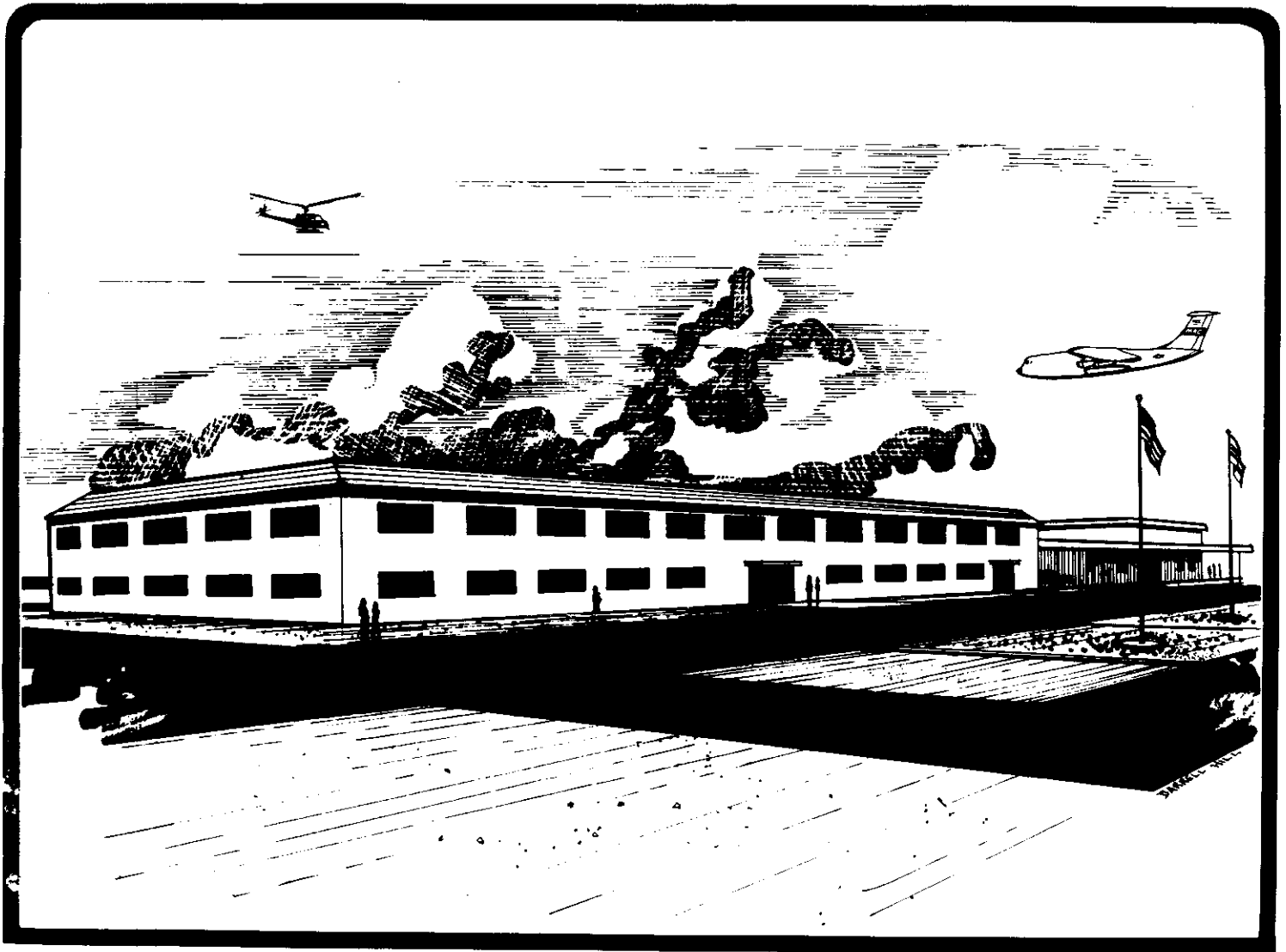


**headquarters
u.s. military
assistance command
vietnam**

**monthly
summary**



MARCH 1968

UNCLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM
Office of Information
APO U.S. Forces 96222

MACOI-P

25 May 1968

FOR THE PRESS:

This release has been prepared to present a review of the significant events occurring in this command during March 1968. It has been divided as follows:

- - A summary of March events:

General

Ground Operations

I Corps/III MAF
II Corps/I FFV
III Corps/II FFV
IV Corps

Air Operations

Air North
Air South

Naval Operations

NGF-NVN
NGF-DMZ
NGF-RVN

- - A detailed chronology of March events

- - A review of ground operations

A review of April events will be available on or about 15 June 1968.


JACK L. GIANNINI
Colonel USAF
Chief, PID, MACOI

R E V I E W O F E V E N T S
M A R C H 1 9 6 8

G E N E R A L

Action during March decreased significantly compared to the level during February. Allied sweep operations and heavy losses sustained during and following the Tet period forced the enemy to pull back in order to refit, resupply and recruit. Although enemy forces continued to hit friendly installations and some cities with stand-off attacks by rocket, mortar and recoilless rifle fire, they generally avoided becoming heavily engaged in ground combat.

In I Corps, enemy initiated action was limited primarily to attacks by fire on the combat bases south of the Demilitarized Zone. Incoming fire in the Operation SCOTLAND area averaged about 100 rounds per 24-hour period, although 200 rounds or more were received on 10 separate days during the month. Reports of trench and tunnel construction by enemy forces in the vicinity of Khe Sanh were received, but attacks against the combat base were limited to probes of the perimeter. Allied artillery and air power took its toll on the enemy, and construction of fortifications and activity of enemy ground forces fell off noticeably late in the month.

Further to the east below the DMZ, Marines working from the Con Thien Combat Base fought two sharp battles with North Vietnamese Regulars early in the month. Incoming enemy mortar, artillery and rocket fire was generally light during March, although on the 16th, some 440 rounds hit positions in the Kentucky area.

In fighting lasting throughout the month, U.S. Marinees and ARVN troops engaged the enemy in seven major actions in northeast Quang Tri Province just below the DMZ. The enemy's losses due to these engagements were 916 enemy killed.

Several Allied military installations in the III MAF area were hit with enemy mortar, artillery and rocket attacks on 4 March. Positions in Thua Thien, Quang Nam and Quang Ngai Provinces were attacked during the early morning hours. Four of the installations were in the Da Nang area.

Indications of enemy activity in the A Shau Valley became increasingly pronounced. Route 547 and 547A leading from the valley toward Hue were upgraded to support enemy motor transport. Enemy munitions caches were also located in the area. Even so, enemy units generally avoided contact, apparently devoting much of their time to replacing personnel casualties lost during the Tet offensive and to resupply activities.

On the first day of the month, one of three enemy trawlers attempting to infiltrate munitions into the Republic made an unsuccessful run at a beach in Quang Ngai Province. The trawler was detected and challenged as it entered territorial waters south-east of Duc Pho. The ship's crew elected to employ a self-destruct device when it became apparent their mission had no chance of success.

PROVISIONAL CORPS, VIETNAM was activated and became fully operational on 12 March. The new corps, commanded by Army Lieutenant General William B. Rosson, is under the operational control of Headquarters, III MAF and is responsible for operations conducted generally in the northern two provinces.

In II Corps, major contacts were reported on 4 March in Phu Yen Province and on the 26th in Kontum. Otherwise, ground contacts were generally light and scattered. Instead, the enemy employed attacks by mortars and rockets while he attempted to rebuild his forces severely hurt during the Tet offensive.

In Phu Yen Province, ARVN and U.S. forces combined to kill 218 enemy in Tuy Hoa on 4 March. Eight U.S. troopers were killed in the action while ARVN losses were light.

Two or three enemy battalions hit the fire support base of the 4th Infantry Division 31 kilometers west of Kontum City during the early morning hours of 26 March. Nineteen U.S. were killed in the action, while 135 enemy dead were found during sweeps of the area after daylight.

On 1 March, an enemy trawler attempted to approach the coast northeast of Nha Trang but was taken under fire by U.S. and Vietnamese Navy patrol boats. The ship was destroyed about 0230 when hit by five 81mm mortar rounds.

The southern portion of II Corps remained fairly quiet during March. Elements of the 101st Airborne Division continued to conduct Operation MCLAIN in that area, while enemy forces were principally involved in attempts to interdict lines of communication.

In III Corps, RVNAF and U.S. forces combined to kill nearly 500 enemy soldiers in the vicinity of Trang Bang in Hau Nghia Province during the last week of March. Elements of the VC/NVA 271st and 272nd Regiments and VC 7th Local Force Battalion were identified in action in this area.

In other areas of III Corps, major contacts were limited as enemy main-force units avoided becoming decisively engaged. Attacks by mortar, rocket and recoilless rifle fire were conducted against several Allied installations during the month, but were light in terms of ammunition expended and damage caused.

Friendly forces discovered a number of large enemy munitions caches during the month. During the period 11-24 March alone, over 150 122mm rockets were captured in Hau Nghia and Bien Hoa Provinces. Some 1200 rounds of 60mm and 82mm mortar ammunition were discovered in one cache about 12 kilometers north of Saigon. Allied units, sweeping the provinces throughout the corps area while conducting QUYET THANG OFFENSIVE, may have materially affected the enemy's plans for a major offensive in the Saigon area to follow their Tet campaign. In at least two instances, POW's, captured at the same time as a number of rockets were captured, stated that the rockets were to have been fired into the Saigon area.

Enemy initiated activity in the Delta remained at about the same level as late February. Action was generally light as the enemy sought to maintain a "threat in being" by hitting outposts and lines of communication. This is an indication that much effort was directed toward recruiting and training forces to fill his depleted ranks after suffering heavy losses in late January and early February.

Enemy attempts to infiltrate munitions into the Delta by trawler were thwarted in An Xuyen Province on 1 March, as they were in two other locations in the Republic on the same day. Direct hits from the main guns of the USCG Cutter WINONA caused secondary explosions aboard the trawler and destroyed it. Attempts to resupply by sampan were also opposed and disrupted during the month as over 350 of the watercraft were taken under fire and destroyed by helicopter gunships.

The joint U.S./ARVN TRUONG CONG DINH OFFENSIVE was initiated in the Delta on 7 and 8 March, respectively. Elements of the ARVN 7th and U.S. 9th Infantry Divisions conducted the offensive. At month's end, over 900 enemy soldiers had been killed by the joint forces.

+ + + + +

RVNAF, U.S. and Other Free World Military Assistance Forces killed approximately 17,371 enemy soldiers during March. Over 7,800 of these were killed in I Corps Tactical Zone and another 4,800 in III Corps. The total compares with almost 40,000 enemy killed in February and over 15,000 in January.

Allied losses during March were 3,175 killed. Of these, 1,543 were U.S.; 1,544 were RVNAF and 88 were other FWMF soldiers.

There were 599 Hoi Chanh during March (Military 495; Political 80; Other 24). In March 1967, some 5,557 personnel joined the Chieu Hoi program, the highest number to join the Government's cause since the "Open Arms Program" was initiated in April 1963.

Other known enemy losses during the month included 5,466 weapons. Over 950 of these were crew served weapons and many of the total were in "mint" condition...still in packing grease.

+ + + + +

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

I CORPS/III MAF

Republic of Vietnam and United States firepower combined to kill over 7,800 enemy soldiers during the month and over 2,000 weapons were captured. These known enemy losses do not include estimates of permanently disabled enemy soldiers as a result of combat, those who died of wounds, prisoners of war, military returnees and non-battle casualties.

Enemy initiated actions were at a relatively low level throughout the five northern-most provinces during the month. Heavy losses suffered during the first three months of the year, combined with aggressive combat operations by Allied forces, have caused the enemy to avoid heavy contact where possible in order to regroup and prepare for action on better terms.

+ + +

U.S. 3rd Marine Division forces conducting Operation SCOTLAND in the area surrounding the Khe Sanh Combat Base killed almost 600 enemy soldiers during March and denied the enemy a major victory. An enemy force of at least two NVA divisions laid siege to the base with every indication of attacking and attempting to overrun the position. South Vietnamese Regulars also participated in the defense of the combat base and were major contributors in defeating the enemy.

A concentrated air campaign, lasting from mid-January through the end of March, was carried out in support of the defenders. Almost 100,000 tons of air-delivered ordnance hit enemy troops and positions surrounding the base. Accurate results of this campaign may never be known, but by the end of March, the enemy was forced to withdraw some of his forces and abandon his plans for a victory at Khe Sanh, at least for the time being.

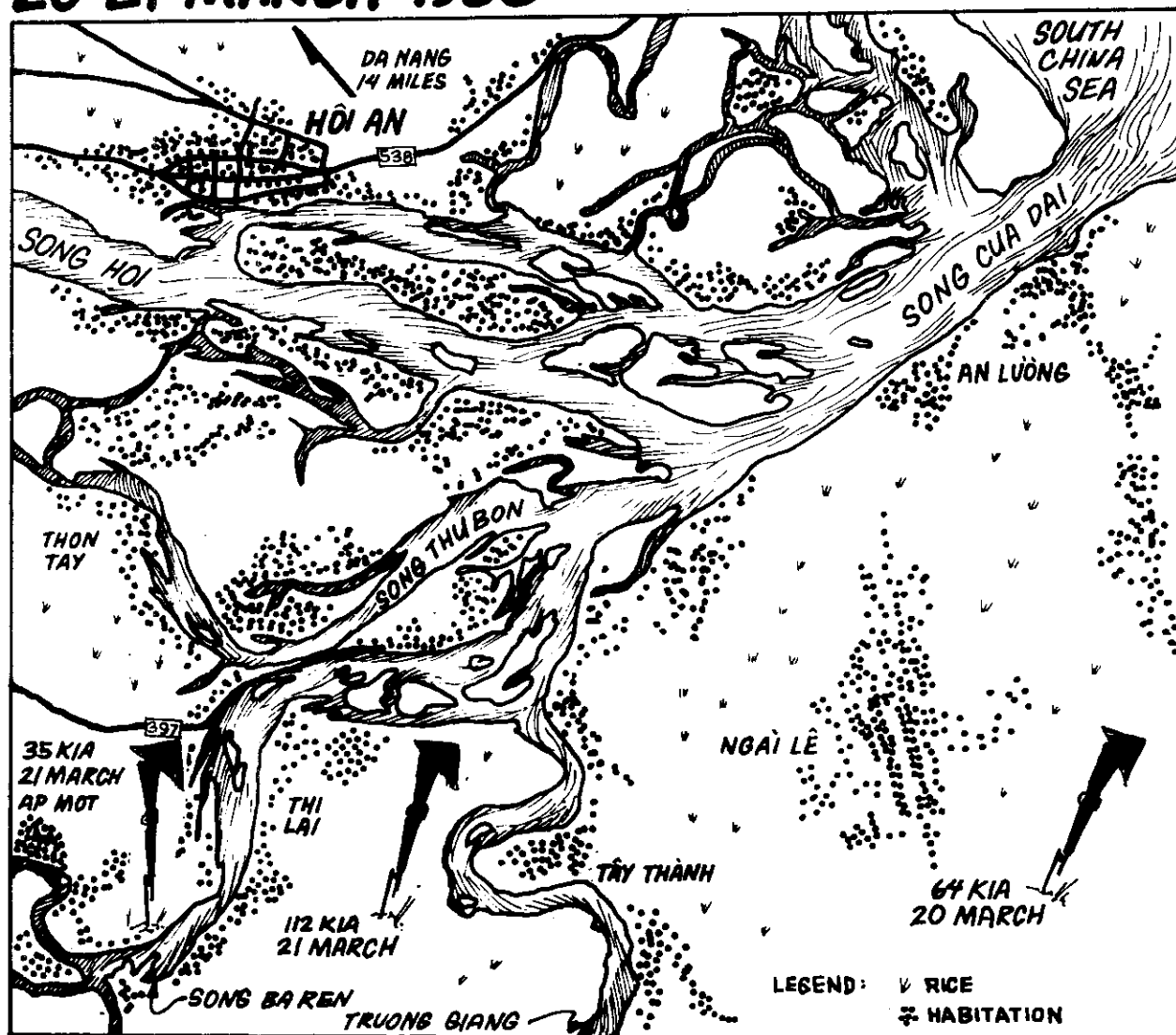
The operation terminated on 31 March with 1,561 known enemy killed. Two-hundred and four Marines were killed in the operation which was initiated on 31 October 1967. During March, 576 enemy and 66 Marines lost their lives in combat. U.S. strike pilots flew over 2,600 tactical air sorties in support of the ground forces during the month. Air Force B-52 Stratofortress crews flew

166 missions in the Khe Sanh area during March.

Toward the end of the month, patrols from the base were sent out to make contact with the enemy and gather intelligence information. A major contact was reported on the 30th about 1.5 kilometers south of the perimeter. Some 115 enemy were killed by the Marine patrol in the action which lasted about one hour. Nine Marines were killed before the enemy withdrew and contact was lost.

+ + +

20-21 MARCH 1968

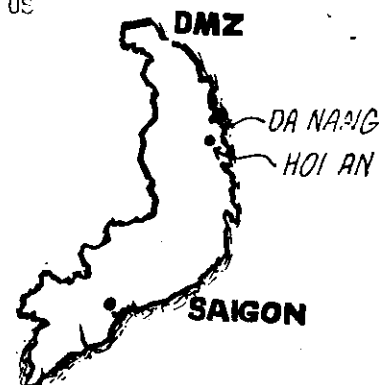


ROK MARINES & AMERICAL DIVISION TROOPS KILL 211 ENEMY IN THE VICINITY OF HOI AN.

20 MARCH: At 1810, six km (4 miles) southeast of Hoi An, two companies from the Americal Division made contact with an enemy force of unknown size. The two companies attacked the enemy with artillery in support and killed 64. US casualties were only 6 wounded.

21 MARCH: At 1430, seven km (4 miles) south of Hoi An, a reconnaissance unit from the Americal Division made contact with an unknown size enemy force. Helicopter gunships from the 17th Air Cavalry supported. One hundred twelve enemy were killed. There were no US fatalities and only 18 US soldiers were wounded.

21 MARCH: At 1755, seven km (4 miles) south-southwest of Hoi An, the 7th ROK Marine Company was attacked by an unknown size enemy force employing small arms fire. The ROK Marines counter-attacked forcing the enemy to break contact. The ROK's killed 35 enemy and sustained 3 killed and 9 wounded.



AMERICAL Division soldiers accounted for 1,164 enemy killed while conducting Operation WHEELER/WALLOWA during March in Quang Nam and Quang Tin Provinces. Thirty-three of the division's soldiers were killed during the period. Many of the enemy casualties were caused by tactical air strikes and artillery missions. Almost 400 sorties were flown by Air Force and Marine crews.

About half of the total enemy killed were as a result of contacts on eight days, with the biggest counts on the 9th and 21st. On 9 March, AMERICAL Division cavalry units and an infantry company from the division's 196th Light Infantry Brigade made heavy contact with an enemy unit of unknown size 15 kilometers northwest of Tam Ky. The action continued from 1015 until about 1930 when contact with the enemy force was lost.

The U.S. forces called for extensive tactical air, artillery and helicopter gunship support. This fire support was credited with many of the enemy killed, and kept friendly casualties to 10 wounded requiring medical evacuation and 8 wounded who were treated and returned to duty.

On the 21st, troopers from the AMERICAL's 198th Light Infantry Brigade, together with divisional cavalry elements, killed 112 enemy near Hoi An. This was near the location where 11th Light Infantry Brigade members had killed 64 enemy the previous day. There were no U.S. fatalities in either engagement, although 8 soldiers were wounded on the 20th and 18 on the 21st.

Republic of Korea Marines, operating just to the west of the AMERICAL Division contact on the 21st, killed another 35 enemy soldiers. The action began when an enemy force attacked and tried to overrun a ROK Marine Company. The Koreans first beat off the enemy force, then counterattacked, forcing the enemy to flee and break contact. Three of the ROK Marines were killed in the action.

The armor/infantry team concept, supported by heavy tactical air, helicopter gunships and artillery support, resulted in a ratio of 35 enemy killed for each AMERICAL Division soldier killed during the month.

+ + +

Operation JEB STUART was continued in southern Quang Tri and northern Thua Thien Provinces during March by elements of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and 101st Airborne Division. Contacts remained on almost a daily basis throughout the month, although most were light and scattered and had little significance when considered separately. Even so, the JEB STUART troopers gained impressive results while working their areas of responsibility. The paratroopers and cavalrymen killed 985 enemy while suffering 107 killed in action. Many of the enemy casualties were caused by the division's helicopter gunships in scattered actions. Details of the most significant contacts follow.

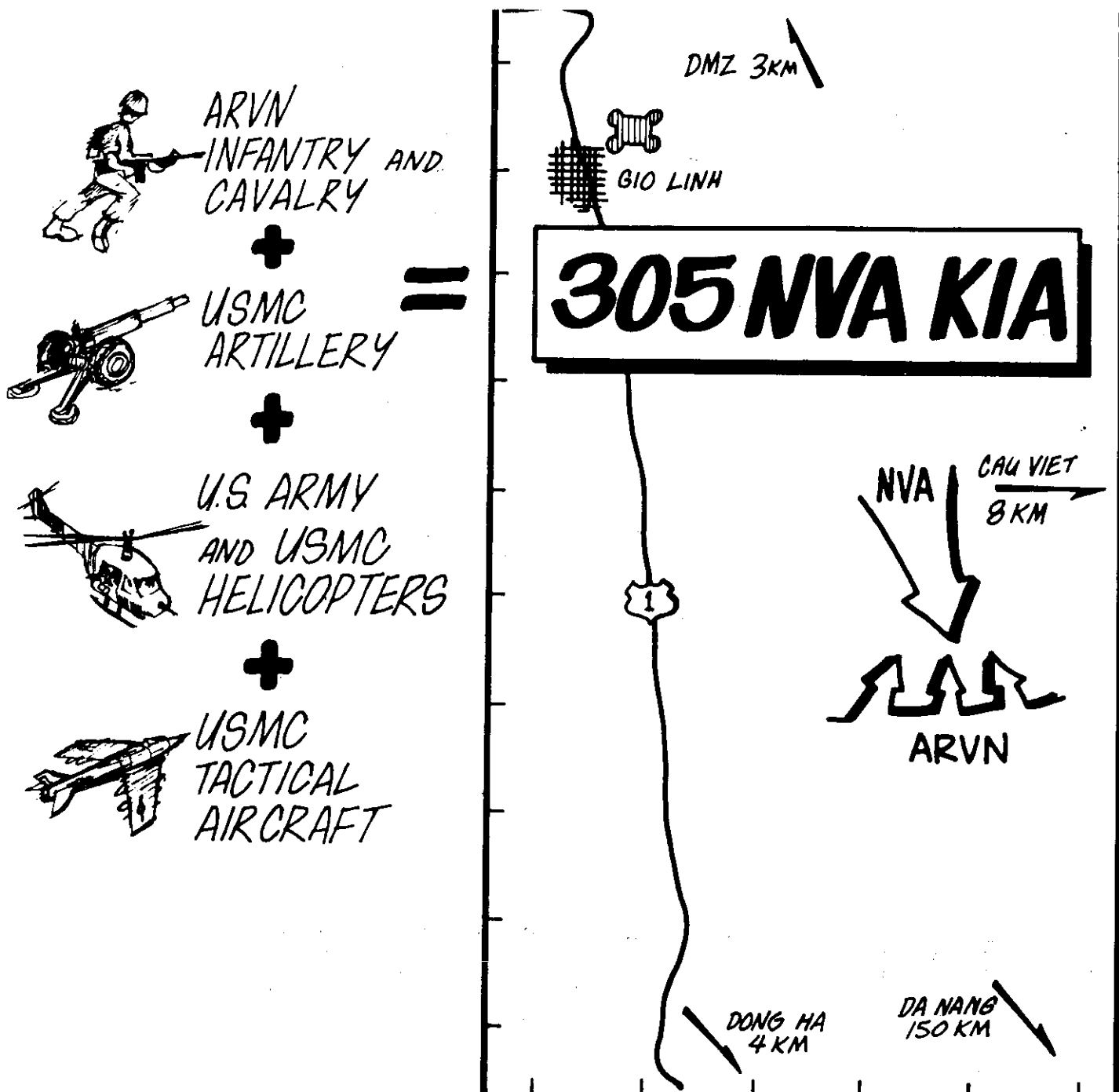
On 3 March, an air observer directed air strikes onto known enemy positions 8 kilometers north-northwest of Hue. After reporting that 60 enemy had been killed by the air-delivered ordnance, the controller's aircraft was hit by ground fire and crashed. One crewman was killed and three were wounded in the action.

Paratroopers from the 101st moved into that area on the 9th and conducted sweep operations. Contact was made at 0930 and lasted until about 1645 when contact with the enemy force was lost. Three paratroopers were killed in the action. Thirty-five enemy dead were found on the battlefield during sweeps after contact terminated.

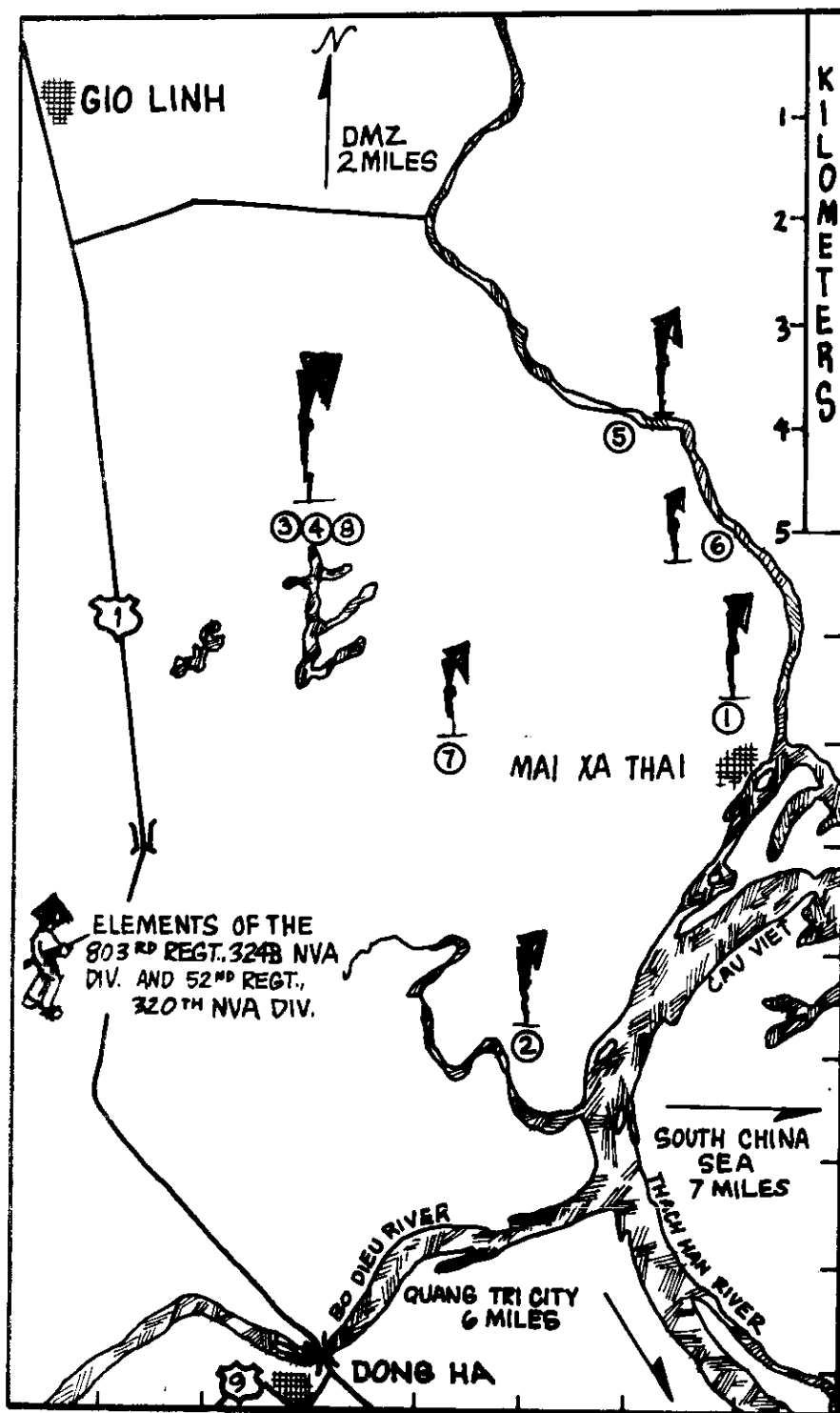
On 21 March, U.S. Marine and Army helicopter crews combined to kill 88 enemy near Hue. The Marine helicopter crews caught an enemy force in the open shortly after noon about 16 kilometers northwest of the ancient capital. Forty-five enemy were killed in that engagement. Another 43 enemy were killed by Army air crews just before dark, 6 kilometers east of Hue. There were no casualties among the helicopter crews.

U.S. Army 1st Cavalry Division troopers engaged elements of a NVA battalion 7 kilometers southwest of Dong Ha on the 25th. In the action which lasted most of the day, 66 NVA and 13 U.S. soldiers were killed. Divisional helicopter gunships supported the ground forces throughout the action.

+ + +



U.S. Marines conducting Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE were credited with killing 495 NVA soldiers during the month. Together with ARVN 1st Infantry Division troopers, they killed 784 enemy in the first 18 days of the month. Over 305 of this number were killed on the 11th of March when the ARVN soldiers contacted an NVA battalion 5 kilometers south-southeast of Gio Linh. Holding the enemy in place, the ARVN forces requested supporting fires from U.S. sources. U.S. Marine tactical aircraft, helicopter gunships and artillery, as well as Army helicopter rocket-artillery, attacked the enemy. When contact with the enemy was lost, 305 enemy dead and 54 individual and 19 crew-served weapons were found on the battlefield.



① 1 MARCH:

BY ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST REGIMENT,
1ST MARINE DIVISION

81 KIA

② 7 MARCH:

BY ELEMENTS OF THE 2ND REGIMENT,
1ST ARVN DIVISION & 3RD AND 4TH
REGIMENTS, 3RD MARINE DIVISION

164 KIA

③ 10 MARCH:

BY ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST ARVN
DIVISION

102 KIA

④ 11 MARCH:

BY ELEMENTS OF 1ST ARVN DIVISION
SUPPORTED BY U.S. MARINE & ARMY
ARTILLERY AND AIR SUPPORT

305 KIA

⑤ 12 MARCH:

BY ELEMENTS OF THE 4TH REGIMENT,
3RD MARINE DIVISION

35 KIA

⑥ 13 MARCH:

BY ELEMENTS OF THE 4TH REGIMENT,
3RD MARINE DIVISION

30 KIA

⑦ 18 MARCH:

BY ELEMENTS OF THE 4TH REGIMENT,
3RD MARINE DIVISION

67 KIA

⑧ 30 MARCH:

BY ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST ARVN
DIVISION

132 KIA

DURING MARCH, ARVN TROOPS &
U.S. MARINES ENGAGED THE ENEMY IN
8 MAJOR ACTIONS IN NORTH EAST
QUANG TRI PROVINCE JUST BELOW
THE DMZ. THE ENEMY'S LOSSES DUE
TO THESE ENGAGEMENTS WERE

916 KIA

Other significant contacts were made in the same general area on six other days during the month.

Eighty-one NVA were killed by 1st Marine Division Leathernecks on the 1st during a sweep of Mai Xa Thai Village 7 kilometers north-east of Dong Ha. On 8 March, ARVN 1st Infantry Division soldiers killed 123 enemy and U.S. 3rd Marine Division troops killed another 41 about 3 kilometers southwest of the contact made on the 1st of March.

On the 10th, ARVN soldiers counted 102 enemy dead 4 kilometers southeast of Gio Linh. The next day, the biggest battle of this series broke out in the same area, and ended with 305 enemy soldiers being killed. (See preceding page.)

Again on 12 and 13 March, significant actions occurred in the area. Sixty-five NVA were killed by U.S. Marines in those engagements. On the 16th, another 17 were found in graves just north of Dong Ha.

U.S. Marines, sweeping the area 6 kilometers north of Dong Ha on 18 March, encountered an enemy force in well-prepared positions. Supported by tactical air strikes and helicopter gunship and artillery missions, the Leathernecks overran the enemy emplacements, killing 67 NVA soldiers. Marine tank crews killed another 12 enemy on the 30th in an area about 6 kilometers southeast of Gio Linh.

Ninety-five U.S. Marines were killed during the month while accounting for the 495 enemy dead. Tactical air crews flew 64 sorties in support of the ground forces.

+ + + + +

II CORPS/I FFV

Over 3,300 enemy were killed by Allied forces during March in this area of the Republic. Over 1,000 weapons were captured on the battlefield and in caches. Major contacts were reported in Operation MACARTHUR, conducted by elements of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division. Operations in other areas of the corps continued with light and scattered contacts as the enemy sought to avoid contact and conduct attacks by indirect fire on Allied installations.

+ + +

Over 600 enemy were killed by U.S. forces of the 4th Infantry Division conducting Operation MACARTHUR in Pleiku and Kontum Provinces. The most significant engagement took place on the 26th when members of the division's 1st Brigade killed 135 enemy 31 kilometers west of Kontum City.

At 0330 that morning, an estimated 2 or 3 enemy battalions hit a fire support base with small arms, automatic weapons, B-40 rocket-propelled grenade and 60mm mortar fire. In addition, the enemy force employed flame throwers in their attack. A portion of the base's perimeter was penetrated, but counterattacking 1st Brigade units repelled the enemy and restored that sector.

Meanwhile, other units maneuvered to block withdrawal routes while tactical aircraft and artillery missions hammered the enemy forces. Contact was lost with the enemy shortly before noon, and a sweep of the battlefield was initiated. In addition to the 135 enemy dead, 33 individual and 2 crew-served weapons were found. Nineteen infantrymen were killed in the action.

In Pleiku Province the same day, other units of the 4th Division killed 18 enemy, 16 kilometers south-southeast of Pleiku City.

An air observer, flying over the area 16 kilometers south-southwest of Pleiku City, received ground fire from enemy in a bunker complex. Ground forces were directed to the area by the air crews and a sharp fire fight ensued. Pursuit operations were initiated and continued until contact was lost with the enemy force about 1600 hours.

Other sharp engagements broke out with the enemy during the month, although most of the 621 killed during the month were as a result of light and scattered contacts. Sixty U.S. soldiers were killed in action during the month as the MACARTHUR forces scored a kill ratio of better than 10 to 1.

+ + +

ENEMY KIA: 218

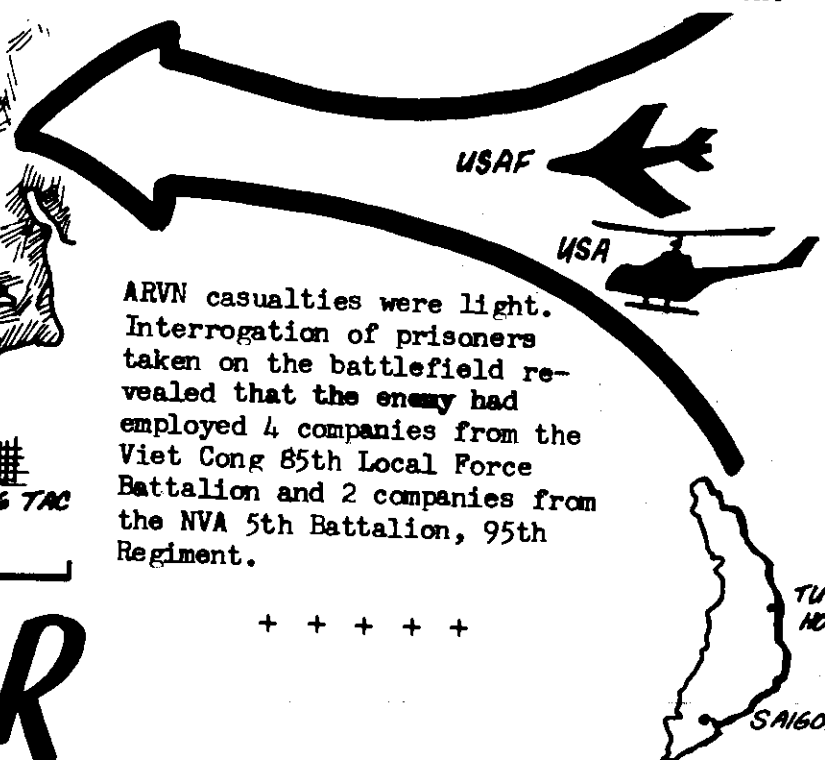
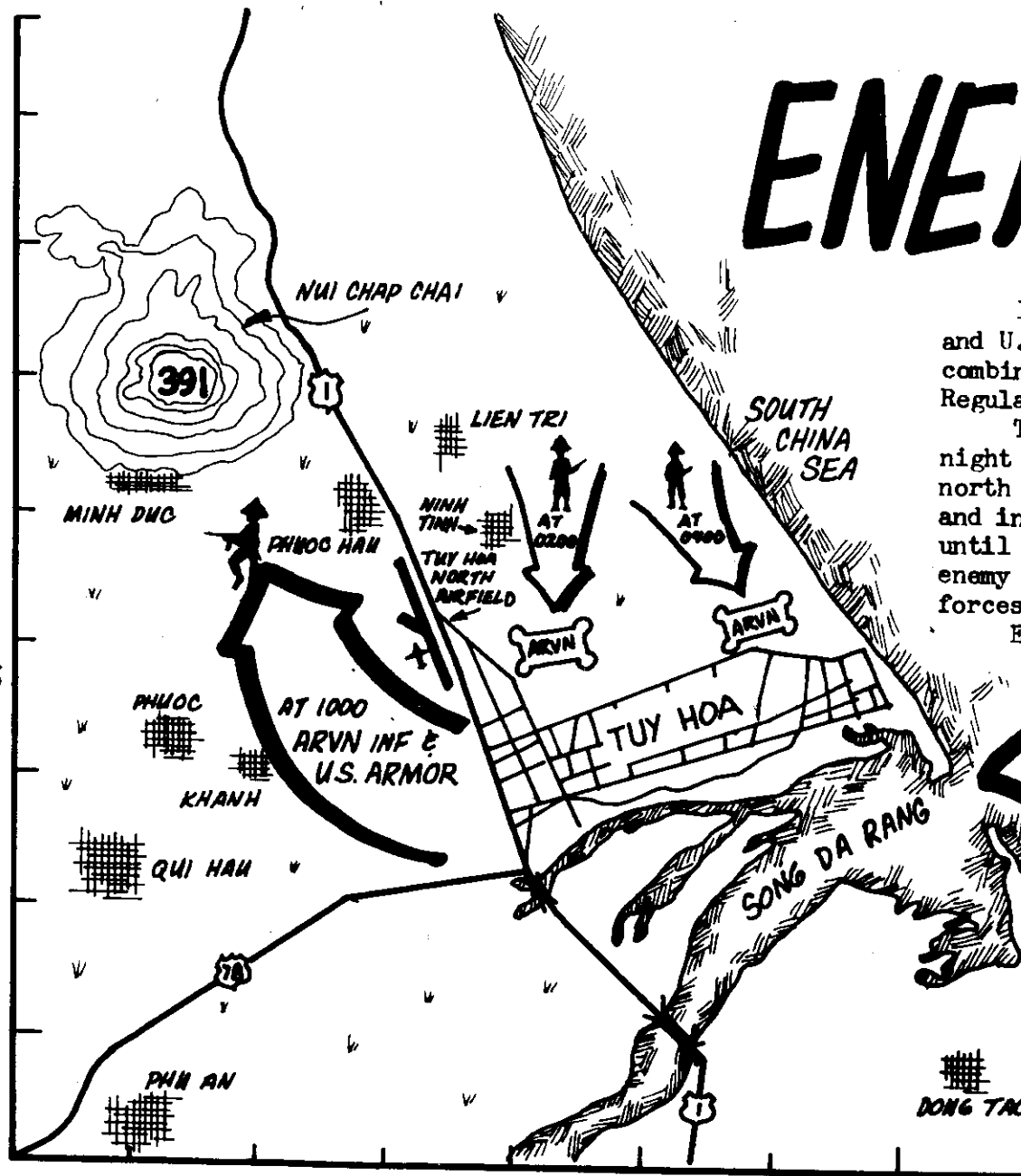
In Phu Yen Province on 4 March, ARVN infantrymen and U.S. paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade combined to kill 218 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Regulars.

The action started at 0200 when the enemy hit night defensive positions of the ARVN soldiers just north of Tuy Hoa. The action continued in that area and in the vicinity of the Tuy Hoa North Airfield until about 2030 that night. In addition to the 218 enemy killed, 138 weapons were captured by the Allied forces.

Eight U.S. soldiers were killed in the action.

ARVN casualties were light. Interrogation of prisoners taken on the battlefield revealed that the enemy had employed 4 companies from the Viet Cong 85th Local Force Battalion and 2 companies from the NVA 5th Battalion, 95th Regiment.

+ + + + +



TUY HOA-4 MAR

III CORPS/II FFV

Allied operations in this corps area accounted for about 4,800 enemy killed and over 1,400 weapons captured during March. By the month's end, U.S. and ARVN soldiers had accounted for over 2,200 enemy killed in the QUYET THANG OFFENSIVE. Over 650 of the weapons captured in III Corps during March were taken by these Allied forces. Before terminating Operation SARATOGA on the 10th and joining with other U.S. and ARVN forces in the QUYET THANG OFFENSIVE, 25th Infantry Division men killed 503 enemy in March.

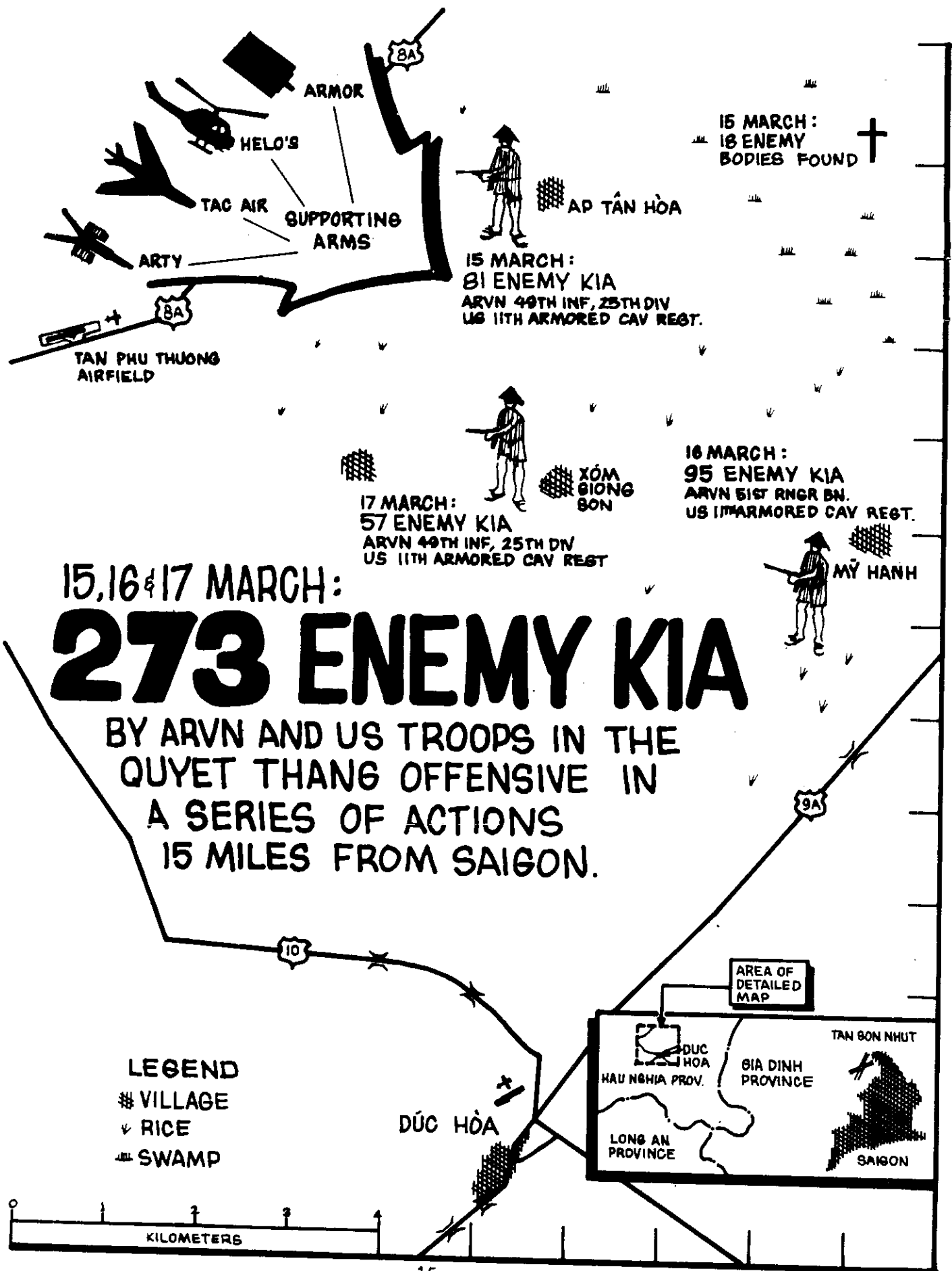
Enemy units were forced to react to the Allied offensives and generally limited their actions to small scale attacks, harassing stand-off attacks by fire, and attempts to refit their ranks.

Numerous enemy supply caches were uncovered by sweep operations during the month, denying them much-needed fire power to effectively counter Allied units or assume an offensive posture.

+ + +

Initiated on 11 March, the QUYET THANG OFFENSIVE is underway in five provinces of the III Corps Tactical Zone. U.S. forces include elements of the 1st, 9th and 25th Infantry Divisions and the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. Elements of the ARVN 7th and 25th Infantry Divisions, an Airborne Division Task Force, and the 5th Ranger Group plus National Police forces are also participating in the offensive.

The primary mission of the participating forces is to search out and destroy enemy forces in the provinces surrounding Saigon. Designed also to be preemptive in nature by disrupting enemy plans for any coordinated offensive action in the area, much effort has been directed in Hau Nghia Province along major enemy infiltration and resupply routes from the west. A resume of the major actions taking place in that area is shown on the following sketch maps and accompanying explanations.



ARVN and U.S. forces combined to kill 273 enemy soldiers on 15, 16 and 17 March. The total came as the result of three significant contacts about 24 kilometers west-northwest of Saigon.

The first contact occurred on the 15th when a troop from the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and an infantry battalion from the ARVN 25th Infantry Division hit an estimated enemy battalion. Together with tactical aircraft and artillery support, the Allied force killed 81 enemy in the engagement.

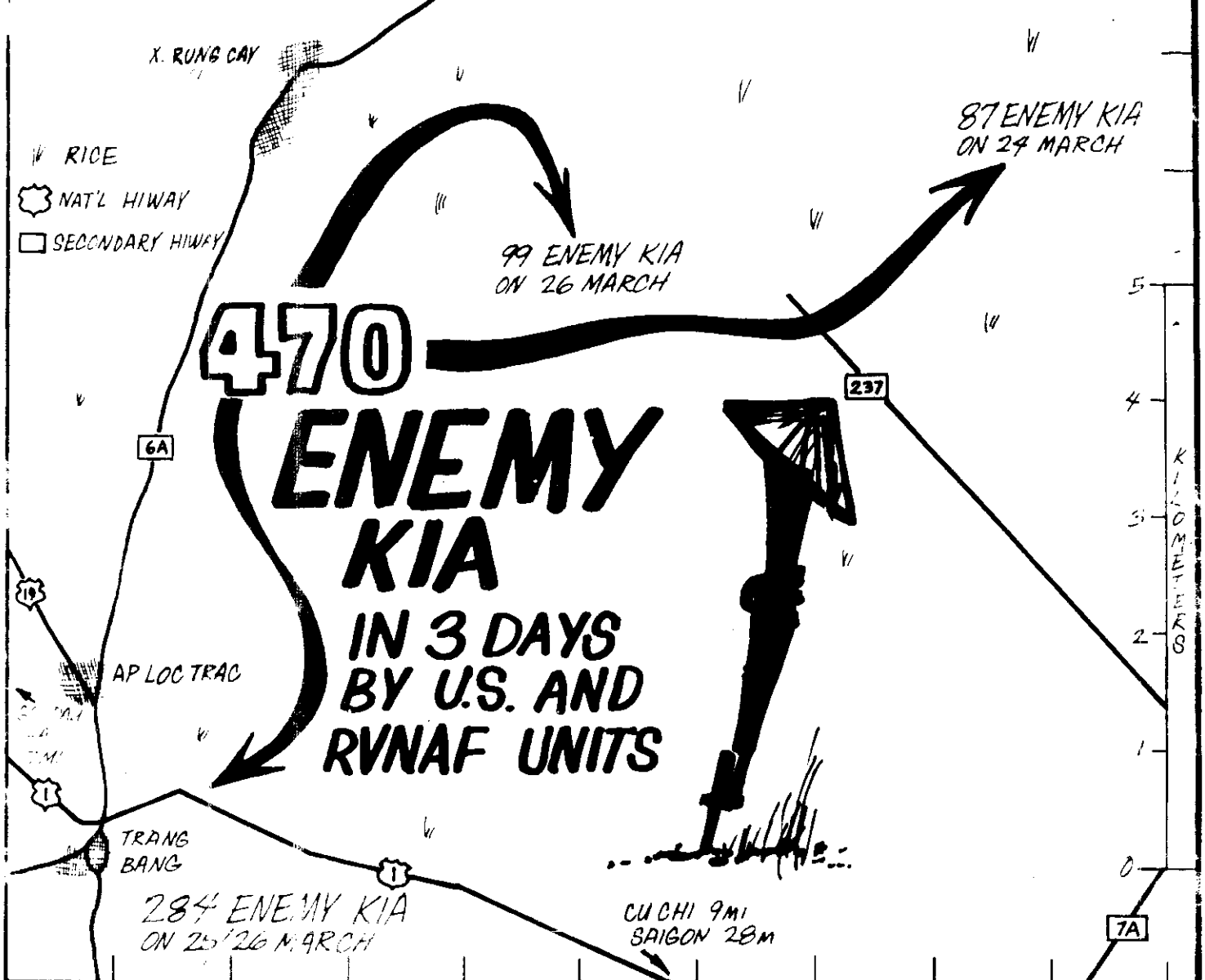
On 16 March, the ARVN 51st Ranger Battalion and an element of the 11th Cav attacked the positions of an estimated reinforced enemy company. Again, tactical aircraft and artillery missions, as well as helicopter gunships pounded the enemy positions. Ninety-five enemy dead were found in a sweep of the area following a 6-hour battle.

The third battle broke out just south and west of the other two. Reconnaissance personnel from the 11th Cav joined with two battalions from the ARVN 25th Infantry Division to attack an enemy position near Xom Giong Son Village. Following this engagement, 57 enemy bodies were counted.

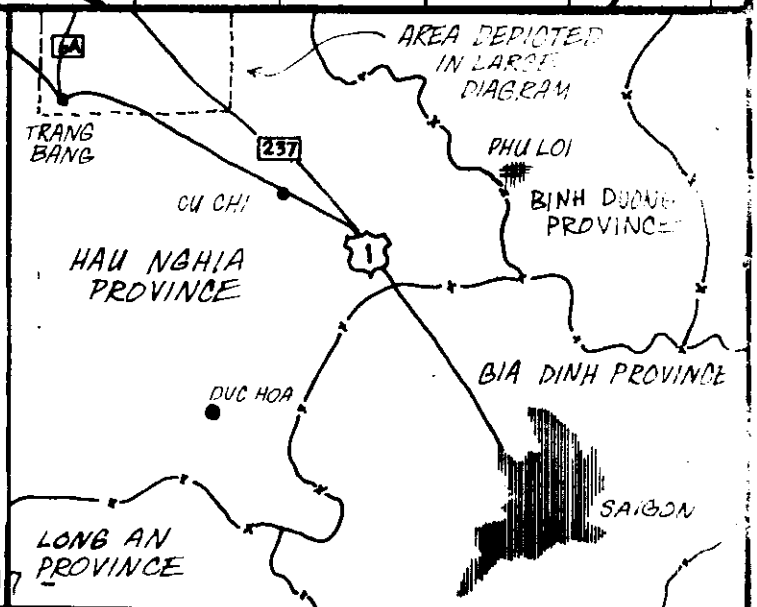
Forty other enemy soldiers were killed in this same general area in scattered contacts during the period. Eighteen of this number were found in one mass grave.

While killing the 273 enemy, 21 ARVN troopers lost their lives. There were no U.S. fatalities. Twelve U.S. and 46 ARVN soldiers were wounded in these engagements.

QUYET THANG OFFENSIVE : 24-25-26 MARCH



QUYET THANG OFFENSIVE:
 A COMBINED AND COORDI-
 NATED CAMPAIGN BEING
 CONDUCTED BY U.S. II FIELD
 FORCE & ARVN III CORPS
 TACTICAL HEADQUARTERS
 IN THE III CORPS TAC-
 TICAL ZONE



Allied operations in Hau Nghia Province netted 470 enemy killed on 24, 25 and 26 March in three major contacts. Forty-seven Allied soldiers lost their lives in these engagements.

On the 24th, elements of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division contacted the Viet Cong 7th Cu Chi Battalion. Other elements of the brigade joined with a divisional cavalry unit and supported the friendly forces in contact 10 kilometers north-east of Trang Bang. Tactical aircraft, helicopter gunship and artillery missions were also directed on the enemy positions.

Contact with the enemy unit was lost about 0200 the following morning. Eighty-seven Viet Cong bodies were left on the battlefield.

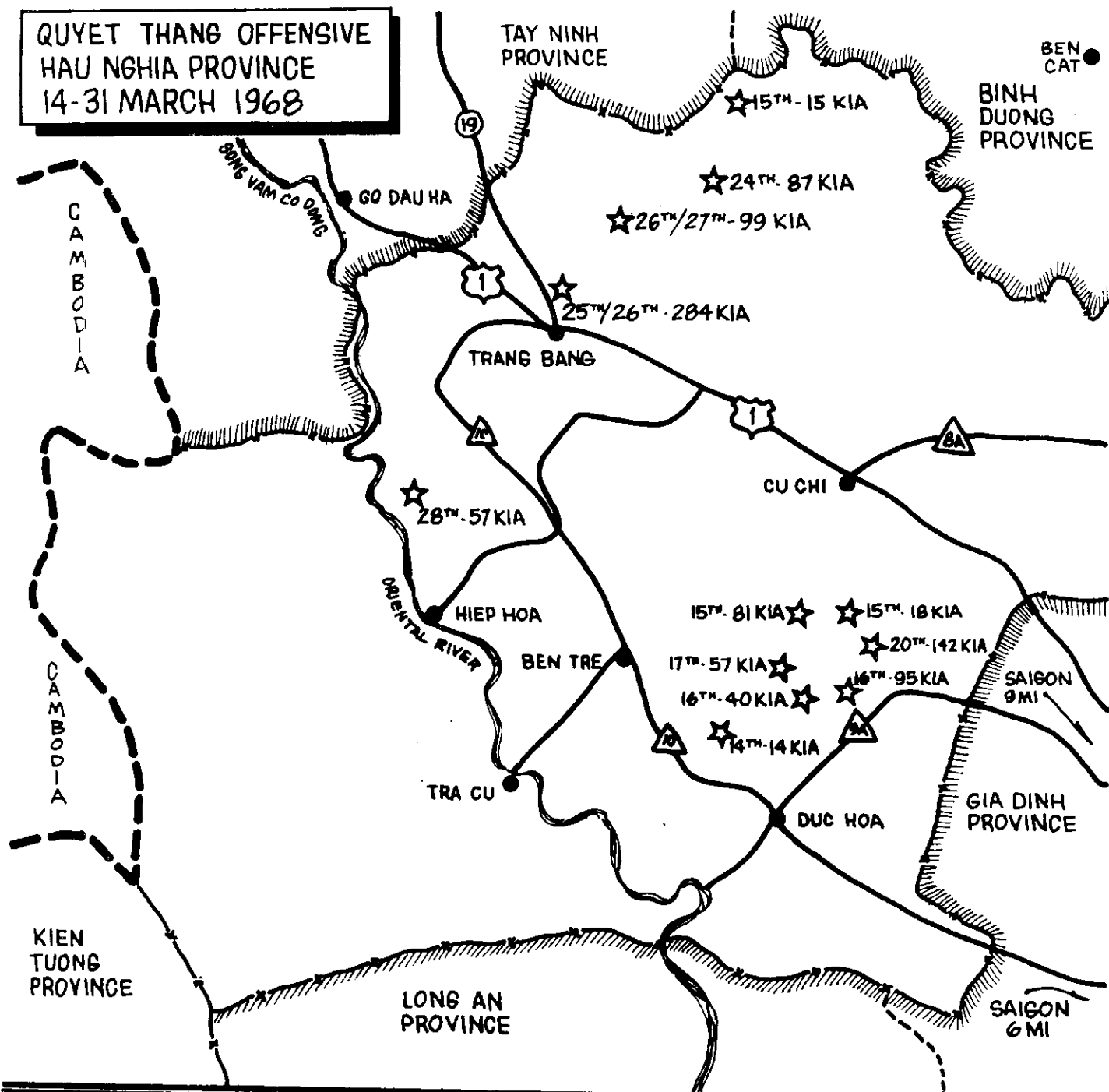
An enemy force attacked the town of Trang Bang and Popular Forces outposts early on the 25th. Elements of the U.S. 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division joined with the ARVN 34th Ranger Battalion and deployed to make contact with the enemy. Contact was maintained throughout that day and until about 0530 the next morning.

U.S. and Vietnamese tactical aircraft and U.S. AC-47 Dragonships, artillery and helicopter gunships joined in supporting the ground forces. When contact was lost, 284 enemy bodies were found in sweeps of the area.

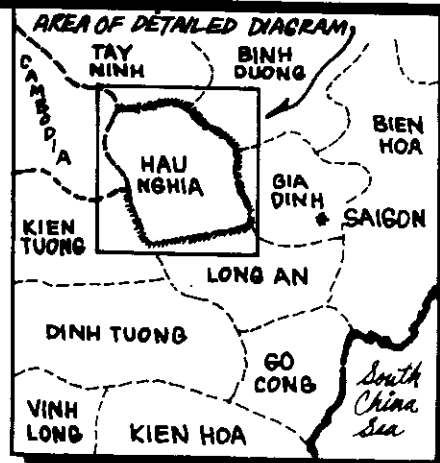
Ninety-nine more enemy lost their lives in an engagement with helicopter-landed infantrymen from the U.S. 25th Infantry Division on the 26th. The action took place 7 kilometers northeast of Trang Bang. Cavalry elements from the division reinforced the infantrymen that afternoon and maintained contact until the action terminated after dark.

In addition to the 470 enemy killed in these three engagements, 49 individual and 23 crew-served weapons were captured on the battlefield.

**QUYET THANG OFFENSIVE
HAU NGHIA PROVINCE
14-31 MARCH 1968**



989 ENEMY KIA
**ALONG MAJOR ENEMY INFILTRATION
AND RE-SUPPLY ROUTE IN
HAU NGHIA PROVINCE**



The sketch map on the opposite page recounts the major contacts in Hau Nghia Province during the period 14-31 March. The major actions on 15-17 and 24-26 March have already been described on pages 15 through 18. A brief explanation of the other engagements is outlined below.

On 14 March, U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment troopers discovered a grave containing 14 enemy dead. The enemy were apparently killed by artillery missions in the area.

Eighteen enemy were found in graves on the 15th by U.S. 25th Division infantrymen. Air strikes were credited with the kills.

Also on the 15th, infantrymen from the division's 2nd Brigade contacted an enemy force 12 kilometers north-northeast of Trang Bang and killed 15 Viet Cong.

ARVN 25th Division infantrymen and troopers from the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment combined to kill 142 soldiers of an estimated enemy battalion on the 20th. The action took place 9 kilometers north-northeast of Duc Hoa.

On 28 March, ARVN infantrymen from the 25th Division, rangers from the 34th Ranger Battalion, and troopers from the U.S. 11th Cav combined to kill 57 enemy 9 kilometers southwest of Trang Bang.

The ground forces were supported in all the contacts with tactical air strikes and artillery and helicopter gunship missions.

+ + +

The longest-running current operation underway in the Republic terminated on 10 March. Conducted in Long An Province by elements of the U.S. 9th Infantry Division, Operation ENTERPRISE was initiated on 14 February 1967.

Some 2,107 enemy were killed during that period as opposed to 253 U.S. infantrymen. Action was generally light and scattered throughout the operation centered 22 kilometers southwest of Saigon.

+ + +

Supported by 149 close air support strikes during the first 10 days in March, Operation SARATOGA troopers killed 503 enemy in Hau Nghia Province. The operation was terminated on 10 March with final results of 3,863 enemy killed and 382 U.S. 25th Infantry Division soldiers killed.

Action was light and scattered during the month with numerous small engagements with the enemy forces being recorded. The heaviest fighting took place during late January and February during the enemy's Offensive at Tet.

The multi-battalion-size operation was initiated in support of the Revolutionary Development programs in the area. It was also aimed at denying food resources to the enemy during the rice harvest season.

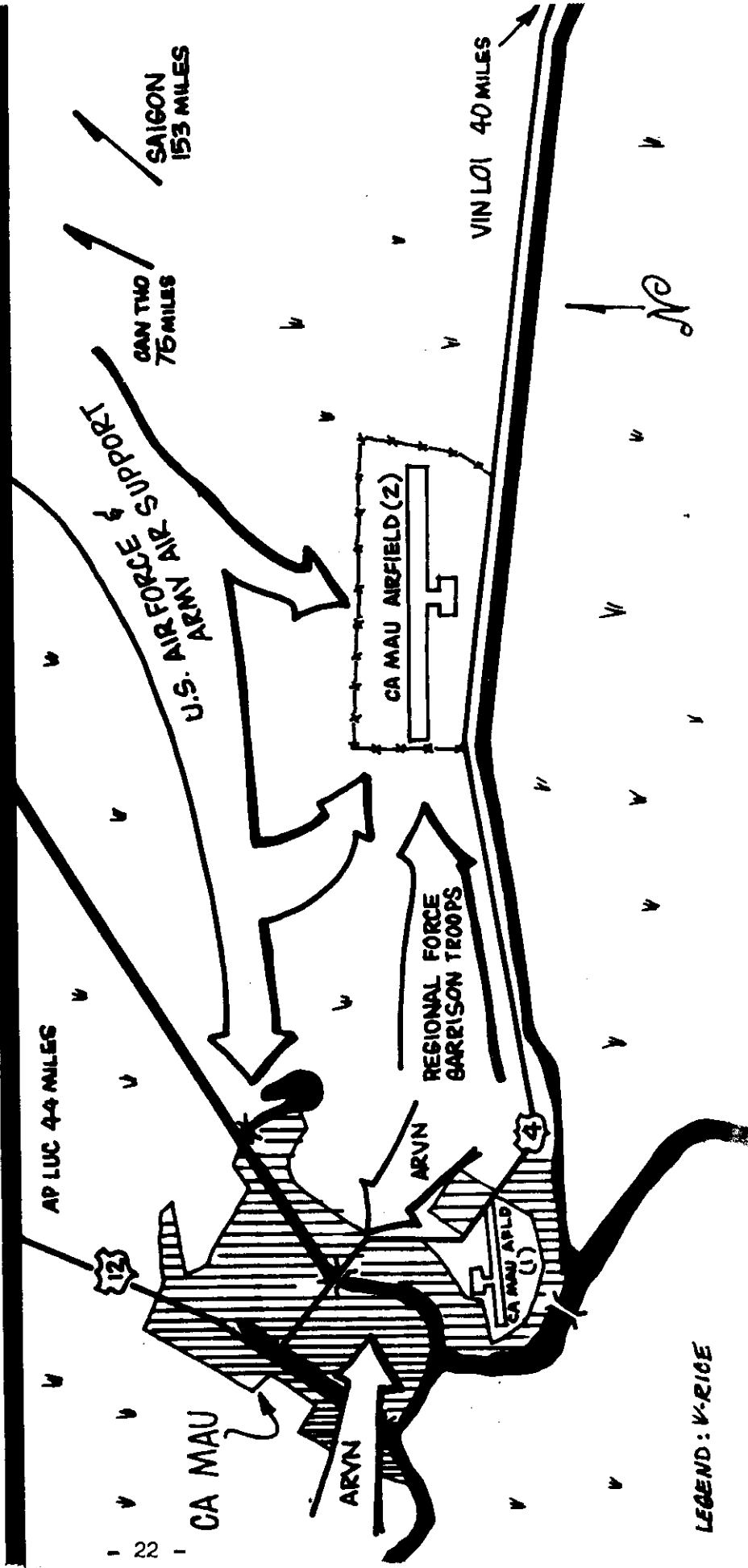
+ + + + +

21ST ARVN DIVISION TROOPS

SUPPORTED BY U.S. AIR FORCE TACTICAL AIRCRAFT AND ARMY HELICOPTERS

KILLED 275 ENEMY

AND CAPTURED 62 WEAPONS ON 5 MARCH



IV CORPS AREA

Actions were generally light and scattered in the Delta region. Extensive sweep operation by Allied units have forced the enemy to fragment his organizations to avoid combat in order to reorganize following losses in January and February.

+ + +

The most significant contact in this area of the Republic occurred on 5 March in An Xuyen Province. At 0805, the Viet Cong U-Minh 2 Local Force Battalion entered the town of Ca Mau and attacked the provincial hospital. Small bands of enemy soldiers moved through the city committing acts of terrorism.

A counter-offensive, under the operational control of the ARVN 32nd Regiment, 21st Division was mounted to clear the enemy from the town.

Regional Forces troops attacked and cleared the town's hospital and new airfield of enemy forces. A battalion from the 21st Division cleared the eastern portion of the city after attacking from the old airfield area. Another battalion moved into and cleared the southwestern part.

By 1600, the enemy troops had been cleared from all parts of the town. Pursuit operations were initiated and contact was maintained with the fleeing enemy remnants until after midnight.

Army helicopter gunships were used to provide close air support. Air Force tactical air crews struck the enemy support positions and escape routes.

In addition to killing the 275 enemy soldiers, the RVNAF troopers captured 44 individual and 18 crew-served weapons. The kill ratio was better than 5 to 1 in favor of the friendly forces.

+ + +

A major offensive was initiated in early March by U.S. and ARVN forces in the Delta. Elements of the ARVN 7th and U.S. 9th Infantry Divisions kicked off the TRUONG CONG DINH OFFENSIVE on the 7th.

Allied forces in daily light and scattered contacts killed 970 enemy. Friendly forces killed in action totalled 193 during the month. Breakdown of friendly killed is U.S. 31 and ARVN 162.

+ + + + +

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

AIR NORTH

The weather continued to be a factor influencing air missions over North Vietnam throughout the month as U.S. Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps pilots concentrated on major bridges, railroad yards, airfields, storage areas and lines of communication. Many targets were hit employing radar-bombing techniques.

During the month, Air Force pilots flew 1,207 missions over North Vietnam, Navy aviators logged another 785, and Marine Corps fliers added 656 for a total of 2,648 missions throughout March.

Major targets for the month included: Hanoi port facilities; Phuc Yen airfield; Kep airfield; Lang Gai railroad yard; Thai Nguyen railroad yard; Hanoi radio communications receiving station; Yen Bai airfield; Cam Pha transformer station; Haiphong railroad yard, railroad and highway bridge, and a highway bridge; Kien An highway bridge; Nam Dinh thermal power plant and airfield; Uong Bi thermal power plant; Cat Bi airfield and Bai Thuong airfield.

The Air Force F-111A's flew for the first time over North Vietnam on 25 March. While on a combat mission over the North on 28 March, one of the F-111A's was reported overdue. On 30 March, a second F-111A aircraft crashed in Southeast Asia after an in-flight emergency. Both of the crewmen were recovered.

Due to the poor weather conditions prevailing over the North throughout the month, bomb damage assessment was precluded over most target areas.

+ + + + +

AIR SOUTH

U.S. Air Force pilots flew 10,400 tactical air sorties throughout the Republic of Vietnam in support of Allied ground forces while Marine Corps pilots logged 5,520 sorties and Navy pilots added another 2,361 sorties for a total of 18,281 tactical air sorties during the month.

The air crews reported killing more than 840 enemy while damaging or destroying numerous emplacements and artillery, mortar and automatic weapons positions, and over 360 sampans. Their air-delivered ordnance also resulted in over 820 secondary explosions and more than 300 fires during the month.

+ + +

Two hundred and seventy-five bombing 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, 166 were directed against targets in and around the Khe Sanh battle area.

+ + + + +

N A V A L O P E R A T I O N S

NAVAL GUNFIRE NORTH VIETNAM

On 4 March, the destroyers USS BLUE and USS HOEL struck enemy coastal defense sites two kilometers east and 13 kilometers to 17 kilometers north-northwest of Dong Hoi. Weather prevented bomb damage assessment on the target areas. The following day, 12 enemy shore battery sites were hit by the destroyer USS CONE along the coast of North Vietnam while the destroyers USS BLUE and USS HOEL struck at enemy supply routes in the north.

Four secondary explosions were ignited by the destroyer USS HOEL 73 kilometers south-southeast of Vinh on 6 March. Later during the day, she linked up with the destroyers USS BLUE and USS CONE to hit enemy coastal defense sites 28 kilometers north-northwest to 51 kilometers south-southeast of Vinh.

On 9 March, a Seventh Fleet destroyer set off a large secondary explosion while striking a pier 29 kilometers north-northwest of Dong Hoi.

The destroyer USS EPPERSON reported igniting three secondary explosions on 27 March south-southeast of Dong Hoi in an enemy coastal defense site.

+ + +

NAVAL GUNFIRE DEMILITARIZED ZONE

On 7 March, the cruiser USS NEWPORT NEWS destroyed or damaged nine enemy emplacements and set off secondary explosions six kilometers west and nine kilometers north-northwest of Gio Linh in the Demilitarized Zone.

The Australian destroyer HMAS PERTH reported silencing five enemy artillery sites 10 kilometers north-northeast of Gio Linh on 13 March.

Numerous secondary explosions were reported on 18 March six to eight kilometers north of Gio Linh by the USS NEWPORT NEWS.

On 28 March, the cruiser USS CANBERRA destroyed or damaged three enemy bunkers in the vicinity of Gio Linh.

+ + +

NAVAL GUNFIRE REPUBLIC VIETNAM

On 3 March, the destroyer USS HOLLISTER, cutter POINT CAUTION and a Seventh Fleet rocket-firing ship were credited with killing 84 enemy while firing on enemy troops 22 kilometers east of Quang Tri City. Also on the same day, 29 kilometers south-south-east of Da Nang, the destroyer USS NICHOLIS destroyed or damaged five fortifications and nine sampans. Nine other fortifications were reported destroyed or damaged by the Seventh Fleet cruiser USS NEWPORT NEWS six kilometers southeast of Gio Linh.

Thirty-six enemy fortifications were destroyed or damaged by the destroyer USS COLLETT 29 to 31 kilometers south-southwest of Da Nang on 4 March. The same day, USS JOHNSTON destroyed or damaged eight enemy fortifications 23 kilometers east-southeast of Hue.

On 7 March, the destroyer USS COLLETT destroyed or damaged 49 enemy emplacements in an enemy target area 29 kilometers south-southeast of Da Nang.

An enemy ammunition and fuel area was struck by the USS NEWPORT NEWS on 11 March, 10 kilometers southeast of Gio Linh. Numerous secondary explosions were set off and eight storage structures were destroyed. The following day a Seventh Fleet rocket-firing ship struck an enemy target area 10 kilometers north-northeast of Hue and reported 23 fortifications destroyed or damaged and igniting a secondary explosion.

The cruiser USS NEWPORT NEWS destroyed or damaged 92 enemy fortifications 32 kilometers south-southeast of Da Nang and reported setting off a secondary explosion and silencing an automatic weapons position on 15 March.

The destroyer USS EPPERSON reported over 100 enemy storage and supply buildings destroyed or damaged in an enemy assembly and storage area 15 kilometers southeast of Quang Ngai City on 16 March. The following day, the destroyer USS CONE destroyed or damaged 33 enemy supply and storage structures 29 kilometers north of Qui Nhon.

Eighteen enemy fortifications were destroyed or damaged and two secondary explosions set off by gunfire from the destroyer USS HOLLISTER north-northwest of Hue on 21 March. Another destroyer hit enemy targets south-southeast of Quang Tri City and reported 23 enemy fortifications destroyed or damaged. A Seventh Fleet cruiser was also active during the day in the vicinity of Da Nang, reporting 63 enemy fortifications destroyed or damaged and setting off one secondary explosion.

The destroyer USS PRICHETT destroyed or damaged 14 enemy emplacements in the Delta area, 80 kilometers south of Saigon on 23 March. The next day, the USS NEWPORT NEWS destroyed or damaged 64 enemy fortifications 20 kilometers southeast of Da Nang.

On 25 March, the all gun cruiser USS NEWPORT NEWS destroyed or damaged 97 enemy fortifications and 96 bunkers in enemy areas 35 kilometers north-northwest of Quang Tri City. Another destroyer reported destroying or damaging 26 fortifications and 10 bunkers 25 kilometers south of Da Nang. On the same day, the rocket-firing ship USS WHITE RIVER destroyed or damaged 22 fortifications, 24 kilometers north of Qui Nhon while the destroyer USS PRITCHETT destroyed or damaged 26 fortifications 74 kilometers south-southeast of Phu Vinh. The next day, a Seventh Fleet cruiser destroyed or damaged 66 fortifications in enemy areas 16 kilometers south-southwest to 25 kilometers south-southeast of Da Nang.

The rocket-firing ship USS WHITE RIVER destroyed or damaged 49 fortifications 12 kilometers north-northwest of Qui Nhon and reported three fires ignited on 30 March. The following day she reported destroying or damaging four enemy emplacements and setting off 10 fires 19 to 30 kilometers north-northwest of Qui Nhon.

+ + + + +

C H R O N O L O G Y O F E V E N T S
M A R C H 1 9 6 8

The following is a brief day by day account of the significant actions during the month of March.

1 Mar (Friday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 69 mns NVN (USAF 27 USMC 27 USN 15). USN hit Hanoi port facilities & Haiphong rr/hwy brg. USAF pilots silenced 2 radar sites in Panhandle.
- SCOTLAND. Over 140 rds mort, rkt & arty recd opn area. Cbtry fired w/unk results. Cas due all hostile action, lt.
- III MAF. (Quang Tri Prov) USAF G-123 hit by en mort rd as it took off fr Khe Sanh. Plane caught fire & dest. Frd cas, 6 wounded.
- KENTUCKY. Elms 1st Mar Regt, 1st Mar Div obs unk no en moving in open 4 km N Con Thien. Arty msn requested. 21 en rept killed.
- SALINE. Elms 1st Mar Div sweeping area 7 km NE Dong Ha engaged unk size en force. 1st contact made 0645H w/sporadic contact throughout day. Contact lost 2000H. 81 EK/22 US KIA & 87 WIA.
- I FFV. Nha Trang, change command ceremony: LTG W.B. Rosson relinquished command Hq, I FFV to MG W.R. Peers, Deputy CG. LTG Rosson will assume temp pos of Deputy to Gen Abrams at MACV Forward. MG Peers will serve as Acting CG, I FFV. LTG Rosson commanded I FFV since 1 Aug 67.
- NAVFORV. (Quang Ngai Prov) - Trawler obs on 29 Feb made run for beach 0120H. Taken under fire after refusing to answer challenge. Trawler beached in surf 8 km SE Duc Pho. USA hel gunships took ship under fire 0210H & co AMERICAL Div inserted into area. Trawler attempted to employ self-dest equip & initially 25% successful. En completed self-dest 0235H.
- NAVFORV. (An Xuyen Prov) - Unidentified trawler obs 29 Feb taken under fire by USCG Cutter WINONA when refused to reply challenge 0145H. Trawler hit w/5" rd fr WINONA's main gun, & 2 secd explo obs blowing ship apart. WINONA hit by fire fr trawler. No dam or cas rept.
- NAVFORV. (Khanh Hoa Prov) - Unidentified trawler sighted & challenged on 29 Feb taken under fire by US/VNN ptl boats 0040H. AC-47s also engaged trawler. Trawler turned N & forced into cove 20 km NNE Nha Trang. At 0230H Swift boats hit trawler w/5 81mm mort rds & ship blew up.

- II FFV. (Bien Hoa Prov) - 0355H, co fr 101st Abn Div ambushed en force 4 km N Bien Hoa Cith w/claymore mines, small arms and automatic weapons. Sporadic contact cont for several hrs w/en attempting to escape. Arty msn fired onto escaping en pos. Another co inserted into area as blocking force. 21 EK/no US cas rept.
- COBURG. Term. Final results: 180 EK/19 US.
- II FFV. (Gia Dinh Prov) - TSN hit w/several 122mm rkts. Pers cas lt, mat dam insignificant.
- III MAP. (Thua Thien Prov) - Co fr 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div discovered graves 5 km S Hue w/14 en bodies.
- US strike pilots flew 495 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 282 USMC 154 USN 59). BDA incl 53 EK & as dest or dam: 52 sampans & numerous pos. 29 secd explo & 7 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 33 EK & 85 pos & 52 sampans dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 224 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 9 times KSCB area (4 times 6 km W, & once 4 km W, 16 km NW, 2 km NE, 1 km N & 3 km SSE), twice vic Saigon (35 km NW & 45 km E) & 18 km NNE A Chau.
- NGF-RVN. DD HOEL set off secd explo 10 km NW Hue en emplacement.

2 Mar (Saturday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 62 msns NVN (USAF 28 USMC 20 USN 14). USN rept several secd explo after strike Uong Bi TPP; also hit Haiphong rr/hwy brg. Other pilots hit targets Panhandle.
- SCOTLAND. Opn area recd approx 180 rds mort, rkt & arty fire. Cbtry fire ret w/unk results. Cas due all hostile action, lt.
- KENTUCKY. Opn area recd 145 rds mort & arty fire. Cbtry fire ret w/unk results. Cas due all hostile action, lt.
- SCOTLAND. USMC grd elms directed tac air against en pos 4 km WNW Khe Sanh. 11 EK/no US cas.
- II FFV. (Binh Duong Prov) - Co 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div located en grave 1 km S Ben Cat w/15 en bodies.

- II FFV. (Gia Dinh Prov) - 1st Inf Div elms found 20 cases 81mm mort ammo each containing 3 rds, 16 km ENE Saigon.
- GMD. (Gia Dinh Prov) - 0920H, co 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div made contact est reinf en co 14 km N Saigon in prepared pos. En employed SA, AW & claymore mines. 2 other cos fr 1st Bde swept area & met lt resistance. USA hel gunships & arty & USAF tac air sptd grd troops. 20 EK/48 US KIA & 28 WIA.
- II FFV. (Gia Dinh Prov) - While on recon msn 9 km N TSN AB, co 3rd Bde, 25th Inf Div sighted en soldier. Took under fire & he ran into nearby woods. Sweep of area revealed 3 122mm rkts.
- CORONADO XI. MRF troopers fr 9th Inf Div engaged unk size en force 1100H 4 km SW Can Tho. Arty mns directed on en pos while SA & AW fire exchanged. Contact term 1500H. 12 EK/1 US KIA & 24 WIA.
- US strike pilots flew 595 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 361 USMC 154 USN 80). BDA incl 6 EK & as dest or dam: 19 sampans & numerous pos. 27 secd explo & 2 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 46 EK & 45 sampans, 35 pos dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 144 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 6 times KSCB area (3 & 4 km NE, 2 & 3 km NW, 1 km N & 8 km WNW), twice vic Saigon (50 km N & 46 km NNE) & 26 km NW A Shau.

3 Mar (Sunday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 68 mns NVN (USAF 35 USMC 19 USN 14). USN pilots hit Hanoi port facilities. USAF pilots dest or dam 34 barges & sup boats vic Dong Hoi.
- SCOTLAND. Opn area recd approx 100 rds arty & rkt fire. Cas due all hostile actions, lt.
- KENTUCKY. Elms 3rd Mar Div engaged unk size en force 1310H 4 km NE Con Thien. Contact lost 1650H. 132 EK/1 US KIA & 3 WIA. Same time another elm 3rd Mar Div engaged unk size en force 2 km E 1st action. Arty mns directed onto en pos. 21 EK/1 US KIA & 5 WIA. Day's results: 153 EK/2 US KIA & 8 WIA.

- MACARTHUR. Elms 4th Inf Div, 28 km NW Pleiku City, 1800H, recd SA & RPG rkt-gren fire fr unk size en force. Hel gunships spt grd troops during engagement. 15 EK/6 US WIA.
- JEB STUART. 1st Cav Div (Airmbl) AO, 1730H, directed tac air strikes onto en pos 8 km NNW Hue & rept 60 EK. In action, controller's acft hit by en grd fire. 1 US KIA, 2 WIA (med-evaced), & 1 lt WIA, treated - ret to duty.
- II FFV. (Gia Dinh Prov) - 0845H, cav troop made contact w/ unk size en force in prepared pos 10 km NW Saigon. Hel gunships, tac air & arty sptd grd forces. Contact term 2240H. 31 EK/7 US KIA & 40 WIA.
- I FFV. (Kontum Prov) - 4th Inf Div base camp Dak To recd more than 25 rds 82mm mort & 75mm RR fire fr 1900-1930H. No cas or dam rept.
- SCOTLAND. AO rept 18 EK 17 km NW Khe Sanh Village after directing tac air strikes & arty msns on en pos 1345H.
- US strike pilots flew 642 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 355 USMC 189 USN 98). BDA incl 68 EK & as dest or dam: 27 sampans & numerous pos. 20 secd explo & 2 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 27 EK & 33 pos, 14 sampans dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 250 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 6 times KSCB area (2 & 4 km E, 8 & 11 km NW, 1 km N, & 5 km ESE), 10 km N Dak To, 45 km NNE Saigon, & 19 km NNW A Chau.
- NGF-RVN. DD HOLLISTER, USCG Cutter POINT CAUTION & a 7th Flt rkt firing ship credited w/84 EK by NGF spotter when they fired on en troops 22 km E Quang Tri City. DD NICHOLIS dest or dam 5 fort & 9 sampans 29 km SSE Da Nang. A 7th Flt cruiser dest or dam 9 fort 6 km SE Gio Linh.

4 Mar (Monday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 71 msns NVN (USAF 42 USMC 19 USN 10). USAF hit boat yd (Ha Dong) 10 km SW Hanoi 1st time. Other strikes were in Panhandle.
- NGF-NVN. DDs BLUE & HOEL hit coastal defense sites 2 km E & 13 km - 17 km NNW Dong Hoi. BDA not available.
- WHEELER/WALLOWA. AMERICAL Div elms engaged 9 en in mort pos 0915H, 17 km NW Tam Ky. Cav troop & inf co inserted to exploit contact. Atkd en pos & engaged unk size en force. Arty & hel gunships sptd. Contact lost 1600H. 59 EK/20 US WIA.

- III MAF. (Quang Tri Prov) - 1145H, AO directed tac air & arty msns onto en pos 15 km NW Khe Sanh. 18 EK.
- I FFV. (Phu Yen Prov) - ARVN elms in Tuy Hoa atkd by unk no en. En w/drew & atkd again 1000H. Elms 173rd Lt Inf Bde reinf ARVN units & engaged en force. Contact maintained until 1845H. US units rept 137 EK/5 US KIA & 16 WIA (med-evaced). ON BACKGROUND - ARVN elms in contact until 2030H. 69 EK/ARVN cas lt. END BACKGROUND Cum totals: 206 EK, 16 DET.
- I FFV. (binh Dinh Prov) - 21 km NNW Qui Nhon, 0330H, self-propelled arty unit obs est 2 en cos. Engaged en w/AW & 40mm cannon fire. Contact term 0500H. 21 EK/2 US WIA.
- MACARTHUR. Elms 3rd Bde, 4th Inf Div searching village 15 km SE Pleiku contact est 40-50 VC 1600H. AW fire exchanged w/hel gunships & tac air sptd Inf troops. Contact term 1900H. 30 EK/5 US WIA.
- II FFV. (Darlac Prov) - 0200H, MACV compound, aviation co & Ban Me Thout E afld recd unk no mort rds. US cas and dam lt.
- III MAF. US installations recd en atks: Thua Thien Prov, CP 1st Cav Div (Airmbl) recd unk number 82mm mort rds 0230H; Quang Nam Prov, Mar comm bn compound 7 km SSW Da Nang recd 8 rds unk cal rkt fire fr 0100 - 0200H; Quang Nam Prov, Mar tank unit & Mar arty unit in close proximity 4 km NW Da Nang recd more than 20 rds 122mm rkt fire, 0100H; Quang Nam Prov, Elms Mar Corps' FLC 9 km NW Da Nang recd more than 5 rds unk cal rkt fire, 0200H; Quang Ngai Prov, MACV compound Quang Ngai recd few rds rkt & mort fire, 0200H.
- I FFV. US installations recd en atks: Kontum Prov, base camp 4th Inf Div recd atk 0130 - 0200H of 10 rds 82mm mort fire. All impacted outside perimeter; Kontum afld recd more than 15 rds 122mm rkt fire 0100 - 0200H; Pleiku Prov, Camp Enari, 4th Inf Div's base camp, recd more than 10 rds 122mm rkt fire 0100 - 0200H lt dam rnwy, & closed for time.
- II FFV. (Bien Hoa Prov) - Bien Hoa AB recd more than 10 rds 122mm rkt fire 0200H. Mat dam lt.
- III MAF. (Quang Nam Prov) - 5 km SSE Da Nang, Marble Mountain Air Facility atkd w/over 25 rds unk cal rkt fire 0255H. 1 rd impacted Naval Hospital & wounded 5 patients & 2 corpsmen. Dam acft rept mod. Pers cas lt.
- II FFV. (Gia Dinh Prov) - 0045H, USN base Nha Be & adjacent Shell Oil Co tank farm hit w/more than 20 rds 75mm RR fire. 1 tank at Shell ignited. Mat dam to USN base lt. Pers cas rept lt.

- I FFV. (Binh Dinh Prov) - 0130 & 0140H, Camp Radcliff, An Khe recd over 15 rds unk cal mort fire. No mat dam. Pers cas rept lt.
- CORONADO XI. Term. Final results: 264 EK/39 US.
- US strike pilots flew 638 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 367 USMC 234 USN 37). BDA incl 45 EK & as dest or dam: 17 sampans & numerous pos. 41 secd explo & 18 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 80 EK & 68 sampans, 29 pos dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 278 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 6 times KSCB area (7 & 9 km WNW, 3 km SE, 3 km NE, 7 km NW & 7 km NNW), 36 km NW A Shau, & twice vic Saigon (45 km E & 75 km SE).
- NGF-RVN. USS JOHNSTON dest or dam 8 fort 23 km ESE Hue. DD PARKS shelled en area 45 - 48 km SSW Vung Tau, rept 13 en fort dest or dam. DD COLLETT dest or dam 36 fort 29 - 31 km SSW Da Nang.

5 Mar (Tuesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 79 msns NVN (USAF 39 USN 23 USMC 17). Pilots hit targets Panhandle region.
- NGF-NVN. DD CONE fired on 12 en shore btrys & DDs HOEL & BLUE hit en sup route NVN.
- SCOTLAND. Opn area recd approx 100 rds arty, mort & rkt fire. Cas due all hostile actions, lt.
- KENTUCKY. 1600H, AO fr 3rd Mar Div sighted 2-tracked vehicles N Ben Hai River, directed arty msns on vehicles. AO survey of area, revealed vehicles were wooden decoys.
- WHEELER/WALLOWA. Co 3rd Bde, 4th Inf Div contact unk size en force, 1535H, 12 km SW An Hoa. Inf sptd by arty & tac air. Contact term 1700H. 23 EK/2 US KIA & 4 WIA (medevaced).
- WHEELER/WALLOWA. 17 km NNW Tam Ky, elms fr 196th Lt Inf Bde contact en force 1200H & maintained contact during afternoon. Arty & tac air sptd grd troops. 35 EK/19 US WIA (medevaced).
- II FFV. (Phuoc Long Prov) - Co 3rd Bde, 101st Abd Div engaged est en plt 1100H, Song Be. Another co reinf 1315H. Both cos cont atk & engaged en bn vic Song Be village. Grd forces sptd by arty & hel lt fire teams. Contact lost 1720H. 36 EK/5 US KIA & 26 WIA.

- II FFV. 25th Inf Div base camp Cu Chi recd less than 40 rds 82mm mort fire & several 122mm rkt rds 2200H. Cas lt. Lt dam to acft. (Fol recd less than 20 rds direction fr Saigon): Go Dau Ha, 58 km NW; Ba Dong, 66 km NNE; Xuan Loc, 66 km NNE; Phuoc Vinh, 66 km NNE; An Loc, 110 km NNE; Phu Loi, 25 km N; LZ Sicilly, 47 km NNE; LZ Normandy, 45 km N; Long Binh, 30 km NE.
- US strike pilots flew 633 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 357 USMC 222 USN 54). BDA incl as dest or dam: 3 sampans & numerous pos. 44 secd exrol & 21 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 45 EK & 199 pos & 5 sampans dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 242 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 7 times KSCB area (2 & 3 km NE, 1 km N, 4 km W, 5 km S, 5 km SSE & 10 km NW), twice vic Saigon (35 km NNE & 110 km SE) & 30 km NW A Chau.
- Official acft loss figures: (fxd-wg) NVN 807 RVN 235
(hel) NVN 9 RVN 571

6 Mar (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 83 msns NVN (USAF 49 USN 19 USMC 15). USN pilots hit Hanoi port facilities, Bai Thuong afld, Van Dien btry plant, Hai Duong rly yd & Uong Bi TPP. USAF pilots hit Phuc Yen afld & Dong Hoi afld.
- NGF-NVN. DD HOEL set off 4 secd explo 73 km SSE Vinh. She & DDs BLUE & CONE hit coastal defense sites 28 km NNW - 51 km SSE Vinh.
- SCOTLAND. Om area recd over 100 rds mort, arty & rkt fire. Cas due all hostile actions, lt.
- KENTUCKY. (Quang Tri Prov) - 3rd Mar Div 5 km NE Con Thien, 1115H, contact en force unk size. Arty & tac air sptd Mar. Contact lost 1730H. 81 EK/14 US KIA & 29 WIA (medevaced).
- WHEELER/WALLOWA. AMERICAL Div elms engaged en force 14 km NW Tam Ky, 1500H. Organic wpns fire exchanged w/hvy contact resulting. Tac air directed onto en pos. Contact term 1730H. 19 EK/2 US KIA & 7 WIA.
- III MAF. (Quang Tri Prov) - 1600H, USAF C-123 hit by grd fire crashed KSCB area. 44 pass (43 USMC & 1 USN) & 4 USAF crewmembers aboard killed.

- II FFV. (Tay Ninh Prov) - 77 km NW Saigon, 25th Inf Div co on recon msn engaged unk size en force employing SA & AW. Inf sptd by arty fire. Another co reinf. US w/drew to blocking pos & called tac air & arty msns onto en pos. 41 EK/3 US KIA & 15 WIA.
- US strike pilots flew 666 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 346 USMC 240 USN 80). BDA incl 10 EK & as dest or dam: 7 sampans & numerous pos. 53 secd explo & 63 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 63 EK & 39 sampans & 24 pos dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 277 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 6 times KSCB area (4, 6, 8 & 13 km W, 3 km SE & 8 km WNW), 35 km NE Saigon, 24 km W Dak To & 26 km NE Kontum City.
- NGF-RVN. DD COLLETT dest or dam 9 en emplacements 27 - 34 km SSE Da Nang.

7 Mar (Thursday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 109 msns NVN (USAF 53 USN 41 USMC 15). USN pilots hit Hanoi radio communications receiving station, Van Dien btry plant. USAF pilots hit Kep rr yd.
- NGF-NVN. DD CONE & another 7th Flt DD fired on 5 coastal defense sites & 4 hwy brgs 29 -38 km SSE Dong Hoi. BDA not rept.
- NGF-DMZ. 7th Flt cruiser dest or dam 9 en emplacements & set off secd explo 6 km W & 9 km NNW Gio Linh.
- III MAF. Elms ARVN troops & 3rd Mar Div engaged est en bn approx 3 km NE Dong Ha, 1200H. Allied forces sptd by tac air & arty msns. Contact term 1900H. 164 EK/16 US KIA, 83 WIA (medevaced) & 30 WIA treated - ret to duty. ARVN cas lt.
- SCOTLAND. Opm area recd more than 90 rds arty, mort & rkt fire. Cas due all hostile actions, lt.
- I FFV. (Phu Yen Prov) - 15 km SE Tuy Hoa, Phu Hiep afld recd over 25 rds unk cal mort fire. 1 US WIA. Mat dam lt.
- US strike pilots flew 692 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 346 USMC 228 USN 118). BDA incl 65 EK & as dest or dam: numerous pos.

- USA hel gunships rept 144 EK & 142 pos & 16 sampans dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 199 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 6 times KSCB area (twice 4 km S & once 10 km S, 7 km SW, 12 km NW, & 12 km WSW), twice vic Hue (both 16 km WSW), 19 km NNE Kontum Cith, 19 km W Dak To and 70 km SE Saigon.
- NGF-RVN. 7th Flt DD fired on en fort & arty site 8 km SE & 11 km S Gio Linh, dest or dam 5 en fort. DD COLLETT dest or dam 49 en emplacements en target 29 km SSE Da Nang. Many fires set off by 7th Flt rkt firing ship 52 km NNW Nha Trang.
- II FFV. TRUONG CONG DINH. Initiated by 9th Inf Div 8 km SE Cai Lay, Dinh Tuong Prov.

8 Mar (Friday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 57 msns NVN (USAF 38 USN 11 USMC 8). USN pilots hit Vinh afld. Other strikes Panhandle area.
- SCOTLAND. Opn area recd approx 300 rds mort, arty & rkt fire. Cas due all hostile actions, lt.
- MACARTHUR. Troop fr 7th Sqdn, 17th Air Cav contacted en force 0925H, 25 km S Dak To, & fought during day w/organic hel gunships eptg. 2 more troops air cav moved in 1500H. Sporadic contact cont until term 1900H. 14 EK/1 US KIA & 4 WIA.
- II FFV. (Tay Ninh Prov) - 1000H, USA SF Camp vic Katum recd 3 rds 120mm mort & 4 rds unk rkt fire. Recon ptl located en firing pos & directed mort fire msn. Rds impacted too close to recon ptl. 1 CIDG KIA & 13 WIA. Investigation underway. En cas unk.
- VALLEY FORGE. Initiated by multi-bn force 199th Lt Inf Bde 45 km NW Saigon in Bien Hoa/Long Khanh Prov.
- III CORPS - TRUONG CONG DINH. 7th ARVN Inf Div joined U.S. 9th Inf Div in opn.
- NAVFORV. (RSSZ) - 1135H, tanker ESSO NORFOLK hit w/2 rds en fire while proceeding up Long Tan channel fr Vung Tau to Nha Be. No pers cas rept. Ship leaking unspecified type oil fr dam on starboard side.
- US stlike pilots flew 650 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 338 USMC 221 USN 91). BDA incl 20 EK & as dest or dam: numerous pos & 3 sampans. 37 secd explo & 18 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 53 EK & 41 sampans & 20 pos dest.

- USMC hel gunships flew 191 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 4 times KSCB area (3 km SE, 10 km S, 17 km NW & 17 km SSW), twice vic Hue (15 km WSW & 16 km SW) & twice vic Saigon (17 km NNW & 35 km NNW).

9 Mar (Saturday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 66 msns NVN (USAF 35 USN 18 USMC 13). USAF pilots hit Lang Giai rr yd. USN pilots hit Port Redon cargo facility & Ban Thac power plant.
- NGF-NVN. Lg secd explo set off by 7th Flt DD when she hit pier 29 km NNW Dong Hoi.
- SCOTLAND. Opn area recd approx 250 rds arty, mort & rkt fire. Cas due all hostile actions, lt.
- WHEELER/WALLOWA. Co fr 196th Lt Inf Bde, night pos 14 km NW Tam Ky, recd 40 rds 60mm mort fire. 1 US KIA, 14 WIA (medevaced) & 11 WIA treated - ret to duty. Cbtry fire ret w/unk results.
- WHEELER/WALLOWA. AMERICAL Div elms made contact w/unk size en force 1015H, hvy engagement & cont until afternoon. Tac air, arty & hel gunships sptd grd forces. Contact lost 1930H. 129 EK/10 US WIA (medevaced), 8 WIA treated - ret to duty.
- JEB STUART. 101st Abn Div troops, 9 km NNW Hue contacted en 0930H, engaged w/organic wpns & directed tac air onto en pos. Aerial rkt arty also sptd. Contact cont until 1645H. 35 EK/3 US KIA & 21 WIA.
- US strike pilots flew 647 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 347 USMC 201 USN 99). BDA incl numerous pos dest or dam. 30 secd explo & 32 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 73 EK & 42 pos & 15 sampans dest.
- B-52s struck 3 times KSCB (2 & 6 km S & 5 km SW), four times vic Hue (twice 16 km WSW & once 14 & 17 km WSW) & twice vic Saigon (50 & 70 km NW).

10 Mar (Sunday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 76 msns NVN (USAF 35 USN 24 USMC 17). USN pilots hit Haiphong hwy brg, Ban Thach power plant, Bai Thuong afld. USAF pilots hit Thai Nguyen rr yd.

- SCOTLAND. Opn area recd over 250 rds mort, arty & rkt fire. Cas due all hostile actions, lt.
- KENTUCKY. Opn area recd over 90 rds mort & arty fire. Cas due all hostile actions, lt.
- PROVCORPSV. Activated & fully operational 1200H. Under operational control III MAF in Da Nang. New HQ under command USA LTG William B. Rosson.
- SARATOGA. 2 cos 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div sweeping area 7 km NE TSN engaged by unk size en force. Sptd by arty & hel gunships. Contact lost 1630H. En cas unk. 3 US KIA & 12 WIA.
- SARATOGA. Term. Final results: 3863 EK/382 US KIA.
- II CORPS. (Khanh Hoa Prov) - ESSO stor area 4 km WNW Nha Trang recd unk no 60mm rds, 2145H. 2 VN civ killed & 1 wounded. No dam installation.
- ENTERPRISE. Term. Final results: 2107 EK/253 US KIA.
- USAF pilots flew 369 tac air sorties RVN. BDA incl 73 EK & as dest or dam 29 sampans & numerous pos. 15 secd explo & 6 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 54 EK & 99 pos & 79 sampans dest.
- B-52s struck 5 times KSCB area (3 km SE, 3 km WSW, 5 km NW, 8 km W & 23 km S), 9 km N Ban Me Thuot, 15 km WSW Hue & 50 km NNW Saigon.

11 Mar (Monday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 76 mns NVN (USAF 35 USN 32 USMC 9). USN pilots hit Hanoi radio communications receiving station, Thanh Hoa TPP, Cam Pha transformer station. USAF pilots hit Ha Dong army bks area & Yen Bai afd. USAF F-4 downed unk causes, crew MIA.
- SCOTLAND. Opn area recd approx 150 rds mort, arty & rkt fire. Cas due all hostile actions, lt.
- WHEELER/WALLOWA. Tac air 24 km WNW Tam Ky directed onto en pos by elms 196th Lt Inf Bde, 1415H. 11 EK/no US cas.
- WHEELER/WALLOWA. AMERICAL Div forces engaged en force w/ organic wpns fire 1100H, 22 km W Tam Ky. Inf sptd by tac air until contact term 1830H. 78 EK/2 US KIA, 15 WIA (medevaced) & 14 WIA treated - ret to duty.

- PINNAROO. Announced. Initiated 27 Feb.
- QUYET THANG. Initiated by multi-div force U.S. 1st, 9th, & 25th Inf Divs & 9th & 25th ARVN Inf Div, ARVN Abn Div TF, VNML TF, ARVN 5th Ranger Gp & NP in Gia Dinh, Long An, Hau Nghia, Binh Duong, & Bien Hoa Prov.
- VALLEY FORGE. Announced. Initiated 8 Mar.
- US strike pilots flew 573 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 303 USMC 194 USN 76). BDA incl 43 EK & numerous pos dest or dam. 25 secd explo & 5 fires rept.
- USMC hel gunships flew 209 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 3 times KSCB area (4 km W, 5 km S & 6 km NNW), 20 km NW Dak To, 15 km WSW Hue & 40 km NE Saigon.
- NGF-RVN. Numerous secd explo set off & 8 stor struc dest as 7th Flt cruiser hit en ammo & fuel area 10 km SE Gio Linh.
- LAMSON 193 II. (Quang Tri Prov) - (ON BACKGROUND) - 1st ARVN Div elms engaged en force unk size 5 km SSE Gio Linh 0800H. En force employed AW, mort & RPG fire & sptd by arty fire fr N of DMZ. ARVN elms used organic wpns fire & sptd by Mar tac air, gunships & arty. USA 1st Cav Div (Airmbl) units hit en pos w/aerial rkt-arty. Contact term unk time. 305 EK/42 ARVN KIA & 148 WIA. (END BACKGROUND).

12 Mar (Tuesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 76 mns NVN (USAF 35 USN 25 USMC 16). USAF pilots hit Kep afd & boat const yd. USN pilots hit Haipong rr yd, Kien An hwy ferry.
- SCOTLAND. Opn area recd approx 35 rds mort, arty & rkt fire. Cas due all hostile actions, lt.
- PROVCORPSV. (Thua Thien Prov) - Elms 1st Cav Div (Airmbl) engaged en force 1025H, 18 km SW Quang Tri Prov throughout day. 59 EK/1 US KIA & 20 WIA.
- WHEELER/WALLOWA. Cav troop fr AMERICAL Div on sweep msn discovered bunker complex 19 km NW Tam Ky. Fresh graves in area & en bodies found in bunkers. 51 en bodies found.
- III MAF. (Quang Ngai Prov) - Aerial recon elms AMERICAL Div obs est 40 en in area 18 km W Quang Ngai City. En force engaged & hel crew rept 10 EK.

- NAPOLEON/SALINE. 1245H, elms 3rd Mar Div engaged en force unk size 11 km NNE Dong Ha. Mar sptd by arty, tanks & NGF. En forces used AW, mort & RPG fire. Contact term 2000H. 35 EK/10 US KIA & 23 WIA.
- VALLEY FORGE. During sweep 29 km ENE Saigon, 1230H, troop fr 11th Armd Cav Regt made contact en force in bunker complex. 1 US tank sptg grd troop hit by RPG fire & dest. 12 EK/12 US WIA.
- US strike pilots flew 549 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 381 USMC 129 USN 39). BDA incl 2 EK & as dest or dam: 68 sampans & numerous pos. 37 secd explo & 17 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 46 EK & 49 pos & 48 sampans dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 127 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck fol yest & today: 8 times KSCB area (4 km SE, 4 km E, 4 km WSW, 5 km SW, 5 km SSW, 8 km W, 17 km S & 18 km WNW), twice vic Saigon (40 km NNE & 144 km E), 36 km SW Tuy Hoa, 1 km N A Chau & 25 km SSW Bong Son.
- NGF-RVN. 7th Flt rkt firing ship dest or dam 23 fort & set off secd explo 10 km NNE Hue.
- Official acft loss figures: (fxd-wg) NVN 809 RVN 238
(hel) NVN 9 RVN 584

13 Mar (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 94 msns NVN (USN 44 USAF 32 USMC 18). USN pilots hit Haiphong rr/hwy brg, Kien An hwy brg, Kien An afld, Cat Bi afld, Uong Bi TPP, Cam Pha mil bks & Ninh Giang transshipment point. USAF pilots hit Chuc Son army bks & Lang Giai rr yd. USMC pilots cont strikes Panhandle.
- NGF-DMZ. HMAS PERTH silenced 5 en arty sites 10 km NNE Gio Linh.
- SCOTLAND. Opn area recd approx 200 rds mort, arty & rkt fire. Cas due all hostile actions lt.
- NAPOLEON/SALINE. 2 cos 3rd Mar Div on sweep msn 10 km N Dong Ha encountered en force unk size 1800H. Mar sptd by arty, atkd en pos met hvy resistance. Contact lost 2030H. 30 EK/1 US KIA, 25 WIA (medevaced) & 8 WIA treated - ret to dy.

- I FFV. (Pleiku Prov) - 1115H, 4th Inf Div convoy ambushed by en force unk size, 14 km N Pleiku City, employing SA, AW & RPG rkt-gren fire. Convoy sptd by USA hel gunships & AF tac air. 48 EK/12 US KIA & 8 WIA. Dam to vehicles mod.
- I FFV. (Darlac Prov) - 2300H, Ban Me Thuot afld recd over 200 rds unk cal mort rds. SA & AW fire rept same time. Pers cas lt. Some dam facilities. No acft dam rept.
- US strike pilots flew 618 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 340 USMC 173 USN 105). BDA incl 20 EK & as dest or dam: 4 sampans & numerous pos. 48 secd explo & 17 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 26 EK & 64 pos & 9 sampans dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 143 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 7 times KSCB area (6 & 8 km NW, 5 km E, 8 km SW, 10 km W, 12 km S & 14 km SE), 25 km NW A Shau, 48 km NNW Dak To & 75 km SE Saigon.
- NGF-RVN. DD CONE set off secd explo 26 km SSE Tuy Hoa. Also dest 9 en fort 16 km NNW Tuy Hoa.
- WORTH. Initiated by bn sized force 1st Mar Div & USA cav sqdn Quang Nam Prov.

14 Mar (Thursday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 86 msns NVN (USAF 34 USN 29 USMC 23). USN pilots hit Haiphong rr/hwy brg, Uong Bi TPP & POL areas Haiphong area. USAF pilots hit Dong Hoi afld, cutting rwy 2 places & Thai Nguyen TPP.
- SCOTLAND. Opn area recd over 80 rds mort, rkt & arty fire. Cas due all hostile action lt.
- QUYET THANG. Co fr 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div engaged en force 1425H, 40 km N Saigon. 1635H, cav troop sptg 1st Bde made contact another en force same vic. Contact lost both actions 1800H. USA hel gunships & arty sptd grd troops. 28 EK/3 US WIA.
- III MAF. (Quang Nam Prov) - Mar recon ptl fr 1st Mar Div obs approx 500 NVA troops 6 km NE An Hoa, 1900H. Ptl directed arty mens & tac air on en pos. 101 EK/no US cas.
- III MAF. (Quang Tri Prov) - Waterborne aslt craft hit en mine, est 900 lbs explo, & sank. Vessel sweeping waterways 3 km NE Dong Ha as elms 3rd Mar Div searching bank. 2 crew members KIA & 1 WIA.

- III MAP. (Quang Tri Prov) - 1830H, Dong Ha combat base recd over 15 rds 130mm arty fire. Gas & dam not rept. CP 1st Mar Amp Tractor Bn E of Cau Viet Naval Activity recd over 40 rds 140mm rkt fire. Gas lt. No mat dam.
- FORD. Initiated Thua Thien Prov by bn + force 1st & 3rd Mar Div.
- II FFV. (Tay Ninh Prov) - SF camp Katum, 112 km NNW Saigon recd over 90 rds unk cal mort & RPG rkt-gren fire, 1900H. Gas rept lt. (Binh Hoa Prov) - 2nd Bde, 1st Inf Div compound Di An, 11 km NE Saigon recd over 20 rds 82mm mort fire. Pers cas lt. Mat dam insignificant.
- CMD. (Gia Dinh Prov) - Convoy 30 vehicles (11 mil 19 civ), traveling fr Newport to Long Binh 0050H ambushed by est 8 en employing SA & AW fire. US cav security elms engaged en force which fled 0100H. 1 EK/1 US KIA & 3 WIA. Mat dam lt.
- US strike pilots flew 666 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 383 USMC 219 USN 64). BDA incl 33 EK. 28 secd explo & 17 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 55 EK & 38 pos & 19 sampans dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 209 sorties RVN.
- B-57s struck 5 times KSCB area (3, 12 & 13 km W, 3 km S & 4 km SSE), 17 km NW A Chau, 22 km N Ban Me Thuot & 76 km SE Saigon.

15 Mar (Friday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 100 msns NVN (USN 39 USAF 35 USMC 26). USN pilots hit Do Son radio communications station, Dong Trieu army bks, Hon Gai bks area, Hon Gai TPP, Van Dien btry plant, Kien An afld & Cam Pha POL stor area & transformer station. USAF pilots hit Yen Bai afld.
- SCOTLAND. Opn area recd over 230 rds mort & arty fire. Gas due all hostile actions lt.
- JEB STUART. Elms 1st Cav Div (Airmbl) discovered en cache 6 km SSE Quang Tri Prov containing 560 rds 60mm mort ammo.
- QUYET THANG. Troop fr 11th Armd Cav Regt made contact w/est en bn 1005H, 9 km SW Cu Chi. Tac air, arty & hel gunships sptd grd troops. 1355H, elms 25th Inf Div reinf cav & 2 units engaged en until 1930H when contact term. 81 EK/21 US WIA. Other elms 25th Inf Div discovered en grave approx 8 km NE Duc Hoa, containing 18 en bodies.

- TROUNG CONG DINH. Elms 9th Inf Div made contact w/en force 1710H, 10 km NE My Tho. Grd forces sptd by arty & hel gunships. Contact term 2030H. 13 EK/6 US KIA & 22 WIA.
- II FFV. (Hau Nghia Prov) - 3 cos 2nd Bde, 25th Inf Div made contact w/en force unk size 12 km NNE Trang Bang (48 km NNW Saigon) 1430H. Organic wpns fire exchanged until 2030H when contact term. Hel gunships, arty & tac air sptd grd troops. 15 EK/2 US KIA & 8 WIA.
- US strike pilots flew 664 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 373 USMC 193 USN 98). BDA incl 41 EK & as dest or dam: numerous pos. 32 secd explo rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 62 EK & 172 pos & 30 sampans dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 205 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 4 times KSCB area (4 & 5 km SW, 10 km WSW & 13 km S), 7 km N Gio Linh, 24 km NW A Chau, 50 km SE Rach Gia & 140 km SE Saigon.
- NGF-RVN. 7th Flt cruiser dest or dam 92 en fort 32 km SSE Da Nang & set off secd explo & silenced AW pos.

16 Mar (Saturday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 90 msns NVN (USN 34 USAF 31 USMC 25). USAF pilots hit Phuc Yen afd & Phu Tho army bks area. USN pilots hit Yen Vien rr yd, dropped southern 2 spans Kien An hwy brg, Nam Dinh TPP & Cam Pha transformer station.
- SCOTLAND. Opn area recd over 120 rds mort, rkt & arty fire. Cas due all hostile actions lt.
- KENTUCKY. Opn area recd over 440 rds mort, arty & rkt fire. Cas due all hostile actions lt.
- KENTUCKY. 2 cos fr 3rd Mar Div sptd by tac air engaged en bn 4 km W Gio Linh. En w/drew to N w/Mar in pursuit. Est 100 en in trench & bunker complex approx 1/2 mi to N fired on advancing Mar. Organic wpns, tac air, hel gunships & arty msns fired onto en pos. Contact term 1530H. 83 EK/2 US KIA, 11 WIA (medevaced) & 15 lt WIA treated - ret to dy.
- NAPOLEON/SALINE. Elms 4th Regt, 3rd Mar Div discovered fresh en graves 6 km N Dong Ha containing 17 en bodies. 1645H, ptl fr same elms engaged en force unk size vic grave sites. Co size reaction force inserted & opposing forces exchanged SA & AW fire until contact term 1900H. 4 EK/1 US KIA, 6 WIA (medevaced) & 15 lt WIA treated - ret to dy.

- MUSCATINE. Elms AMERICAL Div, 11th Lt Inf Bde made contact w/en force unk size 9 km NE Quang Ngai City. Inf sptd by USA hel gunships & arty. Sporadic contact cont until 1500H when contact lost. 128 EK/2 US KIA, 4 WIA (medevaced) & 6 lt WIA treated - ret to dy.
- QUYET THANG OFFENSIVE. (Hau Nghia Prov) - Elms 51st ARVN Ranger Bn sptd by USA 11th Armd Cav Regt made joint atk on est reinf en co 4 mi NE Duc Hoa (26 km NW Saigon). ARVN & US force sptd by USAF tac air & USA arty & hel gunships. 135 EK/no US cas & ARVN cas rept lt.
- III MAF. (Thua Thien Prov) - 1200H, USMC A-4 on spt msn dropped 3 500-lb bombs vic USA arty btry 12 km SW Hue. 7 US KIA & 29 WIA (medevaced). Investigation underway.
- BOX SPRINGS. Initiated by 101st Abn Div multi-bn force Binh Duong Prov.
- MACARTHUR. Elms 173rd Abn Bde made contact w/en sqd 1030H 18 km NNW Kontum City. SA & AW fire exchanged. Contact term 1240H & re-established 1530H w/larger force unk size. Abn co recd AW, SA & RPG rkt-gren fire. USA arty & USAF tac air directed onto en pos & contact term at dark. 50 EK/1 US KIA & 3 WIA.
- US strike pilots flew 713 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 407 USMC 197 USN 109). BDA incl 19 EK & numerous pos dest or dam. 37 secd explo & 5 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 52 EK & 25 pos & 24 sampans dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 178 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 5 times KSCB area (2 & 3 km S, 8 & 10 km SE & 8 km NW), 3 times vic Dak To (2 times 65 km N & once 47 km NNE), twice vic Saigon (both 75 km SE) & 26 km NW A Chau.
- NGF-RVN. 7th Flt cruiser hit pos SW Gio Linh & dest or dam 9 en fort. DD EPPERSON dest or dam over 100 en stor & sup bldgs en asy & stor area 15 km SE Quang Ngai City. DD BRADLEY dest or dam 7 en bunkers & spt bldgs 25 km, 28 km & 44 km ENE Phan Thiet.

17 Mar (Sunday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 59 msns NVN (USAF 26 USMC 22 USN 11). USN pilots hit Cam Pha mil bks, Ninh Binh rr siding. USN A-6 downed unk cause, crew MIA. USAF F-4 downed unk causes, crew rescued.

- SCOTLAND. Opn area recd approx 500 rds mort, arty & rkt fire. Cas due all hostile actions lt.
- III MAF. (Quang Nam Prov) - USMC CH-46 hel downed 20 km SW Da Nang after sustaining hits rear section while lifting 18 men (incl 9 WIA) fr LZ. No cas rept.
- QUYET THANG OFFENSIVE. (Hau Nghia Prov) - (ON BACKGROUND) - 1500H, ARVN & US forces made contact w/est en co 15 km W Hoc Mon. Opposing forces exchanged SA & AW fire while ARVN & US arty & hel gunships struck en pos. Contact term 2000H. 50 EK/no US cas rept. ARVN cas lt.

(Binh Duong Prov) - 1430H, PF plt made contact w/est en plt 15 km W Hoc Mon. 2 forces exchanged AW & SA fire. En employed RPG rkt-gren fire. 2 ARVN bns & PF co reinf unit in contact & en force est co-size. Hel gunships & tac air sptd grd forces. Contact lost 1830H. 55 EK/ARVN & PF cas very lt.

(Tay Ninh Prov) - Elms troop air cav USA's 25th Inf Div sptd PF OP under atk 15 km S Tay Ninh City. Hel gunships engaged 2 en cos vic & maintained contact until 2000H. 25 EK/no US cas. (END BACKGROUND).

- TRUONG CONG DINH OFFENSIVE. (ON BACKGROUND) - (Dinh Tuong Prov) - S & D opn conducted by 7th ARVN Inf Div 5 km NE My Tho resulted 26 EK, 5 suspects DET. Another S & D opn conducted by 12th Regt, 7th ARVN Inf Div 4 km NW Cai Lay resulted 15 EK, 3 suspects DET. ARVN cas lt. (END BACKGROUND).
- MACARTHUR. 1710H, elms 173rd Abn Bde on sweep msn recd SA & M-79 fire fr unk no en vic night pos 19 km NW Kontum City. Arty sptd Inf in contact. US elms disengaged fr contact to night pos. En harassed frd pos w/SA & mort fire. Cbtry fire ret w/unk results. 13 US WIA.
- WALKER. Initiated by 173rd Abn Bde bn-sized force in Binh Dinh Prov.
- II FFV. (Long An Prov) - 3rd, 9th Inf Div base camp, atkd by approx 25 rds 82mm mort & RPG rkt-gren fire. US & ARVN cas lt w/no fatalities. 1 VN civ wounded.
- VALLEY FORGE. Term. Final results: 27 EK/1 US KIA.
- US strike pilots flew over 386 tac air sorties RVN (USAF over 118 USMC 196 USN 72). BDA incl 38 EK & numerous pos dest or dam. 16 secd explo & 3 fires rept.

- USA hel gunships rept 59 EK & 28 pos & 13 sampans dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 305 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 3 times KSCB area (4 km W, 2 km NE & 12 km S), twice vic Pleiku (20 & 23 km N) & 15 km WSW Hue.
- NGF-RVN. DD CONE rept 33 en sup & stor struc dest or dam 29 km N Qui Nhon.

18 Mar (Monday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 71 msns NVN (USAF 38 USMC 20 USN 13). USN pilots hit Kien An afld, Hon Gai TPP. USAF F-100 downed by grd fire WSW Dong Hoi. 1 crewmember rescued, 1 MIA.
- NGF-DMZ. 7th Flt cruiser hit en targets 6-8 km N Gio Linh, rept numerous secd explo.
- SCOTLAND. Opn area recd over 115 rds mort, arty & rkt fire. Cbtry fire ret w/unk results. Cas due all hostile actions lt.
- NAPOLEON/SALINE. Co 3rd Mar Div sptd by arty, hel gunships & tac air made contact w/en force unk size in well-prepared pos. En fired 40 rds 140mm rkts on frd pos as co atkd. Air strikes directed onto en pos 1410H. 1440H Mar assaulted en pos. Contact term unk time. 67 EK/12 US KIA & 24 WIA (medevaced).
- III MAF. (Quang Ngai Prov) - Co fr 11th Lt Inf Bde engaged en force 22 km SE Quang Ngai City, 1440H w/organic wpns. Inf directed arty msns onto en pos & contact term 1700H. 11 EK/no US cas.
/DINH
- TRUONG CONG OFFENSIVE. (Dinh Tuong Prov) - ARVN 7th Inf Div rept 45 EK 5 km NE My Tho. Cum results thus far opn: 466 EK, 327 DFT/27 US KIA & 156 WIA. (ON BACKGROUND) - ARVN cas lt. (END BACKGROUND)
- US strike pilots flew 616 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 350 USMC 206 USN 60). BDA incl 37 EK & numerous pos dest or dam. 30 secd explo & 5 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 48 EK & 29 pos & 20 sampans dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 240 sorties RVN.
- NGF-RVN. DD TAUSSIG dest or dam 3 en base camps & sup areas 59 km ENE Vung Tau & rept 6 struc dest or dam same site. DD HOLLISTER set off secd explo en site 8 km SSE Gio Linh & dest en bunker 3 km E Gio Linh.

19 Mar (Tuesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 82 msns NVN (USN 35 USAF 31 USMC 16).
USN pilots hit Uong Bi TPP, Nam Dinh rr yd. USAF pilots hit Dong Hoi afld.
- SCOTLAND. Opn area recd over 115 rds mort, rkt & arty fire.
Cas due all hostile actions lt.
- TRUONG CONG DINH. Cum results thus far opn: 502 EK, 340 DET/
27 US KIA & 156 WIA. (ON BACKGROUND) - 66 ARVN KIA & 262 WIA.
(END BACKGROUND)
- QUYET THANG OFFENSIVE. (ON BACKGROUND) - (Gia Dinh Prov) -
Elms ARVN 35th Ranger Bn engaged unk no en 1130H & exchanged
SA & AW fire. ARVN troops sptd by tac air & arty. Contact
term 1630H. 21 EK/ARVN cas lt. (END BACKGROUND).
- IV CORPS. (Ba Xuyen Prov) - USA UH-1 hel downed by en grd
fire 10 km SW Soc Trang. 2 crewmembers WIA & acft maj dam.
- US strike pilots flew 653 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 359 USMC
224 USN 70). BDA incl 7 EK & as dest or dam: 9 sampans &
numerous pos. 22 secd explo & 13 fires rept.
- USA hel gunships rept 35 EK & 27 pos & 17 sampans dest.
- USMC hel gunships flew 216 sorties RVN.
- B-52s struck 6 times KSCB area (14, 15 & 16 km WNW, 6 km SE,
8 km SW & 17 km SSW), 16 km WSW Hue, 40 km W Kontum City &
19 km N Pleiku City.
- NGF-RVN. DD HOLLISTER dest or dam 11 fort & set 2 fires en
pos 3 km NE & 8 km SE Gio Linh.
- Official acft loss figures: (fxd-wg) NVN 812 RVN 240
(hel) NVN 9 RVN 594

20 Mar (Wednesday)

- NVN. US pilots flew 119 msns NVN (USAF 63 USN 38 USMC 18).
USN pilots hit Hon Gai TPP & rept dest or dam 55 trks & 49
sup boats NVN. USAF pilots hit Phuc Yen afld & rept dest or
dam 65 trks & setting off 15 lg fires & 11 secd explo NVN.
- SCOTLAND. Opn area recd over 165 rds mort, rkt & arty fire.
Cas due all hostile actions lt.