around Hue, 46 DET & 508 IW & 68 CSW capt.
- JEB STUART. 1st Cav Div (Airmbl) elms made contact w/en force 6 km W Dong Ha. Contact cont fr 0855H - 1400H. 81 EK in scattered contacts. No US cas.
- KENTUCKY. (Quang Tri Prov) - 1400H, 2 km SW Gio Linh, elms 3rd Mar Div engaged en force, exchanging organic wpns fire. Arty sptd grd elms. Another co inserted. Contact lost 1800H. 30 EK/4 US KIA & 17 WIA.
- SCOTLAND. Action cont fr 1840H 6 Feb Lang Vei SF camp & Khe Sanh base area. Main base cont rec arty & rkt fire

throughout night ceasing 1047H. Aflid Khe Sanh cratered but fully operational, 1030H. Lang Vei SF camp recd hvy grd atk by unk size en force sptd by 9 armored vehicles (Soviet Model PT-76 tanks), hvy arty & mort fire. Hvy contact ensued w/continual arty & tac air spt. AO obs en employing flamethrowers. Hvy contact cont vic Lang Vei till 1100H when it was evacuated by defenders. No cas or material dam assessment rept.

- II FFV. (Gia Dinh Prov) - 6 km ESE Hoc Mon, 2145H, 25th Inf Div elms in ambush pos engaged est 135 en w/SA & AW fire. After en returned fire, contact lost. A sweep of the area revealed 35 EK. 1 US recd minor WIA.
- II FFV. (Dinh Tuong Prov) - 3 km NW My Tho, 9th Inf Div elms made contact w/unk size en force. Sptd by arty & hel gunships, grd units exchanged SA & AW fire. 2 km away, another co made contact w/est en co at same time. Reinf sent in 1400H. USAF tac air & USA hel gunships directed fire onto en pos. Both engagements term 1700H. 52 EK/ 8 US KIA & 29 WIA (medevaced) & 6 lt WIA treated - ret to duty.
- IV CORPS. (Kien Phong Prov) - 120 km WSW Saigon, en atkd MACV compound & SF camp at Cao Lanh 0700H w/hvy mort fire. AC-47s & hel gunships directed fire on en pos. 41 EK/2 US KIA & 15 WIA. ARVN cas rept lt.
- HOPTAC. Term. Final results: 273 EK/40 US.
- US strike pilots flew 654 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 430 USMC 187 USN 37). BDA incl 163 EK & as dest or dam: 60 sampans & numerous pos. 18 secd explo & 15 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships killed 103 en & dest 123 pos & 34 sampans.
- USMC hel gunships flew 230 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 3 times vic Khe Sanh (7 km NNW, 8 km N & 11 km NW).
- NGF-RVN. Rkt firing ship USS CLARION RIVER set off secd explo en pos 9 km S Qui Nhon.

8 Feb (Thursday)

- HQ MACV. Cum results since 1800H, 29 Jan - 2400H, 8 Feb are: 26,621 EK; 4,872 DET; 6,232 IW & 1,003 CSW capt;

- 2,295 Allied KIA (810 US; 4,995 ARVN; 227 FVMAF).
- NVN. US pilots flew 63 missions NVN (USAF 32 USMC 25 USN 6). Strikes ranged from Hanoi to DMZ hitting Phuc Yen aird, storage areas, railroad sidings & weapons positions & water traffic.
  - NGF-DMZ. DD LOFBERG received hostile fire from NVN shore battery when shelling artillery positions N sector DMZ. Ship was not hit.
  - SCOTLAND. AO from 3rd Marine Division observed 4 enemy tanks 10 km SW Khe Sanh. Tac air directed against tanks. 2 repaired disabled. At same time, 20 vehicles observed 14 km WSW Khe Sanh. Tac air strikes left at least 2 trucks burning.
  - JEB STUART. (Quang Tri Prov) - 1245H, elements 101st Airborne Division swept area 6 km S Quang Tri City, previously hit by artillery & aerial rocket artillery. 23 enemy bodies discovered.
  - III MAF. (Quang Nam Prov) - 1300H, elements 198th Light Infantry Brigade, responded to attack by 200-300 enemy on CAP location 6 km S Da Nang. 2 more companies from 198th inserted into area 1400H S of enemy force. At 1500H, USMC elements of 1st Marine Division moved to make contact with enemy force from North. Another company 198th Light Infantry Brigade inserted 1800H to reinforce. Artillery, helicopter gunship & tac air missions supported ground troops. Contact lost at dark. 152 EK/15 US KIA, 57 WIA (medevac) & 6 light WIA treated - returned to duty.
  - SCOTLAND. (Quang Tri Prov) - 3 km NNW Khe Sanh, elements 3rd Marine Division received unknown number 60mm mortar & RPG rounds followed by ground attack. Enemy repulsed. 124 EK/21 US KIA & 27 WIA.
  - KENTUCKY. (Quang Tri Prov) - 0745H, company from 3rd Marine Division 1 km N Dong Ha attacked by unknown size enemy force. Enemy used heavy SA & AW weapons & supported by mortar. Marine supported by artillery & helicopter gunships. Reaction force inserted. 1 US KIA, 11 WIA (medevac) & 24 light WIA - treated & returned to duty. Enemy casualties unknown.
  - II FFV. (Binh Duong Prov) - Elements 1st Infantry Division attacked by enemy company while in night defense positions 56 km N Saigon, 7 miles N Lai Khe. Enemy employed SA, AW & RPG fire. Helicopter gunships & artillery supported unit in contact. 22 EK/1 US KIA, 8 WIA (medevac) & 3 light WIA treated - returned to duty.
  - COBURG. Announced. Initiated 24 Jan by US & ARVN units in Saigon/Bien Hoa area.
  - I FFV. ARVN 23rd Ranger Battalion completed sweep Dalat City, encountered only light sporadic resistance during day. City declared clear by ARVN forces.

- II FFV. (Gia Dinh Prov) - 2 km ENE Hoc Mon, Inf & Cav elms 25th Inf Div made contact w/unk size en force. SA & AW fire exchanged. Arty & hel gunships sptd grd troops. 18 EK/8 US WIA.
- II FFV. (Binh Duong Prov) - 0400H, est en co atkd 1st Inf Div bn night defensive pos 52 km N Saigon. En used mort, RPG and SA fire. Fire ret w/hel gunships & arty sptg. 22 EK/1 US KIA, 8 WIA (medevaced) & 3 lt WIA treated - ret to duty.
- II FFV. (Gia Dinh Prov) - 7 km NE Saigon, 1st Inf Div in sporadic contact w/unk size en force throughout the day. USA hel gunships & arty sptd elms in contact. 39 EK/2 US.
- II FFV. (Binh Duong Prov) - 53 km N Saigon, elms 1st Inf Div made contact w/est 50 en. SA & AW fire exchanged. USA arty & hel gunships & USAF tac air sptd. 28 EK/no US cas.
- IV CORPS. (Dinh Tuong Prov) - 3 km NW My Tho, elms 9th Inf Div made contact w/est 3 en cos. Hvy contact rept. Hel gunships & tac air sptd. Contact term 1945H. 86 EK/8 US KIA & 20 WIA.
- US strike pilots flew 676 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 396 USMC 208 USN 72). BDA incl as dest or dam: 8 sampans & numerous pos. 5 secd explo & 10 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships killed 57 en, dest 59 pos & 22 sampans.
- USMC hel gunships flew 194 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 3 times Khe Sanh area (twice 14 km WNW & once 13 km SW) & 10 km NW Camp Carroll.
- NGF-RVN. 7th Flt DD fired on en staging area 29 km SSE Da Nang, dest or dam 27 spt & stor bldg & 5 bunkers. DD WALKER dest or dam 67 spt & stor bldgs 29 km SSE Da Nang.

9 Feb (Friday)

- HQ MACV. Cum results since 1800H, 29 Jan - 2400H, 9 Feb are: 27,706EK; 5,019 DET; 6,298 IW & 1,063 CSW capt; 2,707 Allied KIA (920 US; 1,733 ARVN; 54 FVMAF); 11,519 WIA (4,561 US; 6,721 ARVN; 237 FVMAF).
- NVN. US pilots flew 84 msns NVN (USAF 32 USMC 30 USN 22). USN pilots hit Cat Bi afld 6 km SE Haiphong & USAF pilots hit Kep afld 61 km NE Hanoi.

- NGF-NVN. DD HOEL struck a bypass ferry choke point & concentration of watercraft 49 km NNW Dong Hoi & another choke point 21 km NW same city.
- II FFV. Elms 25th Inf Div reinf by Cav units & sptd by USAF tac air & USA hel gunships engaged en force 16 km NNW Saigon in two separate engagements. 278 EK/3 US KIA & 30 WIA.
- LANCASTER. Plt fr 4th Mar Regt, 3rd Mar Div engaged in sweep opn 2 km N Camp Carroll made contact w/unlk size en force. Sharp exchange of SA & AW fire occurred. 12 EK/5 US KIA.
- III MAF. (Quang Nam Prov) - 3rd Mar Regt, 3rd Mar Div elms engaged en force 7 km S Da Nang. 46 EK/no US cas.
- WHEELER/WALLOWA. AMERICAL Div elms recd fire fr est 300 en sptd by mort 10 km SW Hoi An. Unit sptd by hel gunships & 2 more cos reinf during afternoon. Contact term just before dark. 173 EK/12 US KIA, 12 WIA (medevaced) & 31 lt WIA treated - ret to duty.
- III MAF. In Hue, Mar forces cleared southwestern part city w/in 200 meters Song Phu Cam. Contact still cont.
- II FFV. (Hau Nghia Prov) - 24 km NNW Saigon, 25th Inf Div elms made contact w/en force 8 km NNW Hoc Mon. 25 EK/5 US KIA.
- SAN ANGELO. Term. Final results: 63 EK/12 US.
- HAVERFORD. Announced. Initiated 13 Jan by elms 199th Lt Inf Bde Gia Dinh/Long An Provs. Term 2 Feb w/final results: 33 EK/8 US.
- US strike pilots flew 572 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 355 USMC 152 USN 67). BDA incl 15 EK & as dest or dam: 16 sampans & numerous pos. 17 secd explo & 5 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 66 EK & 92 pos, 70 sampans dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 205 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 4 times Khe Sanh area (twice 9 km NW, once 7 km NW & 12 km E) & 9 km W Cam Lo.
- NGF-RVN. DD CONE hit en pos 15 km NNE Quant Tri City rept 4 fires & direct hits on en spt struc.

10 Feb (Saturday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 76 msns NVN (USMC 35 USAF 34 USN 7). USN pilots hit a radio communications receiver station 16 km S Hanoi (1st time). USAF pilots hit Phuc Yen afd & Thai Nguyen TPP around Hanoi.
- III MAF. (Thua Thien Prov) - In Hue 1430H, in southeastern portion city, USMC elms came under SA & AW fire fr unk size en force. Fire ret & Mars secured area. 11 known EK/2 US WIA (medevaced).
- PERSHING. (Binh Dinh Prov) - Opn term 19 Jan. Final results: 5,401 EK/600 US KIA.
- II FFV. (Long An Prov) - Tan An City recd en atk fr unk size force 0300H incl 250 rds mixed 60 & 82mm mort fire. Followed by grd atk against city & Hq USA 3rd Bde, 9th Inf Div. Frd forces sptd by USA arty & hel gunships & AC-47s. Contact term 0600H. 123 EK/4 US KIA & 11 WIA. ARVN cas rept lt. 25 civ killed & 200 wounded.
- SARATOGA. Elms 25th Inf Div in conj w/US grd Cav elms made contact w/unk size en force 3 km NE Hoc Mon, 17 km NNW Saigon. US forces sptd by arty & hel lt fire teams. USAF tac air strikes directed on en pos. Contact lost 1900H. 105 EK/5 US KIA & 31 WIA.
- SARATOGA. Elms 25th Inf Div 30 km NNW Saigon made contact w/unk size en force NE Cu Chi 1300H. SA & AW fire exchanged while USA hel gunships sptd frd elms. USA arty & USAF tac air directed on en pos. 11 EK/1 US KIA & 12 WIA.
- US strike pilots flew 578 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 314 USMC 173 USN 91). BDA incl 37 EK & as dest or dam: 7 sampans & numerous pos. 18 secd explo & 3 fires rept.
- B-52s struck 4 times vic Khe Sanh (8 & 18 km S, 8 km NNW & 19 km N) & 9 km WNW Cam Lo.
- NGF-RVN. DD WALKER dest 39 spt & sup bldgs at en fort village & troop concentration 28 km SSE Da Nang & en assy area 33 km SSE Da Nang.

11 Feb (Sunday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 75 msns NVN (USAF 39 USN 20 USMC 16). USAF pilots hit Kep afd 60 km NE Hanoi, Yen Bai afd 125 km NW Hanoi & dest 30-40 ft barge, trk, & 7 mil struc Panhandle region. USN pilots dest or dam several trks scattered locations Panhandle.
- NGF-DMZ. DD CONE shelled 6 arty pos, 1 rkt site & several troop pos DMZ area. BDA not rept due bad weather.
- WHEELER/WALLOWA. Co fr AMERICAL Div came under hvy AW fire fr unk size en force 21 km WNW Hoi An 1315H. 31 EK/3 US KIA & 4 WIA. Just prior to atk, co found graves same general area containing 22 en bodies. An AO discovered 15 more en bodies in area of recent fighting by AMERICAL Div elms.
- JEB STUART. Elms 1st Cav Div (Airmbl) in pos 22 km NW Hue, recd en mort atk. Est 100 rds 82mm fire hit unit fr 0150H - 0230H. Cmort plan executed w/unk results. 3 US KIA/20 WIA.
- II FFV. (Gia Dinh Prov) - Phu Tho Race Track area, 3 km W Saigon, co fr 199th Lt Inf Bde engaged est en co 1540H. Contact cont till 1830H. 49 EK/6 US KIA & 13 WIA.
- II FFV. (Gia Dinh Prov) - 2 km NE TSN AB, 3rd ARVN Abn Div found 60 en bodies. Believed to be part of en force who attempted to hit ammo dump 1 km NE TSN 10 Feb. Total EK count in area now stands 167.
- II FFV. Bien Hoa AB recd 10-20 rds 122mm rkt fire 0001H. Lt fire team employed on suspected launch site rept 1 fire & 2 secd explo. 1 US KIA & 36 WIA. En cas unk.
- US strike pilots flew 605 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 317 USMC 176 USN 112). BDA incl 11 EK & as dest or dam: 16 sampans & numerous pos. 18 secd explo rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 165 EK, 98 pos & 31 sampans dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 218 sorties.
- B-52s struck 5 times vic Khe Sanh (8 km S & SW, 6 km W, 12 km NW & 9 km WNW) & 53 km N Saigon.
- NGF-RVN. DD WALKER dest 6 spt struc 13 km NW Quang Tri City. Cruiser USS PROVIDENCE dest or dam 38 en stor & sup struc in en fort areas 21 km SSE Da Nang.

12 Feb (Monday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 64 msns NVN (USAF 40 USMC 18 USN 6). USAF F-4 crew downed MIG-21 N Hanoi w/air-to-air missile. USN pilots hit Ninh Binh rr yd.
- NGF-NVN. DD's MANSFIELD & HOEL shelled Hwy 1, 17 km above Cap Lay. While firing suppression fire against coastal defense sites the MANSFIELD made direct hit & set off secd explo. AO also obs fire in area.
- NGF-DMZ. DD CONE fired msn 3 km NE Gio Linh against arty pos & triggered secd explo in area.
- MUSCATINE. Elms AMERICAL Div engaged unk size en force 10 km NE Quang Ngai City. Arty & hel gunships sptd frd troops throughout contact. En employed 60 & 82mm mort, .50 cal mg & anti-tank wpns against atkg Inf. 78 EK/1 US KIA & 4 WIA.
- II FFV. (Gia Dinh Prov) - 17 km NNE Saigon, elms 25th Inf Div & sptg grd cavalrymen made contact w/unk size en force 5 km NE Hoc Mon. En used SA & AW fire & were sptd by RPG fire. Fire ret w/SA & AW fire sptd by hel lt fire teams, arty & tac air. 47 EK/5 US KIA & 31 WIA in day-long action.
- II FFV. (Binh Duong Prov) - 30 km N Saigon, 1st Inf Div elms exch SA & AW fire w/unk size en force. 26 EK/ 1 US KIA & 7 WIA.
- US strike pilots flew 560 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 344 USMC 166 USN 50). BDA incl 5 EK & as dest or dam: 17 sampans & numerous pos. 27 secd explo & 21 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 106 EK, 77 pos & 35 sampans dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 266 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 5 times vic Khe Sanh (8 & 9 km NW, 3 km E, 4 km SSW & 9 km SW), once 6 km N Dak To & 18 km NNW Ben Cat.
- NGF-RVN. DD CONE triggered 5 secd explo & several fires in en pos 13 km SE Gio Linh.

13 Feb (Tuesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 67 msns NVN (USAF 31 USMC 27 USN 9). USN pilots hit Kien An afld 10 km SW Haiphong & cut rnwy Bai Thuong afld 35 km NW Thanh Hoa. USAF pilots radar bombed Vinh afld. USAF F-4 crews downed 2 MIG-17s NW Hanoi.

- NGF-NVN. DD's HOEL & MANSFIELD shelled 17 coastal defense sites in area 14-20 km NW Dong Hoi. 1 fire rept.
- III MAF. (Quang Nam Prov) - 2 km N Hoi An, co ROK Mar engaged unk size en force w/organic wps & arty spt. 17 EK/ no ROK cas rept.
- MACARTHUR. Co fr 4th Inf Div made contact w/est en plt 15 km NW Dak To. Arty & gunships sptd. Contact term at 1300H. 12 EK/4 US WIA.
- III MAF. Separate atks made 1300H on 3 cos USMC in Hue. En employed AW, B-40 rkts & mixed 60 & 82mm mort fire. En cas unk. 6 US KIA & 72 WIA.
- III MAF. (Quang Nam Prov) - 17 km W Hoi An, USMC elm in local defense pos engaged en force 1345H. Contacts term 1930H. Hel gunships & tac air sptd Mar unit. 17 EK/3 US KIA & 15 WIA.
- II FFV. Bien Hoa AB recd 10 rds 122mm rkt 0300H. Dam to equip & facilities lt. 2 US mil WIA.
- CORONADO X. Term. Final results: 344 EK/12 US KIA.
- US strike pilots flew 689 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 413 USMC 190 USN 86). BDA incl 3 EK & as dest or dam: 10 sampans & numerous pos. 17 secd expl & 9 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 116 EK, 152 pos & 24 sampans dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 251 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck once vic Khe Sanh & twice vic Saigon (16 & 17 km NNW).
- NGF-RVN. USS ORLECK fired on 2 en base camps 50 km SSW Saigon. Dest 5 en bldgs. Cruiser USS PROVIDENCE fired on en pos 29 km SSE Da Nang dest 8 en struc.
- Official acft losses: (fxd-wg) NVN 798 RVN 228  
(hel) NVN 9 RVN 516

14 Feb (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 95 msns NVN (USAF 54 USMC 24 USN 17). USAF pilots hit Canal des Rapides rr/hwy brg, Thai Nguyen TPP, Phuc Yen & Hoa Loc aflds. USN pilots hit Cat Bi afld

& Port Redon boat facility 19 km NNE Haiphong. USMC pilots hit Kep afd. USAF F-105 & USN F-8 downed by grd fire, pilots MIA.

- NGF-NVN. HMAS PERTH dest or dam 3 watercraft & set off a secd explo 1 km N Dong Hoi.
- SARATOGA. Elms 25th Inf Div engaged unk size en force 8 km SE Cu Chi fr 0850H - 1830H. Grd units sptd by hel lt fire teams, arty & tac air. 91 EK/4 US KIA & 48 WIA. In same area, elms 3rd Bde, 25th Inf Div engaged unk size en force 1035H. Arty sptd Inf in contact. 7 EK/9US WIA. Results 2 fights: 98 EK/4 US KIA & 57 WIA.
- II FFV. (Binh Duong Prov) - 7 km SSW Phu Cuong, elm 3/17 Air Cav Squadron engaged en force 0800H. Arty & lt fire team sptd. 40 EK/no US cas.
- SARATOGA. (Gia Dinh Prov) - 1225H, elms 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div engaged en force near Hoc Mon. USAF tac air & USA hel gunships directed into area. Contact term 1840H. En cas unk. 6 US KIA & 11 WIA.
- LANCASTER. Co fr 3rd Mar Div ret to base camp fr ptl msn when en hit w/60 & 82mm mort fire 11 km SW Camp Carroll. Marines sptd by arty & mort. En cas unk. 13 US WIA. Contact cont.
- CORONADO XI. Initiated by 9th Inf Div 4 km SSW Can Tho.
- CORONADO XI. Elms MRF found lg en wpns/ammo cache: 460 B-40 rkt propelled gren, 166 charges for this type gren, 56 hvy mines (22 lbs), 56 anti-tank mines (size not rept), 126 U.S. hand gren, 109 Chicom gren, 200 lbs plastic explo, 92 charges for RPG-7 gren launchers, 59 rds for 75mm pack howz, 89 rds for 120mm mort, & 3 rds for 82mm mort. Un-determined number unidentified type gren & AK-47 ammo & numerous items med sup capt in cache 9 km WSW Can Tho City.
- US strike pilots flew 664 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 423 USMC 194 USN 47). BDA incl 75 EK & as dest or dam: numerous pos. 29 secd explo & 26 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 62 EK, 14 pos & 9 sampans dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 347 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 5 times vic Khe Sanh (4 & 7 km SE, 11 km S, 5 km NE & 10 km NNW).

15 Feb (Thursday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 85 msns NVN (USAF 61 USMC 15 USN 9). USN pilots dam Kien An afd. USAF pilots hit Kep afd, cut rds N of Vinh & hit other lines of communication Panhandle area. USN F-4 & USAF F-4 downed to unk causes & grd fire (respectively), crews MIA.
- NGF-NVN. HMAS PERTH dam 3 watercraft & triggered a secd explo 2 km S Dong Hoi.
- NGF-DMZ. 7th Flt DD shelled en area 6 km N Gio Linh dest or dam 3 struc. DD CONE rept excellent target coverage en rkt sites & infiltration routes fr 8 km NNE to 5 km SSE Gio Linh.
- III MAF. (Quang Nam Prov) - 1st Mar Div elms engaged en force 20 km SW Da Nang w/organic wpns. Arty & tac air directed onto en pos. Contact lost 3 hrs later. 31 EK/ 2 US KIA & 25 WIA.
- WHEELER/WALLOWA. Elms 198th Lt Inf Bde engaged unk size en force 19 km ESE An Hoa w/SA & AW fire. USA arty directed onto en pos. 12 EK/no US cas.
- LANCASTER. Action cont fr 14 Feb. Reaction force inserted to relieve 3rd Mar Div co in contact, sustaining 12 KIA, 37 WIA (medevaced), & 70 lt WIA treated - ret to duty. En cas unk.
- JEB STUART. Elms 101st Abn Div & 1st Cav Div (Armb1) engaged en force 10 km S Quang Tri City. 11 EK/no US cas. In another action 10 km WNW Hue Abn co engaged unk size en force. 56 EK/3 US KIA & 14 WIA.
- US strike pilots flew 714 tac air sorties (USAF 399 USMC 213 USN 102). BDA incl 37 EK & as dest or dam: numerous pos. 38 secd explo & 22 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 88 EK, 64 sampans & 55 pos dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 244 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 7 times vic Khe Sanh (twice 5 km S, 11 km S, 5 km SW, twice 14 km SSE & 6 km SSE).
- NGF-RVN. 7th Flt DD shelled en command center 8 km W Hue, dest or dam 4 struc.

16 Feb (Friday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 62 msns NVN (USAF 31 USMC 22 USN 9). USAF pilots rept hits S end main rnwy Hoa Lac afld. USN pilots hit Uong Bi TPP, no BDA.
- NGF-NVN. HMAS PERTH shelled bypass brg 12 km NW Dong Hoi & 2 hwy brg 24 & 28 km SSE Dong Hoi. DD MANSFIELD hit 4 coastal defense sites 20 km NNW Dong Hoi.
- KENTUCKY. 3 en tanks sighted northern part DMZ, 7 km N Con Thien, taken under fire w/unk results.
- JEB STUART. Elms 4th Inf Div engaged en force in bunker complex 8 km NNE Quang Tri City w/organic wpns. Sptd by arty & tac air. 15 EK/4 US KIA & 7 WIA.
- III MAF. No change activity in Hue as Allied forces cont clearing opns in Citadel. En still holds southern half W wall & all S wall.
- YELLOWSTONE. Elms 25th Inf Div engaged en force at 1410H, term 2000H. 40 EK/2 US KIA & 20 WIA.
- IV CORPS. (Phong Dinh Prov) - 0130H, Can Tho & Binh Thuy aflds under atk. Dam to mat & facilities rept lt & both remain operational. Can Tho afld recd 50 rds B-40 rkt fire. SA & AW fire followed, term 0430H. 11 US WIA (med-evaced) in atk. Binh Thuy afld recd 20-25 rds mixed RR & mort fire, term 0138H. No cas rept.
- CORONADO XI. Announced. Initiated 14 Feb, 4 km SSW Can Tho by 2nd Bde, 9th Inf Div multi-bn.
- US strike pilots flew 662 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 414 USMC 178 USN 70). BDA incl 9 EK & as dest or dam: 29 sampans & numerous pos. 6 secd explo & 6 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 48 EK, 83 pos & 76 sampans dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 279 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 4 times vic Khe Sanh (3km SSE, 4 km SE, 11 km NNW & 14 km NW), 11 km NNW Camp Carroll & 11 km S & 50 km NNW Saigon.
- NGF-RVN. Cruiser USS PROVIDENCE shelled en strongholds vic Hue. DD ORLECK made several direct hits on en pos 44 km SSE Saigon, in RSSZ.

17 Feb (Saturday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 77 mns NVN (USAF 38 USMC 29 USN 10). USAF pilots hit Phuc Yen afd & USN pilots hit Cam Pha transformer station. USMC pilots hit Vinh afd.
- NGF-NVN. 7th Flt DD shelled concentration of watercraft 39 km NNW Dong Hoi dest 5 barges. The DD also silenced arty site 13 km NNW Dong Hoi which fired on an abn spotter.
- I FF. En made wide-scale atks on mil installations. Kontum City afd recd 50 rds mort fire. PF OP 11 km W Kontum City recd mort & grd atk. Hel gunships & AC-47s sptd. No results rept. OP 10 km S Phu Cat, Binh Dinh Prov, recd mort atk. 9 areas in Quang Duc Prov atkd by mort fire; 4 areas vic Gia Nghia, 2 areas vic Nhon Co, & 3 areas vic Duc Lap. No results rept. Di Linh Dist Hq, Lam Dong Prov, recd mort & AW atk. CIDG OP, Tuyen Duc Prov, 8 km S Dalat recd mort & SA fire. No results rept. Power plant 23 km SE Dalat recd mort atk. No results rept. Phan Thiet, Binh Thuan Prov, recd lt grd probes & mort atks fr est en bn E of city. Hel gunships, AC-47s & NGF sptd. No results rept.
- III MAF. (Quang Tri Prov) - 9 km ENE Dong Ha, elms 1st Mar Div engaged unk size en force w/hvy fire. Action tapered off & remained sporadic through rest of night. Arty sptd Mar in contact. 24 EK/no US cas rept.
- II FFV. (Hau Nghia Prov) - 35 km W Saigon, forward air controller 9th Inf Div located 100 en sampans. During 6-hr action, 79 sampans dest & 23 secd explo rept.
- MANCHESTER. Term. Final results: 456 EK/37 US.
- US strike pilots flew 794 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 412 USMC 174 USN 108). BDA incl as dest or dam: numerous pos & 13 sampans. 16 secd explo & 11 fires rept.
- USMC hel gunships flew 235 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 5 times vic Khe Sanh (twice 7 km N, 9 km SW, 10 km NW & 19 km SSW) & 50 km NNW Saigon.
- NGF-RVN. DD EVANS dest or dam 5 bunkers & spt struc 35 km NE Phan Thiet. DD CONE dest or dam 3 en fort in en target area 6 km SSE Gio Linh.

18 Feb (Sunday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 79 msns NVN (USAF 38 USMC 22 USN 22). USN pilots cut runway Cat Bi afield & hit revetment area Bai Thuong afield. USMC pilots hit Phuc Yen afield & USAF pilots hit Yen Bai afield.
- RVN. Province towns & cities throughout SVN & mil installations were hit by en mortar & rocket fire during early morning hrs.
- SCOTLAND. Elms 3rd Marine Div obs 3 groups of 60-80 en moving W 4 km W Khe Sanh. En opened fire w/SA & AW fire & Marines ret fire w/all sptg wpns. 26 EK/2 US minor wounds.
- II FFV. (Gia Dinh Prov) - 10 km W TSN elms 11th Armd Cav Div screening area engaged en force 0337H. USA hel lt fire teams sptd grd troops. Contact term 0702H. 40 EK/2 US WIA.
- II FFV. Phan Thiet recd grd atk during which en employed mortar in spt 0230H. Est en bn atkd city fr E & est en co atkd fr W. En penetrated city & by 0915H en held 1/5 city. Est 500 prisoners released fr jail. VC capt provincial hospital. ARVN, RF/PF, CIDG & US Abn elms atkg en to eject them fr city. Jail retaken & unk number prisoners recapt. 2330H, contact reduced to light & sporadic actions. 102 EK/2 US civ KIA.
- CMD. (Gia Dinh Prov) - TSN recd 1st rocket atk during conflict. 0110H, AB atkd by est 100 rds 122mm rocket fire. Mat dam lt. US cas at TSN, 1 KIA, 19 WIA (medevaced) & 41 lt WIA treated - ret to duty.
- II FFV. (Bien Hoa Prov) - 0100H, Bien Hoa AB recd est 25 rds 122mm rocket fire & 21 rds 82mm mortar fire. USA hel gunships, AC-47s & ARVN arty sptd. 1 US acft dest. Few others dam. US cas not rept.
- II FFV. (Phuoc Long Prov) - 0055H, est en bn atkd Song Be City. Troop US Cav reinforced by elms 101st Abn Div w/ARVN units employed in defense of city, engaged en force. Action cont throughout day. 20 EK/1 US KIA & 1 WIA. ARVN cas lt.
- IV CORPS. Following installations, towns & cities atkd by en mortar, SA, AW & rocket fire: Can Tho afield (30-40 rds); My Tho (unk number); Binh Thuy (15 rds RR); Cao Lanh MACV compound (60 rds); Soc Trang afield; Mobile Riverine Force base camp Dong Tam (105 rds); Vinh Long (70-80 rds); Ben Tri (185-195 rds); Rach Gia (unk number); Chau Doc & Binh Dai (unk number).