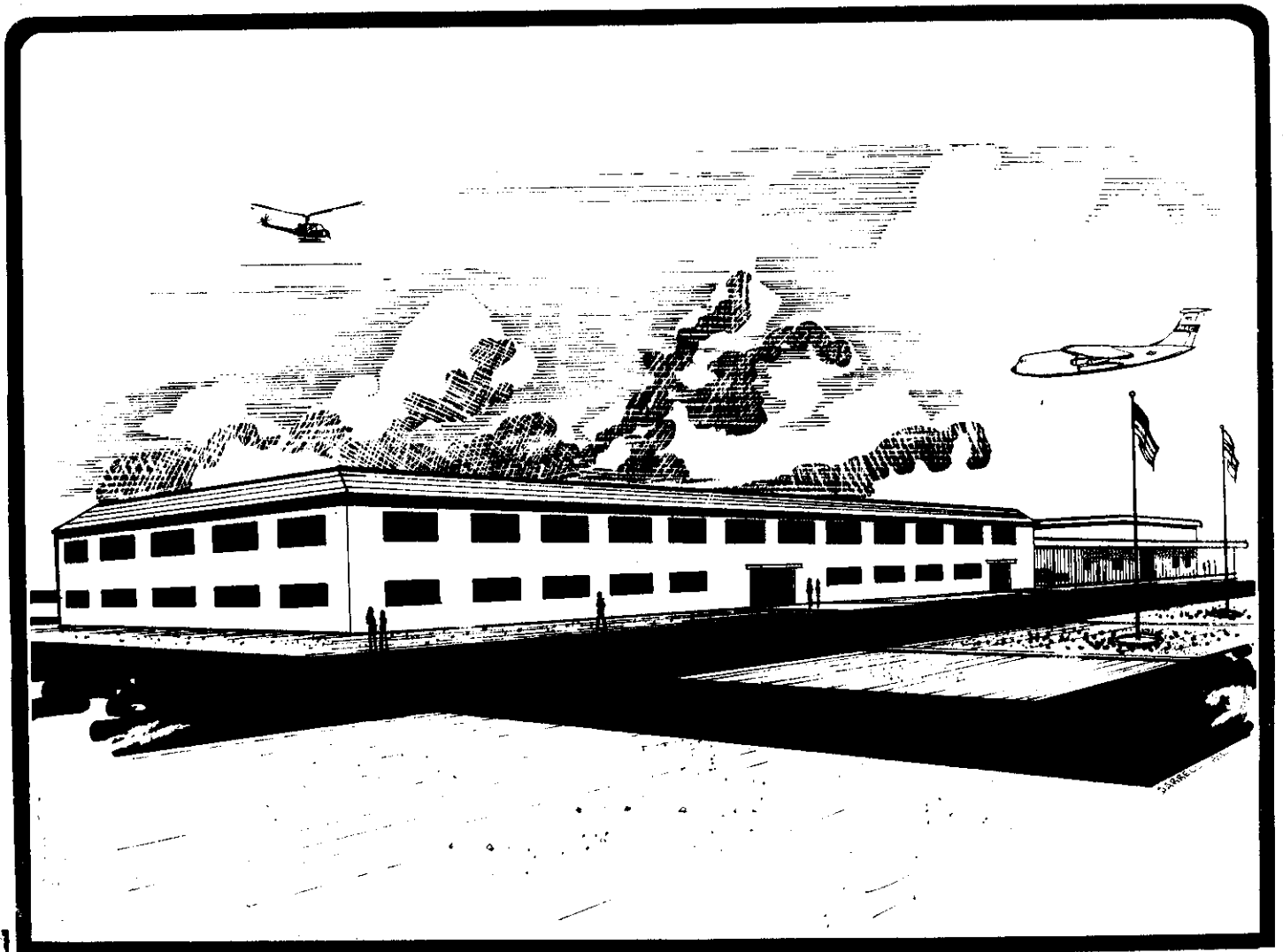


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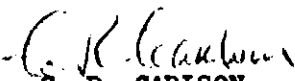
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This release has been prepared to present a review of significant events occurring in this command during October 1969.

It has been organized as follows:

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R E V I E W O F E V E N T S

G E N E R A L

During the month, enemy-initiated activity was generally light as preparations were being made for his "Winter-Spring Campaign" to begin in November. A significant North Vietnamese Army threat developed in the Bu Prang-Duc Lap area of southwest II Corps, and activity there increased sharply on the 28th of October. In the delta, there was a significant increase in indirect fire and ground attacks on the night of 4-5 October.

I CORPS

Enemy-initiated activity in I CTZ during October was characterized by scattered attacks-by-fire and limited ground attacks. NVA soldiers captured as a result of contacts in the Con Thien area on 28 September and 2 October identified their unit as the 27th NVA Regiment. In the northern two provinces enemy forces continued to avoid major contact while engaged in logistical activity. A Hoi Chanh from a local force company in central I Corps has provided information on the increasing difficulty his unit was having in engaging Republic of Vietnam forces (ARVN), due to the ARVN's aggressiveness and improved armament.

In southern I CTZ, since 1 October more than 220 VC military and political personnel rallied in Thang Binh and Tam Ky Districts, Quang Tin Province. In Quang Ngai Province enemy units continued their attacks on refugee and population centers in an attempt to disrupt the pacification program. Since the beginning of the month approximately 80% of the enemy attacks in Quang Ngai Province were directed against pacification areas. Documents captured on 6 October revealed a serious morale and food distribution problem within elements of the 3rd NVA Division.

II CORPS

Enemy-initiated activity in II CTZ during the month was limited in scope and intensity until 18 October, when a period of increased activity commenced in the B-3 Front area. Possibly related to this activity was the initiation of enemy offensive activity in the Duc Lap/Bu Prang area on 28 October.

A prisoner from the 24th NVA Regiment, captured on 20 October, confirmed that his unit had the mission of interdicting Route 14 between Pleiku and Kontum City, and attacking friendly troops and installations in the vicinity of Plei Mrong.

Twenty-five kilometers east of An Khe, in Binh Dinh Province, United States and Republic of Korea Army forces engaged in sporadic contacts with enemy forces and uncovered sizeable munitions and rice caches in an enemy base area. Cumulative results were: 210 enemy killed, 22 detained, 26 tons of munitions, and 24 tons of rice captured. The detainees identified their units as various elements of the 18th NVA Regiment.

On 28 October, three kilometers northwest of Phu Cat, a terrorist threw a hand grenade into the market place in Hoa Hoi Hamlet; results were: friendly: 8 civilians killed, 43 civilians wounded; enemy: 6 boys, ages 11-14, armed with hand grenades,

were detained. This is the second major terrorist incident reported in Binh Dinh Province. On 19 October, in Qui Nhon City, an unknown type explosive was detonated in a civilian theater; results were: friendly: 7 WIA, 2 civilians killed, 28 civilians wounded.

In the southern corps area, a freighter of Panamanian registry was sunk in the Nha Trang Harbor by two unknown-type explosives. The explosives were probably set by a sapper company which operates in the Nha Trang area.

III CORPS

Enemy-initiated activity was characterized by low intensity attacks-by-fire and limited ground probes, as most divisional elements remained out of contact in or near border base areas. Elements of three divisions were identified in contacts during the month. The 9th VC Division had its forces divided, with two regiments deployed in the northern Tay Ninh Province/Cambodian border area and one regiment southeast of Tay Ninh City. The 272nd Regiment relocated to northern Tay Ninh Province and was identified in several contacts in War Zone C. The 1st NVA Division was not identified in contact during the month. The 7th NVA Division was deployed in the northern Binh Long Province-Cambodian Border area for training and refitting. One of the division's regiments was probably the enemy force involved in a 5 October, friendly -initiated contact eight kilometers west of Loc Ninh which resulted in 15 enemy killed. Another regiment from the 7th NVA Division may have been the enemy unit involved in two friendly-initiated contacts in northwest Phuoc Long Province, on 4 and 31 October, which resulted in 65 enemy killed. The 5th VC Division remained deployed in central and northern Phuoc Long Province.

In the southern corps area, enemy-initiated activity remained light. Elements of the 274th Regiment were identified in a 9 October ambush south of Bear Cat. Captured documents indicated that the Winter-Spring Campaign might begin in mid-November following completion of study on COSVN Resolution 9.

In Saigon, terrorist activity was light with five terrorist incidents reported. At the end of October, major enemy units in III CTZ were refitting and retraining in preparation for the Winter-Spring Campaign.

IV CORPS

A significant increase in enemy-initiated activity occurred during the night of 4-5 October, with 35 attacks-by-fire and 13 ground probes. Captured documents revealed that in compliance with COSVN's directive, enemy units were instructed to intensify proselyting activity.

Activity increased in the Plain of Reeds area as the enemy attempted infiltration of men and material. Prisoners stated that the 18B NVA Regiment and its subordinate battalions were collocated in the Seven Mountains area of Chau Doc Province.

ARVN elements contacted probable elements of the 273rd VC Regiment in a series of engagements in the U Minh Forest during the month.

During October, over 2,982 enemy rallied to the Government of Vietnam, bringing the total for 1969 to 25,817 in IV CTZ.

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AIR OPERATIONS

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U.S. Air Force pilots flew 5,412 tactical air sorties in support of allied ground forces. Marine Corps pilots flew 1,978 sorties and Navy pilots flew another 734 for a total of 8,124 tactical air sorties during the month.

Pilots and crews were credited by forward air controllers (FACs) and friendly forces making ground sweeps with killing 428 enemy while destroying or damaging 398 waterborne supply craft, 6,354 fortifications, and 7,325 bunkers. Their air-delivered ordnance also resulted in 483 secondary explosions, and 666 secondary fires.

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B-52 MISSIONS

Two hundred and twenty missions were flown during the month by Air Force B-52s. Of these missions, 149 were directed against enemy targets in III Corps Tactical Zone, 42 in I CTZ, 24 in II CTZ, and 5 in IV CTZ.

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AIRLIFT

Military Airlift Command (Inbound-Outbound, South Vietnam)

Number of Passengers	102,104
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Tons of Cargo	23,934
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834th Air Division "Common Service" Airlift System (Within South Vietnam)

Number of Passengers	687,765
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Tons of Cargo	106,764
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Medical Evacuation

Number of Patients (outbound, South Vietnam)	3,255 (US Military)
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NAVAL OPERATIONS

NAVAL GUNFIRE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

The guns of seventeen Seventh Fleet warships engaged enemy targets throughout the Republic of Vietnam during October. Navy gunners left 653 enemy bunkers and 452 enemy military structures damaged or destroyed. Shells from the warships were also responsible for 75 secondary explosions, 29 secondary fires, cuts across 49 supply routes, and 10 enemy killed, according to reports from air and ground spotters. Additional damage reported included 44 caves, 13 weapons positions, 23 vehicles, six sampans, three base camps and 185 meters of trenchline damaged or destroyed.

The most effective day of the month for Navy gunners was October 14 when gunfire accounted for 19 military structures and 19 bunkers destroyed, 42 military structures and 21 bunkers damaged, one secondary explosion and six secondary fires.

Destroyers on the gunline in October were the USS Cochrane, Dehaven, H.J. Thomas, Hammer, Hoel, Hull, Nicholas, O'Bannon, Osbourn, and Waddell. They were joined by the Australian destroyer HMAS Vendetta. Also shelling enemy positions during the month were the cruisers Boston and Oklahoma City and the inshore fire support ships USS Caronade, Clarion River, St. Francis River and White River.

NAVAL AIR STRIKES REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

Navy pilots from the Seventh Fleet aircraft carriers USS Bon Homme Richard, Coral Sea, Constellation, Hancock and Oriskany flew 712 sorties, all in I and II Corps, against enemy targets in the Republic of Vietnam in October.

Enemy military structures, bunkers, and supply routes were the main targets of the jets, which included A4 Skyhawks, A6 Intruders, A7 Corsairs and F4 phantoms. The main ordnance used in the attacks was 250-lb. and 500-lb. bombs and 20 millimeter cannon fire.

The aircraft were credited with 150 military structures, 42 bunkers, seven supply routes, one sampan, and three weapons positions damaged or destroyed. Spotters also reported 11 secondary fires, nine secondary explosions and one enemy killed.

The highest number of sorties flown in October was 43 on October 10.

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E N E M Y M A T E R I E L L O S S E S

(CAPTURED/DESTROYED)

<u>WEAPONS</u>	<u>I CTZ</u>	<u>II CTZ</u>	<u>III CTZ</u>	<u>IV CTZ</u>
Small Arms	702	2,827	1,263	235
Grenades	453	512	602	0
Machineguns	6	24	132	5
RPG Launchers	19	29	33	3
Rocket Launchers	0	0	0	0
Recoilless Rifle	0	0	0	0
Mortars	8	15	10	3
Other Crew-served	31	44	13	2
Artillery	0	0	0	0

TOTAL TONS: 27.16

AMMUNITION

Small Arms	10,109	310,056	163,305	210
Mortar	816	1,576	1,459	0
Artillery	6	0	14	0
Recoilless Rifle	18	366	612	0
AT Grenades	176	646	901	0
Rockets	24	64	77	0

TOTAL TONS: 41.22

FOOD STUFFS:

A total of 199.40 tons of rice and 11.15 tons of salt.

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M O R N I N G A N D E V E N I N G N E W S R E L E A S E S

1 October (Wednesday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, six significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eleven other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

010130 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- An element of the 26th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, in night defense five miles west of Da Nang, received about 20 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Light casualties. Counter-battery was fired with unknown results.

II FFV:

010002 -- HAU NGHIA PROVINCE -- An element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, located at fire support base Patton six miles east of Trang Bang (24 miles NW of Saigon) received about five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 20 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, nine of which were against U.S. units or installations. Six of the 20 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one killed and three wounded.
- I FFV (BINH THUAN PROVINCE) -- At 1045 a U.S. Army cavalry element of Task Force South observed an estimated 100 enemy soldiers in a large bunker complex 19 miles north of Phan Thiet (100 miles ENE of Saigon) and directed helicopter gunships and F-100's from the 31st and 35th Tactical Fighter Wings onto the location. After the strikes, the troopers found the bodies of 26 enemy soldiers and reported six bunkers destroyed. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1335 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 30 miles NE of Tay Ninh City (52 miles NNW of Saigon), engaged an estimated enemy platoon with small arms and automatic weapons fire. The troopers did not receive any return fire from the enemy. The troopers directed helicopter gunships and F-100's from the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing onto the enemy position. After the strikes, seven enemy dead were found in the strike area. No U.S. casualties.
- HQ MACV -- It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that the 826th Ordnance Company, an Army Reserve unit from Wisconsin will leave the Republic tomorrow. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 253 sorties (USAF 166, USMC 54, and USN 33), killing 28 enemy soldiers, triggering 16 secondary explosions, igniting 30 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 216 fortifications, 149 bunkers, and 14 sampans.
- B-52s flew 10 missions: 11 miles NE of Loc Ninh; 9 miles west of An Loc; 9 miles NNE of Loc Ninh; 15 and 21 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh; 6 and 7 miles NW of the Rock-pile; 17 and 21 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh; and 11 miles NW of An Loc.

2 October (Thursday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, seven significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, four of which were against U.S. units or installations. Six other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

012315 -- QUANG TIN PROVINCE -- An element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, at Landing Zone Center 16 miles west of Tam Ky (32 miles south of Da Nang), received about five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

II FFV:

012205 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Dau Tieng (40 miles NNW of Saigon), received 15 rounds of 107mm and 122mm rocket fire. No casualties, very light damage.

020255 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- A mechanized infantry element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, in night defense five miles WSW of Phuoc Vinh (34 miles north of Saigon), received less than five rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.

020329 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of the Headquarters, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), at Phuoc Vinh (36 miles north of Saigon), received less than ten 107mm rockets. No casualties or damage.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 18 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, seven of which were against U.S. units or installations. Nine of the 18 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were five wounded with no fatalities.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 0155 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), in night defense four miles SW of Con Thien (103 miles NW of Da Nang) and about one-half mile south of the Demilitarized Zone, received small arms fire, rocket-propelled grenade and mortar fire from an estimated enemy company. The troops returned fire with unit weapons, including tank guns and the heavy machineguns of their armored personnel carriers, and were supported by artillery fire. The enemy withdrew at an unreported time, leaving 14 of his dead, four individual weapons, and seven crew-served weapons. In addition, one enemy was detained. U.S. casualties were one killed and 22 wounded, 20 of whom were evacuated. There was light materiel damage.

- OPERATION FREDERICK HILL (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 1300 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, nine miles SW of Tam Ky (42 miles south of Da Nang), found the bodies of eight enemy soldiers who had been killed about three weeks ago by air strikes.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1200 an element of the 1st Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, operating five miles NW of Hoi An (9 miles south of Da Nang), engaged five enemy soldiers with small arms fire, killing all of them. No U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 1600 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), five miles north of the Rockpile (110 miles NW of Da Nang) and about two km south of the Demilitarized Zone, engaged an estimated enemy platoon in bunkers. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged. The troopers were supported by F-4's of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing until contact was lost at 1820. Enemy losses are unknown. U.S. losses were two killed and four wounded.
- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) -- At 0050 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, in night defense 15 miles NE of An Khe (275 miles NNE of Saigon), received a ground attack from an unknown size enemy force using small arms and hand grenades. The troopers fired back with unit weapons and were supported by U.S. Army artillery. After a brief exchange, the enemy withdrew, leaving behind one of his dead and an individual weapon. U.S. casualties were one killed and five wounded.
- TOAN THAN OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1230 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, six miles SE of Dau Tieng (35 miles NNW of Saigon), engaged an estimated enemy company. Small arms fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery, by U.S. Air Force F-100's from the 3rd and 35th Tactical Fighter Wings, and by Air Force AC-47 and AC-119 gunships. At 1845 the enemy withdrew, leaving nine of his dead. U.S. casualties were three killed and 18 wounded.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 0500 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, in night defense six miles NE of Trang Bang (30 miles NNW of Saigon), engaged an unknown size enemy force. Small arms fire was exchanged and, following a brief contact, the enemy withdrew, leaving ten of his dead, and four individual weapons. In addition, seven enemy soldiers were captured. U.S. casualties were one wounded, no fatalities.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1600 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 11 miles ENE of Loc Ninh (79 miles north of Saigon), found an enemy food cache containing about eight tons of rice and 1,500 pounds of salt. The cache had been in place about two months.
- HQ MACV -- The 826th Ordnance Company, an Army Reserve unit from Wisconsin, departed the Republic of Vietnam today as part of President Nixon's announced Phase II redeployment of 35,000 troops. The company, of about 200 men, departed Bien Hoa Air Base for Forbes Air Force Base, Topeka, Kansas. The unit will be inactivated at Fort Riley, Kansas, and reconstituted in the Army Reserve at its home station in Madison, Wisconsin.

- HQ MACV -- It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that the 513th Combat Support Battalion, an Army Reserve unit from Massachusetts, will depart the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 258 sorties (USAF 172, USMC 55, and USN 31), killing 14 enemy soldiers, triggering three secondary explosions and igniting 10 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 62 fortifications, 181 bunkers and 15 sampans.
- An Air Force F-4 Phantom fighter-bomber crashed 21 miles NNW of Phan Thiet in Binh Thuan Province, killing one crewman and destroying the aircraft. Another crewman was rescued uninjured. The cause of the crash is believed to have been enemy ground fire.
- B-52s flew 9 missions: 10 miles WNW of An Loc; 23 and 25 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh; 10 miles NNE of Loc Ninh; 21 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh; 12 miles WSW of Xuan Loc; 11 miles SW of Katum; 21 miles NW of Bong Son; and 12 miles NNW of An Hoa.

3 October (Friday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, seven significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, four of which were against U.S. units or installations. Nine other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

022220 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- The headquarters of the 1st Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, nine miles south of Da Nang, received less than five rounds of an unknown caliber mortar fire and less than five 140mm rockets. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

030610 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- An element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, in night defense 11 miles SE of An Hoa (26 miles south of Da Nang), received about 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light U.S. casualties.

II FFV:

021823 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- The Headquarters of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), located just west of Tay Ninh City (56 miles NW of Saigon), received less than five 122mm rockets. Light U.S. casualties and damage.

030155 -- HAU NGHIA PROVINCE -- The headquarters of the 25th Infantry Division at Cu Chi, 19 miles NW of Saigon, received less than ten 107mm rockets. No casualties, light materiel damage.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 20 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, thirteen of which were against U.S. units or installations. Ten of the 20 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were two killed and 20 wounded.

- OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) -- At 1100 an element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, 12 miles WNW of Duc Pho (93 miles SSE of Da Nang), engaged five enemy soldiers with small arms, killing all of them. No U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 1315 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), six miles NW of Cam Lo (103 miles NW of Da Nang) and about one mile south of the Demilitarized Zone, received about ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 0720 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 82nd Airborne Division, while in an ambush site six miles south of Ben Cat (20 miles NNW of Saigon), received an unknown number of 60mm mortar rounds and small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force. The troopers returned fire with their unit weapons and were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery and USAF tactical aircraft. At 1030 the enemy withdrew, leaving 14 of his dead. During the fighting, two light observation helicopters were hit by enemy ground fire. One of the aircraft crashed and was destroyed, while the other received moderate damage. U.S. casualties were one killed and nine wounded, including one wounded in one of the helicopters and three wounded in the other.
- HQ MACV -- At about 0107 this morning, on board the USS BOSTON, the right barrel of a 5"/38 gunmount was blown off while conducting a naval gunfire mission off the coast of the Republic of Vietnam in support of the 3rd Marine Division. Four persons were slightly injured -- none seriously. The BOSTON resumed her gunfire support within one hour. An investigation as to the exact cause of the explosion will be conducted.
- HQ MACV -- The 513th Combat Support Battalion, an Army Reserve unit from Massachusetts, departed the Republic of Vietnam today as part of President Nixon's announced redeployment of 35,000 troops. The battalion of about 250 men departed from Da Nang Air Base for Logan International Airport, Boston. It will be inactivated at Ft. Devens, Mass., and reconstituted in the Army Reserve at its home station in Boston.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 257 sorties (USAF 175, USMC 66, and USN 16), killing nine enemy soldiers, triggering 12 secondary explosions, and igniting 18 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 123 fortifications, 202 bunkers, and 33 sampans.
- B-52s flew 10 missions: 16 miles NW of Tay Ninh; 13 miles NNW of An Hoa; 12 miles NNW of An Hoa; 16 miles NNW of An Hoa; 12 miles SW of Katum; 14 miles NNW of An Hoa; 30 miles SW and 29 miles WSW of Quang Ngai; 16 miles WNW of Tay Ninh; and 22 miles NW of Bong Son.

4 October (Saturday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, two significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, both against U.S. installations. Four other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

040030 -- QUANG TRI PROVINCE -- Dong Ha Combat Base, headquarters of the U.S.

3rd Marine Division, received about five rounds of 140mm rocket fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage. Counter-battery was fired onto suspected launching sites with unknown results.

II FFV:

040515 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- The headquarters of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), located near Phuoc Vinh (36 miles north of Saigon), received less than five 107mm rockets. No casualties or damage.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 12 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, nine of which were against U.S. installations or units. Three of the 12 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 1850 an element of the U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), 10 miles NW of the Rockpile (116 miles NW of Da Nang) received small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an estimated two enemy squads. The troops fired back with unit weapons and were supported by artillery fire. About fifteen minutes later the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were seven wounded, no fatalities.
- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) -- At 0655 an element of the U.S. 173rd Airborne Brigade, 14 miles north of Bong Son (315 miles NNE of Saigon), received small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an estimated five to ten enemy soldiers. Contact was lost at 0715, but the troopers pursued the enemy and reestablished contact at 0845 with an estimated enemy squad. Contact was again lost at 0950 when the enemy withdrew. During the contact, at about 0800, a light observation helicopter received heavy small arms fire and crashed. In a search of the area the troopers found the bodies of two enemy soldiers, and detained 12 other enemy, two of whom were wounded. In addition, four individual weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were two killed and three wounded, including one killed and one wounded in the helicopter crash.
- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) -- At 1015 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, 22 miles NE of An Khe (275 miles NNE of Saigon), found the bodies of five enemy soldiers who had been killed by small arms fire at an unreported time.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1555 troops from the air cavalry element of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 11 miles NE of Loc Ninh (81 miles north of Saigon), engaged an estimated enemy company. Small arms fire was exchanged and the troops were reinforced by an element of the division's 3rd Brigade at an unreported time. Support was provided by U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships and by USAF F-100's from the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing. Contact was lost at 1620 when the enemy withdrew, leaving 24 of his dead. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1600 elements of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, eight miles west of Trang Bang (21 miles NW of Saigon), engaged six enemy soldiers with unit weapons, and were supported by artillery fire, killing all six. The enemy did not return fire, and there were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 0855 an element of the armored cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division and Vietnamese Regional Forces soldiers, in a combined action four miles north of Phu Cuong (19 miles north of Saigon), engaged an unknown size enemy force in fortified positions. Small arms fire was exchanged and the troops were supported by helicopter gunships. In about 20 minutes the enemy withdrew, leaving six of his dead and three crew-served weapons. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities. No reported RF casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 1120 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, three miles SSE of Duc Hoa (15 miles west of Saigon), engaged an unknown size enemy force with unit weapons, and were supported by helicopter gunships. The unit did not receive return fire. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew, leaving five of his dead, and three individual weapons. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1350 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 20 miles NE of Tay Ninh (51 miles NNW of Saigon), found an enemy cache containing thirty-seven 107mm rockets and forty-six 82mm mortar rounds. The cache had been in place about a month, and weighed one ton.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1650 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), four miles SE of Song Be (75 miles NNE of Saigon), found the bodies of seven enemy soldiers who had been killed about one week earlier.
- HQ MACV -- It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that the 1002nd Combat Support Company, an Army Reserve unit from Ohio, will leave the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).
- HQ MACV -- It was announced by III MAF that Marine All-weather attack Squadron 533 VMA (AW)-533, will move from Chu Lai to the Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, commencing October 5. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 209 sorties (USAF 154, USMC 36, and USN 19), killing 14 enemy soldiers, triggering 13 secondary explosions, and igniting 16 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 217 fortifications, 183 bunkers, and 51 sampans.
- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire six miles NW of Cai Be in Dinh Tuong Province, wounding two men and destroying the aircraft.
- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 12 miles north of Khe Sanh in Quang Tri Province, destroying the aircraft. No casualties.
- B-52s flew 5 missions: 13 miles east of Phuoc Binh; 28 and 30 miles SW of Quang Ngai; 6 miles ESE of Dau Tieng; and 26 miles NNE of Xuan Loc.

5 October (Sunday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, 15 significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations.

Fifteen other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. Eleven of the 15 attacks were in IV Corps. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

I FFV:

042100 -- LAM DONG PROVINCE -- A U.S. Army combat support element four miles SE of Bao Loc (92 miles NE of Saigon) received less than ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.

050005 -- LAM DONG PROVINCE -- The same unit as above received less than five rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 33 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country. Seven of the attacks were against U.S. units or installations. Fifteen of the 33 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were eight wounded, no fatalities. Twenty of the 33 attacks were in IV Corps, including 11 of the attacks that caused casualties or damage.
- III MAF (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) -- At 2240 an element of the 198th Brigade, AMERICAN Division, in night defense five miles NE of Quang Ngai (75 miles SSE of Da Nang), was attacked by an unknown size enemy force using small arms and rocket-propelled grenades. The troops fired back with unit weapons and were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. The enemy withdrew at 2330 with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were four killed and 20 wounded, 15 of whom were evacuated.
- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) -- At 0010 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, in night defense 22 miles NW of An Khe (270 miles NNE of Saigon), was attacked by an unknown size enemy force using small arms, satchel charges, and supported by 60mm mortar fire. The troopers returned the fire with unit weapons, and were supported by artillery fire and a USAF AC-47 gunship. During the fighting about ten enemy penetrated the perimeter, but were driven out by the troopers. At 0025 the enemy withdrew, leaving six of his dead, 15 satchel charges, two individual weapons, and 12 CHICOM grenades. U.S. casualties were two killed and six wounded.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 2030 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, six miles NE of Trang Bang (30 miles NW of Saigon), engaged an estimated 20 enemy soldiers with small arms and automatic weapons fire. The enemy returned the arms fire. The troopers were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. At 2300 the enemy withdrew, leaving 15 bodies behind. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1300 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, seven miles north of Trang Bang (31 miles NW of Saigon), engaged an unknown size enemy force in an exchange of small arms fire, with the troopers getting support from helicopter gunships. At 1410 the enemy withdrew, leaving nine dead. One enemy soldier was detained. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 1115 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, six miles east of Trang Bang (30 miles NW of Saigon), engaged an unknown size enemy force. Small arms fire was exchanged and the troopers

were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. Contact was lost in about 15 minutes when the enemy withdrew. The troopers found eight enemy dead, and detained three enemy soldiers. They also captured three individual and two crew-served weapons and a small amount of documents. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1545 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), and troops of the air cavalry element of the division, engaged an estimated 20 to 30 enemy soldiers 11 miles NE of Loc Ninh (80 miles north of Saigon). Small arms fire was exchanged and the troops were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. Contact was lost in about ten minutes when the enemy withdrew, leaving five of his dead in the battle area. U.S. casualties were one killed and three wounded.
- HQ MACV -- The 1002nd Combat Support Company, an Army Reserve unit from Ohio, departed the Republic of Vietnam today as part of President Nixon's announced redeployment of 35,000 troops. The 200-man company departed from Da Nang Air Base for Standiford Field, Louisville, Ky. The unit will be inactivated at Ft. Knox, Ky., and will be reconstituted in the Army Reserve at its home station in Cleveland, Ohio.
- HQ MACV -- It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that the 424th Adjutant General (AG) Company, an Army Reserve unit from Michigan, will depart the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 272 sorties (USAF 181, USMC 55, and USN 36), killing seven enemy soldiers, triggering 13 secondary explosions, and igniting 23 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 224 fortifications, 211 bunkers, and 12 sampans.
- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire eight miles NW of Cai Be in Dinh Tuong Province, wounding two men aboard and destroying the aircraft.
- B-52s flew 7 missions: 14 miles WNW of Xuan Loc; 7 miles NW of the Rockpile; 26 miles NE of Tay Ninh; 19 miles NW of Pleiku; 9 and 11 miles NE of Loc Ninh; and 4 miles east of Katum.

6 October (Monday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, 16 significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, three of which were against U.S. units or installations. Twenty other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

II FFV:

051900 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- The Tay Ninh base camp, headquarters of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 23 miles NW of Saigon, received less than five 122mm rockets. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

060205 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- The Tay Ninh base camp, same as above, received about 10 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. No casualties, light damage.

060405 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- The Tay Ninh base camp again received less than five rounds of 60mm mortar fire. No casualties or damage.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 39 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, eight of which were against U.S. installations or units. Sixteen of the 39 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 0840 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), 10 miles NW of the Rockpile (115 miles NW of Da Nang) and about 1 km south of the Demilitarized Zone, discovered a cache containing twenty-two 122mm rockets, one-hundred 60mm mortar rounds, one-hundred and thirty 82mm mortar rounds and two individual weapons.
- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) -- At 1145 a reconnaissance element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, 26 miles NW of An Khe (278 miles NNE of Saigon), engaged an estimated enemy company with small arms and automatic weapons fire. The troopers were supported by helicopter gunships. At 1300 the enemy withdrew, leaving 19 of his dead and one individual weapon. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1055 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 16 miles north of Tay Ninh City (61 miles NW of Saigon), engaged an estimated enemy squad. Small arms fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. At 1600 the enemy withdrew, leaving 12 of his dead. U.S. casualties were one killed and 11 wounded.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1730 helicopters of the air cavalry element of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), engaged seven enemy soldiers 19 miles WNW of Song Be (80 miles north of Saigon) and about three miles from the Cambodian border, killing all seven. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1720 helicopter gunships of the air cavalry element of the armored cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division engaged six enemy soldiers seven miles SE of Dau Tieng (33 miles NNW of Saigon). A mechanized element of the 1st Brigade of the division swept the area and found the bodies of five enemy soldiers and one individual weapon. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 0030 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engaged six to eight enemy soldiers with small arms fire five miles NE of Tay Ninh City (54 miles NW of Saigon), killing five. There were no U.S. casualties.
- HQ MACV -- The 424th Adjutant General (AG) Company, an Army Reserve unit from Michigan, departed the Republic of Vietnam today. The unit was previously scheduled to depart and is not included in President Nixon's announced Phase II redeployment of 35,000 troops. The company of more than 100 men departed Da Nang Air Base for Whitman Army Airfield, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where it will be inactivated. The unit will be reconstituted in the Army Reserve at its home station in Lavonia, Michigan.

- HQ MACV -- Elements of the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) have moved into north central Quang Tri Province to assist in the announced redeployment of the 3rd Marine Division. On 2 October, 1969, Screaming Eagles combat assaulted into landing zones approximately 35 kilometers west of Dong Ha. During the first 24 hours, two elements were in contact with an estimated enemy platoon and approximately twenty-five 82mm mortar rounds hit around the landing zone. There was no reported casualties or damage. In the second contact Screaming Eagles infantry elements received AK-47 and rocket-propelled grenade fire.
- HQ MACV -- It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that two more units will leave the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow: the 295th OD (Ammunition Company) an Army Reserve unit from Nebraska; and the 107th Signal Company, an Army National Guard unit from Rhode Island. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 220 sorties (USAF 186, USMC 14 and USN 20), killing seven enemy soldiers, triggering ten secondary explosions, and igniting four fires. They also destroyed or damaged 161 fortifications, 156 bunkers, and 15 enemy sampans.
- B-52s flew 8 missions: 8 miles east of Katum; 16 and 18 miles north of Phuoc Binh; 15 miles NNW of Phuoc Binh; 10 miles ESE of Katum; 31, 32, and 33 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh.

7 October (Tuesday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, six significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations. Nine other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following attacks were against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

062315 -- THUA THIEN PROVINCE -- Camp Eagle, headquarters of the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), five miles SE of Hue (45 miles NW of Da Nang), received about five rounds of an unknown type and caliber of indirect fire, resulting in no casualties or damage.

II FFV:

062243 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- The headquarters of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, three miles west of Tay Ninh City (56 miles NW of Saigon), received less than five rounds of 60mm mortar fire. No casualties or damage.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 21 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, five of which were against U.S. installations or units. Six of the 21 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- Two events occurred, both involving the same unit and both occurring in the same general area:

1. At 1745 a light observation helicopter from an element of the air cavalry

squadron, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), received automatic weapons fire from an estimated five enemy soldiers 10 miles SE of Katum (60 miles NNE of Saigon). Helicopter gunships engaged the enemy force, and counted seven dead enemy in the strike area following the engagement. No U.S. casualties.

2. At 1810, 15 miles to the west, another light observation helicopter from the same unit received automatic weapons fire from an unknown number of enemy soldiers six miles SW of Katum (71 miles NW of Saigon). Aerial machinegun fire was returned by the the helicopter crew and artillery fire along with F-100's from the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing were directed onto the location. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew, leaving six of his dead. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1815 a light observation helicopter from the air cavalry element of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), received small arms fire from an unknown number of enemy soldiers nine miles west of Song Be (75 miles north of Saigon). The helicopter fired back with machineguns and directed artillery fire onto the enemy location. The bodies of seven enemy soldiers were observed in the strike area following the engagement. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) -- At 1945 a reconnaissance element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, and U.S. Navy river patrol boat (PER) crewmen, engaged an unknown number of enemy near the Vam Co Dong River three miles NW of Ben Luc (18 miles WSW of Saigon). The enemy returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons. Artillery fire and U.S. Navy helicopter gunships supported the ground elements until 2130 when the enemy withdrew, leaving five of his dead. There were no U.S. casualties.
- HQ MACV -- It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that the 237th Combat Support Company, an Army Reserve unit from New York City, will depart the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT for the complete text of the release).
- HQ MACV -- The 295th OD (Ammunition) Company, the 107th Signal Company, and the last elements of the initial group of 5,900 Marines departed the Republic today. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 302 sorties (USAF 248, USMC 25, and USN 29), killing four enemy soldiers, triggering 17 secondary explosions and igniting 16 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 189 fortifications, 274 bunkers, and 9 enemy sampans.
- B-52s flew 5 missions: 10 miles NW and 9 miles WNW of An Loc; 13 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh; 19 miles WSW of Loc Ninh; and 12 miles SW of Loc Ninh.

8 October (Wednesday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, six significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations. Nine other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following attacks were against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

071852 -- QUANG TIN PROVINCE -- An element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, in night defense 24 miles west of Tam Ky (30 miles south of Da Nang), received about five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. U.S. casualties were light with no fatalities. The same unit in the same general location received about 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire earlier in the afternoon, causing no casualties.

II FFV:

071845 -- HAU NGHIA PROVINCE -- An element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, located at Fire Support Base Pershing, four miles NE of Trang Bang (29 miles NW of Saigon), received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 21 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, eight of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eight of the 21 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were 17 wounded, no fatalities.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1700 an amphibious tracked vehicle from an element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, detonated an enemy mine containing an estimated 100 pounds of explosives seven miles SW of Hoi An (19 miles SW of Da Nang). Marines with the vehicle also received small arms fire from an unknown number of enemy soldiers in the area. The Marines fired back with unit weapons, and at an unreported time the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were four killed and two wounded. The vehicle was destroyed.
- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) -- At 0850 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, discovered a significant cache in a cave 13 miles NE of An Khe (275 miles NE of Saigon). It contained the following: 75 new SKS and mauser rifles; 5 light machineguns; 100 RPG-2 rounds; 53,500 small arms rounds; 2,000 feet of explosive time fuse; four-hundred 81mm mortar rounds; four-hundred 82mm mortar rounds; 15 automatic rifles; two 82mm mortar tubes; one 81mm mortar; and 20 anti-tank mines. The cache weighed approximately seven tons.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1440 helicopter gunships from the air cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) sighted 11 enemy soldiers 11 miles NE of Loc Ninh (82 miles north of Saigon) and one mile from the Cambodian border. The enemy were engaged with aerial machineguns, and ten dead enemy were sighted in the strike area following the engagement. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) -- At 1925 a reconnaissance element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, on U.S. Navy river patrol boats (PER's) on the Vam Co Dong River seven miles ENE of Tan An (19 miles SSW of Saigon), sighted and engaged an unknown number of enemy with automatic weapons, killing five. There were no U.S. casualties in the brief action.
- HQ MACV -- The 237th Combat Support Company, an Army Reserve unit from New York City, departed the Republic of Vietnam today. The unit was previously scheduled to depart and is not included in President Nixon's announced Phase II redeployment of 35,000 men. The 150-man company departed from Da Nang Air Base for McGuire AFB, N.J. The unit will be inactivated at Fort Dix, N.J., and reconstituted in the Army Reserve at its home station at Fort Hamilton, New York.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 250 sorties (USAF 204 , USMC 27, and USN 19), killing seven enemy soldiers, triggering 10 secondary explosions, and igniting 10 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 150 fortifications, 228 bunkers and 10 enemy sampans.
- An Air Force F-4 Phantom jet was downed by enemy ground fire and crashed in the China Sea 10 miles SE of Da Nang. Both crewmembers ejected and were rescued uninjured.
- An Army AH-1 helicopter gunship was downed by enemy ground fire 11 miles SE of Quang Tri in Quang Tri Province, killing two men aboard and destroying the aircraft.
- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 22 miles ESE of Saigon in Bien Hoa Province, wounding two men aboard and destroying the aircraft.
- B-52s flew 5 missions: 18 miles NW of Song Be; 12 miles south of Katum; 9 miles SE of Katum; 9 miles east of Phuoc Binh; and 9 miles SW of Loc Ninh.

9 October (Thursday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, four significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, one of which was against a U.S. installation. Seventeen other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following significant attack was against U.S. forces:

II FFV:

080227 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq 1st Cavalry Division (Air-mobile) near Phuoc Vinh, 35 miles north of Saigon, received about five rounds of 107mm rocket fire. Light materiel damage, no casualties.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 28 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, six of which were against U.S. units or installations. Five of the 28 attacks caused damage or casualties. U.S. casualties were one wounded, no fatalities.
- III MAF (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 1500 an element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, six miles SE of An Hoa (25 miles south of Da Nang), observed 40 to 50 enemy soldiers, in small groups, moving to an easterly direction. The Marines directed artillery fire onto the enemy for an hour, and in a later search of the area found 21 enemy dead. No U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 0015 an estimated two North Vietnamese Army platoons attacked the night defensive positions of an element of the 4th Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, three miles east of the Rockpile (105 miles NW of Da Nang) and six miles south of the Demilitarized Zone. The enemy used rocket-propelled grenades and a ground attack employing small arms and automatic weapons fire along with hand grenades and satchel charges. The Marines fired back with unit weapons, including mortars, and were supported by artillery and a USAF AC-47 gunship. During the fighting two NVA soldiers penetrated the perimeter but were killed. At 0135 the enemy withdrew, leaving nine dead, two AK-47 rifles, seven AK-47 magazines, six CHICOM grenades and 30 satchel charges. U.S. casualties were eight killed and 18 wounded, of whom seven were evacuated.

- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 1700 air cavalymen from an element of the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) engaged an estimated 10 North Vietnamese Army soldiers 14 miles WNW of the Rockpile (120 miles NW of Da Nang) and one mile south of the Demilitarized Zone. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged, and at an unreported time the enemy withdrew, leaving six of his dead in the battle area. U.S. casualties were one killed and one wounded.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KHANH PROVINCE) -- Two events occurred which were closely related in proximity and time, and involving the same unit:
 1. At 1820 an element of the U.S. 199th Light Infantry Brigade engaged an unknown size enemy force nine miles NW of Xuan Loc (32 miles NE of Saigon). Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the enemy employed rocket-propelled grenades. The infantrymen were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, and a USAF AC-119 gunship from the 14th Special Operations Wing. Fighting continued for about twenty minutes, then the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were ten wounded, no fatalities.
 2. At 2010 another element of the 199th ambushed an estimated 12 enemy soldiers 13 miles ENE of Xuan Loc (55 miles ENE of Saigon). The enemy returned fire with automatic weapons and the infantrymen were supported by artillery. At 2025 the enemy withdrew, leaving six of his dead, and three individual weapons. There were no U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1830 helicopter gunships from the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received small arms fire from an unknown number of enemy nine miles NE of Loc Ninh (83 miles north of Saigon). The helicopters engaged the enemy with aerial machineguns and directed artillery onto the enemy position. The crewmen counted five enemy dead in the strike area. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1010 paratroopers of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 82nd Airborne Division, engaged an estimated enemy squad occupying fortified positions four miles west of Phu Cuong (15 miles NNW of Saigon). Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, and USAF tactical aircraft. At 1250 the enemy withdrew, leaving one of his dead and two individual weapons. U.S. casualties were six wounded, no fatalities.
- HQ MACV -- It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that the 2nd Battalion, 138th Artillery, an Army National Guard unit from Kentucky, will depart the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).
- HQ MACV -- The Commander, U.S. Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV) identified Air Force units and personnel spaces involved in plans announced by the Secretary of Defense to reduce the USAF manpower authorization in the Republic of Vietnam by 2,541 spaces by December 15, 1969. (The complete text of the release is contained in the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary).

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 240 sorties (USAF 170, USMC 33, and USN 37), killing 18 enemy soldiers, triggering 8 secondary explosions, and igniting seven fires. They also destroyed or damaged 144 fortifications, 154 bunkers and six enemy sampans.
- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 22 miles NW of Ca Mau in An Xuyen Province, wounding two men aboard and destroying the aircraft.
- B-52s flew 7 missions: 19 miles NE of Tay Ninh City; 20 and 21 miles NW of Bong Son; 5 miles west of Loc Ninh; 8 and 9 miles WSW of Loc Ninh; and 10 miles NNE of Loc Ninh.

10 October (Friday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, three significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, neither of which was against a U.S. unit or installation. Seven other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage.
- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, ten indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country. One of the attacks was against a U.S. unit or installation. Three of the 10 attacks caused casualties or damage. There were no U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1520 an OH-6 light observation helicopter from the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown size enemy force 15 miles WNW of Song Be (76 miles north of Saigon). The aircraft was hit and crashed nearby. A few minutes later, air cavalrymen from the unit were air-assaulted into the vicinity of the downed aircraft and engaged an unknown number of enemy. Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged. During the action, a UH-1 helicopter was also hit by enemy fire and crashed. As fighting continued, the troops were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery and USAF tactical aircraft. At 1630 the enemy withdrew, leaving 15 of his dead. U.S. casualties were 14 wounded (of whom two were evacuated) and no fatalities. Both the OH-6 and the UH-1 helicopters were destroyed.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 1700 a U.S. Army Ranger team of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division, two miles NE of Trang Bang (27 miles NW of Saigon), engaged an estimated enemy squad. Small arms fire was exchanged and the Rangers were supported by helicopter gunships. At 1725 the enemy withdrew, leaving five of his dead and one individual weapon. U.S. casualties were one wounded, no fatalities.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1930 helicopter crewmen from the air cavalry squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) observed six enemy soldiers 11 miles NW of Loc Ninh (75 miles north of Saigon) and eight miles from the Cambodian border. The enemy were engaged with aerial machinegun fire, and USAF F-100's from the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing were directed onto the enemy location. The bodies of five enemy soldiers were sighted in the strike area following the engagement. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1640 an element of the 3rd Brigade U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 16 miles WNW of Song Be (78 miles north of Saigon), found a cache containing eighty-one 120mm mortar rounds; eighty 82mm mortar rounds, 100 anti-tank mines and 30 CHICOM grenades. The cache was in good condition and weighed about two tons.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1645 troopers of the air cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 21 miles NE of Tay Ninh City (52 miles NNW of Saigon), discovered 28 bunkers and a cache containing 250 cans of milk, 65 cases of fish, seven CHICOM grenades and three bicycles. The cache had been in place about two weeks, and weighed 1½ tons.
- IIFFV (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1115 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry (Airmobile), nine miles east of Loc Ninh (74 miles north of Saigon), received less than ten rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Light U.S. casualties, no fatalities.
- HQ MACV -- At turnover ceremonies this afternoon at the Vietnamese Navy Shipyard in Saigon, eighty U.S. Navy River Patrol Boats (PBRs) were officially transferred to the Vietnamese Navy in the largest single turnover of Navy materiel to the Republic of Vietnam. This turnover brings the number of U.S. Navy Craft transferred to the Vietnamese Navy to 229. The eighty PBRs will be divided into four River Patrol Groups (RPGs) which will be a part of Task Force 212. This task force is the Vietnamese Navy's equivalent to the USN River Patrol Force (CTF 116) which has the mission of interdiction and security on the rivers and waterways of Vietnam. This Navy Vietnamization program, called Accelerated Turnover to the Vietnamese (ACTOV), was developed by the Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Vietnam, who also serves as Chief, Naval Advisory Group.
- HQ MACV -- The 2nd Battalion, 138th Artillery, an Army National Guard unit from Kentucky, departed the Republic of Vietnam today. The unit was previously scheduled to depart and is not included in President Nixon's recently **announced** Phase II re-deployment. The 500-man battalion departed from Da Nang Air Base for Standiford Field, Louisville, Ky. The battalion will then go to nearby Fort Knox, where it will revert to the control of the Kentucky State Adjutant General.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 263 sorties (USAF 179, USMC 41, and USN 43), killing two enemy soldiers, triggering 14 secondary explosions, and igniting 10 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 255 fortifications, 219 bunkers and nine enemy sampans.
- A Marine UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 10 miles WNW of Dong Ha in Quang Tri Province, killing three men aboard and wounding another. The aircraft was destroyed.
- B-52s flew 7 missions: 28 and 29 miles WSW of Gia Nghia; 6 miles SE of Dau Tieng; 26 and 29 miles NE of Phuoc Binh; 25 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh; and 20 miles NW of Song Be.

11 October (Saturday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, five significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, none of which were against U.S. units or installations.

Eight other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 16 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, two of which were against U.S. units or installations. Six of the 16 attacks caused casualties or damage. No U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1145 an element of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, three miles NE of An Hoa (19 miles south of Da Nang), discovered a cache containing 1,100 pounds of rice.
- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) -- At 1200 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, 14 miles NW of An Khe (270 miles NNE of Saigon), received about 25 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. U.S. casualties were four wounded, no fatalities.
- I FFV (KHANH HOA PROVINCE) -- Between 0450 and 0640 the enemy fired about 20 107mm and 122mm rockets into the Nha Trang Air Base and adjacent area, 200 miles ENE of Saigon. Materiel damage was light. Initial reports indicate four Vietnamese civilians were killed and six others wounded in the indirect fire attacks. There were no U.S. casualties reported. (This attack is included in the total number of significant attacks reported during the night).
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) -- At 2045 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division and U.S. Navy river patrolboat (PBR) crewmen engaged an unknown size enemy force eight miles north of Tan An (18 miles WSW of Saigon). Small arms fire was exchanged in a 15-minute contact before the enemy withdrew, leaving nine of his dead. U.S. casualties were one wounded, no fatalities.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1630 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, six miles SW of Ben Cat (24 miles NNW of Saigon), engaged an estimated 20 enemy soldiers. Small arms fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. At 1715 the enemy withdrew, leaving six of his dead and two individual weapons. U.S. casualties were one killed and four wounded. In addition, one former enemy soldier serving as a scout for the U.S. unit was wounded.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1040 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 14 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City (58 miles NW of Saigon), engaged an unknown size enemy force. Small arms fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. At 1120 the enemy withdrew, leaving five of his dead. U.S. casualties were two killed and seven wounded.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1440 an armored element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, while providing road security nine miles NNE of Tay Ninh City (56 miles NW of Saigon), received an unknown number of rocket-propelled grenade rounds from an unknown size enemy force. The troopers fired back with unit weapons, **including** tank guns, and were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery fire. The enemy withdrew at 1500, leaving two dead. U.S. casualties were two killed and four wounded.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1710 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), while moving to an ambush site 13 miles *WSW* of Song Be (70 miles north of Saigon), engaged an estimated enemy squad. Small arms fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by artillery and USAF tactical aircraft. At 1750 the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. Three CHICOM claymore mines and one 107mm rocket were captured. U.S. casualties were one killed and eight wounded.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1415 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 16 miles *WNW* of Song Be (78 miles north of Saigon), found 4,400 pounds of rice in 200-lb. bags.
- HQ MACV -- The final element of the U.S. Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 5 (Seabee's) consisting of some 90 officers and men departed Da Nang Air Base yesterday for the U.S. Navy Construction Battalion Center at Port Hueneme, California. The battalion, of about 700 men, is commanded by Commander Robert A. Schade and is part of President Nixon's recently announced Phase II redeployment. Other elements of the unit departed the Republic by air beginning the last week of September.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 247 sorties (USAF 181, USMC 37, and USN 29), killing four enemy soldiers, triggering nine secondary explosions and igniting 11 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 203 fortifications, 231 bunkers, and six sampans.
- B-52s flew 5 missions: 14 miles *NW* of Loc Ninh; 13 miles *NNE* of Dau Tieng; 13 miles *NW* of the Rockpile; 12 miles *NNW* of Tay Ninh; 14 miles *NW* of Xuan Loc.

12 October (Sunday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, four significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, none of which were against U.S. units or installations. Six other attacks were considered insignificant as they caused no casualties or damage.
- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 15 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, four of which were against U.S. units or installations. Four of the 15 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were four wounded, no fatalities.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 1225 a reconnaissance team from the U.S. 3rd Marine Division, four miles *SW* of Dong Ha (92 miles *NW* of Da Nang), observed six enemy soldiers in the open, and directed artillery fire onto the location, killing all six of them. No U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) -- At 2115 a Combined Action Platoon consisting of U.S. Marines and Republic of Vietnam Popular Force troops in night defense four miles east of Quang Ngai City (75 miles *SSE* of Da Nang) received about 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire and a ground attack from an unknown size enemy force. The enemy used small arms and automatic weapons fire along with satchel charges. The Marines and PF troops repelled the attack with unit weapons and at an unreported time the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were three wounded, no fatalities. PF casualties were light with no fatalities.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1200 Marines from the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, discovered an enemy food cache 14 miles east of An Hoa (18 miles south of Da Nang). It contained 4,000 pounds of rice and 200 pounds of salt.
- I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE) -- At 1620 a mechanized infantry element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, engaged an estimated enemy company 15 miles NNW of Pleiku City (255 miles NNE of Saigon). Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers attacked the enemy. The troopers were supported by helicopter gunships, and USAF tactical aircraft, in addition to the heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers. At 1800 the enemy withdrew, leaving six of his dead. U.S. casualties were one killed and three wounded.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 2325 infantrymen from the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, and Republic of Vietnam Regional Force troops, engaged an estimated enemy squad six miles SSW of Go Dau Ha (34 miles WNW of Saigon) and one mile east of the Cambodian border. Small arms fire was exchanged and contact was lost a few minutes later when the enemy withdrew, leaving five of his dead and two individual weapons. There were no friendly casualties. At the same time, and in the same general area, a patrol from the brigade engaged four enemy soldiers, killing three and detaining one. The enemy soldier stated that his unit was preparing to attack a patrol and fire support base of the brigade, located nearby and some two miles from the Cambodian border. At 0050 (13 October) the base received less than five 107mm rockets and an unknown number of 82mm mortar rounds along with automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an unknown number of enemy. The infantrymen returned fire with unit weapons, supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, and a USAF AC-119 gunship. At 0240 (13 October) the enemy withdrew, without having conducted a ground assault. U.S. casualties were two slightly wounded with no fatalities. In a later search of the battlefield, the troopers found two dead enemy, one AK-47 rifle, three rocket-propelled grenades, five RPG-boosters and eight hand grenades.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1630 a U.S. Air Force forward air controller, on an aerial reconnaissance mission, sighted an unknown number of enemy soldiers six miles NE of Go Dau Ha (33 miles NW of Saigon). USAF tactical aircraft were directed to the location, and their strike resulted in one secondary explosions. A short while later, air cavalry troops from the armored cavalry squadron of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division searched the area and found the bodies of 19 enemy soldiers killed by the air strikes, along with five bunkers that had been destroyed in the action. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1600 a helicopter gunship from the air cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received small arms fire from an estimated 20 to 25 enemy soldiers 13 miles SE of Katum (57 miles NNW of Saigon). The gunship fired back, and directed artillery and USAF tactical aircraft onto the location. The enemy quickly evaded further observation; however, the crewmen reported 14 enemy dead in the strike area. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1130 an element of the 11th Armored Cavalry Division three miles west of Loc Ninh (75 miles north of Saigon), engaged an estimated enemy platoon with unit weapons, including tank guns and the heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers. The enemy returned fire with small arms and rocket-propelled grenades. The troopers were supported by helicopter gun-

ships, artillery and USAF tactical aircraft. A short while later the enemy withdrew, leaving five of his dead in the battle area. There were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1815 paratroopers from the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 82nd Airborne Division, discovered a significant enemy weapons and munitions cache five miles SW of Ben Cat (25 miles NNW of Saigon). The cache, found in a tunnel, contained 90 SKS rifles, 21 RPD light machineguns, 12,500 rounds of small arms ammunition, and 200 81mm and nine 60mm mortar rounds.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 307 sorties (USAF 207, USMC 66, and USN 34), killing 30 enemy soldiers, triggering 13 secondary explosions, and igniting 12 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 247 fortifications, 283 bunkers, and 9 enemy sampans.
- B-52s flew 5 missions: 16 miles NE of Tay Ninh; 10 miles NE of Loc Ninh; 10 miles NE of Loc Ninh; 19 miles NW of Song Be; 20 miles NW of Song Be.

13 October (Monday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, nine significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, four of which were against U.S. units or installations. Eight other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant fire attacks were against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

122319 -- QUANG TRI PROVINCE -- An element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), in night defense six miles NW of Dong Ha (100 miles NW of Da Nang) and four miles south of the Demilitarized Zone, received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.

130520 -- QUANG NGAI PROVINCE -- An element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, in night defense 12 miles WNW of Duc Pho (93 miles SSE of Da Nang), received about five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties.

122315 -- QUANG TRI PROVINCE -- Dong Ha Combat Base (93 miles NW of Da Nang), headquarters for the U.S. 3rd Marine Division, received less than five rounds of an unknown type and caliber indirect fire. No casualties or damage.

II FFV:

122026 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq U.S. 1st Infantry Division at Lai Khe (30 miles north of Saigon) received less than five 107mm rockets. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 21 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, seven of which were against U.S. units or installations. Nine of the 21 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one killed and 12 wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1045 an armored cavalry element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), engaged an unknown size North Vietnamese Army force while operating in an area four miles NW of Dong Ha (93 miles NW of Da Nang) and five miles south of the Demilitarized Zone. Small arms fire and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by tank guns and heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew, leaving four NVA dead and four individual weapons. Also, one NVA soldier was detained. U.S. casualties were one killed and one wounded.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1700 an element of the 1st Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, nine miles NW of Hoi An (9 miles south of Da Nang), found the bodies of 15 enemy soldiers. They had been killed a week earlier, probably in a contact with the same unit in the same general area.
- OPERATION IRON MOUNTAIN - (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) -- At 0520 an element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, in night defense 10 miles NW of Duc Pho (93 miles SSE of Da Nang), received automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an unknown number of enemy soldiers. The troopers returned fire with unit weapons, and at an unreported time the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were one killed and five wounded.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1630 an element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, eight miles SE of An Hoa (26 miles south of Da Nang), received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 0745 an element of the 4th Regiment, U.S. 3rd Marine Division, 14 miles WNW of Dong Ha (104 miles NW of Da Nang) and about three miles south of the Demilitarized Zone, received less than ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities.
- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) -- At 1045 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, discovered an enemy munitions cache concealed under a pile of rocks 15 miles ENE of An Khe (275 miles NE of Saigon). It consisted of twenty-five 120mm mortar rounds.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) -- At 2355 a UH-1 helicopter from an element of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received automatic weapons fire from an unknown number of enemy while reconnoitering nine miles NW of Phuoc Binh (85 miles north of Saigon) and nine miles from the Cambodian border. The crew directed artillery and a USAF AC-119 gunship onto the enemy location. At 0215 the enemy withdrew. The area was illuminated during the action and the bodies of 28 enemy soldiers were observed lying in the strike area. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1430 helicopter gunships from the U.S. 1st Aviation Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force in a base camp area nine miles NE of Dau Tieng (42 miles north of Saigon). The crewmen also directed artillery and USAF tactical aircraft onto the location and reported 18 enemy dead and one structure destroyed after the mission. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1800 a helicopter gunships from the air cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received small arms fire from an unknown number of enemy seven miles east of Loc Ninh (74 miles north of Saigon). The gunships fired back, silencing the enemy fire. A short while later another gunship received small arms fire from approximately the same location and returned the fire. The crewmen also directed artillery fire and USAF tactical aircraft onto the location, killing 12 enemy soldiers and destroying one bunker. There were no U.S. casualties.
- DMAC (KIEN HOA PROVINCE) -- At 1015 helicopter gunships of the U.S. Army 164th Combat Aviation Group sighted an estimated 100 enemy soldiers on the beach nine miles SE of Thanh Phu (65 miles south of Saigon). The gunships drew small arms fire from an unknown number of enemy and engaged them with aerial rockets and machinegun fire. At 1100 the enemy withdrew, and 37 enemy dead were counted in the strike area. Also, 19 sampans were destroyed. No U.S. casualties.
- HQ MACV -- It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that the 413th Finance Section, an Army Reserve unit from Georgia, will leave Vietnam tomorrow. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT for the complete text of the release).
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 276 sorties (USAF 168, USMC 71, and USN 37), killing 15 enemy soldiers, triggering 17 secondary explosions, and igniting 17 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 238 fortifications, 335 bunkers, and 17 enemy sampans.
- B-52s flew 8 missions: 8 miles east of Katum; 10 miles NNE of Loc Ninh; 9 and 10 miles NNE of Loc Ninh; 10 miles east of Katum; 16 and 15 miles NNW of Phuoc Binh; and 16 miles north of Phuoc Binh.

14 October (Tuesday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night one significant indirect fire attack was reported from throughout the country. It was not against a U.S. unit or installation. Ten other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage.
- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 16 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, eight of which were against U.S. installations or units. Two of the 16 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were six wounded, no fatalities.
- III MAF (DMZ) -- At 1100 a U.S. observation aircraft reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone received a moderate amount of 12.7mm machinegun fire from five North Vietnamese Army soldiers 12 miles NW of the Rockpile (115 miles NW of Da Nang) and 600 meters inside the southern edge of the DMZ. The enemy were engaged with rocket fire and all five were killed. In addition, one bunker and one hut in the vicinity were destroyed. The aircraft received minor damage and there were no U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 2100 an element of the 1st Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, in night defense eight miles west of Hoi An (12 miles south of Da Nang), received small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenade fire from

an unknown size enemy force. The Marines fired back with unit weapons and were supported by artillery and tactical aircraft. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew. In a later search of the battle area, three enemy dead and one individual weapon were found. U.S. casualties were five wounded and no fatalities.

- I FFV (QUANG DUC PROVINCE) -- At 1215 an air cavalry element of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division, operating 39 miles NW of Nghia Duc (112 miles NNE of Saigon), and about 1 km from the Cambodian border, engaged nine enemy soldiers on a trail, killing six of the enemy before the others withdrew. **No casualties in the helicopter action.**
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- Two events occurred, both closely related in time and locale, and involving the same unit:

1. At 1115 an element of the air cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) sighted an estimated ten enemy soldiers in an open area seven miles west of Katum (74 miles NNW of Saigon) and engaged them with unit weapons while getting support from artillery. The enemy did not return the fire. Nine enemy soldiers were killed in the brief exchange. No U.S. casualties.

2. At 1120 a light observation helicopter from the air cavalry squadron received small arms fire from an unknown number of enemy 300 meters to the north of the first contact. The helicopter fired back with its machineguns and directed artillery fire onto the enemy position, killing five of them. No U.S. casualties.

- HQ MACV -- The 413th Finance Section, an Army Reserve unit from Georgia, departed the Republic of Vietnam today. The unit was previously scheduled to depart and is not included in President Nixon's recently announced Phase II redeployment. The section of about 30 men departed from Cam Ranh Air Base for Lawson Army Airfield, Fort Benning, Ga., where it will be inactivated. The section will be reconstituted at its home station in Atlanta.
- HQ MACV -- It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment of the 500th Transportation Group and the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 53rd General Support Group will be inactivated tomorrow. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the Release).
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 281 sorties (USAF 175, USMC 77, and USN 29), killing 17 enemy soldiers, triggering 14 secondary explosions and igniting 21 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 236 bunkers and six sampans.
- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 11 miles SW of Hue in Thua Thien Province, wounding one man aboard and destroying the aircraft.
- B-52s flew 3 missions: 17 miles north of Phuoc Binh; 21, 22, and 24 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh; 18 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh; 23, 26, and 27 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh.

15 October (Wednesday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, four significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, one of which was against a U.S. unit. Eight other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attack was against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

- 141845 -- QUANG TIN PROVINCE -- An element of the 19th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, in night defense 16 miles west of Tam Ky (32 miles south of Da Nang), received less than 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. U.S. casualties were light, with no fatalities.
- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 18 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, seven of which were against U.S. units or installations. Seven of the 18 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were three wounded, no fatalities.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1500 an element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, sighted an unknown size enemy force occupying fortified positions six miles SE of An Hoa (25 miles south of Da Nang). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the enemy were supported by about 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. The Marines attacked the enemy and were supported by artillery and tactical aircraft. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew, leaving eight of his dead. U.S. casualties were 10 wounded, no fatalities.
- III MAF (DMZ) -- At 1435 a U.S. forward observer located south of the Demilitarized Zone observed two enemy soldiers located two miles NE of Gio Linh and about 700 meters north of the southern boundry of the DMZ. The observer directed U.S. Marine Corps artillery onto the location, killing both enemy soldiers.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 1500 a U.S. Marine artillery fire support base one-half mile north of Gio Linh (100 miles NW of Da Nang) and two miles south of the Demilitarized Zone received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities or damage.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 1725 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), received less than 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire two miles WSW of Con Thien (103 miles NW of Da Nang) and about 1 km south of the Demilitarized Zone. Light casualties, no damage.
- III MAF (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 1445 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, located at Fire Support Base SIBERIA, 25 miles west of Tam Ky (34 miles south of Da Nang), received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1300 a USAF forward air controller (FAC) in a light observation aircraft, sighted the bodies of 25 enemy soldiers lying in the vicinity of a bunker complex 14 miles west of Lai Khe (34 miles NNW of Saigon). The location had been struck earlier by USAF tactical aircraft. Also, 19 enemy bunkers were reported destroyed. There were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1510 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), discovered an enemy weapons and munitions cache nine miles west of Phuoc Binh (75 miles NNE of Saigon). It contained seven CHICOM sub-machineguns, one AK-47 rifle, and three other individual weapons, along with 26 rounds of 60mm mortar ammunition.
- HQ MACV -- The first two U.S. Army units to be inactivated in the Republic of Vietnam as part of President Nixon's Phase II troop redeployment were inactivated today. The units are the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment of the 500th Transportation Group at Cam Ranh Bay and the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 53rd General Support Group at Long Binh. Both units were inactivated at their home station. Personnel of the units will be transferred to processing centers for re-assignments in Vietnam or returned to the United States if they have completed the major portion of their tour.
- HQ MACV -- It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that the 1018th Combat Support Company and the 448th AG Detachment will leave the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 251 sorties (USAF 135, USMC 78, and USN 38), killing 21 enemy soldiers, triggering 23 secondary explosions and igniting 21 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 191 fortifications, 229 bunkers, and six enemy sampans.
- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 20 miles SE of Phu Vinh in Vinh Binh Province, wounding two men aboard and destroying the aircraft.
- An Air Force F-100 was downed by enemy ground fire 40 miles west of Saigon in Kien Tuong Province, killing the pilot and destroying the aircraft.
- B-52s flew 8 missions: 23, 24, and 25 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh; 22 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh; 16 miles NE of Phuoc Binh; 12 miles NW of the Rockpile; 8 miles NW of Cam Lo; 18 miles ESE of Bien Hoa.

16 October (Thursday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, five significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, one of which was against a U.S. unit. Nine other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties. The following attack was against a U.S. unit:

II FFV:

151826 -- HAU NGHIA PROVINCE -- An element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, in night defense six miles north of Trang Bang (33 miles NW of Saigon), received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 21 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, eight of which were against U.S. units or installations. Nine of the 21 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were four killed and 14 wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1200 an element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an estimated 15 enemy soldiers seven miles SE of An Hoa (26 miles south of Da Nang). The Marines returned fire with unit weapons and directed artillery fire onto the enemy location. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were one killed and five wounded.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1300 crewmen of a helicopter gunship from the air cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged nine enemy soldiers moving along a trail six miles ESE of Loc Ninh (70 miles north of Saigon), killing all nine. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 2145 a patrol from the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engaged an estimated 30 enemy soldiers six miles NE of Go Dau Ha (33 miles NW of Saigon). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the infantrymen were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. Fighting continued until 2225 when the enemy withdrew, leaving nine of his dead. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 2100 helicopter gunships from the U.S. 1st Infantry Division on an aerial reconnaissance mission detected an unknown size enemy force in an area nine miles NNE of Dau Tieng (47 miles NNW of Saigon). The area was illuminated with aerial searchlights and six enemy soldiers were observed and engaged with machineguns. All six were killed. One hour later and one mile to the south, helicopter crewmen from the division again sighted and fired on five enemy soldiers, killing all of them. No U.S. casualties in either action.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 2030 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, on a U.S. Navy river patrol boat (PBR), engaged an estimated seven enemy soldiers with unit weapons on the Saigon River seven miles west of Ben Cat (28 miles NNW of Saigon). Five enemy soldiers were killed in the brief action, and one individual weapon was captured. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 0950 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, 10 miles NE of Trang Bang (27 miles NNW of Saigon), found the bodies of seven enemy soldiers. They had been killed by artillery fire about 12 hours earlier.
- II FFV (PHUOC TUY PROVINCE) -- At 0630 the Vung Tau Air Base area 40 miles SE of Saigon received less than ten 122mm rockets. Light U.S. casualties and damage. One Vietnamese civilian was killed in the attack.
- HQ MACV -- Two more Army units departed the Republic of Vietnam today. The 448th AG Detachment is part of President Nixon's announced phase II redeployment, while the 1018th Combat Support Company was previously scheduled to depart and is not included in the Phase II redeployment. Both units are Army Reserve units from New York. The 448th, of about 25 men, departed Cam Ranh Air Base for McGuire AFB, N.J. It will be inactivated at Fort Dix, N.J., and reconstituted in the Army Reserve at its home station at Garden City, N.Y. The 1018th Combat Support Company, of over 50 men, departed from Da Nang Air Base for McGuire AFB and inactivation at Fort Dix. It will be reconstituted in the Army Reserve at its home station in Schenectady, N.Y.

- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 289 sorties (USAF 156, USMC 91, and USN 42), killing seven enemy soldiers, triggering 30 secondary explosions, and igniting 43 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 327 fortifications, 155 bunkers, and 18 sampans.
- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire 15 miles NE of Quang Ngai City, wounding one man aboard and destroying the aircraft.
- B-52s flew 6 missions: 11 miles east of Loc Ninh; 11 miles WNW of Phuoc Binh; 8 miles SW of Katum; 19, 21, and 24 miles NNE of Saigon).

17 October (Friday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, six significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, none of which was against a U.S. unit or installation. Twelve other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no damage or casualties.
- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 21 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, three of which were against U.S. units or installations. Six of the 21 attacks caused damage or casualties. There were no U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 1340 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), discovered a cache six miles west of the Rockpile (110 miles NW of Da Nang) and about five miles south of the Demilitarized Zone. The cache contained 317-82mm mortar rounds, 22 anti-tank mines, and 125 CHICOM grenades. The cache weighed about four tons.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 2145 helicopter gunships from the Aviation Battalion of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division detected an unknown number of enemy soldiers while on a reconnaissance mission two miles east of Dau Tieng. The area was illuminated with aerial searchlights and an estimated 40 to 50 enemy soldiers were revealed. The gunships attacked them with aerial machineguns and rockets. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew, leaving 13 of his dead. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1935 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, six miles NE of Go Dau Ha (35 miles NW of Saigon), engaged an estimated six to eight enemy soldiers. Small arms fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. In about 15 minutes the enemy withdrew, leaving six of his dead. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 0710 an aerial observer from the air cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) sighted five enemy dead in an area six miles ESE of Loc Ninh (70 miles north of Saigon). They had been killed by air strikes at an unreported earlier time.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 279 sorties (USAF 186, USMC 77, and USN 16), killing 13 enemy soldiers, triggering 14 secondary explosions, and igniting 23 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 231 fortifications, 252 bunkers, and seven sampans.

- B-52s flew 10 missions: 11 and 13 miles NW of Da Nang; 7 miles SW of Katum; 20 and 21 miles NW of Pleiku; 22 and 24 miles WNW of Pleiku; 10 miles east of Phuoc Binh; 13 miles WSW of Xuan Loc; and 20 miles NW of Pleiku.

13 October (Saturday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, seven significant enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, three of which were against U.S. units or installations. Nine other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

180355 -- QUANG NGAI PROVINCE -- An element of the 11th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, in night defense four miles NNW of Duc Pho (98 miles SSE of Da Nang), received less than ten rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Very light casualties, no fatalities.

I FFV:

180225 -- BINH THUAN PROVINCE -- An element of I FFV's Task Force South at Landing Zone Sandy, nine miles north of Phan Thiet (100 miles east of Saigon), received less than five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.

II FFV:

171853 -- TAY NINH PROVINCE -- The base camp of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, near Tay Ninh City (57 miles NW of Saigon), received less than five rounds of enemy 122mm rocket fire. No casualties or damage.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 80 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, eight of which were against U.S. units or installations. Seven of the 20 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were three wounded, no fatalities.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 0750 helicopter gunships of the 212th Combat Aviation Battalion engaged five enemy soldiers in a sampan two miles north of Hoi An (11 miles SE of Da Nang), killing all five and destroying the sampan. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) -- At 2100 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), received an unknown number and caliber of mortar rounds along with small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force nine miles NE of Phuoc Binh (85 miles NNE of Saigon) and seven miles from the Cambodian border. The troopers returned fire with unit weapons and were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships and a USAF AC-119 gunship. About ten minutes later the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 10 of his dead and three individual weapons. U.S. casualties were three wounded, no fatalities.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) -- At 2025 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, and U.S. Navy river patrol boat (PER) crewmen, engaged an estimated 40 enemy soldiers eight miles north of Tan An (18 miles SW of Saigon).

The troopers fired unit weapons and were supported by U.S. Army artillery and helicopter gunships. The enemy fired back with small arms and rocket-propelled grenades. In about 30 minutes the enemy withdrew, leaving nine of his dead. There were no U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) -- At 0100 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, and troopers from the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 46th Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, 21 miles east of Tan An (18 miles south of Saigon), engaged seven enemy soldiers in two sampans. The combined forces employed unit weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships in the night ambush. All seven enemy were killed in the brief action and six individual weapons were captured. Both sampans were destroyed. There were no U.S. or ARVN casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) -- At 0655 a U.S. Army Ranger element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, engaged six enemy soldiers six miles NW of Tan An (27 miles SW of Saigon), killing all of them in a brief action. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1245 a light observation helicopter from the air cavalry squadron of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) received small arms fire from an unknown number of enemy soldiers 13 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City (58 miles NW of Saigon). The crewmen fired back and directed U.S. Army artillery fire onto the position, silencing the fire and killing five enemy soldiers. No U.S. casualties.
- HC MACV -- Two more U.S. Army units were inactivated in the Republic of Vietnam today as part of President Nixon's announced phase II redeployment. The units were the 22nd Surgical Hospital at Phu Bai and the 34th Heavy Boat Platoon at Vung Tau. Personnel of the units will be transferred to processing centers for reassignment in Vietnam or will be returned to the United States if they have completed the major portion of their tour.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 281 sorties (USAF 162, USMC 86, and USN 33), killing 19 enemy soldiers, triggering 19 secondary explosions, and igniting 42 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 377 fortifications, 258 bunkers, and two sampans.
- B-52s flew 8 missions: 13 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh; 8 miles NW of Phuoc Binh; 17 miles NW of Tay Ninh; 21 and 25 miles NW of Pleiku City; 23 miles NE of Tay Ninh; 14 miles NW of Da Nang; and 21 miles NNE of Phuoc Long.

19 October (Sunday)

- HC MACV -- During the night, seven significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country one of which was against a U.S. unit. Nine other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attack was against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

190615 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- An element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, in night defense 10 miles SE of An Hoa (25 miles south of Da Nang), received less than ten rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 14 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, five of which were against U.S. units or installations. Six of the 14 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one wounded with no fatalities.
- III MAF (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) -- At 0140 a Combined Action Platoon (CAP) consisting of U.S. Marines and Popular Forces personnel in night defense 14 miles north of Quang Ngai City (63 miles SSE of Da Nang) received about 100 rounds of unknown caliber mortar fire and was attacked by an unknown size enemy force employing small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire. The troopers returned fire with unit weapons, and at 0300 another Combined Action Platoon reinforced the first one. At 0345 an element of the 198 th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, also reinforced the Combined Action Platoons. The troopers were supported by a USAF AC-47 gunship. The remaining enemy withdrew at an unreported time, leaving four of his dead. U.S. casualties were five killed and five wounded (none of whom were from the AMERICAL Division). CIDG and Popular Forces casualties were light.
- I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE) -- At 1150 a mechanized infantry element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, received small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force 16 miles SW of Pleiku City (230 miles NE of Saigon). The troopers fired back with unit weapons, including the heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers, and were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, and USAF A-1's from the 633rd Special Operations Wing. A short while later the enemy withdrew, leaving 12 of his dead. U.S. casualties were two killed and 11 wounded.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1935 U.S. Navy river patrol boat (PER) crewmen engaged an unknown number of enemy soldiers on the Saigon River three miles SW of Ben Cat (28 miles NNW of Saigon). The enemy returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons and in a short while withdrew. Six dead enemy and four rucksacks were found in the area. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) -- At 1200 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, on a combined operation with Regional Forces troops eleven miles NNE of Tan An (14 miles WSW of Saigon), engaged an unknown number of enemy soldiers. Small arms fire was exchanged until 1230 when the enemy withdrew, leaving six of his dead and one individual weapon. One enemy soldier was detained. There were no U.S. or PF casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) -- At 1800 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, 11 miles east of Tan An (18 miles SSW of Saigon), received small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force. The troopers fired back with unit weapons and were supported by U.S. Navy helicopter gunships. At 1945 the enemy withdrew, leaving behind six dead and five individual weapons. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 1800 U.S. Army helicopters of the 12th Combat Aviation Group, supporting an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engaged five enemy soldiers five miles NE of Trang Bang (28 miles NNW of Saigon), killing all of them. There were no U.S. casualties.

- IV CTZ -- In the Mekong Delta an element of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 32nd Regiment, 21st Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force while operating in the U-Minh Forest 37 miles south of Rach Gia. Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the enemy also employed rocket-propelled grenade fire. The ARVN infantrymen attacked the enemy and were supported by helicopter gunships from an air cavalry element of the U.S. Army 164th Combat Aviation Group. At 1100 another element of the regiment reinforced the troops in contact and engaged the enemy. During the action, an AH-1 helicopter gunship was hit by enemy ground fire and crashed. One U.S. crewman was wounded and the aircraft was destroyed. Fighting continued for five hours until mid-afternoon, when the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 96 enemy soldiers were found in the battle area. In addition, 15 individual weapons, six crew-served weapons and 145 rocket-propelled grenade rounds were captured. ARVN casualties were light.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 281 sorties (USAF 186, USMC 80, and USN 15), killing 13 enemy soldiers, triggering 34 secondary explosions, and igniting 36 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 281 fortifications, 284 bunkers, and seven sampans.
- An Air Force OV-10 Bronco was downed by enemy ground fire 21 miles east of Saigon in Bien Hoa Province, killing two men aboard and destroying the aircraft.
- An Army OH-6 light observation helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire six miles north of Trang Bang in Hau Nghia Province, wounding one man aboard and destroying the aircraft.
- An Army AH-1 Huey Cobra was downed by enemy ground fire 27 miles south of Rach Gia in Kien Giang Province, wounding one man aboard and destroying the aircraft.
- B-52s flew 3 missions: 19 miles north of Tay Ninh; 9 miles SW of Phuoc Binh; and 27 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh.

20 October (Tuesday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, two significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, one of which was against a U.S. unit. Four other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attack was against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

191830 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- An element of the 7th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, 11 miles SE of An Hoa (26 miles south of Da Nang), received less than five rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, eight enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, four of which were against U.S. units or installations. Three of the eight attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were one wounded, no fatalities.
- I FFV (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1140 helicopters from an air cavalry element of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division, reconnoitering 30 miles WSW of Duc Lap (110 miles north of Saigon), engaged six enemy soldiers, killing five **before** the remaining soldier evaded further observation. No U.S. casualties.

- I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE) -- At 1700 a mechanized infantry element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, received small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades from an unknown size enemy force 19 miles NW of Pleiku (265 miles NNE of Saigon). The infantrymen, supported by artillery, returned fire with unit weapons, including the heavy machineguns of their armored personnel carriers. At 1735 the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were two killed and five wounded.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1520 troopers of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), eight miles ENE of Song Be (85 miles NNE of Saigon), received about 25 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, as well as small arms and automatic weapons fire, from an unknown size enemy force. The fire was returned with unit weapons, supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, and USAF F-100's from the 3rd and 31st Tactical Fighter Wings. At 1550 the enemy withdrew, leaving 14 of his dead and one AK-47 rifle. U.S. casualties were five killed and 13 wounded.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 2015 a mechanized element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, while on an ambush patrol on U.S. Navy river patrol boats (PBR's), engaged and killed nine enemy soldiers they had sighted in the water nine miles SE of Dau Tieng (31 miles NNW of Saigon). No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1850 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 82nd Airborne Division, ambushed 10 to 12 enemy soldiers seven miles WNW of Phu Cuong (19 miles NNW of Saigon). The enemy returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons, while the paratroopers were supported by helicopter gunships. A short while later, the enemy withdrew under cover of darkness. Six enemy dead were found. Also, one AK-47 rifle, one AK-50 rifle, and one RPG-2 rocket-grenade launcher were captured. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1410 helicopter gunships from the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged five enemy soldiers four miles south of Phuoc Vinh (22 miles NNE of Saigon) with aerial machineguns, killing all of them. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 2055 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, supported by artillery and helicopter gunships, engaged and killed five enemy soldiers nine miles NE of Go Dau Ha (35 miles NW of Saigon). No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1850 a helicopter of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) engaged and killed five enemy soldiers 12 miles north of Tay Ninh City (64 miles NW of Saigon), and also destroyed one 12.7mm machinegun position. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1550 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), engaged an unknown size enemy force 15 miles NNE of Tay Ninh City (58 miles NW of Saigon) in an exchange of heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire. The troopers were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery and USAF A-37's from the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing. At 1830 the enemy withdrew. About ten minutes later, an UH-1 helicopter and an AH-1 helicopter gunship, supporting the troops in the same area, were hit by enemy ground fire, wounding three crewmen. The damaged aircraft returned safely. The bodies of two enemy soldiers were found. U.S. casualties were two killed, five wounded (including three crewmen).

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 0830 infantrymen of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, discovered the bodies of eight enemy soldiers six miles NE of Trang Bang (30 miles NW of Saigon). They had been killed by small arms fire within the previous 12 hours.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KHANH PROVINCE) -- At 1500 an element of the U.S. 199th Light Infantry Brigade six miles SE of Xuan Loc (46 miles east of Saigon), found a cache containing one crew-served and 22 individual weapons.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1310 troopers of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), were led to an enemy bunker complex nine miles NE of Quan Loi (73 miles north of Saigon) by a former enemy soldier who rallied to the Government of the Republic of Vietnam under the Chieu Hoi program. Thirty individual weapons, 11 anti-tank mines and 100 rounds of rocket-propelled grenades were found.
- DMAC (KIEN HOA PROVINCE) -- At 0145 U.S. Navy Swift boats (PCF) and U.S. Coast Guard Patrol boats (WPB) engaged six enemy soldiers 27 miles SSE of Ben Tre (61 miles south of Saigon), and were supported by U.S. Navy light observation aircraft. The six enemy soldiers were killed and three sampans were destroyed. No U.S. casualties in the brief action.
- HQ MACV -- It was announced that two Marine Corps helicopter squadrons and an observation squadron have commenced embarkation to leave Vietnam. They are Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 164, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron (HMH) 462, and Marine Observation Squadron (VMO) 6. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 291 sorties (USAF 180, USMC 93, and USN 18), killing 12 enemy soldiers, triggering 12 secondary explosions, and igniting 34 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 193 fortifications, 290 bunkers, and nine sampans.
- B-52s flew 6 missions: 11 miles north of Phuoc Binh; 21 miles SSW of An Loc; 29 miles WNW of Pleiku; 11 miles WNW of A Chau; 17 miles NNE of Dak To; and 14 miles NNE of Phuoc Binh.

21 October (Tuesday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, six significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, one of which was against a U.S. installation. Six other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attack was against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

210240 -- QUANG NAM PROVINCE -- The Marine Air Facility at Marble Mountain, three miles SSE of Da Nang, received less than 15 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. No casualties, light damage.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 13 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, three of which were against U.S. installations or units. Seven of the 13 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were three killed and four wounded.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1925 an element of the 1st Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, nine miles west of Hoi An (12 miles SSW of Da Nang), received small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force. The Marines returned fire and were supported by artillery fire, killing six enemy before the remainder withdrew. U.S. casualties were one wounded, no fatalities.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 2115 an element of the 1st Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, 11 miles NW of Hoi An (8 miles SW of Da Nang), observed 30 enemy soldiers and engaged them with small arms fire, killing five and capturing one individual weapon. No U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (QUANG TIN PROVINCE) -- At 0800 an element of the 196th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force 16 miles NW of Tam Ky (28 miles south of Da Nang). Small arms fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by artillery fire. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew, leaving five of his dead. U.S. casualties were two wounded, no fatalities.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1610 a reconnaissance element from the U.S. 1st Marine Division engaged 14 enemy soldiers coming out of a tunnel 12 miles NW of An Hoa (18 miles SW of Da Nang), killing five before the remainder withdrew. No U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) -- At 1920 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), ambushed eight enemy soldiers 19 miles SE of Hue (31 miles NW of Da Nang), killing five and capturing five individual weapons before the remainder withdrew. No U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 0845 an element of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, sighted 30 enemy soldiers moving north from an area seven miles north of An Hoa (15 miles SSW of Da Nang), and directed artillery fire onto the location, killing five before the others withdrew. No U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 1420 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), three miles SSW of Con Thien (103 miles NW of Da Nang) and about one mile south of the Demilitarized Zone, was engaged by an unknown size enemy force with small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire. The troopers returned fire with unit weapons, and were supported by artillery, and USAF F-4's from the 37th and 366th Tactical Fighter Wings. In a search of the area, three enemy dead were found. U.S. casualties were six wounded, no fatalities.
- III MAF (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) -- At 0815 an element of the 198th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, discovered a small rice cache of 1,200 pounds five miles NW of Quang Ngai City (72 miles SSE of Da Nang). At 0950 another element of the AMERICAL Division discovered a 5,000-lb. rice cache four miles NW of Duc Pho (97 miles SSE of Da Nang).
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 0900 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), four miles WSW of Con Thien (105 miles NW of Da Nang) and 200 meters south of the Demilitarized Zone, received less than 45 rounds of 60mm and 82mm mortar fire. U.S. casualties were light, no materiel damage.

- I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE) -- At 1705 a mechanized infantry element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, received small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force 19 miles NW of Pleiku City (255 miles NNE of Saigon). The troopers returned fire with unit weapons, including the heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers, and were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, and USAF A-1's and F-4's from the 633rd Special Operations Wing and the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing. At 1720 the enemy withdrew, leaving 24 of his dead. U.S. casualties were one killed and two wounded.
- I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE) -- At 1655 a U.S. supply convoy received small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an estimated enemy platoon 24 miles east of Pleiku City (257 miles NE of Saigon). The convoy security elements immediately returned fire and were supported by artillery. A few minutes later, armored elements of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division moved to the location and engaged an estimated three enemy squads. The troopers attacked the enemy with heavy machineguns and tank guns. At 1715 the enemy withdrew, leaving 10 of his dead in the battle area. There were no U.S. casualties or damage to the convoy.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1325 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engaged an estimated 15 enemy soldiers eight miles NE of Go Dau Ha (33 miles NW of Saigon). The troopers fired automatic weapons and were supported by helicopter gunships. The enemy withdrew a short while later, leaving 21 of his dead. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 2040 an armored element of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division and Republic of Vietnam Regional Force troops engaged an unknown size enemy force seven miles NE of Tay Ninh City (54 miles NW of Saigon). The enemy returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket-propelled grenades. The combined U.S. and RF forces were supported by helicopter gunships and tanks. At 2240 the enemy withdrew, leaving 15 of his dead, two AK-47 rifles, and four rocket-propelled grenade launchers. No friendly casualties.
- HQ MACV -- It was announced by USARV (LONG BINH) that the 29th Evacuation Hospital at Binh Thuy, and the 534th Combat Support Platoon (Construction and Fortification) at Di An, will be inactivated in the Republic of Vietnam tomorrow. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).
- HQ MACV -- U.S. Marines in I Corps continued with the implementation of President Nixon's Phase II Troop redeployment with members of Battalion Landing Team (BLT) 1/4 of the Third Marine Division embarking U.S. Navy ships of the 7th Fleet at Da Nang and Cua Viet on 19 October, 1969. They are returning to the division's home base on Okinawa. All elements of BLT 1/4 will have departed the Republic of Vietnam by 25 October 1969. (See the CHRONOLOGY OF TROOP REDEPLOYMENT in this summary for the complete text of the release).
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 278 sorties (USAF 176, USMC 94 and USN 8), killing 16 enemy soldiers, triggering 26 secondary explosions and igniting 38 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 222 fortifications, 314 bunkers, and 18 enemy sampans.
- B-52s flew 8 missions: 9 miles WNW of Katum; 17 miles WNW of Pleiku City; 23 miles NNE of Dak To; 22 miles NW of Ca Mau; 12 miles SW of Xuan Loc; 22 and 24 miles SW of An Khe; and 24 miles north of Xuan Loc.

22 October (Wednesday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, five significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, none of which were against U.S. units or installations. Nine other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage.
- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 25 indirect fire attacks, were reported throughout the country, 10 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Nine of the 25 attacks resulted in casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were three killed and two wounded.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1510 reconnaissance elements of the U.S. 1st Marine Division engaged an unknown size enemy force nine miles west of An Hoa (26 miles SW of Da Nang). The enemy employed small arms and automatic weapons fire, and the Marines returned fire with unit weapons. During the fighting, other reconnaissance elements of the unit reinforced the troops in contact and engaged the enemy. Action continued into the evening when, at an unreported time, the enemy withdrew, leaving three of his dead. U.S. casualties were three killed and five wounded.
- III MAF (DMZ) -- At 1330 a U.S. observation aircraft, reconnoitering the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone, received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown number of enemy soldiers occupying fortified positions four miles north of Gio Linh and two miles inside the southern edge of the DMZ. U.S. Army artillery fire was directed onto the location, silencing the enemy fire and destroying two bunkers. The body of one enemy soldier was sighted in the strike area. The aircraft was not hit and there were no U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (DMZ) -- At 1500 an element of the **U.S. 101st Airborne Division** (Airmobile), received about 30 rounds of enemy 82mm mortar fire six miles NW of the Rockpile and one mile south of the Demilitarized Zone. The enemy firing position was located two miles to the NNW and 900 meters inside the southern edge of the DMZ. U.S. Army artillery fire and USAF tactical aircraft struck the enemy location with unknown results. U.S. casualties were three killed and three wounded.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 1500 an element of the **U.S. 101st Airborne Division** (Airmobile), six miles NNW of the Rockpile (110 miles NW of Da Nang) and about one mile south of the Demilitarized Zone, received about 30 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 1030 elements of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division (Mechanized), two miles SW of Con Thien (105 miles NW of Da Nang) and about 1 km south of the Demilitarized Zone, received 40 to 50 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties.
- I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE) -- At 1535 a mechanized infantry element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, engaged five enemy soldiers 19 miles NW of Pleiku (255 miles NNE of Saigon). The troopers employed unit weapons, including the heavy machineguns of their armored personnel carriers. All five enemy soldiers were killed in the brief action. No U.S. casualties.

- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1620 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engaged an estimated 10 to 15 enemy soldiers six miles NE of Tay Ninh City (58 miles NNW of Saigon). The enemy returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons. As action continued, the infantrymen were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery. At 1800 the enemy withdrew, leaving seven of his dead in the battle area. One U.S. soldier was killed in the engagement. There were no U.S. wounded.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 1930 a reconnaissance element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, and Republic of Vietnam Regional Force troops, engaged an unknown size enemy force one mile south of Cu Chi (18 miles NW of Saigon). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged, and the combined ground elements were supported by U.S. Army helicopter gunships. At 2300 the enemy withdrew, leaving five of his dead, and one AK-47 rifle. No friendly casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BIEN HOA PROVINCE) -- At 1145 an element of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade engaged an estimated 15 enemy soldiers 16 miles east of Bien Hoa (30 miles ENE of Saigon). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the infantrymen were supported by artillery fire. A short while later the enemy withdrew, leaving five of his dead and two individual weapons. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 0850 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, four miles NE of Tay Ninh City (54 miles NW of Saigon), engaged an estimated seven enemy soldiers. Small arms fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by artillery and helicopter gunships. At 1005 the remaining enemy withdrew, leaving five bodies behind. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) -- At 1700 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, 12 miles east of Tan An (17 miles south of Saigon), found the bodies of 14 enemy soldiers, killed within the past 24 hours by small arms fire, probably in a contact with the same unit.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) -- At 1030 infantrymen from an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, discovered a significant enemy munitions cache 10 miles NW of Tan An (23 miles WSW of Saigon). It weighed about one ton and contained fourteen 107mm rockets, one-hundred and fourteen 82mm mortar rounds, and thirteen 75mm recoilless rifle rounds. The munitions were in fair condition.
- HQ MACV -- Two U.S. Army units were inactivated in the Republic of Vietnam today as part of President Nixon's Phase II Redeployment. The units were the 29th Evacuation Hospital at Binh Thuy and the 534th Combat Support Platoon (Construction and Fortification) at Di An. Personnel of the units will be transferred to processing centers for reassignment in Vietnam or will be returned to the United States if they have completed the major portion of their tours. Two Marine Corps helicopter squadrons departed the Republic of Vietnam yesterday and an observation squadron departed today as part of President Nixon's Phase II Redeployment. The helicopter squadrons are Marine Medium Helicopter Squadrons (HMM) 164 and Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron (HMH) 462. Marine Observation Squadron (VMO) 6 is the observation squadron. All three squadrons redeployed to Okinawa aboard U.S. Navy ships.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 286 sorties (USAF 178, USMC 88, USN 20), killing 11 enemy soldiers, triggering 18 secondary explosions, and igniting 29 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 265 bunkers, 183 fortifications, and seven enemy sampans.

- B-52s flew 8 missions: 10 and 11 miles NW of the Rockpile; 7 miles north of Dau Tieng; 7 miles NNE of Dau Tieng; 19 miles SSW of An Loc; 3 miles N of Katum; 16 miles NW of Pleiku; and 16 miles SW of An Loc.

23 October (Thursday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, seven significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, four of which were against U.S. units or installations. Six other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attacks were against U.S. forces:

III MAF:

221830 -- QUANG TRI PROVINCE -- An element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), in night defense two miles SW of Con Thien (105 miles NW of Da Nang) and about 1 km south of the Demilitarized Zone, received about ten rounds of 60mm and 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties, no fatalities.

I FFV:

221820 -- PLEIKU PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq 3rd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, 16 miles SW of Pleiku City (230 miles NNE of Saigon), received about 20 rounds of 82mm mortar and 122mm rocket fire. No casualties or damage.

II FFV:

222125 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, at Dau Tieng (41 miles NW of Saigon), received 30 to 40 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. No casualties, light materiel damage.

222144 -- BINH DUONG PROVINCE -- The base camp of Hq 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Infantry Division, received less than ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Light casualties and damage, no fatalities.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 21 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, 11 of which were against U.S. units or installations. Nine of the 21 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were six killed and 28 wounded.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1230 a reconnaissance element of the U.S. 1st Marine Division observed 40 enemy soldiers with packs and weapons moving east at a point three miles west of An Hoa (23 miles SW of Da Nang). Artillery fire was directed onto the location dispersing the enemy force. In a search of the strike area, the Marines found seven enemy dead. No U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (DMZ) -- At 1815 a U.S. forward observer, located south of the Demilitarized Zone, sighted an unknown number of enemy soldiers occupying fortified positions five miles NNW of Gio Linh and 900 meters south of the Ben Hai River. Naval gunfire from the destroyer USS WADDELL was directed onto the enemy location, resulting in the destruction of one enemy bunker. In addition, the body of one enemy soldier was seen in the strike area following the engagement. No U.S. casualties.

- I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE) -- At 1120 a mechanized infantry element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, discovered the bodies of 12 enemy soldiers in a bunker complex 17 miles NW of Pleiku City (225 miles NNE of Saigon). The enemy were apparently killed two days earlier by small arms fire.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 0910 an element of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force while operating in an area six miles SW of Go Dau Ha (35 miles NW of Saigon) and two miles east of the Cambodian border. Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged. The infantrymen were supported by helicopter gunships, artillery, and USAF F-100's from the 3rd and 35th Tactical Fighter Wings. Fighting continued until 1745 when the enemy withdrew, leaving 18 of his dead, and two AK-47 rifles. One wounded soldier was detained. U.S. casualties were one killed, none wounded.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG AN PROVINCE) -- At 2200 a patrol from the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 9th Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force seven miles SE of Tan An (25 miles SW of Saigon). Small arms fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships and artillery. In about 20 minutes the enemy withdrew, leaving 15 of his dead. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1630 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, supported by helicopter gunships and artillery, engaged an unknown number of enemy soldiers six miles WSW of Ben Cat (25 miles NNW of Saigon). In about 15 minutes the enemy withdrew, leaving 10 of his dead. Two suspects were detained. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1930 U.S. Navy river patrol boat (PER) crewmen sighted eight enemy soldiers attempting to swim across the Saigon River seven miles west of Ben Cat (28 miles NNW of Saigon). They engaged the enemy with automatic weapons, killing seven and capturing five rucksacks. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 0330 U.S. Navy river patrol boat (PER) crewmen observed an estimated 15 enemy soldiers on a sampan eight miles SW of Ben Cat (23 miles NNW of Saigon) on the Saigon River. They engaged the enemy with automatic weapons, killing five of them, capturing three individual weapons, and destroying the sampan. There were no U.S. casualties in the brief night action.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 0345 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, while on an ambush patrol seven miles NE of Go Dau Ha (34 miles NW of Saigon), engaged five enemy soldiers with small arms and artillery support, killing all five. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (BINH DUONG PROVINCE) -- At 1520 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engaged an estimated five to seven enemy soldiers seven miles WSW of Ben Cat (27 miles NNW of Saigon). The troopers, firing automatic weapons, killed five enemy soldiers in the 10-minute action. Also, one wounded soldier was detained and three AK-47 rifles were captured. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) -- At 1110 troopers of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) found the bodies of 40 enemy soldiers in North Vietnamese Army uniforms 14 miles SW of Phuoc Binh (67 miles north of Saigon). The

enemy had been killed about three months ago. Cause of death was undetermined. Later in the afternoon, at 1700, troopers of the air cavalry squadron of the division found the bodies of five enemy soldiers 10 miles ENE of Phuoc Binh (83 miles NNE of Saigon). The enemy, lying in the open, had been killed by artillery fire about 12 hours earlier.

- HQ MACV -- The base camp of the headquarters of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment at "Blackhorse" in Long Khanh Province will be turned over to the Army of the Republic of Vietnam 18th Infantry Division in ceremonies tomorrow.
- HQ MACV -- U.S. Army Private First Class Jesse B. Harris, Jr., 20, of Port Chester, N.Y., missing from his unit and held captive since June 8, 1969, returned to U.S. military control on October 20. Private Harris walked from jungle captivity into Landing Zone Young, 11 miles SW of Tam Ky, where an ARVN unit was operating. Private Harris' condition is considered good; however, he is suffering from malaria and has a slight wound of the right arm. It is expected Harris will remain in the Republic of Vietnam for a week to 10 days, while undergoing medical treatment, and then will be returned to the United States and his family. It is not yet known whether PFC Harris escaped or was released by the enemy. (Editor's note: In the releases of 24 October, it is explained that Harris was released by his captors).
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 280 sorties (USAF 178, USMC 74, and USN 28), killing 17 enemy soldiers, triggering 22 secondary explosions, and igniting 29 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 320 fortifications, 249 bunkers, and 17 sampans.
- B-52s flew 6 missions: 10 and 11 miles NW of the Rockpile; 9 miles WNW of Katum; 21 miles SW of Duc Pho; 8 miles east of Phuoc Binh; and 11 miles NE of Phuoc Binh.

24 October (Friday)

- HQ MACV -- There were no significant enemy indirect fire attacks reported during the night. Six other indirect fire attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage.
- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 11 enemy indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, one of which was against a U.S. unit. One of the 11 attacks resulted in casualties or damage. No U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (QUANG TRI PROVINCE) -- At 0430 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), observed an unknown number of enemy soldiers near their night defense positions six miles NE of the Rockpile (102 miles NW of Da Nang) and three miles south of the Demilitarized Zone. The infantrymen engaged the enemy with unit weapons and directed artillery fire onto the location. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew. In a later search of the area, five dead North Vietnamese soldiers were found, and three individual and two crew-served weapons were captured. U.S. casualties were two wounded.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 0800 an element of the 5th Regiment, U.S. 1st Marine Division, four miles north of An Hoa (17 miles SSW of Da Nang), observed 15 enemy soldiers and engaged them with unit weapons, killing five before the others withdrew. There were no U.S. casualties.

- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1015 a reconnaissance team from the U.S. 1st Marine Division observed ten enemy soldiers in black uniforms three miles NW of An Hoa (21 miles SW of Da Nang), and directed artillery fire onto the location, killing five before the remainder withdrew. No U.S. casualties.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (HAU NGHIA PROVINCE) -- At 1310 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 25th Infantry Division, engaged an unknown size enemy force nine miles NE of Trang Bang (30 miles NW of Saigon). Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged, and the infantrymen were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, and USAF F-4's, A-37's and F-100's from the 3rd, 12th and 35th Tactical Fighter Wings. As fighting continued, a mechanized infantry element of the brigade reinforced the action. The troopers attacked the enemy with unit weapons, including the heavy machineguns on their armored personnel carriers. At 1815 the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 47 of his dead, and 12 individual and three crew-served weapons. U.S. casualties were 10 killed and 12 wounded.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (TAY NINH PROVINCE) -- At 1440 an element of the 1st Brigade, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), received about five rounds of 60mm mortar fire along with small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown size enemy force 15 miles north of Tay Ninh City (60 miles NW of Saigon). The troopers fired back with unit weapons and were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, and USAF tactical aircraft. Fighting continued until 1800 when contact was lost as the enemy withdrew. The bodies of 26 enemy soldiers were found in the battle area. U.S. casualties were two killed and 12 wounded.
- TOAN THANG OFFENSIVE (LONG KHANH PROVINCE) -- At 1500 an element of the U.S. 199th Light Infantry Brigade engaged an unknown number of enemy soldiers three miles NE of Xuan Loc (40 miles ENE of Saigon). Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the troopers were supported by helicopter gunships. At an unreported time, the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were one killed and five wounded.
- HQ MACV -- BLACKHORSE, the former base camp of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Long Khanh Province, 40 miles east of Saigon, was turned over to the Army of the Republic of Vietnam in ceremonies this morning. Presiding at the turnover were Lieutenant General Nguyen Van Minh, Commanding General, Capital Military District, and Lieutenant General Frank T. Mildren, Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Vietnam. The Blackhorse camp is the first major unit base camp to be turned over in III Corps. It will be occupied by the ARVN 18th Infantry Division.
- HQ MACV -- It was announced this afternoon by Headquarters USARV that PFC Jesse B. Harris, Jr., has informed U.S. authorities that he was released by his captors. No further details are available at this time.
- SVN TAC AIR: U.S. pilots flew 273 sorties (USAF 168, USMC 86, and USN 19), killing 16 enemy soldiers, triggering 18 secondary explosions, and igniting 31 fires. They also destroyed or damaged 284 fortifications, 200 bunkers, and 21 sampans.
- B-52s flew 9 missions: 7 miles WNW and 12 miles NW of A Shau; 16 and 17 miles WNW of Pleiku; 24 and 25 miles NNW of Cheo Reo; 16 miles SE of Katum; 7 miles NW of Cam Lo; and 13 miles WNW of A Loui.

25 October (Saturday)

- HQ MACV -- During the night, three significant indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, one of which was against a U.S. unit. Seven other attacks were considered insignificant, causing no casualties or damage. The following significant attack was against U.S. forces:

I FFV:

250015 -- DARLAC PROVINCE -- A U.S. Army combat support element located at **Ban Me Thuot** Airfield (160 miles NNE of Saigon) received about 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, resulting in light U.S. and ARVN casualties with no fatalities. Light damage.

- HQ MACV -- During the 24-hour period ending at 0800 today, 12 indirect fire attacks were reported throughout the country, three of which were against U.S. units or installations. Four of the 12 attacks caused casualties or damage. U.S. casualties were five wounded, no fatalities.
- III MAF (QUANG NAM PROVINCE) -- At 1300 a reconnaissance team from the U.S. 1st Marine Division, five miles north of An Hoa (17 miles SW of Da Nang), observed 55 enemy soldiers moving to the east. The Marines directed artillery fire onto the enemy position, killing six enemy before the others evaded further observation. No U.S. casualties.
- III MAF (THUA THIEN PROVINCE) -- At 2345 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), nine miles SE of Phu Bai (31 miles NW of Da Nang), received small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an unknown size enemy force. At an unreported time the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. U.S. casualties were two killed and four wounded.
- III MAF (QUANG NGAI PROVINCE) -- At 1500 an element of the 198th Brigade, AMERICAL Division, three miles NNE of Quang Ngai City (70 miles SE of Da Nang), found a six-ton cache of rice in baskets and drums. It was evacuated for distribution to Vietnamese civilians.
- I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE) -- At 1010 an element of the 2nd Brigade, U.S. 4th Infantry Division, 19 miles NNW of Pleiku (255 miles NNE of Saigon), was attacked by an estimated enemy squad employing rocket-propelled grenades and small arms. The troopers fired back with unit weapons and the enemy quickly withdrew to the south, leaving two of their dead in the battle area. U.S. casualties were one killed and 13 wounded. Light materiel damage was reported.
- I FFV (PLEIKU PROVINCE) -- Between 0900 and 1230 the enemy fired about ten 122mm rockets into the Pleiku Air Base and vicinity, 250 miles NNE of Saigon. U.S. casualties were very light with no fatalities. Three Vietnamese civilians were wounded. Light materiel damage was reported.
- I FFV (BINH DINH PROVINCE) -- At 0900 a U.S. Army I FFV Ranger element discovered a cache 11 miles SW of Bong Son (285 miles NNE of Saigon). It contained eighty-six 57mm recoilless rifle rounds, twenty 75mm recoilless rifle rounds, 30 rocket-propelled grenade rounds, and assorted small arms ammunition. The cache weighed about two tons.