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REPORTS ON PLAF MILITARY ACTION IN SOUTH

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[Text] Hanoi VNA December 14--The regional armed forces in Phuoc Long Province on December 5 completely wiped out a civil guard company in Moi hamlet, according to GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY. The enemy was trying to reoccupy these two hamlets under the U.S.-puppet plan of accelerated pacification.

The following day, the regional army heavily trounced two other enemy companies belonging to the puppet 5th Division in Thien Ngon hamlet, and captured a large quantity of firearms and other equipment.

On December 4, guerillas intercepted enemy commandos north on Highway 14, knocking down 20 of them, and shot down one helicopter, killing or wounding four GI's on board. At night, the regional armed forces again attacked the enemy in Bu Nguoi and Moi hamlets, killing or wounding many enemy troops. Six thousand people were subsequently freed from enemy control and returned to their native places.

Also, according to GPPA, the regional army in the same province on November 27 had put out of action an enemy company in Bu Nho area south of Phuoc Binh township.

Quang Duc Province

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[Text] Hanoi VNA December 13--The People's Liberation Armed Forces in Quang Duc Province on the night of December 6 and the following day killed or wounded more than 240 enemy troops, according to GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY.

The action began with the P.L.A.F. storming the headquarters of the 4th Battalion, 45th Regiment of the puppet army, killing or wounding 40 enemy and seizing a quantity of weapons and other military equipment. At the same time, the P.L.A.F. fired artillery on the headquarters of the civil guard in the province, causing additional losses to the enemy.

The same night, the P.L.A.F. assaulted the enemy in Khiem Can strategic hamlet and encircled the Khiem Can post about 1 kilometre southeast of the provincial capital. About 1,000 people imprisoned in the hamlet rose up to smash the puppets' control and returned to their former places.

Next morning, the liberation fighters smashed a relief operation conducted by six companies, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

## Thu Dau Mot Province

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[Text] Hanoi VNA December 16--The People's Liberation Armed Forces on December 8 assaulted and neatly wiped out a U.S. company of nearly 100 men shortly after it was landed in Dong Tron area, Thu Dau Mot Province, according to GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY. The same day, the PLAF launched a surprise attack on a U.S. truck park along Highway 6, some 34 km northwest of Saigon. Within 40 minutes, the PLAF destroyed or damaged 25 military vehicles, and killed or wounded many G.I.'s.

In Tay Ninh Province, the P.L.A.F. on the night of November 26 assaulted an American battalion engaged in a pacification operation in several villages in Trang Band district. In a 30-minute battle, they overran the battalion headquarters, killed or wounded 180 G.I.'s, and seized a large quantity of military equipment. The following day, the P.L.A.F. shot down an OF.6 [as received] helicopter, capturing all the American crewmen.

In the 6 days ending November 25, the armed forces in Soc Trang Province put out of action nearly 200 enemy troops, including dozens of U.S. and Pak Chong-hui troops. They also sank three enemy vessels.

## Quang Tri Province

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[Text] Hanoi VNA December 14--Fighting the enemy helilifted to Hill 333 in northern Quang Tri Province, the PLAF on December 11 killed or wounded more than 200 GI's, according to GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY. The same source added that during the 10 preceding days the PLAF wiped out over 330 enemy troops, mostly GI's in various parts of the province. They also shot down four planes and destroyed 14 military vehicles.

## 'PUPPET' SOLDIERS REVOLT IN TAY NINH PROVINCE

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[Text] Hanoi VNA December 15--Burning with anger at the U.S. aggressors and puppet cruel commanders, on the night of December 8, troops of the commando company number 343 stationed at Ca Tum, Tay Ninh Province, simultaneously revolted and opened fire on the headquarters, killing a U.S. major "adviser" and many puppet cruel agents. The mutiny was supported by troops of other commando companies who refused to repress the mutineers, burned their uniforms, and threw away their weapons.

Frightened, the enemy commanders at Ca Tum had to call for rescue and send the commando company number 345 to the scene to replace the revolting company number 343. The next day, however, troops of the commando company number 344 at Ca Tum, together with those of the newly arrived company, also revolted and demanded to be sent to another place.

Earlier, also at Ca Tum, on December 2 two puppet commando platoons simultaneously revolted and forced their commanders to send them to the provincial capital.