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This release has been prepared to present a review of the significant events occurring in this command during February 1967.

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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

A-1	- Skyraider (USN/USAF/RVNAF)	BLT	- battalion landing team
A-3D	- Skywarrior (USN)	bn	- battalion
A-4	- Skyhawk (USN/USMC)	BOQ	- officer billet
A-6	- Intruder (USN/USMC)	CA	- cruiser, heavy
AA	- antiaircraft	CAC	- combined action company
AAA	- antiaircraft artillery	cal	- caliber
abn	- airborne	cam	- camouflaged
AC-47	- Dragonship ("Puff, the Magic Dragon")	Cap	- Capital
acft	- aircraft	CAP	- combat air patrol
AF	- Air Force	cas	- casualties
AGC	- amphibious force flagship	cav	- cavalry
AKA	- attack cargo ship	CG	- commanding general
ammo	- ammunition	CH-3C	- USAF helicopter
APA	- attack transport	CH-37	- Mojave helicopter (USMC)
APC	- armored personnel carrier	CH-46	- Sea Knight helicopter (USMC)
APD	- high speed transport	CH-47	- Chinook helicopter (USA)
ARA	- aerial rocket artillery	CH-54	- Flying Crane helicopter (USA)
armd	- armored	CHICOM	- Chinese Communist
atk	- attack	CHOP	- change of operational control
arty	- artillery	CIDG	- Civilian Irregular Defense Group
ARVN	- Army Republic of Vietnam	civ	- civilian
aslt	- assault	CL	- cruiser, light
B-52	- Stratofortress (USAF)	CMD	- Capital Military District
B-57	- Canberra (USAF)	CO	- commanding officer
BDA	- bomb damage assessment	co	- company
bde	- brigade	cont	- continued; continue
BEQ	- enlisted billet		

CP	- command post	F-4	- Phantom II (USN/USAF/USMC)
GRC	- combat reporting center (radar)	F-5	- Freedom Fighter (USAF)
CSW	- crew-served weapon	F-8	- Crusader (USN/USMC)
CTZ	- Corps Tactical Zone (government of RVN area designation)	F-100	- Supersabre (USAF)
		F-102	- Delta Dagger (USAF)
C-7A	- Caribou (formerly CV-2) (USAF)	F-104	- Starfighter (USAF)
C-47	- Skytrain (USN/USAF/RVNAF)	F-105	- Thunderchief (USAF)
C-123	- Provider (USAF)	FAC	- forward air controller
C-130	- Hercules (USAF/USMC)	frag	- fragment or fragmentation
C-141	- Starlifter (USAF)	frd	- friendly
CV-2	- Caribou (now C-7A) (USAF)	FW	- Free World
CVA	- attack aircraft carrier	fwd	- forward
dam	- damage	FWMAF	- Free World Military Assistance Forces
DASC	- direct air support center	fxd	- fixed
DD	- destroyer	gren	- grenade
DE	- destroyer escort	GVN	- Government Vietnam
dest	- destroy; destroyed	HE	- high explosive
div	- division	hel	- helicopter
DMZ	- Demilitarized Zone	HH-43	- Huskie (USAF)
DOD	- Department of Defense	how	- howitzer
EK	- enemy killed	hq	- headquarters
elm	- element	HU-16	- Albatross (USAF/USN)
en	- enemy	hvy	- heavy
EOD	- explosive ordnance disposal	IFS	- inshore fire support ship
equip	- equipment	immed	- immediate
est	- estimated		
evac	- evacuate; evacuated; evacuation		

indiv	- individual	mil	- military
inf	- infantry	mod	- moderate
IW	- individual weapon	mort	- mortar
KC-135	- Stratotanker (USAF)	MP	- Military Police
KIA	- killed in action	MSB	- minesweeper boat
lchr	- launcher	msn	- mission
LCM	- landing craft medium	MSTS	- Military Sea Transport Service
LCU	- landing craft utility	neg	- negative
LCVP	- landing craft vehicle personnel	NGF	- naval gunfire
LFT	- light fire team (helicopter)	NVA	- North Vietnamese Army
LLDB	- GVN special forces	NVAK	- North Vietnamese Army killed
LPD	- amphibious transport dock	NVN	- North Vietnam
LPH	- amphibious assault ship	OH-13	- Sioux helicopter (USA)
LSD	- landing ship dock	OH-23	- Raven helicopter (USA)
LSMR	- landing ship medium rocket	Ontos	- tracked multiple recoilless rifle (USMC)
LST	- landing ship tank	opn	- operation(s)
lt	- light	OV-1	- Mohawk (USA)
LZ	- landing zone	P-2	- Neptune (USN)
MACV	- Military Assistance Command Vietnam	P-3	- Orion (USN)
Mar	- Marine(s)	PACV	- Patrol Air Cushion Vehicle
mbl	- mobile	PBR	- river patrol boat
MCB	- mobile construction battalion	PCF	- patrol craft fast (Swift boat)
mech	- mechanized; mechanical	pd	- period
med	- medical	pers	- personnel
mg	- machinegun	PF	- Popular Force
MIA	- missing in action	PHILCAGV	- 1st Philippine Civic Action Group

plat	- platoon(s)	RVNAF	- Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces
POL	- petroleum, oil & lubricant	SA	- small arms
posn	- position	SAM	- surface to air missile
prep	- preparation; preparatory; prepare; prepared	SAR	- search and rescue
Prov	- Province	SC	- search and clear
PT	- patrol torpedo	scty	- security
ptl	- patrol	SD	- search and destroy
PW	- prisoner of war	SEAL	- USN sea-air-land special mission team
RA-5	- Vigilante (USN)	secd	- secondary
RAR	- Royal Australian Regiment	SLF	- special landing force
RB-66	- destroyer (USAF)	smg	- submachinegun
rd	- round(s)	SP	- self-propelled
RD	- Revolutionary Development	spt	- support
recd	- received	sptd	- supported
recon	- reconnaissance	sqd	- squad
regt	- regiment	tac	- tactic; tactical; tactics
reinf	- reinforced	TACP	- tactical air control party
req	- request; requested	TAOR	- tactical area of responsibility
RF	- Regional Force	term	- terminated
RF-4C	- Photo Phantom (USAF/USMC)	TF	- task force
RF-101	- Voodoo (USAF)	TG	- task group
rkt	- rocket	TPP	- thermal power plant
RL	- rocket launcher	U-10	- Courier (USAF)
ROK	- Republic of Korea	UDT	- underwater demolition team
RR	- recoilless rifle	UH-1B	- "Huey" helicopter. Crew 4 plus 6 troops
RSSZ	- Rung Sat Special Zone	UH-1D	- "Huey" helicopter. Crew 4 plus 9 troops.
RVN	- Republic of Vietnam	UK	- United Kingdom

unk - unknown

US - United States

USA - U.S. Army

USAID - U.S. Agency for International Development

USAF - U.S. Air Force

USARV - U.S. Army, Vietnam

USCG - U.S. Coast Guard

USMC - U.S. Marine Corps

USN - U.S. Navy

USNS - U.S. Naval Ship

VC - Viet Cong

VCK - Viet Cong killed

vic - vicinity

VN - Vietnamese

VNAF - Vietnamese Air Force

VNMC - Vietnamese Marine Corps

VNN - Vietnamese Navy

w/ - with

Wg - wing

WIA - wounded in action

w/o - without

WPB - USCG patrol craft

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REVIEW OF EVENTS
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GENERAL

Allied forces increased the tempo of ground-air-sea operations against the enemy during the month. These operations continued the closely coordinated overall effort to exact upon the enemy an increasingly high toll as the price of continuing his aggression. The operations increased the cost to the enemy in manpower, materiel, supplies, troop and cargo movement capabilities, antiaircraft, coastal batteries, and his command and control structure in the South. The major ground operations in Quang Tri, Binh Dinh, Pleiku and Tay Ninh Provinces, which exacted heavy losses from enemy combat forces and base camps in those areas, were directed toward the same end result as the other operations - the fixed-wing and helicopter airstrikes in the Republic, the B-52 raids, the coastal and inland waterways surveillance operations, and the airstrikes, naval gunfire and river mining operations in North Vietnam. They all were and are directed toward wearing down the enemy's ability and determination to continue his aggression against the Republic of Vietnam.

US operations included the largest ground operation of the conflict - the II Force's multi-division operation JUNCTION CITY - directed against the northern portions of War Zone C - an area suspected of containing major COSVN headquarters elements.

The increased intensity of action during the month reflected the continuing improvement in the force ratio. During February, U.S. strength in-country increased from about 404,000 to 418,000. Breakdown of U.S. strength by service at 2 March was: Army 264,000; Marine Corps 74,000; Air Force 55,000; Navy 24,000; and Coast Guard 400(+). Other Free World military strength in-country remained about 53,000. The three Other Free World countries most heavily represented were: Republic of Korea 46,000; Australia 4,700; and Philippines 2,000.

Known enemy personnel losses during the month were over 7,100 enemy killed, a most significant increase over January's 5,954 killed - which had been the high month for the conflict. The highest kill ratio for any one week period was recorded for the week ending 18 February (6.3 to 1). The previous high was 6.2 to 1 for the week ending 3 December 1966. The highest number of enemy killed by allied forces in any one week period in the Republic occurred during the week ending 25 February (2,449) (adjusted figure).

Enemy weapons losses, estimated at about 2,100, was generally on a par with the 2,283 weapons lost by the enemy in January. January's weapons loss ratio was the most favorable recorded since June 1966.

The week's Chieu Hoi returnee rate 19-25 February (1108) was the highest attained under the Chieu Hoi Program since its inception in 1963. The four week total of 2,917 for February (period 29 January through 25 February) is the highest monthly figure recorded. The previous high month was December in which 2,516 Viet Cong returned during a five-week period. A total of 5,189 Chieu Hoi returnees rallied to the Government of Vietnam during the period 1 January through 25 February 1967. Last year's total to 25 February was 3,185.

Allied operations consisted primarily of search and destroy operations, but with increased attention to penetration of known enemy base areas and provision of a security environment conducive to revolutionary development.

The four-day TET period of curtailed military operations 8-12 February was observed by allied forces. Nevertheless, during the period, 272 incidents involving US or other Free World Military Forces were recorded. 89 were considered significant and were announced to the press. U.S. casualties during the four-day period were 18 killed and 158 wounded. Allied defensive measures resulted in 112 enemy killed. Full military activity in the Republic of Vietnam was resumed at 120700H February. Strike missions in North Vietnam were not resumed until 14 February.

EVENTS BY AREA

NORTH VIETNAM

The air effort over North Vietnam continued to be the main military effort directed against North Vietnam military targets; however, February saw the initiation of two other US military efforts in North Vietnam, and extension of a third. The two efforts initiated were: (1) Firing of artillery in RVN against military targets in and north of the DMZ, and (2) emplacement of air-delivered non-floating mines in selected river areas in the southern portion of NVN. The use of naval gunfire in NVN was extended to include all military targets being struck by aircraft.

Air activity over North Vietnam continued to be hampered by bad weather; however, US pilots seized upon short breaks in the bad weather to strike air defense targets and military targets that support the movement of troops and material to the south. There were no strikes in North Vietnam during the TET period of curtailed military activity 0700H on 8 February to 0700H on 12 February. Strike missions in North Vietnam were not resumed until 14 February.

Navy airstrikes during the month were launched from the attack carriers USS TICONDEROGA, KITTY HAWK, BON HOMME RICHARD, ENTERPRISE and HANCOCK.

U.S. Marine aircraft flew 319 missions during the month.

The significant strikes of the month were those against the Thanh Hoa railroad yard (4 and 5 February)(USN); Mu Gia Pass truck traffic (20 February) (USAF); Vinh Yen ammunition depot (22 February) (USAF); Kien River cargo barge traffic (23 February) (USAF); and the Bac Giang and Hon Gai power plants (24-25 February) (USN).

USN pilots struck the Thanh Hoa railroad yard on 4 February and reported heavy damage to the yard, box cars and sidings. They also destroyed six antiaircraft sites and damaged four others. USN pilots returned the next day and struck the yard again.

Taking advantage of a brief break in the weather on 20 February, USAF F-105s and F-4Cs bombed and strafed more than 80 trucks north of Mu Gia Pass. Forty-two of the trucks were destroyed; 20 others damaged. Pilots reported heavy damage to the road.

On 22 February, F-105 pilots hit the Vinh Yen ammunition depot 80 miles west of Hanoi, destroying three storage buildings with 750-pound bombs. Several fires were started, but bad weather prevented further BDA.

Shortly after midnight on 23 February, USAF F-4C crews struck more than twenty cargo barges on the Kien River, 8 miles south of Dong Hoi. Their 750-pound bombs destroyed 11 of the watercraft.

On 24 and 25 February, USN pilots hit the Hon Gai Thermal Power Plant 48 km (30 miles) ENE of Haiphong and the Bac Giang Thermal Power Plant 48 km (30 miles) NE of Hanoi. Pilots reported their bombs on target and observed orange fireballs and blue sparks in the target area.

Other USAF strikes along lines of communication during February destroyed or damaged 85 trucks, 20 bridges and other transportation/communication targets. USAF pilots struck 58 supply storage areas and one military compound, destroying several military buildings and destroying or damaging 12 gun emplacements and four radar sites. Heavy cloud cover precluded BDA on most targets.

USN strikes during the month destroyed or damaged numerous boxcars, bridges, bypasses, railroad track stretches, and 185 waterborne logistics craft.

US pilots encountered light to heavy antiaircraft fire, but few MIGs were encountered during the month. On 5 February, a flight of USAF F-4Cs engaged 8 MIG-17s, but there was no report of damage to either side. MIG sightings were reported on 19 February, 48 km west of Hanoi, and again on 22 February, 64 km north-northwest of Hanoi, but there were no encounters.

On 24 February, USMACV announced initiation of the use of artillery based in South Vietnam against military targets in and north of the DMZ in order to supplement air strikes against military targets in the DMZ area particularly at night and in periods of bad weather.

On 26 February, USMACV announced that, to supplement air strikes against military targets in NVN particularly at night and in periods of bad weather, US surface ships in the Gulf of Tonkin were attacking targets by naval gunfire - primarily targets that support the infiltration of men and equipment to the south.

During February, USN destroyers battled with coastal defense sites and silenced several with five-inch guns. They damaged or destroyed 81 logistics craft bringing supplies south; however, in many instances, poor visibility prevented spotter aircraft from assessing further damage.

On 27 February, USMACV announced that, in order to counter increased use of waterborne logistics craft by NVN to infiltrate men and supplies into RVN, the US is emplacing a limited number of air-delivered non-floating mines in selected river areas in the southern portion of NVN. The action poses no danger to deep-water maritime traffic.

The bombing and naval gunfire reduces the number of armed troops the enemy can put on the battlefield, reduces the amount of war supplies he can infiltrate into the Republic; and, in effect, reduces the number of casualties that will be exacted on the allied forces in the conflict.

III MAF

In the northern III MAF area, enemy troop buildup, resupply, harassment, and reconnaissance increased in the DMZ area during January. Indications were that elements of the NVA 324B and 341st Divisions had infiltrated south of the DMZ into northeast Quang Tri Province. Attacks and harassments were conducted by the enemy during the last week of January at Con Thien, Trung Luong, Gio Linh, and three GVN police stations in the northeastern Quang Tri area. The intensity of action in Quang Tri Province increased significantly during February.

In the central III MAF area, enemy activity, which had increased in January, continued at a high level in February. On 27 February, the enemy attacked the Da Nang air base and adjacent Ap Do Village with 51 rounds of 140mm spin-stabilized barrage rockets. This was their first use in the conflict. Casualties and damage on the base were light. However, in the attack, 32 Vietnamese were killed, 40 Vietnamese injured and 200 houses burned.

PRAIRIE, which terminated 31 January after six months duration and 1,397 enemy killed, was succeeded by PRAIRIE II with the same objective - deterrence of NVA infiltration through the DMZ in main force units. During February, 105 enemy were killed. Contact was particularly heavy the last few days of the month. Cumulative tactical air sorties: 272.

CHINOOK I, which was initiated in Thua Thien Province 20 December by the 4th Marines, had accounted for 218 enemy killed by the end of January and terminated 16 February with final results of 261 enemy killed. The operation was succeeded by CHINOOK II initiated 17 February. In CHINOOK II, 49 enemy were killed during February. Cumulative tactical air sorties: 6.

DE SOTO was initiated 26 January in Quang Ngai Province by units of the 5th and 7th Marines under operational control of the 7th Marines. At the end of February, the operation, supported by 524 tactical air sorties and 178 naval gunfire missions, had accounted for 218 enemy killed.

INDEPENDENCE was initiated 1 February in Quang Nam Province by the 9th Marines. It terminated 9 February with 145 enemy killed. Cumulative tactical air sorties: 93.

GIANT DRAGON was initiated 17 February in Quang Ngai Province by the 2d Bde ROKMC. It terminated 22 February with 16 enemy killed and 61 enemy weapons captured. Cumulative tactical air sorties: 67.

STONE was initiated 12 February in Quang Nam Province by the 1st Marines. It was supported by 31 tactical air sorties and terminated 22 February with 291 enemy killed.

DECKHOUSE VI was initiated 16 February in Quang Ngai Province under operational control of COMSEVENTHFLT. The amphibious operation was launched by the Amphibious Ready Group of the Seventh Fleet and the deployed Special Landing Force consisting of USMC ground and helicopter units (a 4th Marines battalion landing team and a helicopter squadron). The amphibious assault was directed at the Sa Huynh area of the coast near the border between Quang Ngai and Binh Dinh Provinces. The operation met light resistance and on 20 February changed operational control to III MAF.

On 26 February, Marine units were reembarked and on 27 February were reinserted over the coast 25 km (16 miles) N of Sa Huynh. At the end of February, the operation had accounted for 245 enemy killed. Cumulative tactical air sorties: 79.

LAFAYETTE was initiated 26 February in Quang Nam Province by the 1st Marines. During the remainder of the month, 37 enemy were killed.

ARVN Operation LIEN KET 81 in Quang Ngai Province was an outstanding example of a well-planned and vigorously executed combined operation. The 1st, 7th, and 8th ARVN Airborne Battalions attacked with aggressiveness and enthusiasm an enemy force blocked by ARVN APCs. They were supported by ROK and US Marines. Relentless pressure by the ARVN airborne troops and sustained use of tactical air took a heavy toll of the enemy - all but destroying a force of two NVA battalions.

In Quang Ngai Province on 15 February, the 11th Co 2d ROK Mar Bde was attacked by an estimated three enemy battalions supported by an estimated 600 rounds of mortar and recoilless rifle fire. The enemy launched a secondary attack on each flank of the ROK Marine company, then launched the main attack with an estimated battalion plus one company, on the center. The main attack breached the ROK perimeter and resulted in hand-to-hand combat. The enemy used bangalore torpedoes and used flamethrowers against the ROK bunkers. The ROK Marine defense was tenacious, and they launched a strong counterattack which drove the enemy from the position. ROK Marine company reaction force was heli-lifted into the area. The enemy withdrew to the SW and were hammered with supporting air and artillery. The battle cost the enemy 243 killed. ROK Marine casualties were moderate. It was a stunning victory for the ROK Marines over a numerically superior and well-equipped enemy force.

U.S. Marine fixed wing pilots flew 5,973 sorties in III MAF during the month; Marine helicopter pilots flew 35,639 sorties.

I FORCE

Enemy activity in the I FORCE area during February, as in January, consisted primarily of light, scattered contacts, harassments and mortar attacks. The NVA NT 1 and NT 10 Divisions remained a threat in the border area in Kontum and Pleiku Provinces, and the NVA NT 5 Division continued to avoid contact in the southern I FORCE area.

I FORCE units continued border surveillance operations in the western highlands; search and destroy operations in Binh Dinh Province; search and destroy, rice protection, and TAOR expansion operations along the coastal provinces; and support of Revolutionary Development in all areas with primary support focused on Binh Dinh and Binh Thuan Provinces.

ROK operations were conducted against hard-core VC elements west of Nha Trang.

Overall pressure applied by US, ARVN and other Free World forces upon the enemy continued to result in significant military and psychological victories. Joint US/ARVN operations continued to solidify relationships between the forces. Continuous pursuit denied the enemy the opportunity of massing sufficiently to mount an effective large scale attack.

The border surveillance operation SAM HOUSTON was continued in the western portions of Pleiku and Kontum Provinces by units of the 4th Inf Div. The operation was supported by three B-52 raids during February. Results at the end of February were 319 enemy killed. 1,237 tactical air sorties were flown in support during January and February.

THAYER II, a multi-brigade search and destroy operation in Binh Dinh Province by the 1st Cav Div (AirMbl) and the 3d Bde 25th Inf Div, terminated 12 February with final results of 1,774 enemy killed. It was supported by 2,184 tactical air sorties.

PERSHING was initiated 12 February in Binh Dinh Province by 1st Cav Div (AirMbl) and 3d Bde 25th Inf Div units. The operation, supported by 324 tactical air sorties and 255 naval gunfire missions, resulted in 354 enemy killed and 120 weapons captured during February.

Other units of the 1st Cav Div (AirMbl) continued Operation BYRD in support of Revolutionary Development in the Phan Thiet area of Binh Thuan Province. US operations have been characterized by numerous company-size helicopter assaults and searches. Significant contacts have been infrequent; however, cumulative results at the end of February were 369 enemy killed. The operation was supported by 476 tactical air sorties.

MAENG HO 8 was continued by the 26th Regt Cap ROK Inf Div to accomplish search and clear with helicopter assaults and clearing operations astride Highway 1 north of Song Cau in Phu Yen Province. There was light contact in January. February results were 41 enemy killed and 30 weapons captured. Cumulative tactical air sorties: 19.

PACK MA 1 (formerly PENG MA 1) (formerly BAEK MA 1), was initiated 29 January, in Khanh Hoa Province by units of the 29th and 30th Regts 9th ROK Inf Div. In the first two days of the operation the ROK troops killed 71 enemy and seized 129 weapons, suffering no casualties themselves. The operation continued during February with moderate contact. Results as of 28 February were 390 enemy killed, 302 weapons captured. Cumulative tactical air sorties: 91.

ADAMS, initiated in Phu Yen Province 26 October as a rice harvest protection and security operation, was assigned the mission of search and destroy when the rice harvest ended. There were no major contacts during January; however, significant losses were inflicted on the enemy in a series of small contacts. Results as of 31 January were 282 enemy killed, 129 weapons, and 113 tons of rice. February results were 61 enemy killed and 12 weapons captured. It was supported by 181 tactical air sorties. The operation provides the shield behind which Revolutionary Development is progressing.

MA DOO 1 was initiated 21 January in Phu Yen Province by the 28th Regiment, 9th ROK Infantry Division. It terminated 7 February with 160 enemy killed and 167 weapons captured.

FARRAGUT was initiated 26 January in Binh Thuan Province by the 1st Bde 101st Abn Div. As of 28 February the operation had been supported by 47 tactical air sorties, 26 naval gunfire missions, and had accounted for 12 enemy killed.

GATLING II was initiated 4 February in Lam Dong and Binh Thuan Provinces by the 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div. It terminated 15 February with 25 enemy killed. Cumulative tactical air sorties: 2.

II FORCE

LAM SON II was initiated 23 May 1966 in Binh Duong Province and terminated 8 February 1967 with 251 enemy killed. The operation was supported by 236 tactical air sorties. It was a highly successful pacification operation conducted in the Phu Loi, Di An and Thu Duc areas.

LANIKAI was initiated 14 September in Long An Province by units of the 25th Inf Div. It terminated 12 February with 94 enemy killed. The first US battalion search and destroy operation in Long An Province, it was characterized by US and ARVN "buddy" operations and limited use of supporting fire. Only 14 tactical air sorties were employed in the operation. The operation interdicted Viet Cong lines of communication in the area.

US units continued their support role in GVN Operation RANG DONG during February. RANG DONG, initiated 1 December, is aimed at destroying enemy forces and eliminating the VC infrastructure in Gia Dinh Province. Emphasis in the operation has been on joint US/ARVN operations characterized by conducting extensive night ambush patrols, river ambushes, and seal and search of hamlets and villages. Results have been significant. Coordination between ARVN, RF/PF, National Police, Military Security Service, and US forces, has been excellent. Results at

the end of February were 507 enemy killed and 214 weapons captured. The operation had employed 559 tactical air strikes as of 28 February.

ALA MOANA was initiated 1 December in Hau Nghia Province by the 2d Bde 25th Inf Div. There was heavy contact on 26 February when a company (-) of the 25th Inf Div and one ARVN platoon were attacked by a sizeable enemy force. The contact resulted in 114 enemy killed and heavy casualties to the US/ARVN company. Results of the operation at the end of February were 326 enemy killed. 768 tactical air sorties had been flown in support of the operation as of 28 February.

LAM SON 67 was initiated 8 February in Bien Hoa and Binh Duong Provinces by the 2d Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. It was supported by 146 tactical air sorties during the month. Although there was no significant contact, 761 persons were detained.

ENTERPRISE was initiated 13 February in Long An Province by units of the 9th Infantry Division. It accounted for 51 enemy killed during the month. Cumulative tactical air sorties: 11.

BIG SPRING was initiated 1 February in Bien Hoa and Binh Duong Provinces by the 173d Abn Bde and 1st Bde 9th Inf Div. It terminated 16 February with 43 enemy killed.

GADSDEN was initiated 2 February in Tay Ninh Province by units of the 196th Lt Inf Bde 25th Inf Div and the 3d Bde 4th Inf Div. It terminated 21 February with 161 enemy killed.

JUNCTION CITY was initiated 22 February in Tay Ninh Province by II FORCE. The operation was directed against the enemy in War Zone "C", a thousand square mile area in the northern half of Tay Ninh Province. The actual area of operations encompassed about 600 square miles initially.

A B-52 strike was directed into the area just before midnight 21 February, and three more B-52 strikes pounded the area before dawn on the 22nd.

At daybreak, tactical fighter pilots began blasting out landing zones for paratroopers and helicopters. The softening-up strikes were followed throughout the day with air attacks on enemy base camps, troop locations, storage areas and fortifications. In all, 210 tactical air sorties were flown on the first day.

As the operation developed, USAF airlift crews airlifted more than 700 paratroopers of the 173rd Abn Bde and their equipment on a battalion-size combat paradrop into War Zone "C". This was the first U.S. combat paradrop of the conflict.

When the month ended the operation was in its seventh day and USAF 834th Air Division airlift crews had flown more than 972 sorties and transported 4,757 tons of cargo and 8,466 passengers in support. USAF C-7A crews alone flew more than 500 sorties while airlifting 2,250 troops and 560 tons of cargo in providing combat airlift support for the operation. C-130 crews on 23 February flew 38 sorties transporting 540 tons of equipment and supplies in support of the operation.

During the same period, tactical fighter pilots supported the action with 960 tactical air strikes and B-52 crews bombed enemy targets on seven missions.

The most active employment of Army aircraft during the month was in support of JUNCTION CITY. A record troop lift of 249 helicopters was executed during the early hours of the massive multi-division operation. Elements of the 12th Combat Aviation Group, 17th Combat Aviation Group, 13th Combat Aviation Battalion, all of the 1st Aviation Brigade, and aviation battalions of the divisions involved supported the operation.

DELTA AND RUNG SAT SPECIAL ZONE

During January and February, the enemy in the Delta continued his past activities of small unit attacks, primarily on lines of communication and outposts. Additionally, he employed sabotage, harassment and terrorism in an attempt to strengthen his military position and control of the local population.

In January, US ground combat units were introduced into the IV Corps for the first time. US and Vietnamese Marines conducted Operation DECKHOUSE V in Kien Hoa Province 6-15 January, and elements of the US 9th Inf Div began arriving at Dong Tam (Dinh Tuong Province near My Tho) early in January. Operation PALM BEACH was initiated in Dinh Tuong Province by the 3d Bde 9th Inf Div on 7 January.

January was the first month the River Patrol Force operated with its full complement of PBRs. Enemy activity in the RSSZ increased during January, especially during the last week in January. USN patrol craft, USN minesweepers and cargo vessels transiting the Long Tau River received heavy automatic weapons fire and recoilless rifle fire on several occasions. The activity continued into February. GAME WARDEN forces during January were involved in over 100 incidents of hostile fire and accounted for 38 Viet Cong killed. The activity continued into February.

During February, USN MSBs continued minesweeping operations in the main shipping channel to Saigon. On 15 February, in the RSSZ, there was

heavy contact involving 4 USN minesweeping boats (MSBs). Three MSBs were attacked with recoilless rifle and small arms fire resulting in one MSB lightly damaged, one MSB heavily damaged, and one MSB not damaged. A fourth MSB struck a mine and was heavily damaged. U.S. casualties were 18 WIA and 1 MIA.

Operation CHAPMAN was initiated in the RSSZ 16 February by units of the 2d Bde 9th Inf Div.

U.S. Army helicopter Fire-fly missions continued to curtail the enemy's use of inland waterways. U.S. Army helicopters also provided troop lift, cargo lift and gunship support for ARVN forces operating in the Delta.

AIR SOUTH

The majority of U.S. airstrikes in country were flown in support of ground forces.

Strategic Air Command units in the Western Pacific continued to conduct almost daily B-52 strikes in the Republic - averaging three strikes per day. The almost daily conduct of B-52 strikes dates back to the first day of their employment in this role - 18 June 1965. Until 16 February 1967, the largest number of missions flown on any one day was five missions, flown on 14 November 1965. On 16 February 1967, new high of seven missions was flown.

Of the 85 bombing missions flown by B-52 crews during February, 22 were in direct support of ground operations.

The standard targets for the B-52 strikes are enemy base areas, suspected enemy troop concentrations, and enemy strongholds. The ordnance delivered without warning by these bombers (up to 30 tons per aircraft) undoubtedly has had and is having a tremendous effect on the enemy in disrupting his operations, keeping him on the move, denying him sanctuary and destroying large quantities of his supplies.

USAF AC-47 Dragonship crews flew 420 sorties this month. The crews provided flarelight and fired more than two million rounds of mini-gun ammunition in support of ground forces.

USAF and USMC pilots provided vital air support throughout the month and set a single day strike sortie record of 575 sorties on 22 February. The previous high was 565 sorties on 5 February. The 397 strike sorties flown by USAF pilots on 22 February is a new single day strike record in RVN. The old record was 378 (13 February 1967).

Seventh Air Force fighter-bomber pilots attacked enemy base camps, fortifications, and troop concentrations in South Vietnam with 7,634 tactical air strikes during the month. 4,654 of these were in support of allied ground forces. Highlighting the month's activities was the massive air support of JUNCTION CITY.

During the week 18-24 February, USAF pilots flew 2,268 sorties, establishing a new single week record for USAF strike sorties in RVN. The old record was 2,158. During the week of these new records, U.S. pilots destroyed or damaged 550 fortified positions, 120 sampans and 15 automatic weapons sites. 58 enemy were killed, 10 secondary explosions set off, and 52 fires started.

During the February strikes against enemy positions, USAF pilots triggered 200 secondary explosions and destroyed or damaged 1,634 fortified enemy bunkers and 404 sampans. On 15 February, 310 enemy were killed by USAF fighter pilots and U.S. and ARVN units in two large air-ground battles. The two battles took place in Operation SAM HOUSTON in Pleiku Province and DAN CHI 279 in the Delta.

U.S. Army pilots flew 133,524 hours in support of the major combat operations throughout the country during the month.

Night firefly missions were conducted by the 13th Combat Aviation Battalion while supporting the 21st ARVN Division, and by the 145th Combat Aviation Battalion. Armed helicopters provided troop transport escort, fire support and armed reconnaissance throughout the operational areas.

Armed helicopters are credited with killing 174 enemy and sinking or destroying 338 sampans.

On 27 February, AC-47 crews of the 4th Air Commando Squadron were scrambled at Da Nang air base to provide illumination and firepower when the base came under enemy barrage rocket artillery attack at approximately 0345H. The crews fired more than 20,000 rounds of mini-gun ammo at the enemy rocket launching positions. Damage to the air base facilities, runways and aircraft was light with no direct hits on either the runway or aircraft.

Other AC-47 crews provided illumination for the 5th Special Forces Headquarters Camp at Nha Trang air base and Plei Djereng Special Forces Camp in Pleiku Province when both camps came under enemy attack the night of 15 February. Twelve enemy infiltrated the 5th Special Forces Camp during the attack and set off seven satchel charges. One AC-47 supported the reaction forces with flarelight. The attack lasted 16 minutes.

Elements of the 4th Infantry Division at Plei Djereng Special Forces Camp, 39 km west-southwest of Pleiku, came under enemy mortar attack at 1030H on 14 February. During a 15 minute period, enemy forces lobbed approximately 70 mortar rounds into the camp. Two AC-47s illuminated the area after the attack, in support of ground units searching for the enemy mortar crews.

NAVAL GUNFIRE SOUTH

Seventh Fleet warships continued to provide naval gunfire support for allied ground forces throughout the coastal areas of the Republic. Support provided ranged from the main battery of the heavy cruiser (8-inch guns, range 15 miles) through the workhorse of the naval gunfire support ships (5-inch guns, range 7 miles) and high rate of fire 5-inch rockets (range 5 miles) to the 81mm mortars, .50 caliber machine guns and 40mm grenade launchers of the MARKET TIME and GAME WARDEN boats.

In February, the ships trained their guns on enemy storage areas, infiltration routes, sampans, buildings, ammunition caches, assembly areas, base camps and other fortifications in all four corps areas of the Republic.

LOGISTICS

ENEMY

Enemy activity increased prior to TET, but poor weather hampered detection of any major military movement prior to the TET standdown.

A massive volume of logistic traffic was observed in coastal and inland waterways and along land lines of communication during the TET standdown, indicating that the enemy had carefully planned this major logistic resupply effort of his forces in the South. More than 1,000 boats and trucks were sighted by our surveillance forces during the standdown. It was estimated that North Vietnam's major supply effort could amount to 30,000 or more tons by ships and boats plus and estimated 6,000 tons by truck. The effort was viewed as clear indication that: (1) The air campaign and naval gunfire operation have been effective in creating and maintaining internal supply problems for the enemy, and (2) The enemy, by moving a massive volume of supplies to the south, shows intention to continue his aggression there.

US FORCES

The increase in U.S. forces, the increased intensity of operations, and the continuing requirement for heavy use of munitions and aircraft fuels, placed massive demands on the logistical system. The demands were met.

About 98 percent of the materiel coming into the Republic is transported by ship. This includes all trucks, helicopter and aviation fuels, food, most of the ammunition, all heavy equipment, and all construction materials. The ship cargo flow is handled by the port facilities or ship offloading facilities at Saigon, Newport, Cam Ranh Bay, Qui Nhon, Chu Lai and Da Nang.

Priority items are flown into the Republic and expedited to the units requiring them.

In country, distribution of equipment and supplies relies heavily on cargo airlift.

USAF cargo-troop carrier crews under the direction of the 834th Air Division at Tan Son Nhut air base, set three new records on a single day while transporting cargo and passengers in South Vietnam this month. The new records, set 6 February were: 1,144 sorties flown; 2,528 tons of cargo transported; 10,144 passengers (equal to 1269 tons)-for a total of 3,797 tons airlifted. In setting the triple record, 2,288 take-offs and landings were performed. Many of these were made on small airstrips carved out of forward jungle areas.

All totaled, cargo-troop carrier crews flew more than 27,400 sorties airlifting more than 231,000 passengers and 53,201 tons of supplies, equipment and mail during the month.

US Army aircraft transported more than 438,000 troops and more than 41,000 tons of cargo during the month.

REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT (RD)

Before RD effort can be made in a village or hamlet, the area first must be cleared of enemy combat forces, an adequate degree of security established in the area, and the villagers made confident that they will be safe from renewed attacks or nocturnal terrorism by the enemy.

Driving enemy combat and guerrilla units out of an area and keeping them out is a military function. Provision of the necessary security environment preparatory to RD work, and the maintenance of the security, basically is accomplished in seven steps.

1. In the first step, main battle forces made-up of Vietnamese, U.S., or other Free World combat troops clear a village or hamlet and the area around it of enemy combat forces, including any guerrilla groups encountered, and set up protective perimeters and patrols to keep the area clear and secure.
2. Civic action team personnel of those main battle forces provide immediate assistance to the villagers, as may be required, but normally including food, medical treatment and basic supplies.
3. Designated ARVN units then arrive to take the place of the main battle forces, freeing them for employment in other search-and-destroy attacks against enemy forces. The new units continue to protect the villagers and expand the perimeter of the clear area.
4. An RD team then moves into the village or hamlet, behind the protective screen of the ARVN units, to work with the villagers and help them rebuild their community. The RD workers, while helping to improve the conditions and community spirit of the villagers, also help protect the villagers from Viet Cong stay-behind units or reinfilitrators.
5. As soon as the area appears safe from attack by major enemy forces, RF units take over responsibility for preventing reinfilitration of Viet Cong into the area. The ARVN units then are freed for duty in more critical areas.
6. In turn, the RF units are relieved for other assignments in the province by the volunteer militiamen of the district's local PF.
7. The final step in these local pacification programs is taken by the villagers themselves. Before the RD team leaves for its next assignment, it will have trained the men of the village in the use of weapons and in defense techniques. Thus, when they are ready, the villagers accept the responsibility of protecting themselves and defending their improved status that has been made possible for them through the operations of the GVN military and RD personnel. In protecting themselves, their families, their own fields and village, the villagers gain self-confidence in their abilities, pride in their accomplishments, and determination to keep, and improve, what they have gained through the help of their government.

SIGNIFICANT TRENDS

The number of major operations increased, reflecting the increase in allied strength.

Allied operations continued to accent search and destroy actions against the enemy and known base areas, while providing an environment adequate for revolutionary development.

Allied forces continued to handle the enemy severely in nearly every major encounter. The enemy's losses are increasing, even in those engagements which he initiates. Increasing numbers of his base areas are being penetrated, and he is losing vast amounts of much needed materiel and food stores, large numbers of personnel, and significant portions of his control, logistics and liaison apparatus and infrastructure. The large numbers of men that the enemy has been forced to divert to his infiltration and logistics problems in North and South Vietnam in order to maintain his war machine in the Republic, plus the increasing number of casualties and high rate of defections he is suffering, continue to have a telling effect on the manpower available to him.

However, the enemy showed no indications of halting his aggression. He employed two new forms of attack in February - one being the employment of a mortar from within Saigon, and the other being attack by barrage rocket artillery. Neither could be considered successful.

On 13 February, the enemy, for the first time in the conflict, conducted a mortar attack from within the city of Saigon. A single 81mm mortar was employed, fired by a group of about three enemy from a house on Phan Dinh Phung Street near the MACV Headquarters. An estimated 4 rounds were fired and presumably were intended for the MACV Headquarters. One round impacted on a truck in an ARVN Airborne convoy passing by the headquarters, and resulted in a secondary explosion of munitions in the convoy and ARVN Airborne casualties of 9 killed and 9 wounded. Two enemy escaped, but it is believed one was wounded by National Police. The building used for the firing blew up during the incident, either by the enemy, deliberately or by accident, or by a booby trap. A National Policeman and a child were killed and 27 Vietnamese civilians injured.

At 0345H on 27 February, the enemy hit Da Nang air base with 51 rounds of 140mm spin-stabilized Russian barrage rockets from firing positions 8,200 meters SW of the base. This was the first enemy employment of artillery rockets in the conflict. Casualties and damage aboard the base were light; however, some of the rounds impacted in the village of Ap Do next to the base and destroyed or damaged approximately 200 homes. The attack killed 32 Vietnamese and wounded 40 Vietnamese.

The attack would have been more severe had it not been for prompt reaction by an AC-47 Dragonship and an armed Marine helicopter. Subsequent sweeps of the firing position disclosed 134 separate firing points in two locations (one 64 points and the other 70). Two tubes, numerous canisters, live rounds and duds were found in the firing area - some dumped into the Tuy Loan River when the enemy fled.

The weapon is simple - a single metal tube mounted on a wooden board with a simple elevation and deflection device. It is fired electrically. The rounds were made in the Soviet Union during 1962. Each round is 43 inches long and weighs 90 pounds.

Mortaring attacks seem to be a tactic that the enemy is favoring increasingly. This trend shows both increasing incidents and intensity.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS - FEBRUARY 1967

1 Feb (Wednesday)

- PRAIRIE II. Initiated Quang Tri Prov 3d Mar. Multi-bn S&D.
- III MAF. Quang Nam Prov 20 km SW Da Nang 1900H, 8 VN dead and 18 VN wounded from Thay Ob Hamlet of La Huan Village were brought to 26th Mar bn CP. The villagers claimed they had been hit by arty, air-strikes and SA. Wounded were treated and med evac.
- DE SOTO. In Quang Ngai Prov 37 km SE Quang Ngai City at 0355H, 7th Mar co perimeter hit by est 2 bombs from radar controlled bomb mission. 1 US KIA 11 US WIA.
- INDEPENDENCE. Initiated Quang Nam Prov 9th Mar. Multi-bn S&D.
- PENG MA I. Khanh Hoa Prov 25 km NW Nha Trang at 0900H, 9th ROK Inf Div unit engaged en unit. 45 EK 11 IW 6 CSW. No frd cas.
- BIG SPRING. Initiated 29 Jan in SW portion War Zone "D" in Bien Hoa and Binh Duong Provs by multi-bde force 173d Abn Bde and 1st Bde 9th Inf Div under opcon 173d Abn Bde.
- US pilots flew 479 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 283 USMC 196).
- B-52s struck in Quang Ngai and Lam Dong Provs (a.m.) and Tay Ninh Prov (p.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 57 msns NVN (USN 28 USAF 22 USMC 7).

2 Feb (Thursday)

- III MAF. ROKMC. Quang Ngai Prov 15 km NE Quang Ngai City at 1250H, 2d Bde ROKMC co security force engaged est 2 en co. 24 EK. Frd cas lt.
- US pilots flew 418 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 263 USMC 155).
- B-52s struck in Tay Ninh Prov (a.m.) and Binh Dinh Prov (p.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 72 msns NVN (USN 38 USAF 27 USMC 7).

3 Feb (Friday)

- DE SOTO. Quang Ngai Prov 37 km SSE Quang Ngai City, 7th Mar cos searching hamlet area uncovered rice caches totalling 100 tons. 40 km S Quang Ngai City at 2230H, an 11-man USMC recon ptl was atkd by 60 en using SA AW and gren. SA and gren ret. Flaeship, tac air spt and extraction hel sptd. Ptl extracted next morning. Ptl cas hvy.

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3 Feb (Continued)

- BAEK MA I. 47 EK.
- GAME WARDEN. Vinh Binh Prov 5 km N Phu Vinh at 2215H, USN PBR on Co Chien River was atkd, caught fire. Hvy dam. PBR, flaership and LFT sptd. 2 US WIA 1 US MIA.
- US pilots flew 455 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 275 USMC 180).
- B-52s struck in Tay Ninh Prov 3 times (a.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 57 msns NVN (USAF 26 USN 22 USMC 9). Radar bombing was used by some USAF flights.
- NVN. DOD est number MIGs assembled and operable in NVN: 115 to 200. (Est breakdown: 20 MIG-21s 95 MIG-15/17/etc.)

4 Feb (Saturday)

- FARRAGUT. Announced.
- II FFV. Bien Hoa Prov 10 km SE Bien Hoa City at 0320H, ammo pad detonated in Long Binh ammo dump. Fire started. Other pads detonated. 2 US wounded. Ammo dest lt. All fires extinguished 051330H. Guard in area of first pad detonated, had challenged 4 unidentified persons 40 min prior explosion. When challenged, they dispersed. Sentry dogs were brought to the area with neg results. On 6 Feb EOD pers discovered shape charge rigged with watch and battery in stack how ammo. Watch had stopped 15 min prior time set for det.
- II FFV. Hau Nghia Prov 10 km W Duc Hoa at 0745H, 9 USA UH-1Ds lifting ARVN units into aslt LZ were hit by en ground fire. 8 UH-1Ds recd mod dam but were able to fly out. 1 UH-1D dest. 10 US WIA.
- US pilots flew 483 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 277 USMC 206).
- B-52s struck in Binh Duong Prov and Quang Ngai Prov (a.m.) and twice in Quang Ngai Prov (p.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 77 msns NVN (USN 34 USAF 33 USMC 10). USAF F-105 fired air-to-air missile at one of 2 MIG-17s. Results unk. 2 other flights reported sighting 6 MIG-21s w/no engagements.
- NVN. USAF EB-66 downed by ground fire NVN. Crew MIA. USN F-4B downed over NVN. Cause unk. Crew MIA.

5 Feb (Sunday)

- First defoliation msn flown in DMZ. Flown in S half of DMZ.

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5 Feb (Continued)

- INDEPENDENCE. Quang Nam Prov 30 km SW Da Nang at 1150H, 4th Mar unit recd SA AW fire from en force. Mar ret fire. En broke contact. 23 EK 6 DET. Frd cas lt. At 1535H, 28 km SW Da Nang, USMC co recd SA AW from est 50-60 en. Ret fire. 15 EK. Frd cas lt. Day's results: 43 EK.
- GADSDEN. 35 EK. 40 tons rice.
- US pilots flew 565 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 309 USMC 256).
- B-52s struck twice in Binh Tuy Prov (a.m.) and once in Quang Tri Prov, DMZ (p.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 113 msns NVN (USN 57 USAF 47 USMC 9). USAF F-4s atkd by 2 flights MIG-17s. Fire exchanged. No dam reported either side.

6 Feb (Monday)

- SAM HOUSTON. 125 en bunkers dest.
- THAYER II. Cav units discovered wpns caches in Kim Son Valley and in SW An Lao Valley. 40 IW 12 CSW 16,500 rds SA ammo.
- MA DOO I. 30 EK 22 IW 2 CSW.
- TAMBORINE. Phuoc Tuy Prov at 0915H, arty firing spt 5th RAR unit had firing error resulting 3 AUST killed 14 AUST wounded.
- NGF-RVN. Three 7th Flt ships fired NGF in RVN. 4 EK, gun emplacement dest, 5 secondary explosions.
- US pilots flew 517 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 312 USMC 205).
- B-52s struck in Quang Tri and Tay Ninh Provs (a.m.) and in Kontum Prov (p.m.)
- NVN. US pilots flew 79 msns NVN (USN 40 USAF 31 USMC 8). USAF O-1 and CH-3C downed by ground fire NVN. One CH-3C crewman rescued. O-1 pilot and remainder CH-3C crew, MIA.

7 Feb (Tuesday)

- SAM HOUSTON. 157 en bunkers dest.
- THAYER II. Binh Dinh Prov 5 km N Bong Son at 0140H, en force using SA and est 50 rds 82mm mort and 4 rds 60mm mort atkd 1st Cav Div bn and ARVN regt at English airfield. Flareships, armd hels, AC-47s and arty sptd. Frd cas lt. Acft dam lt.

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7 Feb (Continued)

- MA DOO I. Term in Phu Yen Prov by 28th Regt 9th ROK Inf Div. Final results: 160 EK 57 DET 162 IW 5 CSW 20,000 rds SA ammo 138 gren and 20 mines. Frd cas lt.
- GADSDEN. In Tay Ninh Prov 31 km NW Tay Ninh City at 1405H, 2d Bde 25th Inf Div unit located 18 tons rice and engaged en plat. En broke contact 1440H. Frd reengaged en 1450H w/arty and air strikes spt. En broke contact 1630H. 21 EK. No frd cas. Day's results: 32 EK. 196th Lt Inf Bde unit located and dest large en trng site.
- IV CORPS. In Phong Dinh Prov 9 km NW Can Tho 0230H-0300H, Binh Tuy airfield recd 10-12 rds 75mm RR fire. AC-47s sptd. No frd cas. Lt acft dam.
- NGF-NVN. 7th Flt DDs CUNNINGHAM and DUNCAN fire NGF 2 km E Dong Hoi. 5 en watercraft dest. Numerous watercraft dam.
- US pilots flew 543 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 324 USMC 219).
- B-52s struck in Binh Dinh and Kontum Provs (a.m.) and Quang Ngai Prov (p.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 83 mns NVN (USAF 44 USN 29 USMC 10). Radar bombing was used by some flights.

8 Feb (Wednesday)

- At 0700H, allied forces commenced observance 4-day period of curtailed military operations for TET.
- II FFV. Bien Hoa Prov at Bien Hoa AB at 0050H, explosion and fire in napalm storage area. Fire under control 0200H, but still burning at 0730H. No frd cas. No acft dam. Hvy dam to napalm supplies. 1 DET. At 0850H, satchel charge w/watch timer found in unburned area of napalm dump. Firefighting teams evac. EOD deactivated satchel charge. EOD declared area safe 0925H.
- LAM SON II. Term in Binh Duong Prov by units of 2d Bde 1st Inf Div and ARVN. Final results: 251 EK 1,648 DET 49 IW 7 CSW 236 tac air sorties. Frd cas lt. Opn was longest duration opn on record this conflict - 8 months, 16 days.
- NGF-NVN. At 1156H, DD USS STODDARD, while cruising 6 mi SE Hon Matt Island was fired on by en shore btries on SE tip Island. No dam or cas. STODDARD ret fire obtaining secondary explosion in shore btry area.
- B-52s struck in Quang Ngai and Binh Dinh Provs before dawn.

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8 Feb (Continued)

- NVN. US pilots flew several msns NVN prior 0700H. USAF RF-101 downed by ground fire in NVN, 24 km N Dong Hoi. Pilot rescued.

9 Feb (Thursday)

- INDEPENDENCE. Administratively term Quang Nam Prov. Final results: 145 EK 131 DET 15 IW 1 CSW 93 tac air sorties. Frd cas lt.

12 Feb (Sunday)

- The 4-day period curtailment military opns in RVN ended 0700H and full military activity RVN resumed. During the 4-day period, 272 incidents involving US or other FVMAF were recorded. Of these, 89 were considered significant and were announced to the press. In the 272 incidents, 18 US were killed, 158 US wounded. Operational reports indicated that 112 enemy were killed and 65 DET, during the 4-day period.
- STONE. Initiated Quang Nam Prov by 1st Mar.
- THAYER II. Term in Binh Dinh Prov. Final results: 1,757 EK 2,246 DET 426 IW 53 CSW 538 tons rice 43 tons salt 45,000 rds SA ammo 316 rds large cal ammo. Sptd by 2,194 tac air sorties, 20 B-52 raids and 200 NGF msns. Frd cas lt.
- PERSHING. Initiated Binh Dinh Prov by 1st Cav Div (Airmbl) and 3d Bde 25th Inf Div.
- US pilots flew 392 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 349 USMC 43). USAF F-100 crashed during bomb run Phuoc Tuy Prov 51 km ESE Saigon 0830H. Cause unk. Pilot KIA.
- B-52s struck in Quang Ngai Prov (a.m.) and Tay Ninh and Binh Long Provs (p.m.).

13 Feb (Monday)

- STONE. 31 EK.
- BAEK MA I. Spelling of opn name changed to PENG MA I.
- PERSHING. Binh Dinh Prov 85 km NW Qui Nhon City at 2330H, 2d Bde 1st Cav Div (Airmbl) co while engaged w/en unit, recd one rd from supporting arty msn. 7 US KIA 4 US WIA. Day's results: 25 EK.
- BIG SPRING. Bien Hoa Prov 18 km N Bien Hoa City at 1220H, 173d Abn Bde co discovered en base camp. Area hvy boobytrapped w/mort and arty rds. 14 IW 1 CSW 75 rds 82mm mort.
- LANAKAI. Term in Long An Prov by 1st Bde 25th Inf Div units. Final results: 94 EK 132 DET 17 IW 3 CSW 16 tons rice. Over 6,200 rds SA ammo 41 arty/mort rds 248 gren and misc other supplies. Sptd by 26 tac air sorties.

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13 Feb (Continued)

- SAIGON. Vic MACV-I compound at 0805H, approx 4 rds 81mm mort were recd from bldg 1,500 meters distant (Lot 8, House 4, Phan Dinh Phung). One rd hit ARVN Abn truck passing in convoy (Phan Than Gian Street) causing secondary explosions of munitions in truck. No US cas. The mort firing posn blew-up killing and wounding several VN civ. En escaped although one believed wounded by Natl Police. ARVN cas: 9 killed 9 wounded. Cas at mort firing point: 1 policeman killed, one child killed and 27 VN civ wounded. This was first en firing of mort from within Saigon/Cholon.
- BEAUMARIS. Initiated Phuoc Tuy Prov 1st ATF, 67 km ESE Saigon. Cordon and search.
- US pilots flew 535 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 378 USMC 157).
- B-52s struck in Tay Ninh Prov (a.m.) and in Quang Nam and Kontum Provs (p.m.).

14 Feb (Tuesday)

- ENTERPRISE. Initiated Long An Prov OPCON 1st Bde 9th Inf Div.
- NGF-NVN. DD sighted 3 watercraft near mouth Song Giang 32 km N Dong Hoi. Took craft under fire. 3 dam and left burning. DD recd fire from shore btries Ho Nieu and Hon Matt Islands 32 km ENE Vinh. DD ret fire. Shore btries ceased fire. No dam to DD.
- US pilots flew 401 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 274 USMC 127).
- B-52s struck in Thua Thien Prov (a.m.) and Quang Ngai Prov (p.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 67 msns NVN (USAF 45 USN 22). Rail facilities at Dong Phong Thong, Thanh Hoa, Phu Ly and Nam Dinh were hit. Radar bombing was used.

15 Feb (Wednesday)

- III MAF. ROKMC. Quang Ngai Prov 13 km NW Quang Ngai City between Tra Bong and Tra Khuc Rivers at 0410H, 11th co 2d ROK Mar Bde atkd by est 3 en bn using SA AW and est 600 rds mort and RR fire. Mar ret illumination and arty and called armd hels. During 3-hour battle en launched secondary atk on flank posns. Main atk by est 1 en bn plus 1 en co breached center posns with bangalore torpedoes resulting hand-to-hand combat. En used flamethrowers against ROKMC bunkers. ROKMCs counter-atkd and restored the perimeter. At 0700H co reaction force heli-lifted into area and encountered sporadic fire. 0810H, en broke contact and withdrew to S. 243 EK 2 DET 36 IW 10 CSW. Frd cas mod. En equipment captured included 350 CHICOM gren, 6,000 rds SA ammo and quantity bangalore torpedoes.

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15 Feb (Continued)

- SAM HOUSTON. Kontum Prov 65 km SW Kontum City at 0700H, 2d Bde 4th Inf Div co recd SA and mort fire from en force. Sporadic SA recd all day. Another co same area recd SA and mort in LZ area 0745H. Contact cont all day as multi-bn air-lifted to LZ. At 1400H, UH-1 downed by hvy ground fire (1 US KIA 1 US WIA) and OH-23G medivac hel downed (same area, same time) w/no frd cas. Both hel hvy dam. Day's results: 35 EK. Frd cas mod in 2 cos.
- I FFV. In Khanh Hoa Prov at Nha Trang at 0121H, en force atkd USA heli-pad w/home-made satchel charges. Hvy dam to jeep. Lt dam to hels. No frd cas. En cas unk. 1 satchel charge captured.
- GATLING II. Term Lam Dong Prov by 1st Bde 101st Abn Div. Final results: 25 EK 25 DET 17 IW over 323 tons rice. Sptd by 2 tac air sorties. Frd cas lt.
- GAME WARDEN. In RSSZ 20 km SE Saigon on Long Tau River at 0655H, two USN MSBs recd RR fire from both river banks. Both MSBs hit. 1 lt dam 1 hvy dam. Hvy dam MSB beached by 2d MSB. 8 US WIA. At 1015H, 40 km SE Saigon on Long Tau River, MSB hit mine. MSB hvy dam. 5 US WIA 1 US MIA. At 1420H, 27 km SE Saigon on Long Tau River, MSB (lt dam from 0655H encounter) recd AW and RR fire. 5 US WIA. Overall MSB dam lt. Ret Nha Be under own power. At 1500H 20 km SE Saigon, another MSB recd AW and RR fire. No frd cas or dam.
- US pilots flew 395 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 310 USMC 85). AC-47s flew 23 sorties. 10 USA UH-1s downed by ground fire in Chuong Thien Prov in spt ARVN opn. 2 US KIA 7 US WIA.
- B-52s struck in Binh Tuy Prov (a.m.) and Thua Thien Prov (p.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 68 msns NVN (USN 35 USAF 33).

16 Feb (Thursday)

- CHINOOK I. Term in Thua Thien Prov by 26th Mar elements. Final results: 261 EK 711 DET 56 IW 2 CSW. Sptd by 272 tac air sorties and 19 NCF msns. Frd cas lt.
- DECKHOUSE VI. Quang Ngai Prov 90 km S Chu Lai at 0930H, 7th Flt SLF initiated amphib surface and hel aslt from ships of ARG into vic coastal village Sa Huynh. Hel aslt 0930H; surface aslt 1000H. Numerous en sightings; no significant contact. Pre-aslt air and NCF strikes resulted in 48 EK. 29 VN civ were wounded by prep fires (16 men 10 women and 3 children). Wounded were treated initially USS IWO JIMA prior evac various facilities ashore. Frd cas lt.

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16 Feb (Continued)

- SAM HOUSTON. Kontum Prov 68-74 km SW Kontum City, 2d Bde 4th Inf Div bn had sporadic contact 1050H-1400H, resulting 51 NVAK. Frd cas lt. Another two 2d Bde 4th Inf Div cos had mod contact 1512H-1700H and 1830H-2230H. Arty and air strikes sptd. Frd cas lt. Another 2d Bde 4th Inf Div co engaged est en bn resulting 41 NVAK. Frd cas mod. Day's results: 94 NVAK 13 DET 34 IW 4 CSW. Frd cas lt.
- BIG SPRING. Term in Bien Hoa and Binh Duong Provs by 173d Abn Bde and 1st Bde 9th Inf Div units. Final results: 43 EK 1 DET 24 IW 1 CSW and over 4 tons rice. Sptd by 213 tac air sorties. Frd cas lt.
- US pilots flew 451 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 286 USMC 165). AC-47s flew 21 sorties.
- B-52s struck 7 times in RVN. 5 times in Kontum Prov in spt SAM HOUSTON and once each in Binh Duong and Thua Thien Provs (p.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 64 msns NVN (USAF 33 USN 31). USAF F-105s sighted 2 MIGs 77 km NNE Dien Bien Phu. No encounter.
- DOD hel loss figures: NVN 5 RVN 277.

17 Feb (Friday)

- CHINOOK II. Announced. Multi-bn opn initiated this date by 26th Mar in Thua Thien Prov 23 km SW Hue.
- II FFV. 1st ATF. In Phuoc Tuy Prov 13 km ESE Ba Ria (75 km ESE Saigon) est en bn mort village of Phuoc Hai. ARVN troops moved to assist the village and engaged en frontally. 6th RAR w/sqdn 3d Aust Cav reinforced. Other Aust elements heli-lifted to blocking posn by RAAF and US helo. Arty heli-lifted into area. En atkd Aust force at 1400H. Six-hour battle. Arty and air strikes sptd. Darkness delayed thorough search of the battleground. 15 EK. Frd cas lt. The Aust action designated as Opn BRIBIE.
- NCF-NVN. Two 7th Flt ships fired on 26 cargo barges between Kien Giang and Giang Rivers near Dong Hoi. 8 barges dest or dam.
- US pilots flew 468 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 298 USMC 170). AC-47s flew 21 sorties.
- B-52s struck twice in Kontum Prov in spt SAM HOUSTON (p.m.), in Binh Dinh Prov (a.m.) and in Binh Thuan Prov in spt FARRAGUT (a.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 41 msns NVN (USAF 30 USN 11).

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18 Feb (Saturday)

- PERSHING. Binh Dinh Prov 20 km NNW Bong Son at 1530H, 1st Cav Div (Airmbl) co reported hvy en contact. Co reinforced until bn(+) size unit. Contact gradually diminished until broken by en at 2315H. 62 EK. Frd cas lt.
- SAM HOUSTON. Kontum Prov 68 KM WNW Pleiku City (1 km from RVN border), 2 USA OH-23 helms crashed, cause unk. There had been en SA and AW fire in area. 2 US KIA 1 US WIA 1 US MIA. Both hel dest. Day's results: 15 NVAK.
- US pilots flew 404 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 287 USMC 117). AC-47s flew 19 sorties.
- B-52s struck in Phuoc Tuy, Long Khanh and Binh Dinh Provs (a.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 82 msns NVN (USN 37 USAF 30 USMC 15). USAF F-105F downed by ground fire NVN. Crew MIA.

19 Feb (Sunday)

- STONE. 72 EK.
- III MAF. In Quang Tri Prov 40 km W Quang Tri City at 0950H, USMC co recd SA from en force. Arty msn called. Arty rds hit USMC posns. 3 US KIA 11 US WIA.
- NCF-NVN. 7th Flt DDG STRAUSS sank large steel-hulled cargo craft 32 km SE Vinh off NVN coast. DD DUNCAN fired on 60 ft cargo craft 30 km NNW Dong Hoi off NVN coast. Hvy dam to craft.
- US pilots flew 430 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 280 USMC 150). AC-47s flew 15 sorties.
- B-52s struck in Long Khanh and Binh Dinh Provs (a.m.) and S Quang Tri Prov (p.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 77 msns NVN (USAF 34 USN 29 USMC 14). USAF F-4s sighted 2 MIGs 48 km W Hanoi.

20 Feb (Monday)

- PRAIRIE II. Quang Tri Prov 41 km W Quang Tri City, 3d Mar unit discovered en cache. Two 82mm mort, 48 rds 82mm mort, 24 CHICOM arty rkts, 375 CHICOM gren, 250 lbs explosives.
- STONE. 50 EK 23 DET.
- DECKHOUSE VI. OPCON changed from Com 7th Flt to III MAF. Cumulative results: 70 EK. Sptd by 32 tac air sorties and 99 NCF msns. Day's results: 35 EK.

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20 Feb (Continued)

- SAM HOUSTON. Kontum Prov 57 km W Pleiku City, US co discovered en cache. Three 60mm mort, 4 IMGs, 6,000 rds SA ammo, 27 rds 57mm RR, 360 lbs explosives, 7 bangalore torpedoes and misc equipment. Pleiku Prov 29 km SSW Pleiku City at 1940H, US co perimeter recd 65-100 rds 60mm and 82mm mort. Two AC-47s sptd. No frd cas or dam. En cas unk. B-52s struck twice in Kontum Prov in spt.
- DD USS MADDOX hit en ammo dump near mouth Cau Dai River in Kien Hoa Prov 65 km S Saigon resulting 2 large fires which triggered numerous secondary explosions. 40-ft en sampan, 1 bunker and numerous trenches dest. 1 bunker dam.
- US pilots flew 519 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 309 USMC 210). AC-47s flew 23 sorties.
- B-52s struck in Phuoc Tuy Prov (a.m.), and Quang Tri Prov (p.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 84 msns NVN (USAF 50 USMC 21 USN 13).

21 Feb (Tuesday)

- CHINOOK II. Dr. Bernard B. Fall, author and authority on Vietnam, was killed by en mine at 1640H while covering USMC opn 19 km NW Hue in Thua Thien Prov.
- DECKHOUSE VI. 51 km SSE Quang Ngai City, 4th Mar co recd hvy SA fire from en force. Co ret fire and called arty msn. 13 EK. Frd cas lt. 5 km SE first contact, another 4th Mar co recd hvy AW from en force. Arty and NGF msns called. 15 EK. Frd cas lt. Another 4th Mar co obs 30 en and fired. 12 EK. No frd cas. Day's results: 52 EK.
- SAM HOUSTON. Pleiku Prov 65 km SW Kontum City at 1635H, 2d Bde 4th Inf Div co recd hvy SA, AW and 60mm and 82mm mort fire from est en bn. Arty and air strikes called. En broke contact 1930H.
- PERSHING. Binh Dinh Prov 7 km NE Bong Son (1 km from coast), arty msn set-off chain secondary explosions resulting column black smoke to 500 ft. Day's results: 16 EK.
- GADSDEN. Term in Tay Ninh Prov. Final results: 161 EK 21 DET 24 IW 1 CSW 175 gal cooking oil 386 tons rice 8 tons salt 588 bunkers 3 tunnels 218 gren 56 bicycles 25 tons scrap metal, misc other material. Sptd by 328 tac air sorties. Frd cas lt.
- TUCSON. Term In Binh Long Prov and Binh Duong Prov by elements 1st and 3d Bdes 1st Inf Div in area 61 km NNW Saigon. Final results: 13 EK 5 DET 4 IW 1 CSW 27 tons salt 1,371 tons rice 136 bunkers 2 tunnels 50 oxcarts. Frd cas lt. Sptd by 207 tac air sorties.

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21 Feb (Continued)

- Four 7th Flt ships fired NGF in RVN. LSMR CLARION RIVER in spt DECKHOUSE VI hit en AW site resulting 7 secondary explosions and several fires. LSMR WHITE RIVER firing in spt DECKHOUSE VI hit en targets resulting in 11 fortified posns and 14 trench systems dest or dam.
- US pilots flew 460 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 296 USMC 164). AC-47s flew 21 sorties.
- B-52s struck in Quang Ngai Prov (a.m.) and Tay Ninh Prov (p.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 70 msns NVN (USAF 39 USN 22 USMC 9).

22 Feb (Wednesday)

- III MAF. Quang Tri Prov 40 km NW Quang Tri City at 1320H, USAF O-1E recd en AAA fire from just N of the N boundary of the DMZ. Arty and air strikes called against en posn.
- STONE. Term in Quang Nam Prov. Final results: 291 EK 155 DET. Sptd by 31 tac air sorties. Frd cas lt.
- GIANT DRAGON. Term in Quang Nam Prov. Final results: 16 EK 116 DET. Sptd by 67 tac air sorties. Frd cas lt.
- DECKHOUSE VI. 35 EK. USN cruiser fired NGF in spt.
- SAM HOUSTON. Pleiku Prov 40 km SW Pleiku City at 0050H, en force atkd 4 tanks from 2d Bde 4th Inf Div cav element. En used mines and SA. Frd committed cav unit relief force. AC-47 and arty sptd. En broke contact 0145H. 3 tanks lt dam. En cas unk. Kontum Prov 65 km SW Kontum City at 0200H, 2d Bde 4th Inf Div co recd 30 rds 60mm and 82mm mort fire. (This same co mort 1635H on 21 Feb). AC-47, counter-mort radar and arty sptd. Cumulative frd cas in the co result of the two mort atks were hvy. En unk.
- JUNCTION CITY. Initiated in War Zone "C" in Tay Ninh Prov 37 km NNW Tay Ninh City (112 km NW Saigon). Multi-div SD opn OPCON II FFV. Conducted by major units of 1st, 4th and 25th Inf Div, 196th Lt Inf and 173d Abn Bdes and 11th Armd Cav Regt. 2d Bn 503d Abn Inf 173d Abn Bde made 1st US combat parachute jump in RVN. 4 other bdes aslted by ground and heli-lift to form horseshoe blocking force. 2 bn VN Mar flown in to spt opn. En losses first day: 200 tires 34 bunkers. 5 USA hel downed by ground fire. 3 US WIA. Hels extracted. Initial en contact scattered with lt frd cas.

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22 Feb (Continued)

- IV CORPS. Kien Hoa Prov in ARVN opn (CUU LONG 55/SD), day's results included capture of 316 SA 4 CSW 12 mines 200 blocks TNT 8-75mm pack howitzers.
- DD fired NGF in Quang Ngai Prov. 2 DDs fired NGF in Binh Dinh and Binh Tuy Provs.
- NGF-NVN. 7th Flt DD dest or dam 7 watercraft between Kien Giang and Giang Rivers off NVN coast.
- US pilots flew 575 tac air sorties (new high)(old high was 565 on 5 Feb), USAF flew 397 (new high)(old high was 378 on 13 Feb) USMC pilots flew 178. AC-47s flew 16 sorties.
- B-52s struck twice in Tay Ninh Prov (a.m.) and in Kontum Prov (p.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 79 msns NVN (USN 31 USAF 37 USMC 11). Flight USAF F-105s sighted 4 MIG-21s 64 km NNW Hanoi. No encounter.
- DOD acft loss figures (fxd-wg): NVN 475 RVN 157.

23 Feb (Thursday)

- PERSHING. 12 EK 191 DET. B-52s struck in spt (a.m.).
- JUNCTION CITY. Announced. In Tay Ninh Prov 40 km NNW Tay Ninh City, 11th Armd Cav Regt and 2d Bde 25th Inf Div units atkd into open end of horseshoe set by blocking forces. 42 km NE Tay Ninh City at 2355H, bn CP recd 12 rds 82mm mort fire. Counter-mort fired. En broke contact 2400H. Frd cas lt. B-52s struck in spt (a.m.). Results to date: 19 EK 8 IW 39 tons rice 200 tires 144 bunkers. 3 tunnels dest. Sptd by 415 tac air sorties and 5 B-52 raids.
- II FFV. Two USA men (Sgt Womack and Pfc Crafts), prisoners of en, were released by en and ret to US control at Lai Khe.
- 7th Flt LSMR hit en targets in Quang Ngai Prov dest or dam 8 bunkers, 6 sampans and 7 trenchlines.
- US pilots flew 545 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 359 USMC 186). AC-47s flew 16 sorties.
- B-52s struck in Quang Ngai Prov (p.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 70 msns NVN (USAF 37 USN 27 USMC 6).

24 Feb (Friday)

- USMACV announced initiation of use of arty based in RVN against military targets in and N of DMZ, to supplement air strikes against military targets in DMZ area, particularly at night and in periods of bad weather.

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24 Feb (Continued)

- SAM HOUSTON. B-52s struck in spt (a.m.).
- I FFV. Phu Yen Prov 15 km S Tuy Hoa 0900H-1400H, three 28th Regt 9th ROK Inf Div cos engaged 2 en plat in TAOR action. 41 EK 36 IW. No frd cas.
- JUNCTION CITY. 32 km N Tay Ninh City at 1515H, 173d Abn unit located en base camp containing 2 mess halls, 3 sleeping huts, 5 shelters, clothing and utensils. 13 km NE Tay Ninh City at 0255H, log spt element recd 20 rds mort fire. Counter-mort ret. Frd cas lt. Day's results: 37 EK, many documents. Frd cas lt.
- US pilots flew 520 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 332 USMC 188). AC-47s flew 15 sorties. In Chuong Thien Prov 65 km SW Can Tho at 1750H, USAF F-4C crashed from unk causes. Sporadic SA fire in area. Pilots ejected and walked to SF camp. Acft dest. No frd cas. Lam Dong Prov 64 km SW Dalat at 1804H, O-1E downed by ground fire. Pilot KIA. Acft dest. Thua Thien Prov 21 km NW Hue at 0820H, UH-34D downed from unk causes. 5 US KIA. Hel dest.
- B-52s struck in Phuoc Tuy Prov (a.m.) and Quang Ngai and Quang Tri Provs (p.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 60 msns NVN (USAF 30 USN 16 USMC 14). USN pilots used radar to hit Han Gai and Bac Giang TPPs, 48 km ENE Haiphong and 48 km NE Hanoi, respectively.

25 Feb (Saturday)

- III MAF. Quang Tri Prov 53 km WNW Quang Tri City 1100H-1600H, two 9th Mar sqd ptls engaged en force. Arty and air strikes sptd. 8 EK 380 rds 82mm mort and 100-82mm fuzes. Frd cas lt.
- III MAF. Quang Ngai Prov 18 km S Quang Ngai City at 1440H, 1st Recon Bn Mar unit obs en force and called arty and air strikes. 40 EK 28 fortified posns and tunnel dest, 18 secondary explosions. No frd cas.
- SAM HOUSTON. B-52s struck in spt (a.m.). Kontum Prov 70 km SW Kontum City 1050H-1430H, en force engaged 4th Inf Div co. Arty and air strikes sptd. Another 4th Inf Div co reinf. Contact reestablished 1600H-1920H. 46 EK. Frd cas lt.
- JUNCTION CITY. Regt or larger size en base camp discovered 32 km NE Tay Ninh City. Contained 80 bicycles and misc material. At 1230H, US co made contact w/est en co. Arty and air strikes sptd. En broke contact quickly. Frd cas lt. En cas unk. Day's results: 14 EK.
- NGF-NVN. 2 DDs dest or dam 30 barges off Giang River near Dong Hoi.
- US pilots flew 553 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 375 USMC 178). AC-47s flew 20 sorties. Kontum Prov 70 km SW Kontum City at 1045H, USA O-1D downed by ground fire in SAM HOUSTON area. 1 US KIA 1 US WIA. Acft dest.

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25 Feb (Continued)

- B-52s struck in An Xuyen Prov (p.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 58 msns NVN (USAF 31 USN 15 USMC 12). USAF used radar bombing. USN A-6s re-struck Hon Gia and Bac Giang TPPs. Reported systems good, all ordnance on target area.

26 Feb (Sunday)

- DECKHOUSE VI. Mod contact. 34 EK. Units backloaded for reinsertion over beach and into LZs approx 25 km up coast.
- PERSHING. 13 EK 67 DET 177 tons rice. B-52s struck in spt (a.m.).
- JUNCTION CITY. 35-40 km NNW Tay Ninh City, 25th Inf Div units discovered and dest five en base camps. 192 fortified posns dest. 24 tons rice.
- ALA MOANA. Binh Duong Prov 13 km NW Phu Cuong 0120H-0230H, 25th Inf Div co(-) and ARVN plat recd 100 rds 60/81mm mort fire and hvy aslt. Arty, mort, gunships and air strikes sptd. 89 EK. Frd cas hvy in US co. Day's results: 114 EK.
- NGF-NVN. USMACV announced that, in order to supplement air strikes against military targets in NVN, particularly at night and in periods of bad weather, US surface ships in the Gulf of Tonkin were attacking such targets by naval gunfire. Targets described as primarily targets supporting the infiltration of men and equipment to the South. At 0655H, cruiser USS CANBERRA and two DDs atkd multiple RR facilities and yard 30 km S Thanh Hoa. No BDA. DDs PICKING and DUNCAN hit ammo storage area 12 km N Vinh and ammo storage and bks areas and shore btry 19 km NNE Vinh. CANBERRA, BENNER and STRAUSS later hit fuel storage and storage caves, coastal defense posns, AAA sites and RR siding 16-32 km SE and E Thanh Hoa. No BDA.
- US pilots flew 514 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 320 USMC 194). AC-47s flew 14 sorties.
- B-52s struck in Long Khanh Prov (War Zone "D") (a.m.) and Thua Thien Prov (CHINOOK II) (p.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 50 msns NVN (USAF 34 USN 8 USMC 8).

27 Feb (Monday)

- PRAIRIE II. 27 km WNW Quang Tri City at 0956H, USMC recon ptl recd fire from est 100 en. Ptl took evasive action and called arty msn. 4th Mar co reinf and engaged. Second co reinf. Contact cont.

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27 Feb (Continued)

- USMACV announced that, in order to counter increased use of water-borne logistics craft by NVN to infiltrate men and supplies into RVN, US is emplacing limited number of air-delivered non-floating mines in selected river areas in S portion NVN. Action poses no danger to deep-water maritime traffic.
- III MAF. Quang Nam Prov at Da Nang Air Base at 0315H, est 51 rds en 140mm barrage rkt arty fire recd. Rkts impacted in 3 general areas w/some rds hitting Ap Do Village near the base. AC-47s and USMC armd hel atkd rkt firing posns forcing en break-off atk before all rkts fired. This was first en use this wpn in conflict. Results of atk: Cas, acft dam and materiel dam lt aboard base; however, 32 VN civ killed, 40 VN civ injured and approx 200 VN civ homes dest or dam. Rkts were 140mm Russian barrage rkts, 42" long, spin stabilized w/superquick fuze. Projectile 12" long. Rkts fired from 134 posns in 2 groupings of 70 and 64 posns. Range was 8,000 meters. Each grouping in straight line perpendicular to general direction of AB. Posns were holes scooped to depth of 16" approx 8" wide and 30" long. Dirt piled in front provided basic elevation. Wpn is single metal tube mounted on wooden board w/simple elevation and deflection device. Electrically fired by wiring group of wpns to firing point. Two tubes, numerous cannisters, live rds and duds found in firing area.
- DECKHOUSE VI. Quang Ngai Prov, USMC units of SLF who extracted from Sa Huynh 26 Feb, landed over beaches 17 hrs later, 25 km N Sa Huynh extending the opn. After amphib aslt, other SLF units came ashore in heli-borne aslt from LPH IWO JIMA. Ships participating: LPH IWO JIMA: LSDs VANCOUVER and THOMASTON; LST WINDHAM COUNTY and NGF ships LSMR CLARION RIVER and DD TURNER JOY. At 1130H, 4th Mar co recd en SA fire. Fire ret. 10 EK. No frd cas. At 1235H, USMC UH-1 hel downed by ground fire in LZ approach. 1 US KIA. Hel lt dam. Day's results DECKHOUSE VI: 36 EK. Frd cas lt.
- SAM HOUSTON. B-52s struck 71 km SW Kontum City at bn-size en base camp.
- PERSHING. Binh Dinh Prov 11 km Nw Bong Son at 1045H, 1st Cav Div co engaged est en co. Sporadic contact all day and night. Other Cav units sealed-off suspected en CP area. 3 EK 114 DET. Frd cas lt. Air aslts conducted. Lt contact. Day's results: 10 EK 264 DET 64 tons rice.
- JUNCTION CITY. 38 km NW Tay Ninh City 0230H-0240H, US Inf and arty recd 60-75 rds 82mm mort fire. Fire ret. Frd cas lt. En cas unk. Day's results: 26 EK 5 tons rice.
- ENTERPRISE. Announced. Results to date: 41 EK. Frd cas lt.

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27 Feb (Continued)

- US pilots flew 426 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 312 USMC 114). AC-47s flew 5 sorties.
- B-52s struck in Binh Duong Prov and RSSZ (a.m.) and Quang Ngai Prov (p.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 69 msns NVN (USAF 38 USN 23 USMC 8). USAF hit transshipment point on Ben Hai River in DMZ.

28 Feb (Tuesday)

- PRAIRIE II. 28 km WNW Quang Tri City, contact initiated 0956H 27 Feb, continued. At dawn a third USMC co reinf the first two cos and atkd Hill 124 encountering hvy resistance from dug-in en force. Two more USMC cos reinf. Contact continued until en withdrew 2250H. Arty and 18 tac air sorties sptd. 58 EK. Frd cas lt over-all. Near Gio Linh, 2 km S DMZ at 1900H, arty firing posn recd 400 rds en 81/82mm mort fire. Atk lasted 17 min. At 2042H, posn recd another 75 rds 81/82mm mort fire. Atk lasted 3 min. Frd cas lt. No materiel dam.
- DECKHOUSE VI. 30 EK.
- PERSHING. 23 EK 285 DET. B-52s struck 88 km NNW Qui Nhon City at en base area in spt opn.
- JUNCTION CITY. 29 km NE Tay Ninh City at 1025H, 1st Inf Div sqd engaged en co. Arty and air strikes sptd, and hvy reinf committed. En broke contact 2245H. 167 EK 46 IW. Frd cas hvy in co making contact. Over-all cas lt to multi-co force. At 1500H, 173d Abn Bde unit found en base camp containing extensive bunker system, 30'x60' messhall, 18 huts w/underground bomb shelters, 40'x40' trng hut, 1 fully equipped photo darkroom, 1 gasoline generator, 1 electric pump and misc equipment and papers. In other scattered actions, 115 tons rice and 3 en base camps located. B-52s hit Tay Ninh City in spt opn (a.m.). Day's results: 174 EK. Frd cas lt.
- US pilots flew 500 tac air sorties RVN (USAF 325 USMC 175). AC-47s flew 17 sorties.
- B-52s struck in Thua Thien Prov (p.m.).
- NVN. US pilots flew 56 msns NVN (USAF 31 USN 16 USMC 9). USAF F-105 downed by ground fire N Mu Gia Pass. Pilot rescued. Acft dest.

FEBRUARY 1967 REVIEW OF US AND OTHER FVMAF GROUND OPERATIONS IN RVN
 (All data is as of 28 February 1967)

AREA	OPERATION	SIZE	UNIT	PROVINCE	COMMENCED	FRD CAS	SOR- TIES	ENEMY LOSSES		
								EK	DET	IW/GSW
II FFV	LAM SON II	BN(+)	2d Bde 1st Inf Div	Binh Duong	23 May - 8 Feb	L	236	251	1648	49/7
III MAF	PRAIRIE	BDE	3d Mar Div	Quang Tri	3 Aug - 31 Jan	M	5190	1397	1132	248/15
I FFV	BYRD	BN(+)	1st Cav Div (Airmbl)	Binh Thuan	25 Aug - Cont	L	476	369	713	91/1
II FFV	LANIKAI	BN	1st Bde 25th Inf Div	Long An	14 Sep - 13 Feb	L	26	94	132	17/3
I FFV	THAYER II	BDE(+)	1st Cav Div (Airmbl) 3d Bde 25th Inf Div	Binh Dinh	25 Oct - 12 Feb	L	2194	1757	2246	426/53
I FFV	ADAMS	BN(+)	1st Bde 4th Inf Div	Phu Yen	26 Oct - Cont	L	181	343	1534	140/1
II FFV	ALA MOANA	BN(+)	2d Bde 25th Inf Div	Hau Nghia	1 Dec - Cont	L	768	326	504	89/5
III MAF	CHINOOK I	BN	26th Mar	Thua Thien	20 Dec - 16 Feb	L	272	261	711	56/2
I FFV	SAM HOUSTON	BDE(+)	2d Bde 4th Inf Div 3d Bde 25th Inf Div	Kontum Pleiku	1 Jan - Cont	L	1237	319	147	78/33
I FFV	MAENG HO 8	BN	26th Regt CAP ROK Inf Div	Phu Yen	3 Jan - Cont	L	19	199	1053	139/1
I FFV	MA DOO I		9th ROK Inf Div 28th Regt	Phu Yen	21 Jan - 7 Feb	L	0	160	57	162/5

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AREA	OPERATION	SIZE	UNIT	PROVINCE	COMMENCED	FRD CAS	SOR- TIES	ENEMY LOSSES		
								EK	DET	IW/CSW
II FFV	LAM SON 67	BN(+)	2d Bde 1st Inf Div	Bien Hoa Binh Duong	8 Feb - Cont	L	146	18	765	2/1
I FFV	PERSHING	BDE(+)	1st, 2d, 3d Bde 1st Cav Div (Airmbl) 3d Bde 25th Inf Div	Binh Dinh	12 Feb - Cont	L	324	354	2395	112/8
III MAF	STONE	BN(+)	1st Mar	Quang Nam	12 Feb - 22 Feb	L	31	291	155	30/0
II FFV	BEAUMAUROS	BN	5th RAR	Phuoc Tuy	13 Feb - 16 Feb	L	0	0	4	0/0
II FFV	ENTERPRISE	BN	9th Inf Div	Long An	13 Feb - Cont	L	11	51	0	0/0
II FFV	TUCSON	BDE(+)	1st, 3d Bde 1st Inf Div	Binh Long Binh Duong	14 Feb - 21 Feb	L	207	13	5	4/1
III MAF	DECKHOUSE VI	BN(+)	7th Flt SLF	Quang Ngai	16 Feb - Cont	L	79	245	21	1/0
II FFV	CHAPMAN	BN	2d Bde 9th Inf Div	Bien Hoa (RSSZ)	16 Feb - Cont	L	40	0	0	0/0
III MAF	GIANT DRAGON	BN(+)	2d Bde ROKMC	Quang Ngai	17 Feb - 22 Feb	L	67	16	116	6/0
III MAF	CHINOOK II	BN(+)	9th, 26th Mar	Thua Thien	17 Feb - Cont	L	6	49	110	22/2
III MAF	RIO GRANDE	BN	7th Mar	Quang Ngai	17 Feb - 22 Feb	L	99	7	11	0/0
II FFV	BRIBIE	BN(+)	5th, 6th RAR	Phuoc Tuy	17 Feb - 18 Feb	L	0	8	0	1/0

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AREA	OPERATION	SIZE	UNIT	PROVINCE	COMMENCED	FRD CAS	SOR- TIES	ENEMY LOSSES		
								EK	DET	IW/CSW
III MAF	DE SOTO	BN(+)	7th Mar	Quang Ngai	26 Jan - Cent	L	524	218	7	3/0
I FFV	FARRAGUT	BDE	1st Bde 101st Abn Div	Binh Thuan	26 Jan - Cent	L	47	12	45	47/0
II FFV	MUNCIE	BN(+)	11th Armd Cav Regt	Long Khanh	27 Jan - 15 Feb	L	65	11	7	7/0
I FFV	PENG MA I (formerly BAEK MA I)	REGT	29th and 30th Regt 9th ROK Inf Div	Khanh Hoa	30 Jan - Cent	L	91	390	31	268/34
III MAF	INDEPENDENCE	BN(+)	9th Mar	Quang Nam	1 Feb - 9 Feb	L	93	145	131	15/1
II FFV	BIG SPRING	BDE(+)	173d Abn Bde 1st Bde 9th Inf Div	Bien Hoa Binh Duong	1 Feb - 16 Feb	L	213	43	1	24/1
III MAF	PRAIRIE II	BDE	3d Mar Div	Quang Tri	1 Feb - Cent	L	272	105	250	33/2
II FFV	TAMBRINE	BN	6th RAR	Phuoc Tuy	1 Feb - 8 Feb	L	7	0	0	0/0
II FFV	GADSDEN	BDE(+)	3d Bde 4th Inf Div 196th Lt Inf Bde	Tay Ninh	2 Feb - 21 Feb	L	328	161	21	24/1
II FFV	GLEN BURNIE	BN(+)	11th Armd Cav Regt	Long Khanh	3 Feb - 3 Feb	L	0	0	29	0/0
I FFV	GATLING II	BDE(+)	1st Bde 101st Abn Div 1st Cav Div (Airmbl)	Lam Dong Binh Thuan	4 Feb - 15 Feb	L	2	25	25	17/0
II FFV	GREENLEAF	BDE	2d Bde 9th Inf Div	Bien Hoa	6 Feb - 24 Feb	L	41	0	4	1/0

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<u>AREA</u>	<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>COMMENCED</u>	<u>FRD CAS</u>	<u>SOR- TIES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>		
								<u>EK</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>IW/CSW</u>
II FFV	REMARK	BN	5th RAR	Phuoc Tuy	18 Feb - 22 Feb	L	4	2	0	1/0
II FFV	DALBY	BN	1st ATF	Phuoc Tuy	16 Feb - 16 Feb	L	0	4	0	0/0
II FFV	JUNCTION CITY	DIV(+)	II FFV	Tay Ninh	22 Feb - Cont	L	960	271	12	69/8

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