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Front cover:  
Lt. Johnny Libs, 2d Platoon, Company C,  
2d Battalion, 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div.  
Bien Hoa, September 1965.  
(First Division Museum)

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This volume is the first in a series of chronologies of Allied combat operations conducted during the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1973, interspersed with significant military events and augmented with a listing of US and FWF units arrival and departure for each month. It is based on a chronology prepared for the Vietnam Combat Operations series of scenarios for *The Operational Art of War III* I've been working on for more than three years, completed with additional information obtained in primary source documents. It does not pretend to be a comprehensive listing, data are scarcely available when dealing with South Vietnamese or Korean operations, for example.

Each operation is presented in the following format:

**Date** **Operation:** name of the operation, when available  
**Location:** population centers, landmarks, province. **Type:** type of operation, when available. **Controlling headquarters:** when available. **Task organization:** friendly units involved, when available. **Intelligence:** enemy situation and forces, when available. **Execution:** brief description, when available. **Results:** friendly and enemy casualties, when available.

A glossary of acronyms and abbreviations is available on page 19.

### Color Code:

	United States Army
	United States Marine Corps
	United States Air Force
	United States Navy
	Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces
	Free World Forces

8<sup>th</sup> Fld Hosp  
765<sup>th</sup> Trans Bn  
56<sup>th</sup> Trans Co  
330<sup>th</sup> Trans Co  
339<sup>th</sup> Trans Co  
611<sup>th</sup> Trans Co  
101<sup>st</sup> ASA Co  
Marine Unit Vietnam (CTU 79.3.5)  
Sub-Unit 2, MABS-16  
HMM-365  
Co L, 3/9 Marines  
2d Air Division  
507<sup>th</sup> TCG  
315<sup>th</sup> ACG (TC)  
33d TG  
34<sup>th</sup> TG  
23d ABG  
428<sup>th</sup> TFS  
Det 3, 405<sup>th</sup> FW  
Det 5, 405<sup>th</sup> FW  
1<sup>st</sup> ACS  
19<sup>th</sup> ACS  
602d ACS  
309<sup>th</sup> TCS  
310<sup>th</sup> TCS  
311<sup>th</sup> TCS  
19<sup>th</sup> TASS  
Task Force 71

### US units already in-country prior to 1 January 1965:

Headquarters MACV  
5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Abn)  
Co A, 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA  
Co B, 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA  
Co C, 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA  
Co D, 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA  
Co E (Signal), 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA  
B-51 Det (VNSF Training Center)  
B-52 Det Project DELTA  
B-53 Det (Special Missions Advisory Force)  
B-55 Det (5<sup>th</sup> MSFC)  
MACV-SOG  
USASA Grp, Vietnam  
8<sup>th</sup> ASA Fld Station  
13<sup>th</sup> Avn Bn  
14<sup>th</sup> Avn Bn  
52d Avn Bn  
145<sup>th</sup> Avn Bn  
18<sup>th</sup> Avn Co  
61<sup>st</sup> Avn Co  
68<sup>th</sup> Avn Co  
73d Avn Co  
92d Avn Co  
114<sup>th</sup> Avn Co  
117<sup>th</sup> Avn Co  
118<sup>th</sup> Avn Co  
119<sup>th</sup> Avn Co  
120<sup>th</sup> Avn Co  
121<sup>st</sup> Avn Co  
Co A, 501<sup>st</sup> Avn Bn  
Co A, 502d Avn Bn  
39<sup>th</sup> Signal Bn  
178<sup>th</sup> Signal Co  
232d Signal Co  
362d Signal Co

## JANUARY

**Jan.** A new CIDG camp opens at Binh Hung for Det A-411.

**1 Jan.** US military strength in Vietnam is approximately 23,000.

**1 Jan.-7 Feb.** **Operation:** NGUYEN VAN NHO

**Location:** Vung Tau Special Area; Ba Ria, Phuoc Tuy Province; Long Thanh District, Bien Hoa Province; Xuan Loc District, Long Khanh Province. **Type:** search and Destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** VNMC Brigade. **Task organization:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> VNMC Bns. **Intelligence:** Two regiments, 9<sup>th</sup> PLAF Division. **Execution:** With one Bn in reserve at Vung Tau, the VNMC Brigade swept a 25-square-miles area extending 10 miles north-east of Vung Tau to find and destroy the Communist force that attacked Binh Gia on 31 Dec 1964.

**5 Jan.** **Operation:** -

**Location:** War Zone C, Tay Ninh Province. **Type:** search and Destroy. **Task organization:** A-114, A-411. **Execution:** A-411 SF Det from the CIDG camp at Trang Sup and A-114 from Suoi Da conducted a six-company CIDG operation into War Zone C.

**15 Jan.** A-222 Bu Prang CIDG camp closed.

**15 Jan.** A new CIDG camp opens at Plateau Gi (Chuong Nghia) for Det A-334A<sup>1</sup>.

**15 Jan.-?** **Operation:** 1-65

**Location:** Phuoc Tuy Province. **Type:** reconnaissance. **Controlling headquarters:** 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA. **Task Organization:** Det B-52 Project DELTA, 91<sup>st</sup> Avn Rgr Bn. **Execution:** reconnaissance from FOB Vung Tau.

**22 Jan.** Buddhists demonstrate against RVN Government at US Embassy in Saigon.

**25 Jan.** Martial law imposed in Hue after serious disturbances.

**27 Jan.** LTG Nguyen Khanh takes over RVN Government from Premier Tran Van Huong in bloodless coup.

**31 Jan.** Casualties for the month: US – 12 KIA, 90 WIA; RVNAF – 800 KIA, 1800 WIA, 400 MIA; Enemy – 1635 KIA, 555 detained.

### Arrival:

23 Jan. Co D, 1/3 Marines

1 TDY 1<sup>st</sup> SFGA, later A-242 under 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA.

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## FEBRUARY

**Feb.** A new CIDG camp opens at Phu Quoc for Det A-427.

**7 Feb.** Camp Holloway near Pleiku comes under heavy attack during the night of 6-7 February with mortar, demolition, small arms and bazooka fire while saboteurs who have infiltrated the base place numerous satchel charges on and near parked aircraft. Friendly casualties are 8 killed and 108 wounded. 18 aircraft are destroyed or damaged.

**7-8 Feb. Operation: FLAMING DART I**

**Location:** Vit Thu Lu, Dong Hoi barracks, Chap Le barracks. **Type:** Air strike. **Task organization:** 18<sup>th</sup> TFS, VNAF, CVW-15, CVW-21. **Intelligence:** Headquarters, 325<sup>th</sup> PAVN Division.

**8 Feb.** President Johnson orders evacuation of US government sponsored dependents from RVN. President also orders HAWK air defense missiles to SVN.

**9 Feb.** First elements of USMC 1<sup>st</sup> LAAM Bn operational at Da Nang.

**10 Feb.** The VC blows up a four story hotel serving as BEQ in Qui Nhon. Casualties are 23 US killed, 21 US and 14 VN wounded.

**10-11 Feb. Operation: FLAMING DART II**

**Location:** Chanh Hoa Barracks, Vu Con barracks. **Type:** Air strike. **Task organization:** 18<sup>th</sup> TFS, VNAF, CVW-15, CVW-21. **Intelligence:** 325<sup>th</sup> PAVN Division.

**15 Feb.** Dr. Phan Huy Quat named RVN Premier.

**15 Feb.** The VC ambushes and destroys a large South Vietnamese convoy near the Mang Yang Pass, Binh Dinh Province.

**16 Feb.** The largest collection of VC weapons captured to date is found near and aboard an NVN trawler attacked and sunk off the coast of Vung Ro Bay, Phu Yen Province. The haul is estimated at 80 tons.

**19 Feb.** US jets used for the first time in RVN as USAF F-100's and B-57's conduct interdiction strikes against VC targets in Phuoc Tuy Province.

**19 Feb. Operation: 2-65**

**Location:** Phu Yen Province. **Type:** reconnaissance. **Controlling headquarters:** 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA. **Task Organization:** Det B-52 Project DELTA, 91<sup>st</sup> Abn Rgr Bn. **Execution:** reconnaissance of the Vung Ro Bay area.

**5 Feb. Operation: DAN CHI 121**

**Location:** West of Can Tho, Phong Dinh Province. **Controlling headquarters:** 21<sup>st</sup> ARVN Division.

**22 Feb.** MG Tran Van Minh replaces Khanh as CINCRVNAF.

**27 Feb.** US White Paper accuses NVN of deliberate campaign of aggression in SVN.

**28 Feb.** Casualties for the month: US – 45 KIA, 252 WIA; RVNAF – 900 KIA, 1800 WIA, 1300 MIA; Enemy – 1840 KIA, 289 detained.

### Arrival:

8 Feb.	1 <sup>st</sup> LAAM Bn
14 Feb	Co C, 7 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn
17 Feb.	13 <sup>th</sup> BS
18 Feb.	HMM-363
25 Feb.	ROK 'Peace Dove' Eng Task Force

### Departure:

18 Feb.	HMM-365
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## MARCH

**Mar.** A new CIDG camp opens at Ba To (new) for Det A-106.

**Mar.** A new CIDG camp opens at Ben Soi for Det A-321.

**2 Mar. 65-1 Nov. 68 Operation: ROLLING THUNDER**

**Location:** North Vietnam. **Type:** Air Campaign. **Controlling headquarters:** PACAF Thailand; PACFLT (7<sup>th</sup> Fleet); MACV (2d Air Division<sup>2</sup>, III MAF).

**8 Mar.** BLT 3/9 Marines aboard the ships of the Special Landing

Force lands across RED BEACH then proceed to Da Nang airbase to secure it. At the same time, 1/3 Marines is airlifted directly from Okinawa to the air base where an HAWK battalion and an helicopter squadron are already deployed.

**8 Mar.** The Kannack CIDG camp north of An Khe is attacked by an estimated enemy battalion.

**9 Mar.** The VNMC Task Force ALPHA with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Bns engages a VC battalion near Hai An in Binh Dinh Province, killing 63. Friendly casualties are 4 KIA and 11 WIA.

**11 Mar. 65-Dec. 72 Operation: MARKET TIME**

**Location:** RVN territorial waters, Rung Sat Special Zone. **Controlling headquarters:** Task Force 71<sup>3</sup>; VNN. **Execution:** MARKET TIME was the codename for the coastal surveillance effort. It was turned entirely to VNN control in September 1970.

**14 Mar.** 24 South Vietnamese Air Force planes, led by Vice-Marshal Nguyen Cao Ky and supported by U.S. jets, bomb the barracks and depots on Con Co Island, 20 miles off the coast of North Vietnam. The next day, 100 U.S. Air Force jets and carrier-based bombers struck the ammunition depot at Phu Qui, 100 miles south of Hanoi. This is the second set of raids in Operation ROLLING THUNDER and the first in which U.S. planes use napalm.

**14 Mar. Operation: QUYET THANG 127**

**Location:** An Ninh, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** POW rescue. **Controlling headquarters:** ARVN Airborne Brigade. **Task organization:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Abn Bn. **Intelligence:** Estimated VC Company. **Execution:** 38 friendly POWs liberated and evacuated. **Results:** 5 enemy killed, no friendly casualties.

**15 Mar.** Gen. Harold K. Johnson, Army Chief of Staff, reports on his recent visit to Vietnam to President Lyndon B. Johnson and Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara. He admitted that the recent air raids ordered by President Johnson had not affected the course of the war and said he would like to assign an American division to hold coastal enclaves and defend the Central Highlands.

**15 Mar.** Route 19 from Qui Nhon to Pleiku is reopened after almost two months without traffic.

**15-20 Mar. Operation: 9-65**

**Location:** Thua Thien Province. **Type:** reconnaissance. **Controlling headquarters:** 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA. **Task Organization:** Det B-52 Project DELTA, 91<sup>st</sup> Abn Rgr Bn. **Execution:** reconnaissance from FOB Hue.

**21 Mar.** MACV publicly confirms riot-control agents have been used in RVN.

**21 Mar.** South Vietnamese fighter-bombers escorted by U.S. fighters bomb the North Vietnamese military base at Vu Con, 15 miles north of the 17<sup>th</sup> Parallel.

**23 Mar. Operation: LE DANG PHUNG**

**Location:** Phan Thiet, Binh Thuan Province. **Controlling headquarters:** 23<sup>rd</sup> ARVN Division.

**27 Mar.** About 30 Claymore type mines are accidentally detonated at the Plei Do Lim CIDG camp with heavy casualties.

**27 Mar. Operation: QUYET THANG 128**

**Location:** Bong Son, Binh Dinh Province. **Controlling headquarters:** 22<sup>nd</sup> ARVN Division.

**29 Mar.-3 Apr. Operation: 10-65**

**Location:** Ninh Thuan Province. **Type:** reconnaissance. **Controlling headquarters:** 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA. **Task Organization:** Det B-52 Project DELTA, 91<sup>st</sup> Abn Rgr Bn. **Execution:** reconnaissance from FOB Phan Rang.

**30 Mar.** A bomb explodes in a car parked in front of the U.S. Embassy in Saigon, virtually destroying the building and killing 19 Vietnamese, 2 Americans, and 1 Filipino; 183 others were injured. Congress quickly appropriated \$1 million to reconstruct the embassy.

**31 Mar. Operation: QUYET THANG 512**

**Location:** Tam Ky, Tien Phuoc, Quang Tin Province **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** ARVN Airborne Brigade. **Task organization:** 5<sup>th</sup> Abn Bn.

**31 Mar.** Casualties for the month: US – 14 KIA, 115 WIA, 1

<sup>2</sup> Became 7<sup>th</sup> Air Force on 28 March 1966.

<sup>3</sup> Became Task Force 115 on 30 July 1965.

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MIA; RVNAF – 700 KIA, 1500 WIA, 700 MIA; Enemy – 1615 KIA, 235 detained.

<b>Arrival:</b>	
1 Mar.	197 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co <sup>4</sup>
8 Mar.	HQ 9 <sup>th</sup> MEB 1/3 Marines 3/9 Marines Co A, 3d Recon Bn
9 Mar.	MAG-16 HMM-162
14 Mar.	H&MS-16
24 Mar.	716 <sup>th</sup> MP Bn 313 <sup>th</sup> ASA Bn
26 Mar.	74 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co
30 Mar.	HQ 1 <sup>st</sup> Logistical Command
31 Mar.	Co E (Prov), 5 <sup>th</sup> SFGA
<b>Departure:</b>	
1 Mar.	68 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co
13 Mar.	428 <sup>th</sup> TFS

### APRIL

**Apr.** A new CIDG camp opens at Tan Linh for Det A-311.

**Apr.** A new CIDG camp opens at Tuyen Nhon for Det A-415.

**Apr.** A new CIDG camp opens at Cai Cai for Det A-431.

**1 Apr. 65-11 Nov.68** **Operation:** **STEEL TIGER**

**Location:** Laotian panhandle. **Type:** Air interdiction. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Air Division (later 7<sup>th</sup> Air Force; USN Task Force 77. **Execution:** Convert aerial interdiction effort against PAVN infiltration routes in southeastern Laos.

**3 Apr.** Dean Rusk informs the embassy in Saigon that more units have been approved to go to Vietnam and that the mission of the Marines is to be expanded.

**3-9 Apr.** **Operation:** **QUYET THANG 131**

**Location:** Hoai Nhon, An Thai, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** Road clearing. **Controlling headquarters:** VNM Task Force ALPHA. **Task organization:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VNM Bns. **Intelligence:** 2<sup>nd</sup> PLAF Regiment. **Execution:** TF ALPHA was tasked with clearing Route 1 from Hoai Nhon to the Quang Ngai border. On 7 April, an estimated reinforced Bn from the 2<sup>nd</sup> PLAF Regiment attacked the 2<sup>nd</sup> VNM near An Thai hamlet. **Results:** 205 enemy killed, 10 detained, 4 VNM KIA and 22 VNM WIA.

**4 Apr.** First US planes are shot down by MIG's over NVN.

**4-6 Apr.** **Operation:** **DAN CHI 129**

**Location:** U Minh Forest, Kien Long District, Chuong Thien Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 21<sup>st</sup> ARVN Division. **Task organization:** 33<sup>rd</sup> Regiment (minus one Bn), 1/31, 2/31, 42<sup>nd</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> Ranger Bns, 26<sup>th</sup> RAG, 18<sup>th</sup> Boat Co, four RF companies. **Intelligence:** estimated 2 enemy Bns. **Execution:** combined heliborne and riverine operation to clear a known VC sanctuary at the edge of the U Minh Forest. **Results:** 278 enemy killed, 7 detained, 6 US KIA, 22 ARVN KIA and 85 ARVN WIA.

**6 Apr.** The passive defense mission is shelved as President Johnson authorizes the Marines at Da Nang to move out and engage Viet Cong and North Vietnamese forces in combat.

**10 Apr.** A third US Marine battalion, BLT 2/3, lands at Da Nang and two companies are helilifted to Phu Bai to protect the airfield.

**13 Apr.** The decision is made to deploy immediately the 173d Airborne Brigade to the Bien Hoa-Vung Tau area for security and counterinsurgency combat operations, and the Joint Chiefs so notify CINCPAC.

**13-22 Apr.** **Operation:** **11-65**

**Location:** Pleiku Province. **Type:** reconnaissance. **Controlling headquarters:** 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA. **Task Organization:** Det B-52 Project DELTA, 91<sup>st</sup> Abn Rgr Bn. **Execution:** reconnaissance from FOB Pleiku.

**14 Apr.** Two Marine enclaves are established when BLT 3/4 arrives and replaces BLT 2/3's companies at Phu Bai. By the end of the month, 8878 Marines will have landed.

**15 Apr.** For the first time, planes from the carriers MIDWAY, CORAL SEA, and YORKTOWN, which are at Dixie Station south-east of Cam Ranh Bay, attack VC forces in South Vietnam, targeting VC positions northwest of Saigon.

**15 Apr.** A joint operation by American and South Vietnamese tactical aircraft near Black Virgin Mountain is ineffectual, and General Westmoreland uses the incident to press more strongly for use of the idle B-52s on Guam.

**17 Apr.** Following a week-long visit to Moscow by the First Secretary of North Vietnam's Communist Party, Le Duan, the USSR and North Vietnam issue a joint communique in which the Soviet Union promises additional military assistance to North Vietnam.

**19 Apr** **Operation:** **QUYET THANG 137**

**Location:** North of Qui Nhon, Binh Dinh Province. **Controlling headquarters:** 22<sup>nd</sup> RVN Division.

**20 Apr.** A conference is held in Honolulu between Ambassador Taylor and senior US government and military officials where Ambassador Taylor apparently is "brought around" and everybody agrees that the bombing campaign will not achieve a decisive outcome, so an increase of US combat troops in Vietnam is needed. It's also decided that other countries should be solicited for aid, notably Australia, New Zealand and South Korea.

**21 Apr.** A new CIDG camp opens at Phu Tuc for Det A-224.

**22 Apr.** A patrol of Company D, 3d Recon Bn accompanied by 38 ARVN troops encounters a VC force of approximately 105 men near Binh Thai, 9 miles southwest of Da Nang. A company of the 1/3 Marines is helilifted into the area to reinforce.

**24 Apr.** A Marine recon platoon is attacked on a hilltop about 2 km south of Phu Bai by an undetermined number of enemy, resulting in 2 enemy killed and 2 US KIA.

**27 Apr.** A new CIDG camp opens at Bong Son for Det A-321.

**28 Apr.** A new CIDG camp opens at A Luoi for Det A-102a.

**28 Apr.** A new CIDG camp opens at Thanh for Det A-104.

**28 Apr.** A new CIDG camp opens at Buon Ea Yang for Det A-223.

**28-30 Apr.** **Operation:** **TIEN GIANG/19/65**

**Location:** southern Kien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Task organization:** four Inf Bns, two Ranger Bns, one armored cavalry troop, 21<sup>st</sup> RAG. **Intelligence:** estimated 2 enemy Cos. **Execution:** the objective was to penetrate a secret VC base in southern Kien Hoa, an area unvisited by government troops for 15 months. **Results:** 162 enemy killed, 66 detained, 3 ARVN KIA and 15 ARVN WIA.

**30 Apr.** DoD notifies the US Embassy in Saigon that "decision has been taken to deploy in early May, at your call, three battalion equivalents into Bien Hoa/Vung Tau and three battalion equivalents into Chu Lai".

**30 Apr.** Casualties for the month: US – 38 KIA, 88 WIA, 6 MIA, 1 POW; RVNAF – 700 KIA, 1700 WIA, 300 MIA; Enemy – 2807 KIA, 606 detained.

<b>Arrival:</b>	
8 Apr.	1/12 Marines
10 Apr.	2/3 Marines VMFA-531
12 Apr.	HQ 3d Marines
14 Apr.	3/4 Marines
16 Apr.	VMCJ-1 MASS-2
25 Apr.	581 <sup>st</sup> Signal Co
26 Apr.	3d Fld Hosp
28 Apr.	5 <sup>th</sup> Maint Bn
29 Apr.	554 <sup>th</sup> Maint Co

4 Formed with assets from 68<sup>th</sup> Avn Co.

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## MAY

**May** A new CIDG camp opens at An Lac for Det A-234.

**May** A new CIDG camp opens at Dong Xoai for Det A-342.

**May** A new CIDG camp opens at Binh Thanh Thon for Det A-413.

**4 May** The HQ of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ARVN Division is relocated from Da Nang to Quang Ngai.

**4-20 May** **Operation:** - (Le My Experiment)

**Location:** Le My, Hoa Vang District, Quang Nam Province.

**Type:** Clear and secure. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Marines. **Task organization:** 2/3 Marines. **Execution:** This operation marked the beginning of a rudimentary pacification program by III MAF.

**6 May** As it is reinforced by the landing of three more battalions at Chu Lai, the site of a projected airfield 55 miles south of Da Nang, the 9<sup>th</sup> MEB is transformed into the III Marine Expeditionary Force, which the next day becomes the III Marine Amphibious Force (III MAF), consisting of the forward elements of the 3d Marine Division and the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing.

**6-13 May** The 173d Airborne Brigade lands in Vietnam. The bulk of the brigade will secure the Bien Hoa airbase except for 1-503 Inf and a battery of 3-319 Art that will help protect the port of debarkation at Vung Tau.

**7 May** The 4<sup>th</sup> Marines RLT from Okinawa with the 3d Recon Battalion opened lands at Chu Lai to establish a third Marine enclave and secure the area for the construction of a jet-capable airfield.

**10 May** LBJ calls for the first bombing halt in ROLLING THUNDER. He asks the Soviets to act as intermediary but they refuse. Two messages intended for the North Vietnamese, one to their embassy in Moscow and the other through another government, are returned without comment. After eight days, the President orders the bombing resumed.

**11-12 May.** Battle of Song Be. The enemy launches its wet season offensive with an estimated four enemy battalions from the 271<sup>st</sup> and 273<sup>rd</sup> PLAF Regiments attacking the town of Song be, Capital of Phuoc Long Province. One ARVN Inf Bn and one ARVN Ranger Bn are sent to relieve the town. 297 enemy are killed, friendly casualties are 5 US KIA, 63 ARVN KIA, 13 US WIA, 109 ARVN WIA and 83 ARVN MIA.

**15 May** **Operation:** -

**Location:** Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 173d Abn Bde. **Task organization:** 2-503 Inf. **Execution:** The 173d Abn Bde conducted its first airborne assault northeast of its Bien Hoa base camp.

**16 May** A bomb is accidentally detonated at Bien Hoa Airbase. Twenty seven people are killed and 95 others wounded. Forty aircraft are destroyed.

**16 May** The 10<sup>th</sup> ARVN Infantry Division is organized with headquarters at Xuan Loc to control the 43<sup>rd</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> Regiments.

**19-20 May** **Operation:** 9-65

**Location:** Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 173d Abn Bde. **Task organization:** 2-503 Inf. **Execution:** 2-503 Inf searched an area 10 to 25 km north of Bien Hoa.

**20 May** First US Naval Gunfire mission in Vietnam by USS HAMMER (DD-718).

**20 May** A coup against Premier Quat fails and some 40 individuals are arrested.

**20 May** A new CIDG camp opens at Lac Thien for Det A-236.

**24 May** **Operation:** QUYET THANG 147

**Location:** Route 14, Pleiku and Kontum Provinces. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 24<sup>th</sup> Special Tactical Zone. **Task organization:** 2/40 ARVN Bn. **Execution:** The 24<sup>th</sup> STZ was tasked with reopening the road between Pleiku and Kontum.

**26 May** A new CIDG camp opens at Dak Sut for Det A-218.

**26-27 May** **Operation:** -

**Location:** Phuoc Tuy Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Con-**

**trolling headquarters:** 173d Abn Bde. **Task organization:** 1-503 Inf, 3-319 Art (-). **Execution:** 1-503 Inf searched an area 15 to 20 km northwest of Vung Tau. **Results:** 7 enemy killed, 8 US WIA.

**28 May** 1/51 ARVN Bn on a road clearing operation near Ba Gia, Quang Ngai Province, is ambushed by the 1<sup>st</sup> PLAF Regiment, suffering heavy casualties.

**29 May** The Phu Loc District capital is attacked by an estimated enemy battalion.

**29-30 May** **Operation:** TU LUC 150

**Location:** Ba Gia, Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 51<sup>st</sup> ARVN Infantry Regiment.

**Task organization:** 1/51, 2/51, 3<sup>rd</sup> VNMC Bn, 39<sup>th</sup> Ranger Bn, one M113 troop. **Intelligence:** 1<sup>st</sup> PLAF Regiment. **Execution:** the operation was conducted 13 km west of Quang Ngai City to relieve ambushed forces. **Results:** 84 enemy killed (800 estimated); friendly casualties: 107 KIA, 123 WIA, 367 MIA.

**30 May** The 32<sup>nd</sup> PAVN Regiment begins the siege of the Duc Co CIDG camp in Pleiku Province.

**31 May** Casualties for the month: US – 34 KIA, 189 WIA, 3 MIA, 1 POW; RVNAF – 900 KIA, 1800 WIA, 700 MIA; Enemy – 1817 KIA, 504 detained.

### Arrival:

1 May	Co A, 1 <sup>st</sup> Avn Bn Co A, 82d Avn Bn
3 May	VMO-2
6 May	E/17 Cav 173d S&S Bn HQ III MAF <sup>5</sup> HQ 3d Mar Div MABS-16, Force Log Support Grp
7 May	HQ 173d Abn Bde 1-503 Inf 2-503 Inf HQ 4 <sup>th</sup> Marines 1/4 Marines 2/4 Marines 3/12 Marines 3d Recon Bn HMM-161 NMCB-10
11 May	HQ 1 <sup>st</sup> MAW
12 May	D/16 Armor 173d Eng Co 3/3 Marines
13 May	3-319 Art
14 May	1 <sup>st</sup> ANGLICO
15 May	HMM-365
16 May	MAG-12
19 May	NMCR-30
20 May	3d Eng Bn
25 May	H&MS-12 1RAR
26 May	NMCB-5
29 May	63d Maint Bn 58 <sup>th</sup> Med Bn
30 May	123d Trans Co 347 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co, 1097 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co 1098 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co 97 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co
31 May	
<b>Departure:</b>	
6 May	HQ 9 <sup>th</sup> MEB
15 May	HMM-162

5 III Marine Expeditionary Force redesignated to III Marine Amphibious Force on 7 May.

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## JUNE

**1 Jun.** A-4 Skyhawks land at Chu Lai, a Marine Corps Short Airfield for Tactical Support (SATS), which is, in effect, an "aircraft carrier" on land, complete with catapult (from 1967 on) and arresting wires. Built by laying some 4000 feet of aluminum matting runways on highly unstable, sandy soil, Chu Lai was built in 24 days.

**4-15 Jun.** **Operation:** 13-65

**Location:** Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** reconnaissance. **Controlling headquarters:** 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA. **Task Organization:** Det B-52 Project DELTA, 91<sup>st</sup> Abn Rgr Bn. **Execution:** reconnaissance from FOB Phu Cat.

**5 Jun.** US officials in Saigon report that, after a two-month lull, main force VC units have returned to the battlefield in increasing numbers since early May.

**7 Jun.** General Westmoreland reports that North Vietnamese troops are infiltrating South Vietnam and ARVN forces are reluctant to assume the offensive and in some cases their steadfastness under fire is coming into doubt. He asks for another 41,000 combat troops now and another 52,000 later.

**9 Jun.** Some 2,500 US Army combat engineers begin the construction of a major base including an airfield, logistics and port facilities at Cam Ranh Bay, Khanh Hoa Province.

**9-15 Jun.** Battle of Don Luan (Dong Xoai). The 272<sup>nd</sup> and 273<sup>rd</sup> PLAF Regiments attack the Don Luan District Capital and the adjacent Dong Xoai CIDG camp in Phuoc Long Province, overrunning both. The ARVN sends the 1/7 and 1/48 Bns, 52<sup>nd</sup> Ranger Bn and 7<sup>th</sup> Abn Bn to recapture the town but all four units suffer heavy casualties. Results are 300 enemy killed, 625 more estimated, 416 ARVN KIA, 174 ARVN WIA and 233 ARVN MIA.

**13-18 Jun.** The 173d Abn Bde moves a battalion task force built around 1-503 Inf and Bty A, 3-319 Art to Phuoc Vinh in reaction to the Don Luan battle but is not committed and returns to Bien Hoa on the 18.

**15-30 Jun.** **Operation:** 14-65

**Location:** Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** reconnaissance. **Controlling headquarters:** 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA. **Task Organization:** Det B-52 Project DELTA, 91<sup>st</sup> Abn Rgr Bn. **Execution:** reconnaissance from FOB Bien Hoa.

**16 Jun.** A 20 pound charge is detonated at the civilian passenger terminal of Tan Son Nhut Airport. 46 people are injured including 34 Americans.

**17 Jun.** Two Navy F-4 Phantoms from the USS MIDWAY shoot down two MiG-17s south of Hanoi, the first MiG kills of the War.

**17 Jun.** Ambassador Taylor reports to Washington on the new coup in South Vietnam that has brought Generals Thieu and Ky to power.

**18 Jun. 65-15 Aug. 73** **Operation:** ARC LIGHT

**Location:** South Vietnam, North Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia. **Type:** B-52 tactical strikes. **Controlling headquarters:** Strategic Air Command. **Task Organization:** 43d SW, 72d SW (Prov), 307<sup>th</sup> SW, 376<sup>th</sup> SW, 3960<sup>th</sup> SW, 4133d BW (Prov), 4252d SW, 4258<sup>th</sup> SW. **Execution:** The first ARC LIGHT raid occurred on this day when 30 B-52Fs from Andersen AFB bombed a VC base camp near Ben Cat, Binh Duong Province. Two B-52s were lost after a mid-air collision.

**25 Jun.** A day after Hanoi announces that an American POW, Sgt. Harold G. Bennett, has been executed, a VC bomb explodes in the My Canh floating restaurant in Saigon, killing 44 persons, including 13 US.

**25 Jun.** An estimated two VC battalions attack Duc Hoa in Hau Nghia Province defended by a battalion from the 25<sup>th</sup> ARVN Division. 137 enemy are killed and 87 ARVN.

**25-26 Jun.** **Operation:** 1/65

**Location:** Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 173d Abn Bde. **Task organization:** 1RAR, 3-319 Art (-), E/17 Cav. **Execution:** 1RAR shakedown operation between the convergence of Routes 1 and 15 near Bien Hoa. **Results:** 1 US KIA, 3 AUS KIA, 2 US WIA, 7 AUS

WIA.

**27-30 Jun.** **Operation:** FRAG ORDER 1-11-2/65

**Location:** LZ NORTH, LZ SOUTH, War Zone D, Dong Nai River, Bien Hoa Province. **Controlling headquarters:** 173d Abn Bde, ARVN Abn Bde, 48<sup>th</sup> ARVN Regiment. **Task organization:** 1-503 Inf, 2-503 Inf, 1RAR, 3-319 Art, E/17 Cav, D/16 Arm, two ARVN Abn Bns, 48<sup>th</sup> ARVN Regiment (elts). **Execution:** This was the first combined US-ARVN operation of the war conducted 10 km north of Bien Hoa just beyond the Dong Nai. **Results:** 25 enemy killed.

**30 Jun.** Casualties for the month: US/FWF – 77 KIA, 276 WIA, 6 MIA, 3 POW; RVNAF – 1500 KIA, 2300 WIA, 1600 MIA; Enemy – 3550 KIA, 302 detained.

### Arrival:

1 Jun.	VMA-225 VMA-311
2 Jun.	344 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co
3 Jun.	HQ 2d Signal Grp 19 <sup>th</sup> S&S Co
4 Jun.	155 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co
8 Jun.	1 <sup>st</sup> APC Troop <sup>6</sup>
9 Jun.	HQ 35 <sup>th</sup> Eng Grp 53d Eng Co 3d Med Bn
11 Jun.	84 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn 513 <sup>th</sup> Eng Co 584 <sup>th</sup> Eng Co
15 Jun.	VMFA-513
16 Jun.	1/9 Marines 3d Motor Trans Bn
18 Jun.	8 <sup>th</sup> BS
21 Jun.	VMA-214
22 Jun.	HMM-261
24 Jun.	307 <sup>th</sup> TFS
25 Jun.	219 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co 121 <sup>st</sup> Trans Co 565 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co
26 Jun.	510 <sup>th</sup> Eng Co
27 Jun.	NMCB-9
29 Jun.	MWHG-1

### Departure:

15 Jun.	VMFA-531
17 Jun.	3/9 Marines
21 Jun.	13 <sup>th</sup> BS

## JULY

**1 Jul.** VC Sappers attack the Da Nang airfield, destroying one F-102 and two C-130 and damaging two F-102 and one C-130.

**1 Jul.** The SLF with BLT 3/7 Marines lands at Qui Nhon to protect an enclave at the seaward end of Route 19, the main highway from Pleiku.

**3 Jul.** In the week ending July 3, 1965, the allies have lost 264 and the VC 881 KIAs as the monsoon offensive heats up.

**6-10 Jul.** **Operation:** 3/65

**Location:** Tan Uyen Dong Nai River, Bien Hoa Province. **Controlling headquarters:** 173d Abn Bde. **Task organization:** 1-503 Inf, 2-503 Inf, 1RAR, 3-319 Art, E/17 Cav, D/16 Arm, 48<sup>th</sup> ARVN Regiment (elts). **Intelligence:** D800 VC Bn. **Execution:** The 173d Abn Bde searched an area east and northeast of Tan Uyen. On 7 July, A/1-503 Inf walked into an L-shaped ambush and killed 50 VC. **Results:** 53 enemy killed (estimated 350), 22 detained, 10 US KIA, 1 AUS KIA, 46 US WIA, 3 AUS WIA.

**8 Jul.** 2/7 Marines relieves the SLF battalion, BLT 3/7, in Qui Nhon, which is re-embarked in ARG shipping, and establish a base camp in the Phu Tai Valley.

**8 Jul.** GEN Maxwell D. Taylor resigns as Ambassador to RVN,

<sup>6</sup> Formed with elements from No. 1 Troop, A Squadron, 4<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Prince of Wales's Light Horse.

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Henry Cabot Lodge named as successor.

**8 Jul.** The 2/9 ARVN Bn is ambushed outside Dau Tieng, losing 157 KIA (including 4 US), 33 WIA and 199 MIA (whom 120 returned).

**9 Jul.** SFC Isaac Camacho escapes after 20 months as VC prisoner.

**9 Jul.** The enemy overruns the triangular-shaped fortifications of the VNN Coastal Group 15 at Cua An Hoa.

**10-24 Jul.** **Operation: 15-65**

**Location:** Pleiku Province. **Type:** reconnaissance. **Controlling headquarters:** 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA. **Task Organization:** Det B-52 Project DELTA, 91<sup>st</sup> Abn Rgr Bn. **Execution:** reconnaissance from FOB Pleiku.

**12 Jul.** Company A, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, 3d Marines, is deep into enemy-controlled territory near Da Nang when it is attacked by up to 100 Viet Cong.

**12 Jul.** The Marines Da Nang TAOR is expanded to the populated area south of the city as 2/9 Marines, A/1/9 marines and D/3d Recon move into Duong Son (1) south of the Phong Le Bridge.

**12 Jul.** 1-18 Inf and B/1-7 Art (1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div) land at Cam Ranh Bay to protect the port of debarkation.

**14 Jul.** The bulk of the 2d Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division lands at Vung Tau and moves by air to Bien Hoa to establish its base camp at Long Binh Post.

**15 Jul.** MACV confirms the presence in RVN of the 101<sup>st</sup> PAVN Regiment and acknowledges the probable presence of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> PAVN Regiments.

**17 Jul.** First use of B-52s in support of ground operation when 30 aircraft bomb a suspected VC area near the Mang Yang pass.

**17 Jul.** **Operation: 4/65**

**Location:** Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 173d Abn Bde. **Task organization:** 1RAR (- C & D Coy), 1<sup>st</sup> APC Troop. **Execution:** 1RAR searched a portion of the brigade's TAOR 6 km northeast of Bien Hoa air-base.

**20 Jul.** US Army Support Command, Vietnam redesignated US Army, Vietnam, with GEN Westmoreland as commander and MG Norton as Deputy CG.

**20 Jul.** The Bu Dop CIDG camp in Phuoc Long Province is attacked by an estimated enemy battalion.

**20-27 Jul.** **Operation: TAN PHONG**

**Location:** Route 19, Pleiku and Binh Dinh Provinces. **Type:** road clearing **Controlling headquarters:** 22<sup>nd</sup> ARVN Division. **Task organization:** VNMC TF ALPHA, 2<sup>nd</sup> ARVN Abn TF 22<sup>nd</sup> Division (elts). **Execution:** RVNAF units cleared Route 19 between Qui Nhon and Pleiku for the movement of essential civilian and military cargo. The supplies are badly needed to relieve the shortages in the highland area caused by VC interdiction of routes.

**24 Jul.** The first US plane is downed by a SAM over North Vietnam.

**27 Jul.** **Operation: IRON HAND**

**Location:** North Vietnam. **Type:** SAM suppression. **Controlling headquarters:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Division (later 7<sup>th</sup> Air Force) **Execution:** IRON HAND strikes were aimed at suppressing NVN SAM sites before they became operational. The first such mission took place on 27 July when 46 F-105s struck two sites near Phu Nhien, 40 miles northwest of Hanoi.

**28-29 Jul.** **Operation: LIEN KET 4**

**Location:** Route 529, Tra Bong, Binh Son, Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 4<sup>th</sup> Marines. **Task organization:** 2/4 Marines, 3/12 Marines, 3<sup>rd</sup> VNMC Bn, 3/51 ARVN Bn. **Execution:** This was the first combined USMC-RVNAF operation of the war, conducted between Binh Son and Tra Bong.

**28 Jul.-2 Aug.** **Operation: OPORD 19-65**

**Location:** Rung Sat Special Zone; Phuoc Tuy Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 173d Abn Bde. **Task organization:** 1-503 Inf, 2/503 Inf, 3-319 Art, E/17 Cav, D/16 Arm. **Execution:** The brigade conducted this operation to

sever the supply route of the Vietcong between the Rung Sat Special Zone and Phuoc Tuy Province.

**29 Jul.** The 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division lands at Cam Ranh Bay and establishes its base camp at Dong Ba Thin.

**29 Jul.-3 Aug.** **Operation: 5/65**

**Location:** Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** patrolling operation. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1RAR, 161 Bty RNZA, 1<sup>st</sup> APC Troop. **Execution:** 1RAR provided warning and defense for the Bien Hoa air base during the 173d Abn Bde deployment to Phuoc Tuy Province.

**31 Jul.** Task Force 115, the Coastal Surveillance Force, is activated. Operational responsibility for Operation MARKET TIME passes from CINCPACFLT to COMUSMACV.

**31 Jul.** Casualties for the month: US/FWF – 69 KIA, 330 WIA, 11 MIA, 3 POW; RVNAF – 1100 KIA, 1600 WIA, 500 MIA; Enemy – 2602 KIA, 406 detained.

### Arrival:

1 Jul.	3/7 Marines
3 Jul.	220 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co
5 Jul.	221 <sup>st</sup> Avn Co
6 Jul.	HQ 9 <sup>th</sup> Marines
	2/9 Marines
7 Jul.	2/12 Marines
	MAG-11
	H&MS-11
8 Jul.	2/7 Marines
	4/12 Marines
	3d Tank Bn
	6251 <sup>st</sup> TFW
	6252d TFW
	6253d CSG
	6254 <sup>th</sup> CSG
	6255 <sup>th</sup> CSG
	6256 <sup>th</sup> CSG
9 Jul.	56 <sup>th</sup> Signal Co
	593d Signal Co
	3d Antitank Bn
10 Jul.	VMFA-542
11 Jul.	2d Maint Bn
	79 <sup>th</sup> Maint Bn
	11 <sup>th</sup> Supply Co
	19 <sup>th</sup> Maint Co
	553d Maint Co
12 Jul.	1-18 Inf
	B/1-7 Art
	1 <sup>st</sup> 8" Howitzer Bty
14 Jul.	HHC 2d Bde, 1 <sup>st</sup> Inf Div
	2-16 inf
	2-18 Inf
	1-7 Art (-)
	C/8-6 Art
	9 <sup>th</sup> Fld Hosp
	515 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co
16 Jul.	429 <sup>th</sup> TFS
20 Jul.	Headquarters USARV
	524 <sup>th</sup> QM Co
21 Jul.	1 <sup>st</sup> Amphibian Tractor Bn
	161 Bty, RNZA
22 Jul.	670 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co
23 Jul.	597 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co
24 Jul.	41 <sup>st</sup> Signal Bn
28 Jul.	15 <sup>th</sup> S&S Bn,
	15 <sup>th</sup> Med Bn
29 Jul.	HQ 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde, 101st Abn Div
	1-327 Inf
	2-327 Inf
	2-502 Inf
	2-320 Art
	A/326 Eng Bn
	A/2-17 Cav

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	101 <sup>st</sup> S&S Bn
	101 <sup>st</sup> QM Co
30 Jul.	11 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co
31 Jul.	US Army Depot Cam Ranh Bay
	Task Force 115 <sup>7</sup>
<b>Departure:</b>	
8 Jul.	33d TG inactivated
	34 <sup>th</sup> TG inactivated
	23d ABG inactivated

## AUGUST

**1 Aug.** Task Force ALPHA (Provisional) is activated in Nha Trang as the first US Army Field Force headquarters in South Vietnam.

**2-3 Aug. Operation: BLASTOUT I**

**Location:** Cam Ne, Yen River, Quang Nam Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Marines.

**Task organization:** 1/3 Marines, D/1/9 Marines, D/2/12 Marines, 4<sup>th</sup> ARVN Regiment (one Bn). **Execution:** Co D, 1/9 Marines cleared Cam Ne Village south of the Phong Le Bridge with 1/3 providing blocking forces. 51 huts are burned as Morley Safer and a CBS camera crew are filming. **Results:** 4 US WIA; enemy losses unknown.

**3-15 Aug. Operation: DAN THANG 5**

**Location:** Duc Co CIDG camp, Pleiku Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** ARVN II Corps, ARVN Abn Bde, VNMC TF ALPHA. **Task organization:** , 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Abn Bns, 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> VNMC Bns, 3<sup>rd</sup> ARVN ACS, 52d Avn Bn. **Intelligence:** 32<sup>nd</sup> PAVN Regiment. **Execution:** The 32<sup>nd</sup> PAVN Regiment had been besieging the Duc Co CIDG camp since May when the ARVN II Corps mounted a relief operation. While the Abn Bns were airlifted to Duc Co, the Marines and Armor attacked along Route 19 to break the siege. **Results:** 400 enemy killed, friendly losses unknown.

**4-5 Aug. Operation: MARBLE MOUNTAIN**

**Location:** Marble Mountain, Quang Nam Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Marines.

**6-7 Aug. Operation: THUNDERBOLT**

**Location:** Tra Bong River, Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 4<sup>th</sup> Marines. **Task organization:** 4<sup>th</sup> Marines (one Bn), 51<sup>st</sup> ARVN Regiment (elts). **Intelligence:** 1<sup>st</sup> PLAF Regiment. **Execution:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Marines searched an area extending 7,000 meters south of the Tra Bong and west of Route 1. **Results:** 2 US WIA.

**7-11 Aug. Operation: 6/65**

**Location:** north-central Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 173d Abn Bde. **Task organization:** 1RAR, D/16 Arm, 1<sup>st</sup> APC Trp, B/3-319 Art. **Execution:** 1RAR searched a 30 square-kilometers area 13 km north of Bien Hoa air base. **Results:** 3 enemy killed, 3 AUS WIA.

**8 Aug.** A new CIDG camp opens at Dak To for Det A-244.

**9 Aug.** US Marines begin to form CAPs (Combined Action Platoons made of one Marines squad and one Corpsman) to pacify the villages of the Vietnamese countryside within their TAOR from Quang Ngai Province to the DMZ.

**11-16 Aug. Operation: 16-65**

**Location:** Pleiku Province. **Type:** reconnaissance. **Controlling headquarters:** 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA. **Task Organization:** Det B-52 Project DELTA, 91<sup>st</sup> Abn Rgr Bn. **Execution:** reconnaissance from FOB Pleiku.

**11 Aug.-6 Sep.** The 173d Airborne Brigade (HQ, 1-503 Inf, 2-503 Inf, 3-319 Art, E/17 Cav) and 2-18 Inf of the 2d Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division are airlifted to Pleiku to support the relief operation of Duc Co, securing Highway 19 and the strategic Thanh Binh Pass.

**11 Aug.-8 Sep. Operation: BARRACUDA**

**Location:** Dien Khanh, Khanh Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task**

**organization:** 1-18 Inf, B/1-7 Art. **Execution:** 1-18 Inf conducted this month-long operation 10 km west of Dien Khanh. **Results:** 25 enemy killed.

**11 Aug.** North Vietnamese SAMs shoot down one US Navy A-4 and damage another.

**12 Aug. Operation: MIDNIGHT**

**Location:** Elephant Valley, Song Cu De, Quang Nam Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Marines. **Task organization:** 2/3 Marines. **Execution:** 2/3 Marines conducted a night helicopter assault into Elephant Valley. **Results:** 2 enemy killed, 25 detained.

**12 Aug.-8 Sep. Operation: 7/65**

**Location:** central Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 173d Abn Bde. **Task organization:** 1RAR, D/16 Arm, 1<sup>st</sup> APC Trp, 161 Bty RNZA. **Execution:** 1RAR searched a 30 square-kilometers area 6 km northeast of Bien Hoa air base to provide security during the brigade's deployment to Pleiku Province.

**15 Aug.** As North Vietnamese air losses mount, Hanoi orders a complete stand-down of its Air Force between August 1965 and April 1966 for its pilots to receive better foreign training. During this time, North Vietnam also gets its first MiG-21 fighters and Il-28 bombers.

**16-18 Aug. Operation: ANVIL**

**Location:** Nha Trang, Khanh Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 101<sup>st</sup> Abn Div. **Task organization:** two Inf Bns, one Art Bty, A/2-17 Cav. **Execution:** first brigade-size operation, conducted west of Nha Trang.

**17 Aug.** MACV estimates that 1,330 VC have been killed during the past week while Allies had 214 KIAs. More VC and weapons were captured than government troops missing in action and government weapons lost. The VC also continued to avoid initiating any actions by major units although they kept up their heavy harassment of villages and outposts. A little progress was made in clearing lines of communication.

**18 Aug.** Battle of Dak Sut. A large VC force overwhelms the district HQ on the high ground overlooking Camp Dak Sut, an interim SF camp run by the A-218 SF Det. The VC then assaults the camp which is defended by 474 CIDG soldiers. The savage battle rages four hours but no relief is forthcoming and the camp is overrun before daylight. Only half the garrison manages to evade back to friendly lines.

**18 Aug. Operation: 8/65**

**Location:** north-central Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** artillery raid. **Controlling headquarters:** 1RAR. **Task organization:** TF Lander: C/1RAR, D/16 Arm, 1<sup>st</sup> APC Trp, 161 Bty RNZA, B/1-7 Art. **Execution:** the guns of 161 Bty, RNZA, are established in a temporary gun position forward on the southern side of the Song Dong Nai 8 km north of Bien Hoa Airbase.

**18-24 Aug Operation: STARLITE<sup>8</sup>**

**Location:** Van Tuong, An Cuong, An Thoi, Nam Yen, Hill 43, GREEN Beach, LZ RED, LZ WHITE, LZ BLUE, Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 7<sup>th</sup> Marines. **Task organization:** 2/4 Marines, 3/3 Marines, 3/7 Marines, 3/12 Marines, K/4/12 Marines, HMM-361, HMM-363, SLF, Phibron 7. **Intelligence:** 1<sup>st</sup> PLAF Regiment (60<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> Bns, 45<sup>th</sup> HW Bn). **Execution:** While 2/4 conducted an air assault on three separate LZs west of Nam Yen, 3/3 (- M Co) landed across GREEN Beach near An Cuong. **Results:** 614 enemy killed, 9 detained, 45 US KIA and 203 US WIA.

**19-22 Aug. Operation: CUTLASS**

**Location:** Nha Trang, Khanh Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 101<sup>st</sup> Abn Div. **Task organization:** 1-327 Inf, 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA (elts). **Execution:** operation in the hills south of Nha Trang.

**20 Aug.** A new CIDG camp opens at Van Canh for Det A-223.

**22 Aug.-28 Sep. Operation: HIGHLAND**

**Location:** An Khe, Deo Mang Pass, Route 19, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy, road clearing, security.

7 Redesignation of Task Force 71

8 Originally SATELLITE.

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**Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 101<sup>st</sup> Abn Div. **Task organization:** 1-327 Inf, 2-327 Inf, 2-502 Inf, 2-320 Inf, TF Hansen (A/2-17 Cav, Recon platoons from the three Inf Bns), 2/7 Marines. **Execution:** the brigade conducted this operation to reopen Route 19 between Qui Nhon and An Khe and provide security for the debarkation and deployment of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. On 23 Aug. 2-327 Inf moved overland from Cam Ranh Bay to Nha Trang and air assaulted into An Khe to secure the airfield. From 22-25 Aug. other elements of the brigade moved from Cam Ranh Bay to Nha Trang then via LST to Qui Nhon. 1-327 and 2-327 were tasked with protecting An Khe, 2-502 secured the An Khe (Deo Mang) Pass while TF Hansen patrolled Route 19. **Results:** 261 enemy killed, 577 detained, 22 US KIA, 108 US WIA.

**24 Aug.** The Bien Hoa airbase is bombarded by 300 enemy shells which includes mountain guns, mortars and 75mm recoilless rifles. 26 US and 23 VN aircraft are damaged with 29 personnel wounded.

**24-31 Aug. Operation:** -

**Location:** Route 21, Ban Me Thuot, Khanh Duong, Darlac and Khanh Hoa Province. **Type:** road clearing. **Controlling headquarters:** 23<sup>rd</sup> ARVN Division. **Task organization:** 23<sup>rd</sup> ARVN Division (elts), VNMC TF ALPHA. **Execution:** the 23<sup>rd</sup> ARVN Division reopened Route 21 between Ban Me Thuot and Khanh Duong.

**25 Aug.** Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge arrives in Saigon to begin his second tour.

**20 Aug.** A new CIDG camp opens at Tra Bong for Det A-107.

**29 Aug. Operation:** 9/65

**Location:** north-central Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** artillery raid. **Controlling headquarters:** 1RAR. **Task organization:** TF Tatam: C/1RAR, D/16 Arm, 1<sup>st</sup> APC Trp, 161 Bty RNZA, B/1-7 Art. **Execution:** the guns of 161 Bty, RNZA, are established in a temporary gun position forward on the southern bank of the Song Dong Nai 5 km northeast of Bien Hoa Airbase.

**31 Aug.** President Johnson signs a law criminalizing draft card burning. Although it may result in a five year prison sentence and \$1,000 fine, the burnings become common during anti-war rallies and often attract the attention of news media.

**31 Aug.** Casualties for the month: US/FWF – 92 KIA, 535 WIA, 8 MIA, 1 POW; RVNAF – 800 KIA, 2000 WIA, 200 MIA; Enemy – 3445 KIA, 561 detained.

## Arrival:

1 Aug.	HQ Task Force ALPHA (Provisional) HMM-361
2 Aug.	HQ 29 <sup>th</sup> General Support Grp 185 <sup>th</sup> Maint Bn
4 Aug.	3d 155m Gun Bty
5 Aug.	11 <sup>th</sup> Trans Bn
7 Aug.	394 <sup>th</sup> Trans Bn
8 Aug.	HQ 4 <sup>th</sup> Transportation Command 5 <sup>th</sup> ACS 6250 <sup>th</sup> CSG
13 Aug.	576 <sup>th</sup> Ord Co
14 Aug.	3/9 Marines
15 Aug.	HQ 7 <sup>th</sup> Marines 1/7 Marines
16 Aug.	498 <sup>th</sup> Med Co 3/11 Marines 13 <sup>th</sup> BS
18 Aug.	13 <sup>th</sup> Signal Bn
22 Aug.	HQ 937 <sup>th</sup> Eng Grp 70 <sup>th</sup> Eng C Bn
23 Aug.	87 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn 66 <sup>th</sup> MP Co 630 <sup>th</sup> MP Co 31 <sup>st</sup> Supply Co 3d MASH 561 <sup>st</sup> Med Co
24 Aug.	7 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn

25 Aug.	34 <sup>th</sup> S&S Bn 624 <sup>th</sup> S&S Co
26 Aug.	615 <sup>th</sup> MP Co
27 Aug.	62d Eng Grp 149 <sup>th</sup> Maint Co 618 <sup>th</sup> Maint Co 542d Med Co 58 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co 63d Trans Co 71 <sup>st</sup> Trans Co 79 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co
28 Aug.	1/1 Marines HQ 12 <sup>th</sup> Avn Grp 47 <sup>th</sup> Maint Co
30 Aug.	54 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co 102d Eng Co 59 <sup>th</sup> Serv Co 90 <sup>th</sup> Replacement Bn 223d S&S Co
31 Aug.	504 <sup>th</sup> MP Bn 578 <sup>th</sup> Signal Co 85 <sup>th</sup> SMEH 134 <sup>th</sup> QM Co 2d Trans Co 61 <sup>st</sup> Trans Co 119 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co
<b>Departure:</b>	
1 Aug.	Det 3, 405 <sup>th</sup> FW
15 Aug.	8 <sup>th</sup> BS

## SEPTEMBER

**1 Sep.** The 173d Airborne Brigade sends 1-503 Inf and supporting elements to Kontum, but the enemy avoids contact.

**1 Sep. Operation:** TALON

**Location:** An Khe, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 101<sup>st</sup> Abn Div. **Execution:** sub-operation of HIGHLAND.

**3 Sep. Operation:** 10/65

**Location:** FSB Bien Cat, north-central Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** artillery raid. **Controlling headquarters:** 1RAR. **Task organization:** 1RAR (- C Coy), D/16 Arm, 1<sup>st</sup> APC Trp, 161 Bty RNZA, C/1-7 Art. **Execution:** the guns of 161 Bty, RNZA and C/1-7 Art, are established in a temporary gun position 14 km north-east of Bien Hoa Airbase.

**4 Sep. Operation:** VENTURE

**Location:** An Khe, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 101<sup>st</sup> Abn Div.. **Execution:** sub-operation of HIGHLAND.

**5-7 Sep. Operation:** STOMP

**Location:** Ky Son Mountain, LZ PALOMINO, LZ SHETLAND, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** TF ALPHA. **Task organization:** 2/7 Marines. **Execution:** 2/7 Marines conducted this operation 10 miles north of Qui Nhon. Controversy arose around employment of CS gas during STOMP. **Results:** 23 enemy killed, 3 detained.

**7 Sep. Operation:** BAYONET

**Location:** An Khe, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 101<sup>st</sup> Abn Div.. **Execution:** sub-operation of HIGHLAND.

**7-10 Sep. Operation:** PIRANHA

**Location:** WHITE Beach, LZ OAK, LZ BIRCH, LZ PINE, Batangan Peninsula, Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 7<sup>th</sup> Marines. **Task organization:** 3/3 Marines, 1/7 Marines, 3/7 Marines, 2/4 ARVN Bn, 3<sup>rd</sup> VNMC Bn. **Intelligence:** remnants of 1<sup>st</sup> PLAF Regiment. **Execution:** While 1/7 landed across WHITE Beach, 3/7 air-assaulted into LZ OAK followed by 2/4 ARVN on BIRCH and the 3<sup>rd</sup> VNMC Bn on PINE. **Results:** 178 enemy killed, 360 detained, 2 US KIA, 5 VN KIA, 14 US WIA and 33 VN WIA.

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**8 Sep. Operation:** -

**Location:** Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy, security. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 2-16 Inf. **Execution:** first battalion-size operation conducted by the 2d Brigade.

**9 Sep. Operation:** CACTI

**Location:** An Khe, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 101<sup>st</sup> Abn Div.. **Execution:** sub-operation of HIGHLAND.

**9 Sep.-27 Oct. Operation:** GOLDEN FLEECE

**Location:** Hoa Hai, Marble Mountain, Quang Nam Province. **Type:** rice harvest security. **Controlling headquarters:** 9<sup>th</sup> Marines. **Task organization:** 1/9, 2/9 and 3/9 Marines. **Execution:** the 9<sup>th</sup> Marines conducted this operation to protect the rice harvest south of Marble Mountain.

**11 Sep.** Group of Montagnard tribesmen disarmed in Darlac Province in GVN move against FULRO.

**13-22 Sep. Operation:** ZIPPER

**Location:** Binh Son District, Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 7<sup>th</sup> Marines. **Task organization:** Cos A & C, 1/7 Marines.

**14 Sep.-8 Oct. Operation:** OPORD 12-65<sup>9</sup>/BEN CAT 1

**Location:** Long Nguyen Secret Zone, Ben Cat, Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 173d Abn Bde. **Task organization:** 1-503 Inf, 2-503 Inf, 3-319 Art, 1RAR, 1<sup>st</sup> APC Troop, 161 Bty RNZA, 5<sup>th</sup> ARVN Division (one regiment). **Execution:** operation aimed at protecting the deployment of the 3d Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division to Lai Khe. **Results:** 46 enemy killed, 3 US KIA, 2 NZ KIA, 1 AUS KIA, 5 AUS WIA and 35 US WIA.

**15 Sep.** Group of Montagnards reaffirms loyalty to GVN at Ban Me Thuot ceremony.

**16 Sep. Operation:** -

**Location:** Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy, security. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 2-16 Inf. **Execution:** second battalion-size operation conducted by the 2d Brigade 15 km north of Bien Hoa.

**18-21 Sep. Operation:** GIBRALTAR

**Location:** An Ninh, Song Con Valley, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 101<sup>st</sup> Abn Div. **Task organization:** 2-502 Inf. **Intelligence:** 94<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> Bns, 2<sup>nd</sup> PLAF Regiment. **Execution:** As a sub-operation to Operation HIGHLAND, 2-502 air-assaulted into an area near An Ninh 30 km east of An Khe and set down on a training base of the 2<sup>nd</sup> PLAF Regiment. **Results:** 226 enemy killed, 9 detained, 13 US KIA and 44 US WIA.

**19 Sep.** A new CIDG camp opens at Mai Linh for Det A-226.

**21 Sep.** 1-327 Inf relieves 2-502 Inf at An Khe Pass.

**21-28 Sep.** 2-327 Inf conducts parachute proficiency jumps north of An Khe.

**22 Sep.-19 Oct. Operation:** GOOD FRIEND I

**Location:** Cam Ranh Bay. **Type:** clear and secure. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 101<sup>st</sup> Abn Div. **Task organization:** 2-502 Inf, 1-18 Inf. **Execution:** 2-502 Inf relieved 1-18 Inf at Cam Ranh Bay and secured the area for the deployment of the 2d ROK Marine Brigade.

**23 Sep.** The Phu Cu Outpost south of Bong Son in Binh Dinh Province is overrun by an estimated two enemy companies.

**23-29 Sep. Operation:** QUYET THANG 165

**Location:** Phu Cu Outpost, Phu Cu Pass, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 22<sup>nd</sup> ARVN Division. **Task organization:** 2/41 Bn, 3/41 Bn, 4/41 Bn (one Co), 23<sup>rd</sup> Ranger Bn, 3<sup>rd</sup> ACS (3<sup>rd</sup> Trp), 731<sup>st</sup> and 732<sup>nd</sup> RF Companies. **Execution:** The 22<sup>nd</sup> ARVN Division mounted this operation to retake the Phu Cu outpost. It evolved in a week long battle against an estimated enemy regiment. **Results:** 700 enemy killed (2,050 estimated), 5 detained, 93 ARVN KIA and 116 ARVN WIA.

**24-27 Sep. Operation:** -

**Location:** Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy, secur-

ity. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 2-16 Inf, 2-18 Inf. **Execution:** first brigade-size operation conducted by the 2d Brigade.

**25 Sep. Operation:** DAGGER THRUST I

**Location:** Vung Mu Peninsula, Phu Yen Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** Special Landing Force (TF 78.5). **Task organization:** BLT 2/1 Marines, HMM-163. **Execution:** first in a series of rapid succession amphibious raids along the coast of Vietnam. Negative contact.

**27 Sep. Operation:** DAGGER THRUST II

**Location:** Ben Goi Bay, Khanh Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** Special Landing Force (TF 78.5). **Task organization:** BLT 2/1 Marines, HMM-163. **Execution:** second in a series of rapid succession amphibious raids along the coast of Vietnam. The SLF didn't even land as recon teams reported no enemy presence in the target area.

**28 Sep.-15 Nov Operation:** SAYONARA/GOOD FRIEND II/SPREAD OUT

**Location:** An Nhon, Binh Khe, Binh Dinh Province **Type:** search and destroy, security, rice denial. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 101<sup>st</sup> Abn Div. **Task organization:** 1-327 Inf, 2-327 Inf, 2-320 Art, 2/7 Marines, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2d Bdes, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Execution:** the operation was designed to provide security for the deployment of the Capital ROK Infantry Division. The 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div participated from 20-23 Oct and the 2d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div participated from 24 Oct to 15 Nov.

**29 Sep.** 1-18 Inf rejoins its parent brigade at Long Binh Post.

**29 Sep.-25 Oct. Operation:** BIG RED

**Location:** Bien Hoa and Binh Duong Provinces. **Type:** troop movement. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Execution:** Operation BIG RED covered the debarkation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div in Vietnam and deployment of its brigades to their assigned base camps.

**30 Sep.** A new CIDG camp opens at Bao Loc for Det A-232.

**30 Sep.** Casualties for the month: US/FWF – 98 KIA, 601 WIA, 23 MIA, 2 POW; RVNAF – 800 KIA, 2000 WIA, 300 MIA; Enemy – 3072 KIA, 687 detained.

## Arrival:

1 Sep.	MAG-36 H&MS-16 MABS-36 HMM-363 VMO-6 16 <sup>th</sup> TRS
2 Sep.	19 <sup>th</sup> Eng C Bn 362d Eng Co 509 <sup>th</sup> Eng Co 511 <sup>th</sup> Eng Co 553d Eng Co 586 <sup>th</sup> Signal Co 625 <sup>th</sup> S&S Co 629 <sup>th</sup> Supply Co 820 <sup>th</sup> Ord Co 151 <sup>st</sup> Trans Co 541 <sup>st</sup> Trans Co
2 Sep.	HMM-362
3 Sep.	972d Signal Bn 82d Trans Co 3/7 Marines
4 Sep.	272d MP Co 611 <sup>th</sup> Ord Co HMM-364
5 Sep.	577 <sup>th</sup> MP Co 148 <sup>th</sup> S&S Co 85 <sup>th</sup> Maint Co
6 Sep.	HQ 60 <sup>th</sup> Ord Grp 228 <sup>th</sup> Signal Co 74 <sup>th</sup> Supply Co 10 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co
10 Sep.	1 <sup>st</sup> S&T Bn

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11 Sep.	96 <sup>th</sup> S&S Bn 371 <sup>st</sup> ASA HQ 1 <sup>st</sup> Cav Div HQ 11 <sup>th</sup> Avn Grp 227 <sup>th</sup> Avn Bn 228 <sup>th</sup> Avn Bn 1-21 Art
12 Sep.	HQ 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde, 1 <sup>st</sup> Cav Div HQ 2d Bde, 1 <sup>st</sup> Cav Div HQ 3d Bde, 1 <sup>st</sup> Cav Div 1-77 Art 2-17 Art 163d Trans Co
13 Sep.	229 <sup>th</sup> Avn Bn 2-20 Art (ARA)
14 Sep.	15 <sup>th</sup> Trans Bn 105 Fld Bty, RAA
15 Sep.	1-5 Cav 2-5 Cav 1-7 Cav 2-7 Cav 1-8 Cav 2-8 Cav 1-9 Cav 1-12 Cav 2-12 Cav 2-19 Art 17 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co 478 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co 569 <sup>th</sup> Eng Co 54 <sup>th</sup> Signal Bn 27 <sup>th</sup> Maint Bn 121 <sup>st</sup> Maint Co 178 <sup>th</sup> Maint Co 169 <sup>th</sup> Ord Bn 606 <sup>th</sup> Ord Co 62d Trans Co 191 <sup>st</sup> MI Co
16 Sep.	647 <sup>th</sup> QM Co
18 Sep.	46 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn 88 <sup>th</sup> S&S Bn
19 Sep.	10 <sup>th</sup> Trans Bn 14 <sup>th</sup> Trans Bn 128 <sup>th</sup> Signal Co 540 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co HQ 2d ROK Marine Bde 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn, 2d ROK Mar Bde 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn, 2d ROK Mar Bde 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn, 2d ROK Mar Bde
20 Sep.	HQ 18 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bde HQ 43d Med Grp
23 Sep.	523d Fld Hosp
26 Sep.	NMCB-8
29 Sep.	6/71 Art HQ Capital ROK Inf Div
30 Sep.	HQ 97 <sup>th</sup> Art Grp 6/56 Art
<b>Departure:</b>	
1 Sep.	1/3 Marines to Okinawa
30 Sep.	VMA-225

## OCTOBER

**1 Oct. *Operation:* DAGGER THRUST III**  
**Location:** Tam Quan, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** Special Landing Force (TF 78.5). **Task organization:** BLT 2/1 Marines, HMM-163. **Execution:** third in a series of rapid succession amphibious raids along the coast of Vietnam. SLF reembarked after fleeting contact with local guerrillas.

**2-4 Oct. *Operation:* QUICK DRAW**

**Location:** Ly Tin District, Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 7<sup>th</sup> Marines. **Task organization:** 3/7 Marines.

**3-14 Oct. *Operation:* SHINY BAYONET**

**Location:** Route 19, Deo Mang Pass, Binh Khe, Vinh Thanh Valley, Suoi Ca Valley, La Tinh Valley, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Task organization:** 1-7 Cav, 2-7 Cav, 2-12 Cav, 1-21 Art, VNMC TF ALPHA (2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> VNMC Bns). **Execution:** the operation was conducted in two phases: from 3-8 Oct the 3d Bde secured Route 19 from An Khe to Binh Khe and conducted search and destroy operations in the Vinh Thanh Valley. From 10-14 October, the 3d Brigade joined TF ALPHA of the VNMC Brigade to search the Suoi Ca and La Tinh Valleys.

**4-6 Oct. *Operation:* X-RAY**

**Location:** Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 173d Abn Bde.

**4-25 Oct. *Operation:* HOPSCOTCH**

**Location:** Phuoc Vinh, Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy, security. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 2-16 Inf, 1-18 Inf, 2-18 Inf, 1-7 Art. **Execution:** operation aimed at protecting the deployment of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division to Phuoc Vinh.

**5 Oct.** President Johnson officially authorizes the use of Riot Control agents (CS gas) in Vietnam.

**6 Oct.-19 Nov. *Operation:* HAPPY VALLEY**

**Location:** Vinh Thanh Valley, Binh Dinh Province **Type:** search and clear. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Task organization:** 2d Bde: 1-5 Cav, 2-5 Cav, 1-77 Art; 3d Bde: 2-5 Cav, 1-7 Cav, 2-12 Cav, 1-21 Art. **Execution:** the operation was aimed at reestablishing GVN presence in the valley and protecting the construction of a new CIDG camp at Vinh Thanh. It was conducted by the 3d Bde from 6-8 Oct and by the 2d Bde from 9 Oct-19 Nov.

**8-14 Oct. *Operation:* OPORD 25-65<sup>10</sup>/IRON TRIANGLE**

**Location:** Ben Cat, Iron Triangle, Binh Duong Province **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 173d Abn Bde. **Task organization:** 1-503 Inf, 2-503 Inf, 3-319 Art, 1RAR, D/16 Arm, E/17 Cav, 1<sup>st</sup> APC Trp, 161 Bty RNZA. **Execution:** brief description, when available. **Results:** operation conducted in the Iron Triangle southwest of Ben Cat to protect the establishment of the 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div at Lai Khe. **Results:** 106 enemy killed, 115 detained, 8 US KIA, 2 AUS KIA, 25 US WIA, 37 AUS KIA.

**10 Oct. *Operation:* DRUM HEAD**

**Location:** Southwest of Chu Lai, Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 7<sup>th</sup> Marines. **Task organization:** 3/7 Marines.

**10-14 Oct. *Operation:* CONCORD**

**Location:** Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div.

**13 Oct. *Operation:* BLACK LION**

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1-28 Inf.

**13-18 Oct. *Operation:* 19-65**

**Location:** Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** reconnaissance. **Controlling headquarters:** 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA. **Task Organization:** Det B-52 Project DELTA, 91<sup>st</sup> Abn Rgr Bn. **Execution:** reconnaissance from FOB Qui Nhon.

**14 Oct. *Operation:* CHECKMATE**

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 2-28 Inf.

**14-19 Oct. *Operation:* LONESOME END**

**Location:** Route 19, Mang Yang Pass, Binh Dinh Province **Type:** road security **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Execution:** the brigade secured the Mang Yang Pass for a 1,000-vehicle convoy to reach Pleiku.

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## 15 Oct. **Operation:** FLIP FLOP

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1-16 Inf.

## 16 Oct. **Operation:** FLY LOW

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1-16 Inf.

## 16 Oct. **Operation:** DEPTH

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 2-28 Inf.

16 Oct. Anti-war rallies occur in 40 American cities and in international cities including London and Rome.

## 17 Oct. **Operation:** BUSHMASTER BRAVO

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1-16 Inf.

17 Oct. Five USN jet aircraft from the aircraft carrier USS INDEPENDENCE destroyed what was believed to be the first operational surface-to-air missile installation, located 52 miles north-east of Hanoi.

## 18-20 Oct. **Operation:** TRIPLE PLAY

**Location:** Quang Tin Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 7<sup>th</sup> Marines. **Task organization:** 3/3 Marines. **Execution:** 3/3 conducted this operation 12 miles north of Chu Lai. **Results:** 16 enemy killed, 6 detained, 2 US KIA.

## 18-24 Oct. **Operation:** TRAIL BLAZER

**Location:** Happy Valley, Quang Nam Province. **Type:** reconnaissance-in-force. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Mar Div. **Task organization:** 3d Recon Bn. **Execution:** 3d Recon Bn searched the hills west of Da Nang. **Results:** 2 enemy killed.

19 Oct. The 33<sup>rd</sup> PAVN Regiment begins its attacks on the Plei Me CIDG camp, hoping to ambush relief forces.

## 19 Oct. **Operation:** HOT FOOT

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 2-28 Inf.

## 19 Oct. **Operation:** RANGER I

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1-16 Inf.

## 19-27 Oct. **Operation:** INGRAM

**Location:** Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** security **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div.

20 Oct. Two VC battalions attempt the recapture Ba Long Valley in Quang Tri Province but are repulsed.

## 20 Oct.-10 Nov. **Operation:** AMOS

**Location:** Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** artillery support. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Task organization:** TF AMOS (2-17 Art, one Inf Co). **Execution:** TF AMOS supported the 22<sup>nd</sup> ARVN Division in the Song Lon Valley in northern Binh Dinh from 20-23 Oct then moved by air to Tuy Hoa to support RVNAF operations there until 10 Nov.

21 Oct. Two companies from the 91<sup>st</sup> ARVN Airborne Ranger Battalion are air-assaulted into Plei Me to reinforce the defense.

## 21-23 Oct. **Operation:** SCRIMMAGE

**Location:** Bong Son, Tuy Hoa, Binh Dinh and Phu Yen Provinces. **Type:** search and clear **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div.

## 21-27 Oct. **Operation:** NEW HOPE

**Location:** Di An, Bien Hoa Province **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 173d Abn Bde. **Task organization:** 2-503 Inf and B/3-319 Art. **Execution:** The 173d Abn Bde cleared the area around Di An for the establishment of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division.

22 Oct. Admiral Ulysses S. Grant Sharp, commander-in-chief, US Pacific Command declares that the allies have ceased to lose the War in South Vietnam.

## 22-25 Oct. **Operation:** RED SNAPPER

**Location:** ORANGE Beach, Phu Gia Peninsula, Dam Lap An Bay, Phu Loc District, Thua Thien Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Marines. **Task organization:** Cos F & G, 2/3 Marines, 3/4 Marines (one Co), 1/3 ARVN Bn, 11<sup>th</sup> Ranger Bn, four RF Cos. **Execution:** G/2/3 conducted an amphibious landing over ORANGE Beach while the rest of the Marines force moved by truck to the Phu Gia promontory and the ARVN established blocking positions. **Results:** 7 enemy killed, 1 detained.

## 23-26 Oct. **Operation:** 13/65

**Location:** Tan Dien, Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy **Controlling headquarters:** 1RAR. **Task organization:** 1RAR, 1<sup>st</sup> APC Trp, 105 Fld Bty, 161 Bty RNZA, E/17 Cav. **Execution:** this operation was conducted 18 km northeast of Bien Hoa air base. **Results:** 2 enemy killed, 1 AUS KIA.

## 23-28 Oct. **Operation:** DAN THANG 21

**Location:** Plei Me, Route 6C, Pleiku Province. **Type:** road clearing, search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 24<sup>th</sup> Special Tactical Zone. **Task organization:** 3<sup>rd</sup> ACS, 1/42 ARVN Bn, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Ranger Bns, one 105mm bty. **Intelligence:** 32<sup>nd</sup> PAVN Regiment. **Execution:** The operation was mounted to relieve the siege of the Plei Me CIDG camp. The 1/42 and 22<sup>nd</sup> Rgr Bn where air-assaulted along the road while the armored column progressed toward the probable ambush site, meeting stiff resistance. **Results:** 201 enemy killed, 6 detained, 95 ARVN KIA, 222 ARVN WIA and 15 ARVN MIA.

## 23 Oct-26 Nov. **Operation:** LONG REACH

**Location:** Pleiku Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Execution:** LONG REACH regrouped all the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division operations launched in reaction to the attack on Plei Me: ALL THE WAY, SILVER BAY-ONET I and SILVER BAYONET II, also known as the Pleiku Campaign. **Results:** 1,447 enemy killed, 177 detained, 300 US KIA and 524 US WIA.

## 23 Oct-9 Nov. **Operation:** ALL THE WAY

**Location:** Plei Me, Catecka Plantation, LZ STADIUM, LZ MARY, LZ WING, Ia Drang Valley, Pleiku Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1st Bde, 1st Cav Div. **Task organization:** 2-8 Cav, 1-9 Cav, 1-12 Cav, 2-12 Cav, B/1-8 Cav, 2-19 Art, B/2-17 Art, A/2-20 Art, 6-14 Art, 3-18 Art. **Intelligence:** 32nd, 33rd and 66th PAVN Regiments. **Execution:** The 1st Brigade mounted this operation to break the siege of Plei Me and search for the retreating enemy in the Ia Drang Valley. On 1 Nov, a blue team from 1-9 Cav, reinforced by elements from 1-12 Cav and 2-12 Cav, engages elements of the 33<sup>rd</sup> PAVN Regiment a captures an enemy field hospital west of Plei Me. 99 enemy are killed and 44 detained. US losses are 11 KIA and 47 WIA. On 3 Nov, B/1-9 Cav, ambushes an element from the 8<sup>th</sup> Bn, 66<sup>th</sup> PAVN Regiment near LZ MARY on the Cambodian border, killing 73. On 6 Nov, B and C Cos, 2-8 Cav, engage the 6<sup>th</sup> Bn, 33<sup>rd</sup> PAVN Regiment in fortified positions near LZ WING. US losses are 26 KIA and 53 WIA. Enemy losses are 77 killed and 1 detained. **Results:** 216 enemy killed (610 more estimated), 138 detained, 55 US KIA and 194 US WIA.

## 24 Oct. **Operation:** REVENGER

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1-16 Inf.

## 25 Oct.-5 Nov. **Operation:** INDIAN SCOUT

**Location:** Binh Dinh Province **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Task organization:** 1-9 Cav.

## 26 Oct. **Operation:** BIG HORN

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div.

## 26-27 Oct. **Operation:** HERCULES

**Location:** Ly Tin District, Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 7<sup>th</sup> Marines. **Task organization:** 3/7 Marines.

27 Oct. The VC launches simultaneous mortar and sapper

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attacks against US Marines air installations at Marble Mountain and Chu Lai. 39 enemy are killed, 18 helicopters and 2 A-4 Skyhawks destroyed.

**28-29 Oct. Operation: TRIPLE TROUBLE**

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1-16 Inf.

**29-30 Oct. Operation: LIEN KET 10**

**Location:** Quang Tin Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 4<sup>th</sup> Marines. **Task organization:** 2/4 Marines, 3/6 ARVN Bn. **Execution:** this operation was conducted in the eastern part of the Do Xa Base Area 12 miles west of Chu Lai.

**31 Oct.** Casualties for the month: US/FWF – 171 KIA, 936 WIA, 22 MIA, 4 POW; RVNAF – 900 KIA, 2200 WIA, 200 MIA; Enemy – 3293 KIA.

### Arrival:

1 Oct.	6258 <sup>th</sup> CSG 4503d TFS 20 <sup>th</sup> TRS
2 Oct.	HQ 1 <sup>st</sup> Inf Div HQ 3d Bde, 1 <sup>st</sup> Inf Div 2-28 Inf 2-33 Art
4 Oct.	580 <sup>th</sup> Signal Co
4 Oct.	VMA-224
6 Oct.	HQ 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde, 1 <sup>st</sup> Inf Div
7 Oct.	155 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co
8 Oct.	20 <sup>th</sup> HS
10 Oct.	1-16 Inf 1-28 Inf 1-5 Art 1-7 Art 121 <sup>st</sup> Signal Bn
11 Oct.	HMM-163 VMA-211
12 Oct.	HMM-263 435 <sup>th</sup> TFS
14 Oct.	ROK Cavalry Regt
15 Oct.	VMFA-115
16 Oct.	1 <sup>st</sup> Avn Bn 556 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co 8 <sup>th</sup> BS
17 Oct.	1-2 Inf 2-2 Inf 1-26 Inf
18 Oct.	616 <sup>th</sup> Med Co
20 Oct.	HQ 20 <sup>th</sup> PsyOp Grp 1-4 Cav 8-6 Art 116 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co 128 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co 701 <sup>st</sup> Maint Bn 1 <sup>st</sup> Med Bn 337 <sup>th</sup> ASA Co 1 <sup>st</sup> MI Co
21 Oct.	129 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co
23 Oct.	299 <sup>th</sup> Eng C Bn 630 <sup>th</sup> Eng Co
24 Oct.	1 <sup>st</sup> Force Recon Co
25 Oct.	171 <sup>st</sup> Avn Co 172d Avn Co 519 <sup>th</sup> MI Bn
27 Oct.	27 <sup>th</sup> Trans Bn
28 Oct.	574 <sup>th</sup> Eng Co 444 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co
29 Oct.	6-14 Art 3-18 Art 10 <sup>th</sup> Avn Bn, 54 <sup>th</sup> Signal Co

29 Oct.	136 <sup>th</sup> Maint Co 1 <sup>st</sup> ROK Inf Regt
30 Oct.	HQ 159 <sup>th</sup> Eng Grp 2-13 Art E/82 Art 536 <sup>th</sup> Maint Co
31 Oct.	2d MASH 51 <sup>st</sup> Fld Hosp
<b>Departure:</b>	
7 Oct.	Co A, 1 <sup>st</sup> Avn
14 Oct.	VMFA-513
16 Oct.	13 <sup>th</sup> BS

## NOVEMBER

**1 Nov. Operation: BINDER I**

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div.

**1-4 Nov. Operation: 20-65**

**Location:** Pleiku Province. **Type:** reconnaissance. **Controlling headquarters:** 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA. **Task Organization:** Det B-52 Project DELTA, 91<sup>st</sup> Abn Rgr Bn. **Execution:** reconnaissance from FOB Plei Me.

**1-20 Nov. Operation: CUSTER FLATS**

**Location:** Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d de, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 2-18 Inf.

**1 Nov.-14 Dec. Operation: VIPER I**

**Location:** Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div.

**1 Nov. 65-17 Jan. 66 Operation: DAGGER ONE**

**Location:** Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div.

**2 Nov.** The air base at Can Ranh Bay becomes operational for tactical jet aircraft.

**2 Nov. Operation: BINDER II**

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div.

**3-5 Nov. Operation: BLACK FERRET**

**Location:** Binh Son, Song Tra Bong, Route 529, LZ ALBATROSS, LZ CONDOR, Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 7<sup>th</sup> Marines. **Task organization:** 1/7 Marines, 3/7 Marines, 3/11 Marines, 1<sup>st</sup> Recon Bn, 1/4 ARVN Bn, 2/4 ARVN Bn. **Execution:** the combined force searched an area 10 miles south of Chu Lai on the northern bank of the Tra Bong. Female newsman Dickey Chapelle was killed by a booby trap on 4 Nov. **Results:** 2 enemy killed, 6 detained, 1 US KIA and 13 US WIA.

**3-11 Nov. Operation: COPPER HEAD**

**Location:** Bien Hoa and Long Khanh Provinces. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1-18 Inf.

**5-9 Nov. Operation: HUMP-14/65**

**Location:** Dong Nai and Song Be confluence, LZ JACK, LZ KING, Hill 65, Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 173d Abn Bde. **Task organization:** 1-503 Inf, 3-319 Art, 1RAR, D/16 Arm, E/17 Cav, 1<sup>st</sup> APC Trp, 105 Fld Bty, 161 Bty RNZA. **Intelligence:** 271<sup>st</sup> PLAF Regiment. **Execution:** the brigade searched an area 22 km north-east of Bien Hoa air base. On 8 Nov, 1-503 Inf fought a day long action near Hill 65 against the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, 271<sup>st</sup> PLAF Regiment. **Results:** 403 enemy killed, 49 US KIA, 2 AUS KIA, 83 US WIA, 6 AUS WIA, 2 AUS MIA.

**7 Nov. Operation: BINDER III**

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div.

**8 Nov.** A new CIDG camp opens at Phi Ho for Det A-212.

**8 Nov. Operation: BINDER IV**

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organiz-**

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**ation:** 1-16 Inf.

**8-14 Nov. Operation: LIGHTNING**

**Location:** Cam Lam, Khanh Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d ROK Marine Bde.

**10-12 Nov. Operation: BLUE MARLIN I**

**Location:** Vinh Giang, GREEN Beach, Tam Ky, Quang Tin Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 7<sup>th</sup> Marines **Task organization:** 2/7 Marines, 3<sup>rd</sup> VNMC Bn, Phibron 5. **Execution:** This was the first joint USMC/VNMC amphibious landing of the war 10 km north-northeast of Tam Ky. It also served at repositioning 2/7 from Qui Nhon to the Chu Lai TAOR where it rejoined its parent regiment.

**9-30 Nov. Operation: FIERCE MUSTANG**

**Location:** Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div.

**10-13 Nov. Operation: HOP OUT**

**Location:** Ia Drang Valley, Pleiku Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Task organization:** 1-7 Cav.

**10-20 Nov. Operation: SILVER BAYONET I**

**Location:** Ia Drang Valley, Chu Pong Massif, Catecka Plantation, LZ STADIUM, LZ X-RAY, LZ ALBANY, LZ FALCON, LZ COLUMBUS, Pleiku Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Task organization:** 2-5 Cav, 1-7 Cav, 2-7 Cav, 1-9 Cav, 1-21 Art., C/2-20 Art, 6-14 Art. **Intelligence:** 33<sup>rd</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> PAVN Regiments, H15 VC LF Bn. **Execution:** the 3d Brigade replaced the 1<sup>st</sup> and continued the pursuit in the Ia Drang Valley toward the Chu Pong Massif and the Cambodian border. On 12 Nov, LZ Stadium near the Catecka tea plantation is attacked by the Vietcong. 7 US are KIA and 23 WIA. From 14-16 Nov, 1-7 Cav, reinforced by elements from 2-7 Cav and 2-5 Cav, battles the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Bns, 66<sup>th</sup> PAVN Regiment and a composite Bn from the 33<sup>rd</sup> PAVN Regiment for the control of LZ X-RAY at the foot of the Chu Pong Massif. 834 enemy are killed, 79 US KIA and 125 US WIA. On 17 Nov, 2-7 Cav and A/2-5 Cav are ambushed by the 8<sup>th</sup> Bn, 66<sup>th</sup> PAVN Regiment near LZ ALBANY 5 miles northwest of LZ X-RAY. 403 enemy are killed, 151 US KIA, 121 WIA and 4 MIA. On 18 Nov, 1-5 Cav on LZ COLUMBUS receives an attack-by-fire but the following ground assault is broken by air strikes. 27 enemy are killed, 2 US KIA and 31 WIA. **Results:** 1,224 enemy killed, 9 detained, 239 US KIA and 307 US WIA.

**10-13 Nov. Operation: ROADRUNNER**

**Location:** Ap Bau Bang, Bau Long Pond, Route 13, Binh Duong Province. **Type:** road security. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 2-2 Inf, A/1-4 Cav, C/2-33 Art. **Intelligence:** 272<sup>nd</sup> and 273<sup>rd</sup> PLAF Regiment. **Execution:** The brigade was tasked with clearing a 13 km stretch of road for the safe passage of the 7<sup>th</sup> ARVN Regiment. On 12 Nov, A/2-2 Inf, A/1-4 Cav and C/2-33 Art in a NDP near the village of Bau Bang on Route 13 are attacked by the 272<sup>nd</sup> PLAF Regiment. **Results:** 146 enemy killed, 20 US KIA, 103 US WIA.

**14-15 Nov. Operation: CORN**

**Location:** Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Task organization:** 2-12 Cav.

**14-22 Nov. Operation: BUSHMASTER I/XAY DUNG 11**

**Location:** Trung Loi, Dau Tieng, Chon Thanh, Route 239, Michelin Plantation, Binh Duong and Binh Long Provinces. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div; 7<sup>th</sup> ARVN Regiment. **Task organization:** 2-2 Inf, 1-16 Inf, 1-28 Inf, 2-28 Inf, A/1-4 Cav, 2-33 Art, 1/7 ARVN Bn, 3/7 ARVN Bn, 4/7 ARVN Bn. **Intelligence:** 272<sup>nd</sup> PLAF Regiment. **Execution:** While the 7<sup>th</sup> ARVN Regiment cleared the Michelin Plantation to reestablish GVN control, the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade searched south of the plantation with negative contact. On 20 Nov, 2-28 Inf was ambushed near Trung Loi on Route 239 by the 4<sup>th</sup> Bn, 272<sup>nd</sup> PLAF Rgt. **Results:** 277 enemy killed, 27 US KIA, 176 US WIA.

**15 Nov. Operation: DOCKET**

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1-2 Inf.

**ation:** 1-2 Inf.

**16-18 Nov. Operation: BLUE MARLIN II**

**Location:** Barrier Island, Truong Giang, Song Cua Dai, Quang Tin Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 7<sup>th</sup> Marines **Task organization:** 3/3 Marines, two ARVN Ranger Bns, Phibron 5. **Execution:** 3/3 landed over beaches 22 miles south of Da Nang and pushed north on Barrier Island while the ARVN Rangers established blocking positions. It also served at repositioning 3/3 from the Chu Lai to the Da Nang enclave where it rejoined its parent regiment. **Results:** 25 enemy killed, 15 detained, 1 ARVN KIA, 3 US WIA and 1 ARVN WIA.

**17-19 Nov.** The 1<sup>st</sup> VC Regiment overruns the district capital of Hiep Duc in Quang Tin Province but the town is recaptured by two ARVN battalions with USMC air support.

**19 Nov.-10 Dec. Operation: APACHE BRAVE**

**Location:** Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** spoiling operation. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Task organization:** 1-9 Cav.

**21-26 Nov. Operation: SILVER BAYONET II<sup>11</sup>**

**Location:** LZ STADIUM, LZ CROOK LZ GOLF, Duc Co, Ia Drang Valley, Chu Pong Massif, Pleiku Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Task organization:** 1-5 Cav, 2-5 Cav, 1-8 Cav, 2-12 Cav, 1-9 Cav, 1-21 Art, 1-77 Art, 2-17 Art, B/2-20 Art, 6-14 Art, 3-18 Art, ARVN Abn Bde. **Intelligence:** 32<sup>nd</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> PAVN Regiments, H15 VC LF Bn. **Execution:** the 2d Brigade replaced the 3d and searched along the Cambodian border between Duc Co and the Chu Pong. On 21 Nov two ARVN Abn Bns fought an NVA Bn south of Duc Co. **Results:** 119 enemy killed, 20 detained, 4 US KIA and 25 US WIA.

**21 Nov.-17 Dec. Operation: NEW LIFE-16/65**

**Location:** Vo Dat, Vo Xu, Chinh Duc, La Nga Valley, Binh Tuy Province. **Type:** clear and secure, rice denial. **Controlling headquarters:** 173d Abn Bde; 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1-2 Inf, 1-26 Inf, 1-503 Inf, 2-503 Inf, 3-319 Art, 1RAR, D/16 Arm, 1<sup>st</sup> APC Trp, 161 Bty RNZA. **Execution:** the operation was aimed at reestablishing GVN presence in the La Nga Valley, a rich rice growing area in northern Binh Tuy Province, 80 km east-northeast of Bien Hoa.

**22-24 Nov. Operation: SONG VE 6**

**Location:** Thach Tru, Route 1, Quang Ngai Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 7<sup>th</sup> Marines **Task organization:** 3/7 Marines, 3<sup>rd</sup> VNMC Bn, 11<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> ARVN Ranger Bns, two RF Cos. **Intelligence:** 18<sup>th</sup> PAVN Regiment, 45<sup>th</sup> HW Bn. **Execution:** On 22 Nov the 18<sup>th</sup> PAVN Regiment attacked the Thach Tru fort 9 km north of Duc Pho along Route 1 defended by two RF Cos and the 37<sup>th</sup> ARVN Ranger Bn. 3/7 Marines was air-assaulted to reinforce the defenders, followed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> VNMC Bn and 11<sup>th</sup> Ranger. **Results:** 175 enemy killed, 3 detained, 71 ARVN KIA, 2 US KIA, 74 ARVN WIA and 1 US WIA.

**22-25 Nov. Operation: TURKEY SHOOT**

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1-28 Inf.

**25 Nov.** A new CIDG camp opens at Vinh Thanh for Det A-228.

**25-28 Nov. Operation: 22-65**

**Location:** Binh Tuy Province. **Type:** reconnaissance. **Controlling headquarters:** 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA. **Task Organization:** Det B-52 Project DELTA, 91<sup>st</sup> Abn Rgr Bn. **Execution:** reconnaissance in support of Operation NEW LIFE.

**27 Nov. Operation: RABBIT HUNT**

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 2-2 Inf.

**25 Nov.** A new CIDG camp opens at Tien Phuoc for Det A-102.

**26-28 Nov. Operation: XAY DUNG 12**

**Location:** Michelin Plantation, Cau Cong Hills, Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 11 Also recorded as GREEN HOUSE in 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div ORLL.

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**ters:** 7<sup>th</sup> ARVN Regiment. **Task organization:** 1/7, 2/7, 3/7, 4/7; 3<sup>rd</sup> Bty, 51<sup>st</sup> Art Bn; 3<sup>rd</sup> Trp, 1<sup>st</sup> ACS; 36<sup>th</sup> Ranger Bn. **Execution:** on 27 Nov, the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment was attacked by an estimated VC regiment in the Michelin, almost destroying the 3/7 Bn. **Results:** 249 ARVN KIA, 213 ARVN WIA, 140 ARVN WIA. Only 6 enemy bodies were recovered.

**28 Nov.-9 Dec. Operation: BLOODHOUND<sup>12</sup>**

**Location:** Nha Mat, LZ DALLAS, Michelin Plantation, Long Nguyen Secret Zone, Binh Duong Province. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 2-2 Inf, 1-16 Inf, 2-16 Inf, 2-28 Inf, 2-33 Art, D/8-6 Art, B/2-32 Art. **Intelligence:** 272<sup>nd</sup> PLAF Regiment, Phu Loi Battalion. **Execution:** the brigade searched the Michelin rubber plantation after the attack on the 7<sup>th</sup> ARVN Regiment and the Long Nguyen for the Phu Loi Bn. On 5 Dec, 2-2 Inf makes heavy contact with an estimated VC regiment (probably the 273<sup>rd</sup>) during a day-long battle near Ap Nha Mat. They are supported by A/2-33 Art and reinforced by 2-28 Inf, killing 300 and losing 39. **Results:** 318 enemy killed, 27 detained, 44 US KIA, 156 US WIA.

**28 Nov.-16 Dec. Operation: CHECKERBOARD**

**Location:** Bien Hoa, Lai Khe, Ben Cat, Binh Duong Province. **Type:** security, search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1-327 Inf, 2-502 Inf. **Execution:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 101<sup>st</sup> Abn Div, sent two battalions to assist the 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div during Operation BLOODHOUND. During the period 28 Nov-8 Dec the battalions secured Bien Hoa air base and during the period 9-16 Dec conducted search and destroy operations west of Ben Cat.

**30 Nov.** After visiting Vietnam, Defense Secretary McNamara privately warns that American casualty rates of up to 1,000 dead per month could be expected.

**30 Nov.-1 Dec. Operation: RIVIERA**

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1-28 Inf.

**30 Nov.-1 Dec. Operation: DAGGER THRUST IV**

**Location:** Lang Ke Ga, Binh Tuy Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** Special Landing Force (TF 78.5). **Task organization:** BLT 2/1 Marines, HMM-163. **Execution:** resuming its amphibious raids, the SLF conducted a two-day operation on Cape Ke Ga southwest of Phan Thiet with negative results.

**30 Nov.-6 Dec Operation: 23-65**

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** reconnaissance. **Controlling headquarters:** 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA. **Task Organization:** Det B-52 Project DELTA, 91<sup>st</sup> Abn Rgr Bn. **Execution:** reconnaissance in support of Operation CHECKERBOARD.

**30 Nov.** Casualties for the month: US/FWF – 461 KIA, 1310 WIA, 33 MIA; RVNAF – 1100 KIA, 2200 WIA, 400 MIA; Enemy – 5318 KIA, 595 POW.

## Arrival:

1 Nov.	335 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co 1 <sup>st</sup> Shore Party Bn 9 <sup>th</sup> Motor Trans Bn 43d TFS
2 Nov.	HQ 543d QM Grp 588 <sup>th</sup> Eng C Bn, 69 <sup>th</sup> Signal Bn 506 <sup>th</sup> S&S Co 94 <sup>th</sup> Maint Co 54 <sup>th</sup> Ord Co
3 Nov.	5-27 Art 6-27 Art 2-32 Art 11 <sup>th</sup> Avn Bn
4 Nov.	557 <sup>th</sup> Eng Co 617 <sup>th</sup> Eng Co 578 <sup>th</sup> Maint Co

12 Renamed BUSHMASTER II.

	93d SMEH 3d Ord Bn 148 <sup>th</sup> Ord Co 110 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co 125 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co 630 <sup>th</sup> Ord Co
5 Nov.	
6 Nov.	Support Command Qui Nhon 48 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co
7 Nov.	70 <sup>th</sup> Med Bn 51 <sup>st</sup> Med Co
8 Nov.	3d TFW 12 <sup>th</sup> TFW 531 <sup>st</sup> TFS 505 <sup>th</sup> TCG 3d SPS 12 <sup>th</sup> SPS
10 Nov.	1099 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co 510 <sup>th</sup> TFS
12 Nov.	5 <sup>th</sup> Communication Bn
14 Nov.	558 <sup>th</sup> TFS 4 <sup>th</sup> ACS
15 Nov.	Support Command Nha Trang Support Command Vung Tau
16 Nov.	HQ 23d Art Grp 416 <sup>th</sup> TFS 390 <sup>th</sup> TFS
17 Nov.	8 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn
19 Nov.	1/3 Marines 307 <sup>th</sup> TFS
21 Nov.	548 <sup>th</sup> Eng Co
24 Nov.	661 <sup>st</sup> Ord Co 168 <sup>th</sup> Eng C Bn 267 <sup>th</sup> Signal Co
26 Nov.	HQ 525 <sup>th</sup> MI Grp
27 Nov.	1 <sup>st</sup> Eng Bn 1-30 Art 68 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co 147 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co
28 Nov.	124 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co
29 Nov.	
<b>Departure:</b>	
19 Nov.	2/3 Marines to Okinawa

## DECEMBER

**2 Dec.** The USS ENTERPRISE and the USS BAINBRIDGE become the first nuclear-powered task unit used in combat operations with the launch of air strikes near Bien Hoa.

**3-7 Dec. Operation: OX TRAIL**

**Location:** Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Task organization:** 2-12 Cav.

**4 Dec.** VC terrorists bomb the Metropole BEQ in Saigon; 8 persons are killed and 137 injured.

**4-16 Dec. Operation: RESETTLEMENT**

**Location:** Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and clear. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div.

**5-6 Dec. Operation: DAGGER THRUST V**

**Location:** Phu Thu, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** Special Landing Force (TF 78.5). **Task organization:** BLT 2/1 Marines, HMM-163. **Execution:** the final DAGGER THRUST raid takes place near Phu Thu village, 40 miles north of Qui Nhon and encounters a small VC force. **Results:** 26 enemy killed, 38 detained, 3 US KIA, 10 US WIA.

**5-6 Dec. Operation: GIVE UP**

**Location:** Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** psychological operation. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Task organization:** 1-5 Cav.

**6 Dec.** The 2/49 ARVN Bn is ambushed outside Cu Chi, losing 22 KIA, 25 WIA and 2 MIA.

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## 6 Dec. **Operation:** GLADIATOR

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 2-28 Inf.

## 6-15 Dec. **Operation:** CLEAN SWEEP

**Location:** Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div.

## 6-16 Dec. **Operation:** BUSMASTER III

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div.

**7 Dec.** Defense Secretary McNamara tells President Johnson that the North Vietnamese apparently "believe that the war will be a long one, that time is their ally, and that their staying power is superior to ours."

## 7-8 Dec. **Operation:** FELINE

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1-28 Inf.

## 8-20 Dec. **Operation:** HARVEST MOON/LIEN KET 18

**Location:** Thang Binh, Que Son, Ky Phu, Viet An, Que Son and Phuoc Ha Valleys, Quang Tin Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** Task Force DELTA<sup>13</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> ARVN Regiment. **Task organization:** 3/3 Marines, 2/7 Marines, H/2/9 Marines, SLF 2/1 Marines, 1/5 ARVN Bn, 1/6 ARVN Bn, 11<sup>th</sup> Ranger Bn. **Intelligence:** 1<sup>st</sup> PLAF Regiment. **Execution:** the operation was mounted to prevent the VC to overrun the Que Son Valley. On 8 Dec, the 1/5 ARVN Bn and 11<sup>th</sup> Ranger Bn were ambushed by the 1<sup>st</sup> VC Regiment, prompting TF DELTA to commit 3/3 and 2/7. On 18 Dec. 2/7 and H/2/9 Marines engage the 80<sup>th</sup> Bn, 1<sup>st</sup> PLAF Regiment near Ky Phu 5 miles northwest of Tam Ky. 104 enemy are killed, 11 US KIA and 71 US WIA. **Results:** 407 enemy killed, 33 detained, 51 US KIA, 90 ARVN KIA, 256 US WIA, 141 ARVN WIA, 91 ARVN MIA.

## 10-16 Dec. **Operation:** FISH HOOK

**Location:** Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div.

## 10-23 Dec. **Operation:** QUICK KICK

**Location:** Pleiku and Kontum Provinces. **Type:** road security. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Execution:** the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade and the 42<sup>nd</sup> ARVN Regiment reopened the road between Pleiku and Kontum.

## 11 Dec. **Operation:** FRISK

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1-28 Inf.

## 14-23 Dec. **Operation:** STEEL HORSE

**Location:** Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** convoy movement. **Controlling headquarters:** Div Arty, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div.

## 14 Dec.65-17 Jan.66 **Operation:** VIPER II

**Location:** Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d de, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task Organization:** 2-18 Inf.

## 15-18 Dec **Operation:** 24-65

**Location:** Phuoc Tuy Province. **Type:** reconnaissance. **Controlling headquarters:** 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA. **Task Organization:** Det B-52 Project DELTA, 91<sup>st</sup> Abn Rgr Bn. **Execution:** reconnaissance in Phuoc Tuy Province.

**15-22 Dec.** In three successive raids, USAF and USN jets destroy the Uong Bi thermal power plant near Haiphong.

**16 Dec.** The 2/49 ARVN Bn is ambushed while on a road clearing mission between Cu Chi and Phuoc Hiep, losing 50 KIA, 22 WIA and 31 MIA.

## 17 Dec. **Operation:** FRISK II

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1-28 Inf.

## 17-20 Dec. **Operation:** SCALPING MUSTANG

**Location:** Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Task organization:** 1-8 Cav.

## 17-21 Dec. **Operation:** CLEAN HOUSE I

**Location:** Suoi Ca Valley, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Task organization:** 1-7 Cav, 2-7 Cav, 1-8 Cav, 1-21 Art, B/2-20 Art, ROK Cav Rgt (elts). **Execution:** the brigade searched the broad Suoi Ca Valley northeast of Binh Khe.

## 17-23 Dec. **Operation:** SMASH I & II-17/65

**Location:** Route 2, Route 15, Xuan Loc, Courtenay Plantation, Bien Hoa, Phuoc Tuy and Long Khanh Provinces. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 2d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div; 173d Abn Bde. **Task organization:** 2-16 Inf, 1-18 Inf, 2-18 Inf, 1/7 Art, 1-503 Inf, 2-503 Inf, 1RAR, 3-319 Art. **Execution:** this was a coordinated operation with the 173d Abn Bde patrolling west of Route 2 and the 2d Bde working east of Route 15. **Results:** 62 enemy killed, 6 US KIA, 1 AUS KIA.

**18 Dec.** FULRO briefly seizes control of the Quang Duc provincial headquarters at Gia Nghia.

## 19-20 Dec. **Operation:** JINGLE BELLS

**Location:** Binh Duong Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div. **Task organization:** 1-28 Inf.

## 22-26 Dec. **Operation:** CLEAN HOUSE II

**Location:** Suoi Ca Valley, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Task organization:** 1-7 Cav, 2-7 Cav, B/1-9 Cav 1-21 Art, B/2-20 Art, ROK Cav Rgt (elts). **Execution:** continuation of CLEAN HOUSE in the Suoi Ca Valley northeast of Binh Khe.

## 22 Dec.65-4 Jan.66 **Operation:** BLUE LIGHT

**Location:** Pleiku Province. **Type:** security. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Execution:** the brigade provided security during the deployment of the 3d Bde, 25<sup>th</sup> Inf Div to Pleiku.

## 23-26 Dec. **Operation:** CHEROKEE TRAIL

**Location:** Route 19, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** road security. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div.

**24 Dec.** US, FWF and RVNAF forces begin a 30-hour Christmas cease-fire.

## 24 Dec. **Operation:** LITTLE SHEBA

**Location:** Bien Hoa Province. **Type:** area security **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div.

**25 Dec.** The Ta Bat and A Luoi CIDG camps in the Rao Lao Valley are abandoned, only the A Shau camp remains.

## 27-30 Dec. **Operation:** CHEROKEE BRAVE

**Location:** Pleiku Province. **Type:** surveillance. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Task organization:** 1-9 Cav.

## 27-31 Dec. **Operation:** CLEAN HOUSE III

**Location:** Suoi Ca Valley, Binh Dinh Province. **Type:** search and destroy. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div. **Task organization:** 1-7 Cav, 2-7 Cav, 2-12 Cav 1-21 Art. **Execution:** continuation of CLEAN HOUSE in the Suoi Ca Valley northeast of Binh Khe. **Results** (all three phases): 137 enemy killed, 15 US KIA.

## 6 Dec. **Operation:** TAKE OUT

**Location:** Binh Thuan Province. **Type:** crash recovery. **Controlling headquarters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 101<sup>st</sup> Abn Div. **Task organization:** 2-327 Inf.

## 31 Dec. **Operation:** REBEL ROUSER

**Location:** Route 13, Binh Duong Province. **Type:** road security. **Controlling headquarters:** 3d Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div.

**31 Dec.** Casualties for the month: US/FWF – 181 KIA, 628 WIA, 318 MIA; RVNAF – 900 KIA, 1700 WIA, 800 MIA; Enemy – 3581 KIA, 432 POW.

**31 Dec.** There are now approximately 184,000 Americans personnel in South Vietnam: an increase of 160,000 for the year. The U.S. combat forces end the year in the following strengths: Army – 116,000, Marines – 41,000. The US Air Force has more than 500 aircraft and 21,000 pilots and crewmen stationed at eight major bases in South Vietnam. US losses for the year: 1,369 KIA, 7,645 WIA. RVNAF losses for the year: 11,100 KIA, 22,600 WIA. NVA/VC losses for the year: 34,585 KIA, 5,746 POWs.

13 Activated 5 Dec by III MAF.

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<b>Arrival:</b>	
1 Dec.	VMFA-323 557 <sup>th</sup> TFS 308 <sup>th</sup> TFS
7 Dec.	98 <sup>th</sup> Maint Co
13 Dec.	526 <sup>th</sup> CC&S Co
14 Dec.	HQ 17 <sup>th</sup> Avn Grp
15 Dec.	VMA-223 NMCB-4
16 Dec.	518 <sup>th</sup> Signal Co 116 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co 285 <sup>th</sup> Trans Co 13 <sup>th</sup> BS
18 Dec.	Task Force 116 (River Patrol Force)
19 Dec.	VMF(AW)-312
23 Dec.	161 <sup>st</sup> Avn Co 170 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co 1 <sup>st</sup> MI Bn 2/1 Marines
26 Dec.	41 <sup>st</sup> CA Co
27 Dec.	188 <sup>th</sup> Ord Co 559 <sup>th</sup> TFS
28 Dec.	HQ 3d Bde, 25 <sup>th</sup> Inf Div 2-9 Art B/3-4 Cav
31 Dec.	57 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co 134 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co 135 <sup>th</sup> Avn Co 184 <sup>th</sup> Ord Bn
<b>Departure:</b>	
3 Dec.	VMFA-542
7 Dec.	307 <sup>th</sup> TFS
14 Dec.	VMA-311
15 Dec.	NMCB-10
16 Dec.	8 <sup>th</sup> BS 429 <sup>th</sup> TFS
20 Dec.	435 <sup>th</sup> TFS
22 Dec.	3/4 Marines to Okinawa

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## ABBREVIATIONS

<b>AA:</b> Anti-Aircraft
<b>ABG:</b> Air Base Group
<b>Abn:</b> Airborne
<b>ACG:</b> Air Commando Group
<b>ACR:</b> Armored Cavalry Regiment
<b>ACS:</b> Air Commando Squadron
<b>ACW:</b> Air Commando Wing
<b>AF:</b> Airfield
<b>AFB:</b> Air Force Base
<b>AHC:</b> Assault Helicopter Company
<b>AML:</b> Airmobile (Light)
<b>Amph:</b> Amphibious/Amphibian
<b>ANGLICO:</b> Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company
<b>AO:</b> Area of Operation
<b>AP:</b> Airport
<b>APC:</b> Armored Personnel Carrier
<b>ARG:</b> Assault Ready Group
<b>Arm:</b> Armor/Armored
<b>Art:</b> Artillery
<b>ARVN:</b> Army of the Republic of Viet Nam
<b>AS:</b> Attack Squadron
<b>ASA:</b> Army Security Agency
<b>ASHC:</b> Assault Support Helicopter Company
<b>AT:</b> Anti Tank
<b>ATF:</b> Australian Task Force
<b>Avn:</b> Aviation
<b>(AW):</b> All-weather
<b>AWC:</b> Aerial Weapon Company
<b>Bde:</b> Brigade
<b>BG:</b> Brigadier General
<b>BLT:</b> Battalion Landing Team
<b>Bn:</b> Battalion
<b>Brig:</b> Brigadier
<b>BS:</b> Bomb Squadron
<b>Bty:</b> Battery
<b>BW:</b> Bombardment Wing
<b>C:</b> Combat
<b>CA:</b> Civil Affairs
<b>Cap:</b> Capital
<b>CAP:</b> Civic Action Platoon
<b>Cav:</b> Cavalry
<b>CC&amp;S:</b> Collection, Classification & Salvage
<b>CIDG:</b> Civilian Irregular Defense Group
<b>CINC:</b> Commander-in-Chief
<b>CMAC:</b> Capital Military Assistance Command
<b>Cmd:</b> Command
<b>Co:</b> Company
<b>COL:</b> Colonel
<b>Comp:</b> Composite
<b>COMUSMACV:</b> Commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
<b>CONUS:</b> Continental United States
<b>COSVN:</b> Communist Office for South Viet Nam
<b>CRID:</b> Capital ROK Infantry Division
<b>CSG:</b> Combat Support Group
<b>CTZ:</b> Corps Tactical Zone
<b>CVA:</b> Attack Aircraft Carrier
<b>CVW:</b> Carrier Air Wing
<b>Det:</b> Detachment
<b>Div:</b> Division
<b>DMZ:</b> Demilitarized Zone
<b>DoD:</b> Department of Defense
<b>DRAC:</b> Delta Regional Assistance Command

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**Elts:** Elements  
**Eng:** Engineer  
**Exp:** Expeditionary  
**FA:** Field Artillery  
**FANK:** *Forces Armées Nationales Khmères* (Khmer National Armed Forces)  
**FFV:** Field Force, Vietnam  
**Fid:** Field  
**FRAC:** First Regional Assistance Command  
**FS:** Fighter Squadron  
**FULRO:** Front Uni de Lutte des Races Opprimées (United Front for the Liberation of Oppressed Races)  
**FW:** Fighter Wing  
**FWA:** Free World Allies  
**FWF:** Free World Forces  
**GEN:** General  
**GHQ:** General Headquarters  
**Grp:** Group  
**GVN:** Government of (South) Viet Nam  
**HAL:** Helicopter Attack Squadron Light  
**HH:** Heavy Helicopter  
**HHC:** Headquarters & Headquarters Company  
**HHT:** Headquarters & Headquarters Troop  
**HMH:** Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron  
**HML:** Marine Light Helicopter Squadron  
**HMM:** Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron  
**H&MS:** Headquarters & Maintenance Squadron  
**Hosp:** Hospital  
**How:** Howitzer  
**HQ:** Headquarters  
**HS:** Helicopter Squadron  
**H&S:** Headquarters & Service  
**HW:** Heavy Weapons  
**Inf:** Infantry  
**JGS:** Joint General Staff  
**KB:** Ky Binh (Cav)  
**KR:** Khmer Rouge  
**(L):** Light  
**LAAM:** Light Anti-Aircraft Missile  
**LF:** Local Force  
**LIB:** Light Infantry Brigade  
**Log:** Logistical  
**LRPD:** Long Range Patrol Detachment  
**LRRP:** Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol  
**LTG:** Lieutenant General  
**LOC:** Lines of Communications  
**LZ:** Landing Zone  
**MACV:** Military Assistance Command, Vietnam  
**MAB:** Marine Amphibious Brigade  
**MABS:** Marine Air Base Squadron  
**MAF:** Marine Amphibious Force  
**MAG:** Marine Air Group  
**Maint:** Maintenance  
**Mar:** Marine/Marines  
**MASH:** Mobile Army Surgery Hospital  
**MASS:** Marine Air Support Squadron  
**MAW:** Marine Aircraft Wing  
**MEB:** Marine Expeditionary Brigade  
**Med:** Medical  
**Mech:** Mechanized  
**MG:** Major General  
**MGF:** Mobile Guerrilla Force  
**MH:** Medium Helicopter  
**MI:** Military Intelligence  
**MIKE:** Mobile Strike Force  
**Mil:** Military  
**MP:** Military Police  
**MR:** Military Region  
**MSF:** Mobile Strike Force  
**MSFC:** Mobile Strike Force Command  
**Mtr:** Mortar  
**MWHG:** Marine Wing Headquarters Group  
**Nat:** National  
**NDP:** Night Defensive Position  
**NMCB:** Naval Mobile Construction Battalion  
**NMCR:** Naval Mobile Construction Regiment  
**NVA:** North Vietnamese Army  
**NZ:** New Zealand  
**OPCON:** Operational Control  
**OPORD:** Operational Order  
**Ord:** Ordnance  
**ORLL:** Operational Report – Lessons Learned  
**PACFLT:** Pacific Fleet  
**PACV:** Patrol Air Cushion Vehicle  
**PAVN:** People's Army of Vietnam  
**Phibron:** Amphibious Squadron  
**PHILCAGV:** Philippines Civic Action Group, Vietnam  
**PLAF:** People's Liberation Armed Forces  
**Plt:** Platoon  
**Prov:** Provisional  
**PsyOp:** Psychological Operations  
**QM:** Quartermaster  
**RAA:** Royal Australian Artillery  
**RAAF:** Royal Australian Air Force  
**RAG:** River Assault Group  
**RAID:** River Assault Interdiction Division  
**RAR:** Royal Australian Regiment  
**RCLR:** Recoilless Rifle  
**Rcn:** Recon  
**RF:** Regional Forces  
**Rgr:** Ranger  
**Rgt/Regt:** Regiment  
**Riv:** Riverine  
**RL:** Rocket Launcher  
**RMG:** River Mine Group  
**RNZA:** Royal New Zealand Artillery  
**ROK:** Republic of Korea  
**ROKMC:** Republic of Korea Marine Corps  
**RPG:** River Patrol Group  
**RR:** Recoilless Rifle  
**RTA:** Royal Thai Army  
**RTAVF:** Royal Thai Army Volunteer Force  
**RTAVR:** Royal Thai Army Volunteer Regiment  
**RVN:** Republic of Viet Nam  
**RVNAF:** Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces  
**SAS:** Special Air Service  
**SASR:** Special Air Service Regiment  
**SEAL:** Sea, Air and Land  
**SEALORDS:** South East Asia Lake-Ocean-River-Delta Strategy  
**Sec:** Security  
**Sep:** Separate  
**Serv:** Service  
**SFGA:** Special Forces Group, Airborne  
**SLF:** Special Landing Force  
**SLR:** Self-Loading Rifle  
**SMEH:** Semi Mobile Evacuation Hospital  
**SMG:** Sub Machine gun  
**SOG:** Studies & Observation Group  
**SOS:** Special Operations Squadron  
**SOW:** Special Operations Wing  
**Spec:** Special  
**SPS:** Security Police Squadron  
**Sqn:** Squadron  
**SRAC:** Second Regional Assistance Command  
**Strat:** Strategic  
**S&T:** Supply & Transport  
**STZ:** Special Tactical Zone  
**S&S:** Supply & Service  
**Sup:** Support  
**SW:** Strategic Wing  
**TAOI:** Tactical Area Of Interest  
**TAOR:** Tactical Area Of Responsibility

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**TASS:** Tactical Air Support Squadron  
**TC:** Troop Carrier  
**TDY:** Temporary Duty  
**TFS:** Tactical Fighter Squadron  
**TFW:** Tactical Fighter Wing  
**TF:** Task Force  
**TG:** Tactical Group  
**TCG:** Troop Carrier Group  
**TCS:** Troop Carrier Squadron  
**TRAC:** Third Regional Assistance Command  
**TRS:** Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron  
**Trans:** Transportation  
**Trp:** Troop  
**VC:** Viet Cong  
**VMCJ:** Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron  
**VMF:** Marine Fighter Squadron  
**VMFA:** Marine Fighter Attack Squadron  
**VMO:** Marine Observation Squadron  
**VNAF:** Viet Nam Air Force  
**VNMC:** Viet Nam Marine Corps  
**VNN:** Viet Nam Navy  
**VNSF:** Viet Nam Special Forces  
**Vol:** Volunteer  
**WESTPAC:** Western Pacific  
**WHRID:** White Horse ROK Infantry Division

## GLOSSARY OF RVNAF OPERATION NAMES

**NGUYEN VAN NHO:** Commander of the 4<sup>th</sup> VNMC Battalion killed at Binh Gia in Dec 64  
**DAN CHI:** People's Will  
**QUYET THANG:** Resolved to Win  
**TIEN GIANG:** An arm of the Mekong River  
**TU LUC:** Self-Sufficient  
**TAN PHONG:** New Wind  
**DAN THANG:** People's Victory  
**XAY DUNG:** Construction  
**LIEN KET:** (Inter)Connection

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## APPENDIX 1 RVNAF ORDER OF BATTLE 1965

### JOINT GENERAL STAFF:

Headquarters: Saigon  
Commanders: MG Tran Van Minh; MG Cao Van Vien (from 10 Oct).

### GENERAL RESERVE

**Airborne Brigade** (Airborne Division activated 1 Dec 1965)  
Headquarters: Tan Son Nhut  
Commander: MG Du Quoc Dong  
Composition: TF 1, 2, 3; Airborne Battalions: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup><sup>14</sup>. Artillery Battalion: 1<sup>st</sup>.

### VNMC Brigade

Headquarters: Camp Song Than, Saigon  
Commander: MG Le Nguyen Khang  
Composition: TF ALPHA & BRAVO; Marine Battalions: 1<sup>st</sup>; 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>.

### I CORPS

Headquarters: Da Nang  
Commander: LTG Nguyen Chanh Thi  
Ranger Battalions: 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 39<sup>th</sup>.  
Armored Cavalry Squadron: 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Independent Regiment: 51<sup>st</sup>.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION

Headquarters: Hue  
Commander: BG Nguyen Van Chuan  
Regiments: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 54<sup>th</sup>.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION

Headquarters: Da Nang, Quang Ngai (May 1965)  
Commander: MG Hoang Xuan Lam  
Regiments: 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>.

### II CORPS

Headquarters: Pleiku  
Commanders: MG Nguyen Huu Co; MG Vinh Loc (from 25 Jun)  
Ranger Battalions: 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Armored Cavalry Squadron: 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### 24<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL TACTICAL ZONE

Headquarters: Kontum.

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION

Headquarters: Kontum, Ba Gi (Mar 65)  
Commanders: BG Nguyen Xuan Thinh; BG Nguyen Thanh Sang (from 1 Apr)  
Regiments: 40<sup>th</sup>, 41<sup>st</sup>, 42<sup>nd</sup><sup>15</sup>, 47<sup>th</sup><sup>16</sup>.

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION

Headquarters: Ban Me Thuot  
Commanders: BG Lu Lan; BG Nguyen Van Manh (from 20 Aug)

Regiments: 42<sup>nd</sup><sup>17</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 47<sup>th</sup><sup>18</sup>.

### III CORPS

Headquarters: Bien Hoa  
Commanders: BG Cao Van Vien; MG Nguyen Bao Tri (from 11 Oct)  
Ranger Battalions: 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 36<sup>th</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup>, 51<sup>st</sup>, 52<sup>nd</sup>.  
Armored Cavalry Squadron: 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION

Headquarters: Phu Loi  
Commanders: BG Tran Thanh Phong, MG Pham Quoc Thuan (from 19 Jul).  
Regiments: 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION<sup>19</sup>

Headquarters: Xuan Loc  
Commanders: COL Nguyen Van Manh, BG Lu Lan (from 20 Aug)  
Regiments: 43<sup>rd</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup>, 52<sup>nd</sup>.

#### 25<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION

Headquarters: Duc Hoa  
Commanders: BG Nguyen Thanh Sang; MG Phan Trong Chinh (from 6 Apr)  
Regiments: 46<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>.

### IV CORPS

Headquarters: Can Tho  
Commanders: MG Nguyen Van Thieu; MG Dang Van Quang (from 20 Jan).  
Ranger Battalions: 32<sup>nd</sup>, 41<sup>st</sup>, 42<sup>nd</sup>, 43<sup>rd</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>.  
Armored Cavalry Squadron: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION

Headquarters: My Tho  
Commanders: MG Nguyen Bao Tri; MG Nguyen Viet Thanh (from 9 Oct).  
Regiments: 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### 9<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION

Headquarters: Sa Dec  
Commanders: BG Vinh Loc; MG Lam Quang Thi (from 29 May).  
Regiments: 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### 21<sup>st</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION

Headquarters: Bac Lieu  
Commanders: BG Dang Van Quang, COL Nguyen Van Phuoc (interim from 20 Jan); MG Nguyen Van Minh (from 24 Mar).  
Regiments: 46<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>.

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Chiến dịch Bình Giã (2/12/1964 – 3/1/1965).  
Chiến dịch Đồng Xoài (10/5/1965–22/7/1965).  
Chiến dịch Ba Gia (28/6/1965 – 20/7/1965).  
Chiến dịch Plâyme (19/10/1965 – 26/11/1965).

14 Activated 1 Sep 65.

15 Detached to 23<sup>rd</sup> Inf Div late 1965.

16 Attached from 23<sup>rd</sup> Inf Div late 1965.

17 Attached from 22<sup>nd</sup> Inf Div late 1965.

18 Detached to 22<sup>nd</sup> Inf Div late 1965.

19 Activated 16 May 1965

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Chiến dịch Bàu Bàng – Dầu Tiếng (12/11/1965 – 27/11/1965).  
Chiến dịch Hiệp Đức – Đồng Dương (17/11/1965 – 19/12/1965).

### APPENDIX 3 PAVN/PLAF DIVISIONS 1965-1975

#### Division 1

-Division 1/B3: Established Dec 1965, consisted of Regiment 66, 88, 320. Early 1967 received Regiment 174 replacing Regiment 88. Late 1968 moved to B2 (except Regiment 66), received Regiment 101D. Practically all regiments separated to reinforce other fronts. Late 1973 officially disbanded.

#### Division 2

-Division 2/MR5: Established 20 Oct 1965, consisted of Regiment 1, 21. Oct 1966 received Regiment 31. Jul 1970 received Regiment 141 replacing Regiment 21. Summer 1972 received Regiment 52/Division 320A replacing Regiment 31. Jun 1973 transferred Regiment 141 to Division 3, separated Regiment 52, received Regiment 31, 38.

#### Division 3

-Division 3/MR5, AKA Division "Sao Vàng" (Gold Star). Established 2 Sep 1965, consisted of Regiment 2, 12, 22. Feb 1970 disbanded Regiment 22. Jul 1970 disbanded. On 29 Jun 1971 reestablished with Regiment 2, 12, 21. Late Jun 1973 disbanded Regiment 21 and received Regiment 141/Division 2.

-Division 3/B2, AKA Division "Phước Long". Established late 1973, consisted of Regiment 201, 205, 271A.

#### Division 4

-Division 4/MR9: Established Jul 1974, consisted of Regiment 2, 10, 20.

#### Division 5

-Division 5/B2: Established 2 Sep 1965, consisted of Regiment 4, 5. Sep 1967 received Regiment 88 (until Nov 1967). Apr 1968 separated Regiment 4. Jul 1968 received Regiment 33, 88. Oct 1968, Regiment 174 replaced Regiment 88. Late 1969 or early 1970 separated Regiment 33. Jun 1970 separated 2 battalions of Regiment 5 and established Regiment 1 with left battalion. Established Regiment 3 at the same time.

-Division 5/MR5: Established Sep 1965, consisted of Regiment 10, 20. Fought in the area of Phú Yên, Khánh Hoà, Đắc Lắc 1965-1966. No more information, maybe disbanded in 1966.

#### Division 6

-Division 6/MR7. Established Nov 1974, consisted of Regiment 4, 33.

#### Division 7

-Division 7/B2: Established on 13 Jun 1966, consisted of Regiment 12, 14, 16. Early 1967 separated Regiment 16, received Regiment 52/Division 320. Apr 1967 received Regiment 16 replacing Regiment 52. Oct 1967 separated Regiment 16. Aug 1968 received Regiment 320. Nov 1968 separated Regiment 320. Late 1968 early 1969 received Regiment 209/Division 1.

#### Division 8

-Division 8/MR8: Established 20 Oct 1974, consisted of Regiment 24, 88, 320. Early 1975 received Regiment 207 replacing Regiment 88.

#### Division 9

-Division 9/B2: Established on 2 Sep 1965, consisted of Regiment 1, 2, 3. Early 1969 separated Regiment 3, received Regiment 88(A)/Division 308 which redesignated as Regiment 3B. Oct 1969 separated Regiment 88, received Regiment 95C/Division

325B which redesignated as Regiment 3/Division 9.

#### Division 10

-Division 10/B3: AKA Division "Đắk Tô" (Dakto): Established on 20 Sep 1972, consisted of Regiment 28, 66, 95. May 1973 received Regiment 24(B) replacing Regiment 28.

#### Division 31

-Division 31/MR4: Established on 11 Jul 1974, consisted of 335, 866. Fought in Laos.

#### Division 304

-Division 304(A), AKA Division "Vinh Quang" (Glory): Established in 1st Indochina War, consisted of Regiment 9, 57, 66. Mar 65 received Regiment 42 replacing Regiment 57 which redesignated as Regiment 24. Summer 1965 moved to the South, disbanded and separated regiments to reinforce fronts.

-Division 304B: Established Aug 1965 and became official Division 304, consisted of Regiment 9(B), 57(B), 66(B).

#### Division 305

-Division 305: Established Jul 1954. In 1960 became Brigade 305. In 1964 became Parachute Brigade. Apr 1967 combined with other units to form Đặc Công (Sapper) Command.

#### Division 308

-Division 308, AKA Division "Quần Tiên Phong" (Vanguard): Established in 1st Indochina War, consisted of Regiment 36, 88, 102. Late 1965 early 1966 transferred Regiment 88(A) to B3 and established new Regiment 88/Division 308 in the North. Feb 1968 transferred Regiment 36(A) to MR5 and established new Regiment 36/Division 308.

-Division 308B: AKA Division 338, numbering used when it was reorganized as a combat division Jul 1972.

#### Division 312

-Division 312, AKA Division "Chiến Thắng" (Victory): Established in 1st Indochina War, consisted of Regiment 141, 165, 209. In 1966 transferred Regiment 141 (141A), 165 (165A) to the South to create Division 7 and established new Regiment 141 (141B), Regiment 165 (165B) in the North. Jan 1968 transferred Regiment 141B, 209A to the South. Aug 1968 reestablished with Regiment 141, 165, 209.

-Division 312B: Established May 1972 from cadets of military schools as reserved division of General Staff. No more information, maybe disbanded the same year.

#### Division 316

-Division 316, AKA Division "Bông Lau": Established in 1st Indochina War, consisted of Regiment 98, 174, 176. In 1958 reduced to brigade. May 1964 reorganized as full division, consisted of Regiment 148, 174, 673. Apr 1966 separated Regiment 174, 673. May 1966 established new Regiment 174(B). In 1974 received Regiment 149.

#### Division 320

-Division 320A, AKA Division "Đồng Bằng" (Plain): Established in 1st Indochina War, consisted of Regiment 48, 52, 64. Early 1966 transferred Regiment 52 to the South and established new Regiment 52/Division 320A. Sep 1966 transferred Regiment 52 to B2 and established new Regiment 52/Division 320A. Jan 1971 transferred Regiment 52 to B2, received Regiment 46/MR3 which redesignated as Regiment 52/Division 320A. Jun 1972 transferred Regiment 52 to MR5. Early 1975 received Regiment 9/Division 968.

-Division 320B: Established middle 1965, consisted of Regiment 48, 64, 52. In 1972 transferred Regiment 52 to Division 341 and

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received Regiment 27.

### Division 324

-Division 324, AKA Division "Ngự Bình": Established Jun 1955, consisted of Regiment 90, 93, 803. Feb 1961 reduced to brigade. May 1965 reorganized as full division 324 with Regiment 90, 803, 812. Late 1966 disbanded. Feb 1969 reestablished with Regiment 29, 803, 812 which redesignated as Regiment 1, 2, 3.

### Division 325

-Division 325(A), AKA Division "Bình Trị Thiên": Established in 1st Indochina War, consisted of Regiment 18(A), 95(A), 101(A). Moved to the South Nov 1964 and disbanded, regiments reinforced other fronts.

-Division 325B: created from elements of Division 325. In 1964, consisted of Regiment 18B, 95B, 101B. Middle 1965 transferred Regiment 101B to the South and established Regiment 101C. Moved to the South Dec 1965 and disbanded, regiments reinforced other fronts.

-Division 325C: Established late 1965, consisted of Regiment 18C, 95C, 101D. Moved to Central Highlands Apr 1968 and disbanded, regiments reinforced other fronts.

-Division 325D: Established Summer 1968, consisted of Regiment 18D, 95D, 101E. Moved to Quảng Trị early 1969. From late 1969 to late 1971 on training duty. Nov 1971 reorganized as full and official Division 325, consist of Regiment 18, 95, 101. Early 1975 transferred Regiment 95(D) to Central Highlands. Mar 1975 received Regiment 46.

### Division 330

-Division 330: Established In 1954. In 1962 reduced to Brigade 330 and maybe disbanded later.

### Division 335

-Division 335, AKA Division "Thảo Nguyên" (Steppe): Established May 1955. Sep 1959 reduced to Brigade, fought in Laos. In 1965 reduced to Regiment 335.

### Division 338

-Division 338: Established late 1956. Mar 1958 reduced to Brigade. Aug 1966 reorganized as training division. Jul 1972 became combat division 308B, consisted of Regiment 36B, 88B, 102B. Oct 1972 transferred Regiment 36B to Division 341. Apr 1973 received Regiment 52/Division 341. Aug 1973 transferred Regiment 88B to Division 316. Mar 1974 redesignated as Division 338 with Regiment 52, 102. Stayed in the North during the war.

### Division 341

-Division 341, AKA Division "Sông Lam" (Lam River): Established in 1955 (?). In 1960 reduced to Brigade. Feb 1962 reorganized as Division 341. In 1964 sent all units to the South and disbanded. Mar 1965 reestablished. Late 1966 sent all units to the South and disbanded. Nov 1972 reestablished with Regiment 52/Division 320B and 270. Mar 1973 received Regiment 36B replacing Regiment 52 which redesignated as Regiment 273. Jun 1973 received Regiment 266.

-Division 341B: Established Mar 1975. No more information.

### Division 350

-Division 350: Established on 21 Sep 1954. Mar 1958 reduced to Brigade 350. Apr 1965 reorganized as Division 350. Stay in the North during the war.

### Division 711

-Division 711/MR5: Established Nov 1971 consisted of Regiment 31, 38. Apr 1972 received Regiment 9(A)/Division 304(A). Jun

1973 disbanded. Some elements transferred to creat Brigade 52.

### Division 968

-Division 968/Group 559: Established 28 Jun 1968 as Đoàn 968/MR4, fought in Laos. In 1972 became Division 968, consisted of Regiment 9, 19, 39. Nov 1972 received Regiment 52, 102 established Regiment 59. In 1974 returned to Vietnam with Regiment 9, 19, 29 and under MR4. Late 1974 or early 1975 transferred Regiment 9 to Division 320A.

## APPENDIX - 4 PAVN/PLAF REGIMENTS 1965-1975

### Regiment 1

-Regiment 1/Division 2, AKA Regiment "Ba Gia", also former Regiment 1/MR5. Under Division 2 when Division 2 established Sep 1965.

-Regiment 1/Division 9, AKA Regiment "Bình Giã", also former Regiment 1/B2 (AKA Regiment Q761, 271). Established Jul 1961. Under Division 9 when Division 9 established Sep 1965.

-Regiment 1/Division 324, AKA Regiment 803/Division 324 redesignated since Aug 1969.

-Regiment 1/Division 5: Established Jun 1970 with a battalion of Regiment 5/Division 5.

-Regiment 1/MR8 AKA Regiment "Đồng Tháp": Established late 1967 with the name "Task Force 1". Early 1968 officially became Regiment 1 "Đồng Tháp".

-Regiment 1 "Quyết Thắng": under Sài Gòn - Gia Định Command. Established Apr 1975, AKA Regiment Gia Định 1.

-Regiment 1/MR5 = Regiment 1/Division 2.

-Regiment 1/B2 = Regiment 1/Division 9.

-Regiment 1/MR9 (1) = Regiment 2/Division 4/MR9: Established Sep 1963. Jun 1964 transferred to B2, redesignated Regiment 3/B2 (AKA Regiment 273). Under Division 9 when Division 9 established Sep 1965. Sep 1969 separated from Division 9, reinforced MR9, redesignated Regiment 2/MR9. Under Division 4/MR9 when Division 4 established.

-Regiment 1/MR9 (2), AKA Regiment "U Minh": Established Jun 1964.

-Regiment Gia Định 1 = Regiment 1 Quyết Thắng.

### Regiment 2

-Regiment 2/Division 3, AKA Regiment "An Lão", also former Regiment 2/MR5: Established May 1962. Under Division 3 when Division 3 established Sep 1965.

-Regiment 2/Division 9, AKA Regiment "Đồng Xoài", also former Regiment 2/B2 (AKA Regiment Q762, 272). Under Division 9 when Division 9 established Sep 1965.

-Regiment 2/Division 324: Regiment 812/Division 324 redesignated since Aug 1969.

-Regiment 2/Division 4/MR9, AKA Regiment "Lộc Ninh": former Regiment 1/MR9 (1). Established Sep 1963. Jun 1964 transferred to B2, redesignated Regiment 3/B2 (AKA Regiment 273). Under Division 9 when Division 9 established Sep 1965. Sep 1969 separated from Division 9 to reinforce MR9, redesignated

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Regiment 2/MR9. Under Division 4/MR9 when Division 4 established.

-Regiment 2 "Quyết Thắng" under Sài Gòn – Gia Định Command: Established Apr 1975, AKA Regiment Gia Định 2.

-Regiment 2/MR8 (1): Established late 1967 with the name "Task Force 2". Early 1968 officially Regiment 2/MR8. Middle 1970 disbanded.

-Regiment 2/MR8 (2) = Regiment 320/Division 8: numbering of Regiment 320 when transferred to MR8 Mar 1969.

-Regiment 2/MR9 (1): Established Nov 1963, disbanded Sep 1966.

-Regiment 2/MR9 (2): Established before 2nd phase of Tet 1968, Early 1969 disbanded to reinforce Regiment 1/MR9 (2).

-Regiment 2/MR9 (3) = Regiment 2/Division 4.

-Regiment 2 Gio An: Fought in Huế 1968. No more information.

-Regiment 2/MR5 = Regiment 2/Division 3.

-Regiment 2/B2 = Regiment 2/Division 9.

-Regiment 2/Division 5 = Regiment 174/Division 316: Regiment 174/Division 5 redesignated Jun 1970.

-Regiment Gia Định 2 = Regiment 2 Quyết Thắng.

### Regiment 3

-Regiment 3/Division 9 (1) = Regiment 1/MR9. Jun 1964 moved to B2, became Regiment 3 (AKA Regiment 273). Under Division 9 when Division 9 established Sep 1965. Sep 1969 separated from Division 9, transferred to MR9, redesignated Regiment 2/MR9 (3) = Regiment 2/Division 4.

-Regiment 3/Division 9 (2): former Regiment 88(A)/Division 308. In 1969 Under Division 9 as Regiment 3B. Oct 1969 separated from division.

-Regiment 3/Division 9 (3): former Regiment 95C/Division 325B. Oct 1969 under Division 9.

-Regiment 3/Division 5: Established May 1970.

-Regiment 3/Division 324, AKA Regiment 29/Division 324 redesignated Aug 1969. Also former Regiment 18C/Division 325C.

-Regiment 3/MR8 = Regiment 88/MR8: Numbering of Regiment 88 when transferred to MR8 Sep 1969.

-Regiment 3/MR9, AKA Regiment "Cửu Long": Established Apr 1968.

-Regiment 3/B2 = Regiment 3/Division 9.

### Regiment 4

-Regiment 4/Division 6, AKA Regiment "Đồng Nai": Established 3/Feb 1965. Under Division 5 when Division 5 established Sep 1965. Apr 1968 separated from Division 5, under B2. Under Division 6/MR7 when Division 6 established.

-Regiment 4/Division 5 = Regiment 4/Division 6.

-Regiment 4/B2 = Regiment 4/Division 6.

-Regiment 4/B4 (MR Trị Thiên), AKA Regiment "Phong Quảng": Established Apr 1973.

-Regiment 4/MR8: Numbering of Regiment 24/Division 8 when reinforced MR8 middle 1972.

### Regiment 5

-Regiment 5/Division 5: also former Regiment 5/B2: Established May 1965. Under Division 5 when Division 5 established Sep 1965. Jun 1970 disbanded. 2 battalions to establish Regiment 205, the remaining to establish Regiment 1/Division 5.

-Regiment 5/B2 = Regiment 5/Division 5.

-Regiment 5/MR8 = Regiment 207/Division 8: Numbering of Regiment 207 when transferred to MR8 1972.

### Regiment 6

-Regiment 6/B4 (MR Trị Thiên) AKA Regiment Phú Xuân: Established Oct 1965.

### Regiment 9

-Regiment 9/Division 304, AKA Regiment Quang Trung. Established in 1st Indochina War. Regiment 9(A) separated from Division 304 Jan 1965. Regiment 9B/Division 304B established Aug 1965, became official Regiment 9/Division 304.

-Regiment 9/Division 968 = Regiment 9(A)/Division 304(A).

-Regiment 9/Division 320A = Regiment 9 (A)/Division 304(A).

-Regiment 9/Division 711 = Regiment 9(A)/Division 304(A).

-Regiment 9(A)/Division 304(A): separated from Division 304 1/1965, Fought in Laos and Trị Thiên (Jul 1967). Fought in Laos late 1971 early 1972. Apr 1972 under Division 711/MR5. Jun 1973 became independent regiment. Then under Division 968. Early 1975 transferred to Division 320A.

-Regiment 9(B)/Division 304B: Established Aug 1985, became official Regiment 9/Division 304.

### Regiment 10

-Regiment 10/Division 4, AKA Regiment "Ngô Quyền": Also former Regiment 95(A)/Division 325(A). Moved to Central Highlands late 1964, early 1965. Early 1966 moved to MR5, redesignated as Regiment 10. Early 1968 moved to B2. Early 1970 transferred to MR9. Under Division 4/MR9 when Division 4 established.

-Regiment 10/MR5 = Regiment 10/Division 4.

-Regiment 10/MR9 = Regiment 10/Division 4.

### Regiment 12

-Regiment 12/Division 3/MR5, AKA Regiment "Tây Sơn": Also former Regiment 18(A)/Division 325(A), which moved to MR5 Feb 1965 and redesignated. Under Division 3 when Division 3 established Sep 1965.

-Regiment 12/Division 7/B2: Also former Regiment 165(A)/Division 312 which moved to the South in 1966 and redesignated. Under Division 7 when Division 7 established Sep 1966. AKA Regiment 165/Division 7.

### Regiment 14

-Regiment 14/Division 7/B2: also former Regiment 141(A)/Division 312 which moved to the South in 1966 and redesignated. Under Division 7 when Division 7 established Sep 1966. AKA Regiment 141/Division 7.

### Regiment 16

-Regiment 16/MR7: also former Regiment 101(A)/Division

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325(A) moved to B2 Middle 1965, redesignated as Regiment 16 (AKA Regiment Q16). Under Division 7 when Division 7 established. Separated to become independent regiment. Under Division 7 and Division 9 in short terms, then under MR7.

-Regiment 16/Division 7 = Regiment 16/MR7.

-Regiment 16/Division 9 = Regiment 16/MR7.

### Regiment 18

-Regiment 18/Division 325, AKA Regiment "Lê Trực". Established in 1st Indochina War. Regiment 18(A) moved to the South Feb 1965. Regiment 18B moved to the South Dec 1965. Regiment 18C separated from division Mar 1968. Regiment 18D under Division 325D when division reorganized as combat division Nov 1971, then became official Regiment 18/Division 325.

-Regiment 18(A)/Division 325(A) = Regiment 12/Division 3. Moved to MR5 Feb 1965 and redesignated as Regiment 12. Under Division 3 when Division 3 established Sep 1965

-Regiment 18B/Division 325B = Regiment 20/Division 4. Established early 1964, moved to the MR5 Dec 1965. Redesignated as Regiment 20. Dec 1968 moved to B2. Early 1970 moved to MR9. 1974 Under Division 4/MR9 when Division 4 established.

-Regiment 18C/Division 325C: Established late 1965. Jan 1968 moved to Trĩ Thiên. Mar 1968 separated from division. Redesignated as Regiment 29 and then became Regiment 3/Division 324.

-Regiment 18D/Division 325D: Established summer 1968. From late 1969 to late 1971 on training duty. Nov 1971 reorganized and became official Regiment 18/Division 325.

### Regiment 19

-Regiment 19/Division 968: Established Apr 1972, Fought Laos. Then under Division 968.

### Regiment 20

-Regiment 20/Division 4, AKA Regiment Trần Hưng Đạo: also former Regiment 18B/Division 325B moved to the MR5 Dec 1965 and redesignated as Regiment 20. Dec 1968 moved to B2. Early 1970 moved to MR9. 1974 under Division 4/MR9 when Division 4 established.

-Regiment 20/MR9 = Regiment 20/Division 4.

-Regiment 20/Division 5/MR5 = Regiment 20/Division 4.

### Regiment 21

-Regiment 21/Division 2: Established early 1965 in the North and moved to the South. Under Division 2 when Division 2 established Sep 1965. Nov 1971 transferred from Division 2 to Division 3. Jun 1973 Disbanded.

-Regiment 21/Division 3 = Regiment 21/Division 2.

### Regiment 22

-Regiment 22/Division 3: Established summer 1965 in the North and moved to the South. Under Division 3 when Division 3 established Sep 1965. Disbanded Feb 1970.

### Regiment 24

-Regiment 24/Division 304: Regiment 24(A)/Division 304(A) also former Regiment 42/ MR Tả Ngạn, moved to the South 1965. Regiment 24B/Division 304B established in the North and became official Regiment 24/Division 304.

-Regiment 24/Division 10: also former Regiment 42 reestablished. Late 1968 combined with Regiment 42/Division 350 to

form Regiment 42 MR Tả Ngạn. Oct 1971 transferred to B3, redesignated Regiment 24. May 1973 under Division 10.

-Regiment 24/Division 8: also former Regiment 42 MR Tả Ngạn redesignated. In 1965 joined Division 304(A), then separated and transferred to MR5. In 1966-1969 transferred to B3. In 1970 fought in Laos and Cambodia. In 1972 transferred to B2. Jun 1972 transferred to MR8. Under Division 8/MR8 when Division 8 established Oct 1974.

-Regiment 24/B3 = Regiment 24/Division 10.

-Regiment 24B/Division 304B: established Aug 1965 became official Regiment 24/Division 304.

### Regiment 25

-Regiment 25/B3: Established Early 1975.

### Regiment 27

-Regiment 27/Division 320B, AKA Regiment "Triệu Hải": Established Feb 1968, under MR4 then transferred to B5. From Jun 1972 under Division 320B.

-Regiment 27/B5 = Regiment 27/Division 320B.

### Regiment 28

-Regiment 28/B3: Established 1968. Under Division 10 when Division 10 established Late 1972. May 1973 separated from Division 10 to become independent regiment.

- Regiment 28/Division 10 = Regiment 28/B3

### Regiment 29

-Regiment 29/Division 324 = Regiment 3/Division 324, also former Regiment 18C/Division 325C.

-Regiment 29/Division 968, AKA Regiment "Vĩnh Thắng": Established May 1974, then under Division 968.

-Regiment 29/B2: Established May 1968. No more information.

Regiment 31:

- Regiment 31/Division 2: also former Regiment 64/Division 320. Feb 1966 transferred to MR5 and redesignated as Regiment 31. Oct 1966 under Division 2.

- Regiment 31/B5, AKA Regiment 31/Division 341/MR4 transferred to B5 (1966-1967).

### Regiment 32

-US designation of Regiment 320.

### Regiment 33

-Regiment 33/B3 = Regiment 101B/Division 325B. Late 1968 moved to B2. Under Division 6/MR7 when Division 6 established.

### Regiment 36

-Regiment 36/Division 308, AKA Regiment "Bắc Bắc". Established in 1st Indochina War. Regiment 36A/Division 308 transferred to MR5 Feb 1968, Regiment 36B/Division 308 established in the North and became official Regiment 36/Division 308.

-Regiment 36A/Division 308: transferred to MR5 Feb 1968.

-Regiment 36B/Division 308B = Regiment 273/Division 341.

-Regiment 36/MR5 = Regiment 36A/Division 308.

### Regiment 38

-Regiment 38/Division 2: also former Regiment 90/Division 324.

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Then separated from Division 324, transferred to MR5 and redesignated as Regiment 38. Jun 1973 under Division 2.

### Regiment 39

-Regiment 39: Established 1/1972. Fought in Laos. Then under Division 968.

### Regiment 42

-Regiment 42 (1) = Regiment 24/Division 8: In 1965 joined Division 304(A) and redesignated as Regiment 24(A).

-Regiment 42 (2) = Regiment 24/Division 10, transferred to B3 Oct 1971.

### Regiment 46

-Regiment 46/Division 325: Under MR3, transferred to B4 (MR Trị Thiên) early 1975. Then transferred to Division 325.

### Regiment 48

-Regiment 48/Division 320A, AKA Regiment Thăng Long. Established in 1st Indochina War.

-Regiment 48/Division 320B, AKA Regiment Thạch Hãn. Under Division 320B when Division 320B established

### Regiment 52

-Regiment 52/Division 320A, AKA Regiment Tây Tiến. Established in 1st Indochina War. Regiment 52/Division 320A (1) moved to the South early 1966. Regiment 52/Division 320A (2) moved to the South Sep 1966. Regiment 52/Division 320A (3) moved to the South early 1971. Regiment 52/Division 320A (4) Jun 1972 separated from Division 320A.

-Regiment 52/Division 320A (1): moved to B2 early 1966. Under Division 7 when Division 7 established Jun 1966. Apr 1967 separated from Division 7. No more information.

-Regiment 52/Division 320A (2): Established Jun 1966. Moved to B2 Sep 1966. No more information.

-Regiment 52/Division 320A (3): Established Oct 1966, moved to B2 early 1971. No more information.

-Regiment 52/Division 320A (4): Under Division 320A. Jun 1972 separated from division, transferred to MR5. Then under Division 2 MR5. Jun 1973 separated from division, reorganized as Brigade 52/MR5.

-Regiment 52/Division 320B = Regiment 52/Division 338: Late 1972 transferred to Division 341. Mar 1973 transferred to Division 308B (338).

-Regiment 52/Division 2 = Regiment 52/Division 320A (4): Separated from Division 320A, transferred to Division 2 from Jun 1972-Jun 1973.

-Regiment 52/Division 341 = Regiment 52/Division 320B.

-Regiment 52/Division 338 = Regiment 52/Division 320B.

### Regiment 59

-Regiment 59: under Division 968 in Laos, established 1972.

### Regiment 64

-Regiment 64/Division 320A, AKA Regiment "Quyết Thắng". Note: it's neither Regiment 1 or 2 Quyết Thắng of Sài Gòn-Gia Định Command. Regiment 64 transferred to MR5 Feb 1966 and redesignated as Regiment 31. Regiment 64/Division 320A then reestablished in the North.

-Regiment 64/Division 320B: Under Division 320B when Division

320B established

### Regiment 66

-Regiment 66/Division 304, AKA Regiment "Kỳ Con". Established in 1st Indochina War. Regiment 66A/Division 304A moved to the South late 1965. Regiment 66B/Division 304B established in the North and became official Regiment 66/Division 304.

-Regiment 66/Division 10, AKA Regiment "Plei Me" (Plei Me): Also former Regiment 66A/Division 304A which moved to the South late 1965. Under Division 1 when Division 1 established Late 1966. Separated from Division 1 to under B3 when Division 1 moved to B2. Under Division 10 when Division 10 established Late 1972.

-Regiment 66/B3 = Regiment 66/Division 10.

-Regiment 66/Division 1 = Regiment 66/Division 10.

### Regiment 88

-Regiment 88/Division 308 AKA Regiment "Tu Vũ". Established in 1st Indochina War. Regiment 88A/Division 308 moved to the South Dec 1965. Regiment 88B/Division 308 established in the North and became official Regiment 88/Division 308.

-Regiment 88/MR8: also former Regiment 88(A)/Division 308. Moved to Central Highlands Dec 1965. Under Division 1. Moved to B2 In 1967. Under Division 5 since Sep to Nov 1967 and during Jan 1968. Under Division 9 in 1969 as Regiment 3B. Separated after that and moved to MR8. Under Division 8/MR8 when Division 8 established Oct 1974. Early 1975 separated to become independent regiment.

-Regiment 88/Division 5 = Regiment 88/MR8.

-Regiment 88/B3 = Regiment 88/MR8.

-Regiment 88B/Division 308B = Regiment 149/Division 316: Regiment 88B under Division 308B (Division 338) when Division 338 reorganized as combat Division 308B Jul 1972. Jun 1973 transferred to Division 316, redesignated as Regiment 149.

### Regiment 90

-Regiment 90/Division 324 = Regiment 38/Division 2.

### Regiment 93

-Regiment 93/MR5: Established late Mar 1975, under Bình Định Command.

### Regiment 94

-Regiment 94/MR5: Established Feb 1975, under Quảng Ngãi Command.

### Regiment 95

-Regiment 95/Division 325, AKA Regiment "Nguyễn Thiện Thuật". Established in 1st Indochina War. Regiment 95(A)/Division 325(A) moved to the South late 1964. Regiment 95B/Division 325B moved to the South late 1965. Regiment 95C/Division 325C moved to the South early 1968. Regiment 95D/Division 325D established summer 1968 and late 1971 became official Regiment 95/Division 325.

-Regiment 95A/Division 325A: Established Early 1964. Moved to Central Highlands Late 1964, Early 1965. Early 1966 moved to the South Trung Bộ, redesignated as Regiment 10. Early 1968 moved to B2. Early 1970 transferred to MR9. Under Division 4/MR9 when Division 4 Established.

-Regiment 95B/Division 325B: Established early 1964. Moved to Trị Thiên Dec 1965. Then transferred to B3. During 1975 period it also called "Regiment 95A" to distinguish from "Regiment 95B"

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which arrived B3 later ("Regiment 95B" is Regiment 95D).

-Regiment 95C/Division 325C: Established late 1965. Moved to Khe Sanh Feb 1967. Moved to Central Highlands Apr 1968. Moved to the B2 Jun 1968, under Division 9 and redesignated as Regiment 3/Division 9.

-Regiment 95D/Division 325D: Established summer 1968. Fought in Trị Thiên in Division formation. From late 1969 to late 1971 on training duty. Nov 1971 reorganized and became official Regiment 95/Division 325. Early 1975 separated from Division 325 and transferred to B3. During 1975 period it also called "Regiment 95B" to distinguish from "Regiment 95A" which already in B3 ("Regiment 95A" is Regiment 95B).

### Regiment 96

-Regiment 96/MR5: Established Feb 1974.

### Regiment 101

-Regiment 101/Division 325, AKA Regiment "Trần Cao Vân". Established in 1st Indochina War. Regiment 101(A)/Division 525(A) moved to the South late 1964. Regiment 101B/Division 325B moved to the South middle 1965. Regiment 101C/Division 325B moved to the South late 1965. Regiment 101D/Division 325C moved to the South middle 1968. Regiment 101E/Division 325D became official Regiment 101/Division 325 Nov 1971.

-Regiment 101(A)/Division 325(A): Established early 1964. Moved to Central Highlands late 1964 early 1965. Moved to B2 Middle 1965, redesignated as Regiment 16 (AKA Regiment 16).

-Regiment 101B/Division 325B: Established early 1964. Moved to Central Highlands middle 1965. Middle 1966 combined with Regiment 101C to form Regiment 33.

-Regiment 101C/Division 325B: Established middle 1965, moved to Trị Thiên Dec 1965. Middle 1966 moved to Central Highlands combined with Regiment 101B to form Regiment 33.

-Regiment 101D/Division 325C: Established late 1966. Moved to Quảng Trị Jun 1967. Moved to Central Highlands Apr 1968. Moved to B2 late 1968, Under Division 1 fought in Cambodia. Late 1973 transferred to MR9.

-Regiment 101E/Division 325D: Established summer 1968, during 1969-1970 on training duty. Nov 1971 reorganized and became official Regiment 101/Division 325.

-Regiment 101/MR9 = Regiment 101D.

### Regiment 102

-Regiment 102/Division 308, AKA Regiment "Thủ đô" (Capital). Established in 1st Indochina War.

-Regiment 102/Division 338 AKA Regiment 102B/Division 308B: Under Division 338 when Division 338 reorganized as combat Division 308B Jul 1972.

-Regiment 102B/Division 308B = Regiment 102/Division 338.

### Regiment 141

-Regiment 141/Division 312, AKA Regiment "Ba Vì". Established in 1st Indochina War. Regiment 141A/Division 312 moved to the South 1966. Regiment 141B/Division 312 moved to the South 1968. Regiment 141/Division 312 then reestablished in the North.

-Regiment 141A/Division 312, moved to the South 1966 and redesignated as Regiment 14. Under Division 7 when Division 7 established Sep 1966. Both called as Regiment 141/Division 7 and Regiment 14/Division 7.

-Regiment 141B/Division 312, AKA Regiment "Hoài Ân". Established in 1966 after Regiment 141A moved to the South. Jan 1968 transferred to MR5. Jul 1970 under Division 2. Jun 1973 transferred from Division 2 to Division 3.

-Regiment 141/Division 2 = Regiment 141B/Division 312..

-Regiment 141/Division 3/MR5 = Regiment 141B/Division 312 .

-Regiment 141/Division 7 = Regiment 141A/Division 312.

### Regiment 148

-Regiment 148/Division 316, AKA Regiment Sơn La: Established in 1st Indochina War. Jun 1964 transferred from MR Tây Bắc (North West) to Division 316.

### Regiment 149

-Regiment 149/Division 312, former Regiment 88B/Division 308B (Division 338) transferred to Division 316 and redesignated in 1973.

### Regiment 165

-Regiment 165/Division 312, AKA Regiment "Lao Hà Yên": Established in 1st Indochina War. Regiment 165(A)/Division 312 moved to the South 1966. Regiment 165/Division 312 then reestablished in the North.

-Regiment 165/Division 7 = Regiment 12/Division 7.

-Regiment 165A/Division 312 = Regiment 12/Division 7: Moved to B2 1966 and redesignated as Regiment 12. Under Division 7 when Division 7 established Sep 1966. Both called as Regiment 165/Division 7 and Regiment 12/Division 7.

### Regiment 174

-Regiment 174/Division 316, AKA Regiment "Cao Bắc Lạng". Established in 1st Indochina War. Regiment 174(A) separated from Division 316 early 1965. Regiment 174B established May 1966 became official Regiment 174/Division 316.

-Regiment 174/Division 5 = Regiment 174(A)/Division 316: Fought in Laos early 1965. Separated from Division Apr 1966. Moved to Central Highlands Mar 1967. Transferred to B2 Jul 1968. Under Division 5 since Oct 1968. Jun 1974 redesignated as Regiment 2/Division 5.

-Regiment 174/B3 = Regiment 174/Division 5.

-Regiment 174B/Division 316: Established May 1966, became official Regiment 174/Division 316.

### Regiment 176

-Regiment 176: Established in Laos Mar 1973

### Regiment 201

-Regiment 201/Division 3/B2: Established Oct 1970 in Cambodia. Under Division 3/B2 (Division "Phước Long") when Division 3 established.

### Regiment 205

-Regiment 205/Division 3/B2: Established Jul 1970 based on 2 battalions of Regiment 5/Division 5. Under Division 3/B2 when Division 3 established.

### Regiment 207

-Regiment 207/Division 8: Established 1970 in Cambodia. In 1972 under MR8. Oct 1974 under Division 8/MR8 when Division 8 established.

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### Regiment 209

-Regiment 209/Division 312, AKA Regiment "Sông Lô" (Lô River). Established in 1st Indochina War. Regiment 209A moved to the South Jan 1968. Regiment 42/MR Tạ Ngạn transferred to Division 312 and became official Regiment 209/Division 312.

-Regiment 209A/Division 312: moved to the South Jan 1968 and under Division 7.

-Regiment 209/Division 7 = Regiment 209A/Division 312.

### Regiment 238

-Regiment 238/B5: under Quảng Trị Command in 1968. No more information

### Regiment 246

-Regiment 246, AKA Regiment "Tân Trào". Established in 1st Indochina War. Under MR Việt Bắc, transferred to B5 1967-1968.

### Regiment 266

-Regiment 266/Division 341: Established Sep 1973.

### Regiment 268

-Regiment 268 under Sài Gòn - Gia Định Command: expanded from Battalion 268 in 1968, in 1970 reduced to battalion.

### Regiment 270

-Regiment 270/Division 341 = Regiment 270/MR4 Established in 1954, reorganized many times. Expanded to Brigade 341 (1957) and Division 341 (1962), disbanded 1964. Oct 1970 reestablished Regiment 270 and transferred to Quảng Trị until Nov 1971. Aug 1972 transferred all battalions to Laos. Nov 1972 reestablished Regiment 270 under Division 341.

-Regiment 270/B5 = Regiment 270/Division 341

-Regiment 270/Division 341B: AKA Regiment 57, redesignated and under Division 341B Mar 1975.

### Regiment 271

-Regiment 271/Division 3/B2, AKA Regiment 271A: former Regiment 812 established in 1st Indochina War. Moved to the South late 1971 and under B2. Under Division 3/B2 when Division 3/B2 established.

-Regiment 271/MR4: transferred to Quảng Trị in Sep 1972.

-Regiment 271/MR8: AKA Regiment 271B. Established Jan 1975 based on a battalion of Regiment 271A. Apr 1975 transferred to MR8.

-Regiment 271/Division 9 = Regiment 1/Division 9.

-Regiment 271/B2 = Regiment 1/Division 9.

-Regiment 271A = Regiment 271/Division 3/B2.

-Regiment 271B = Regiment 271/MR8.

### Regiment 272

-Regiment 272/Division 9 = Regiment 2/Division 9.

-Regiment 272/B2 = Regiment 2/Division 9.

### Regiment 273

-Regiment 273/Division 341: also former Regiment 8 MR Tạ Ngạn. Aug 1972 under Division 308B and redesignated as Regiment 36B. Feb 1973 transferred to Division 341 and redesignated as Regiment 273.

-Regiment 273/Division 9 = Regiment 3/Division 9.

-Regiment 273/B2 = Regiment 3/Division 9.

### Regiment 274

-Regiment 274 AKA Regiment 4/Division 5. US designation only.

### Regiment 275

-Regiment 275 AKA Regiment 5/Division 5. US designation only.

### Regiment 320

-Regiment 320: Established in 1964. Transferred to B3 early 1965. Under Division 1/B3 when Division 1 established late 1965 early 1966. Late 1968 moved to the South and separated from Division 1. Then transferred to MR8. Under Division 8/MR8 when Division 8 established Oct 1974.

### Regiment 335

-Regiment 335: former Division 335 and Brigade 335. In 1965 reduced to regiment. Fought in Laos. Under Division 31 when Division 31 established Jul 1974.

### Regiment 803

-Regiment 803/Division 324 = Regiment 1/Division 324.

### Regiment 812

-Regiment 812/MR6: Established May 1974.

-Regiment 812/Division 324 = Regiment 2/Division 324.

### Regiment 866

-Regiment 866: Established Aug 1966. Fought in Laos. Under Division 31 when Division 31 established Jul 1974.

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