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- 25 - 11 VN arrived at USMC camp at Phu Bai. They were part of group of 125 captured by en in battle of A Chau last March. They stated 59 had been released by en. 10 more arrived next day. 3 more arrived 27 Nov. The last 3 were so weak required hospitalization. All showed ill effects of their captivity.
- RIO BLANCO. At 0950H, est 100 VC attempted break-through 7th Mar bn blocking force. Marines returned small arms and mortar fire. 23 EK 5 EC. Frd cas lt.
- ATTLEBORO. At 2345H, US elements at Dau Tieng received 30-50 rounds 81mm mortar fire. Fire returned. Frd cas lt. Lt damage. ATTLEBORO term at 2400H with final results 1106 EK 44 EC over 2384 tons rice 44 tons salt and many tons other equipment and supplies. It was the largest US operation of the war to date. Air support sorties 2448. TAC sorties 1571.
- PAUL REVERE IV. 82 bunkers destroyed.
- INGHAM. Scattered lt contact. Nearly 47 tons rice captured and 4 base camps destroyed.
- 26 - At 1919H, a USAF C-47 with 4 crew members and 23 US military passengers crashed 1 mile N of Tan Son Nhut due to mechanical failure shortly after take-off. No survivors.
- In late afternoon a USAF C-123 carrying 32 US troops crash landed due en ground fire just after take-off from Dau Tieng in Tay Ninh Province. 14 injured (1 serious).
- 30 - BISMARCK. At 0845H, air strike on 80 VC 14 miles NNE of Bien Hoa resulted in 39 VCK. At 0900H, patrol contact resulted in 11 VCK. No frd cas. At 0915H, patrol contact resulted in 5 VCK. No frd cas.
- DOD a/c loss figures: (Ex-Wg) NVN 429 RVN 134.
- GVN announced that allies in RVN would undertake no offensive military actions against the VC/NVA during the periods 240700H-260700H Dec 1966, 310700H Dec 1966 - 020700H Jan 1967, and 080700H-120700H Feb 1967. GVN stated that RVNAF and allied military forces have standing orders to take, if necessary, any appropriate measures for self defense during the periods.

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- 1 - THAYER II. 1st Cav Div (AM) plat engaged en force at 1040H. Cav units reinforced. En broke major contact at 1945H. Sporadic contact until 2130H. Day's results: 78 EK 17 tons rice. Frd cas lt.

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- 1 - USA Engr Command, Vietnam, established. Successor to 18th Engr Bn.
- 2 - MISSISSIPPI. 7th Mar co escorted 1,221 refugees from one area to another about 25 miles SSW of Da Nang. Marines arranged for food and shelter.
 - PAUL REVERE IV. At 0955H, 2d Bde 4th Inf Div co engaged est NVA co while on patrol in Kontum Province 18 miles WNW of Plei Djereng. Arty and air strikes called in. Another 2d Bde co reinforced. En broke contact 1325H. Day's results: 17 NVAK. Frd cas lt.
 - GERONIMO I. 1st Bde 101st Abn Div co engaged NVA plat 22 miles WNW of Tuy Hoa in Phu Yen Province. 15 NVAK 1 NVAC. Frd cas lt. In other contacts, 4 NVAK.
 - ATLANTA. At 1640H, VC bn attacked 5-vehicle 11th Armd Cav Regt convoy in Long Khanh Province 48 miles ENE of Saigon. Convoy was reinforced, air strikes and arty called in, and blocking forces employed. VC succeeded breaking major contact 1750H with sporadic contact continuing until 1950H. AC-47s provided flares and suppressive fire. 93 VCK. Captured en weapons included a 75mm RR, 2 heavy machine guns, 3 light machine guns and a rocket launcher. Frd cas lt.
 - USN pilots struck the Van Dien Vehicle Depot 5 miles S of Hanoi. USAF pilots struck the Ha Gia POL depot 14 1/2 miles N of Hanoi. Eight US aircraft were downed over NVN.
- 3 - INGHAM. Term in Phuoc Tuy Province. Final results: 10 EK 1 EC 19 ES 11 IW 65 tons rice captured 11 base camps and 22 bunkers destroyed. Frd cas lt. Supported by 19 tactical air sorties.
 - USA armed helicopters killed 33 en in 3 separate attacks on en groups spotted in Hau Nghia Province.
 - US pilots flew 59 missions in NVN (USAF 37 USN 18 USMC 4). USAF pilots reported 3 sightings of MIG-17/MIG-21 aircraft.
- 4 - MISSISSIPPI. 55 tons rice.
 - At 0128H est en co attacked Tan Son Nhut Air Base. Est 30 en penetrated base perimeter NW of main runway under cover mortar fire from position 2 1/2 km N and another 4 km W of the base. About 30 mortar rounds total were fired onto the base. Flame ships illuminated. Armed helicopters, VNAF A-1H air strikes and counter-mortar fire were employed. USAF Air Police and sentry cbgs detected the en inside the perimeter and engaged them. 18 VCK 6 VCC (2 of the VCC later died of wounds). Contact term about 0430H. ARVN reaction force swept en mortar position areas. Frd losses from the attack: Lt frd cas, lt equipment damage, lt aircraft damage.

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- 4 - At 2015, an unit attacked Tan Son Nhut with small arms fire near rear gate near W end runway. Armed helicopters and flareships supported defense. US Air Police swept area until 0348H (5 Dec). 10 VCK. Air Police unit killed another VC at noon (5 Dec) just N of the intersection of the two main runways. Frd cas lt in the attack.
- Final VC cas in the two Tan Son Nhut attacks 4-5 Dec: 31 VCK 4 VCC.
 - In Saigon at 0455H, VC detonated explosive charge on roof PsyOps temporary quarters (former King Do (Capital) Theater) at 83 Le Van Duyet St. Building was in use as office and quarters by 6th Psy-War-Opns-Bn. 12 US injured. Hvy damage to building.
 - USAF pilots struck Yen Vien Railroad Yard 6 miles NE of Hanoi and Ha Gia POL area 14 1/2 miles N of Hanoi. USAF pilots had 4 MIG encounters during strikes in Hanoi area. F-105s downed MIG-17 and probably downed another.
- 5 - ATLANTA. Scattered actions. At 1100H, 11th-Armd-Cav-Regt unit engaged est en plat 36 miles ESE Saigon. Results: 4 VCK 41 VCC 278 ES over 8 tons rice and over 4 tons peanuts.
- USMC UH-34 downed by en ground fire S of Da Nang. No frd cas. Hvy damage to helicopter.
 - Destroyer USS INGERSOLL while patrolling in international waters 11 miles NNW of Dong Hoi was fired on at 1040H by NVN shore batteries. INGERSOLL returned fire and continued patrol.
 - USAF pilots hit Yen Bay RR yard again, 76 miles NNW of Hanoi.
- 6 - II FFV. In Binh Duong Province at 2145H, VC placed mortar fire on bivouac position of US 8th-Inf unit 18 miles NNW of Saigon. At 2340H, VC attacked that position. Frd cas lt.
- At Tan Son Nhut Airbase at 1630H, a 62-lb satchel charge was found in ammunition storage area. Charge disarmed by EOD team.
 - In Tay Ninh Province at 0930H, 15 miles NW of Tay Ninh City, multi-co CIDG force found 30,000 VC uniforms - khaki and black pajama type in follow-up of B-52 strike.
- 7 - At Tan Son Nhut Airbase at 0945H, another 62-lb satchel charge was found in ammunition storage area. Charge disarmed by EOD team.
- In the RSSZ at 1142H, 16 miles SE of Saigon, MSTs charter ship SS PHOENIX ran aground while proceeding N on Long Tau River. No cas. Security and tugs provided.
 - At 1040H, destroyer USS MANLEY (DD-940) while engaged in naval gun-fire support off III MAF area had 5"/54 round explode in forward mount. 1 WIA. Minor damage.

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- 7 - US pilots flew 405 sorties in RVN (USAF 284 USMC 119 USN 2).
- Two F-5s crashed in RVN. One loss 25 miles NE of Saigon. Pilot ejected but died of injuries. Second crashed cause unknown 30 miles N of Saigon. Pilot killed.
 - DOD a/c loss figures: (Hcptr) NVN 4 RVN 239.
- 8 - USAF B-57 downed by ground fire in RVN on Ca Mau Peninsula 25 miles S of Ca Mau City. Both pilots were rescued by USN Swift boats.
- USAF F-105s encountered MIG-17 and MIG-21 aircraft N of Hanoi. MIGs fired air-to-air missiles. No damage reported.
- 9 - First increment 199th Lt-Inf-Bde arrived in RVN. Arrived at Vung Tau.
- 10 - PRAIRIE. En attacked 4th Mar base camp 10 miles NW of Dong Ha with 50 rounds 60mm mortar fire at 0005H. Marines returned fire with 81mm mortars. Frd cas lt.
- PRAIRIE. At 1245H, 2 USMC A-4 attack planes dropped six 250-lb bombs on NVA concentration NNW of the Rock Pile, 17 miles W of Dong Ha. Two bombs went over edge of ridge landing in USMC co position. Result: 17 USMC KIA and 11 USMC WIA.
 - At 0300H, arty or mortar fire hit area 5 miles W of Bien Hoa City in Bien Hoa Province, killing 1 VN and wound 3 VN. US 4.2-inch mortar plat had received permission from sector chief and were firing harassing and interdiction missions. Investigation being conducted.
 - In Long Binh Ammunition Dump, 13 miles NE of Saigon, ammunition pad exploded at 0030H. Guards received small arms fire just prior to the explosion. Another pad exploded at 0050H. On a third pad, a satchel charge was discovered before it exploded. Frd cas and damage lt.
 - U-10 utility aircraft downed by ground fire 0950H 20 miles SW of Long Xuyen in An Giang Province. Crew rescued. No frd cas. Damage to plane unknown.
 - PICKETT. Located en arms cache containing 59 IW.
 - En cache discovered 25 miles SE of Tay Ninh City containing 46 tons rice.
 - At 1120H, 10 miles NE of Tay Ninh City, 3d Bde, 1st Inf Div plat encountered en force during TAOR opn. 26 VCK 1 AK-47 rifle seized. Frd cas hvy in the plat; lt in the opn.

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- 10 - GAME WARDEN. In Dinh Tuong Province, USN PBRs and a lt fire team killed 15 en, destroyed 28 sampans 1 structure and obtained secondary explosion, in action 8 miles W of My Tho (43 miles SW of Saigon). Frd cas lt.
- Two 7th Flt ships fired NGF in NVN; silenced radar site 12 miles NNW of Dong Hoi (10-11 Dec). Destroyed 1 junk damaged 2 junks 30 miles NNW of Dong (11 Dec).
- 12 - CHARLESTON. At 1545H, in Bien Hoa Province, 11 miles SE of Nha Be (16 miles SE of Saigon) 2d Bde 1st Inf Div unit located en grenade factory. No contact.
- ALA MOANA. At 1330H, 15 miles SE of Tay Ninh City, Inf co located and destroyed 50 en bunkers and a trench system.
 - Between 2130H 11 Dec and 0130H 12 Dec, armed helicopters from 334th Armed Helicopter Company sank 42 sampans and destroyed 3 structures 17 miles S of Saigon (20 miles E of Tan An) in Long An Province.
- 13 - PAWNEE III. At 2010H, USMC F-4B dropped bomb 1600 meters short of intended target hitting village 34 miles SE of Hue in Thua Thien Province. 5 VN civ killed, 3 VN civ wounded.
- At 2230H, 4 rounds of undetermined origin impacted 5 miles E of Saigon in Gia Dinh Province. 3 VC civ killed 2 VN civ wounded.
 - USAF pilots reported 4 MIG sightings in Hanoi area. One engagement with MIG-21s. No damage either side.
- 14 - III MAF. At 0245H, 5th Mar plat outpost 4 miles S of Chu Lai came under hvy attack by est en plat. At 0630H en broke contact. Frd cas hvy. En cas unknown.
- At 0920H, terrorist threw grenade into 2 1/2 ton USA truck near 506 Ben Hom Tu Street in Cholon. 1 US wounded. Suspect apprehended by VN police.
 - Numerous MIG sightings reported by US pilots over NVN. Three US aircraft downed over NVN. USAF F-105 was downed from en air action. Pilot rescued. USN A-4 and F-8 were downed by en ground fire. Pilots MIA.
- 15 - 11th Armd Cav Regt unit destroyed en base camp in Binh Tuy Province about 71 miles NE of Saigon.
- 16 - THAYER II. 1st Bde 1st Cav Div (AM) assumed conduct of THAYER II relieving 3d Bde 1st Cav Div (AM).

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- 16 - At 2055H, two rocket rounds were fired vicinity Tan Son Nhut military gate. No frd cas. EOD reported accidental discharge of ARVN multiple rocket launcher (mobile) due to static electricity.
- 11th Armd Cav Regt unit discovered rice cache containing 34-45 tons rice in Binh Tuy Province 73 miles NE of Saigon.
- 17 - THAYER II. Hvy contact between 1st Bde 1st Cav Div (AM) bn (reinf) size force and an est NVA bn, 1019H to 1800H in Hwy 506 Valley, about 38 miles NNW of Qui Nhon. Cav cos surrounded the en bn. En was dug in with overhead cover. 116 NVAK 3 NVAC. Frd cas mod.
- ALAMOANA. 2d Bde 25th Inf Div units discovered three closely situated rice caches containing total 24 tons rice, 30 miles NW Saigon.
- 18 - I FFV. US arty unit had breech explosion in 155mm howitzer at 1200H. Results: 1 US KIA 11 US WIA.
- 19 - II FFV. Elements of 3d Bde 9th Inf Div arrived in RVN. Landed at Vung Tau.
- GAME WARDEN. 2 USN PBRs engaged en sampan at 2000H at mouth My Tho River in Go Cong Province. 2 EK 5 EC. One US WIA.
 - NGF. 7th Flt destroyer fired on 20 en logistics watercraft off S coast NVN near Cap Lay. 4 destroyed 10 damaged.
- 20 - THAYER II. At 0917H 1st Cav Div (AM) units sighted est en co 11 miles SSW Bong Son. Called in air and arty. 14 EK. No frd cas.
- I FFV. At 20005H, en mortared Plei Me SF camp 26 miles SSW Pleiku City. Arty and AC-47 fired at suspected en mortar positions. FACs directed air strikes. No frd cas or materiel damage.
 - In Bien Hoa Province at 1345H, VC mined 1 truck and 1 passenger bus 2 km N Di An. 1 civ killed 2 US injured 2 civ injured.
 - NGF. 7th Flt destroyer fired NGF in NVN damaging 4 en cargo junks 38 miles SE Dong Hoi, N of Cap Lay.
- 21 - III MAF. At 0400H in Thua Thien Province 15 miles NW Hue, est 2 en co attacked 2 co (reinf) of 26th Mar. En fired 82mm mortars and s/a. 54 EK 4 EC. Frd cas lt.
- III MAF. Lt to mod contact. 7th Mar units supported by arty killed 26 en and captured 1 in engagement with est en co in Quang Ngai Province 12 miles SSE Quang Ngai City. 1st Mar units supported by arty killed 10 en in Quang Nam Province 12 miles SSW Da Nang.
 - NGF. Four destroyers and guided missile cruiser fired NGF in RVN.

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- 21 - USS LONG BEACH tracked two slow-moving aircraft by radar early in morning 25 miles ENE Thanh Hoa. USS KITTY HAWK launched 2 F-4s which intercepted and fired air-to-air missiles at the aircraft. The en aircraft then disappeared from the radar.
- 22 - III MAF. CHINOOK. 26th Mar regained contact with en force in Thua Thien Province 16 miles NW Hue. 110 EK.
- THAYER II. 23 EK 12 EC.
 - NGF. At 2143H, 13 miles NW Dong Hoi off coast of NVN, 7th Flt destroyer damaged 5 en logistics watercraft.
 - MACV spokesman announced presence of 25-50 North Korean pilots in NVN.
- 23 - NGF. At 1100H, USS O'BRIEN on patrol off coast of NVN 25 miles NNW of Dong Hoi suffered two hits port side and numerous minor fragment holes from en shore battery fire. DD maneuvered and returned fire. USS KITTY HAWK A-4s struck en battery position.
- At 0030H, 7th Flt destroyer damaged 15 en logistics watercraft in 2 NGF missions in NVN, 4 and 8 1/2 miles NNW of Dong Hoi off coast.
 - B-52s struck twice in NVN (both raids were about 33 miles S Dong Hoi, 7 and 9 km N of DMZ).
- 24 - III MAF. At 1445H, a 5th Mar co received S/A, A/W and mortar fire from an en force. Arty fire called in and co reinforced. Frd cas lt.
- III MAF. At 1916H, CL-44 Flying Tiger cargo aircraft crashed 1 1/2 km from runway while on GCA to Da Nang Air Base. The plane crashed into village of Binh Thai in Hoa Vang District in Quang Nam Province. 107 VN killed 4 crew killed (entire crew) 18 VN injured 13 VN missing 66 houses destroyed.
 - At 0205H, MP at AFRTS at 9 Hung Thap Tu in Saigon received fire from across street. MP returned fire. No frd cas.
- 25 - II FFV. In Hau Nghia Province 20 miles NW Saigon (2 km from Cu Chi and 3/4 mile from Bob Hope's Show), a 25th Inf Div ptl received fire from 3 en. US returned fire. No frd cas. En cas 2 EK 2 IW and 1 Russian made radio seized.
- II FFV. In Binh Duong Province 13 miles NNW Saigon (less than 2 miles N of Bob Hope's Show at 1st Inf Div Hq at Di An), 1st Inf Div recon sqd received sa fire from plat size en force. US returned fire. LFT supported. Frd cas hvy. En cas: 1 EK.

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- 25 - CMD. At 0600H in Saigon Port, 5,000 dockworkers began general strike in response to call issued by the Port Worker's Union on Sunday. 34 US ships and several military transports were affected.
- III MAF. In Quang Ngai Province 15 miles SSW Quang Ngai City, Mar recon team spotted est 100 en at 1200H and directed arty, armed helo and NGF. 23 EK. No frd cas.
 - PAUL REVERE IV. 17 miles N of Pleiku City, 3d Bde TF 25th Inf Div unit captured 14 en near a village.
 - II FFV. At 1530H in Tay Ninh Province 12 miles SE Tay Ninh City (40 miles NW Saigon), en attacked 196th Lt Inf Bde unit with 6-12 mortar rounds. Armed hcptrs support the unit. Frd cas lt.
 - II FFV. Between 2330H-2345H in Binh Duong Province 16 miles N of Saigon, en attacked 1st Inf Div base camp with 30-50 rounds 81mm mortar fire. Countermortar fire returned. Two USAF AC-47s supported. Frd cas lt. Equipment damage lt.
 - II FFV. At 1345H in Phuoc Tuy Province 45 miles SE Saigon, ARVN and 1st ATF engaged en co. Arty and air strikes called. Results: 27 EK 105 IW 2 sub-mg 1 82mm mortar and unspecified number of mines. No frd cas.
- 26 - B-52s struck twice in Bien Hoa Province and in the DMZ straddling the demarcation line 16 miles WNW Dong Ha.
- 27 - III MAF. Scattered actions near Da Nang and S of Quang Ngai City. 27 EK.
- THAYER II. In Binh Dinh Province 12 miles SW Bong Son, est en bn assaulted 1st Cav Div (AM) unit at a landing zone from 0106H-0300H. 49 NVAK 5 IW 4 C/S. Frd cas hvy. Mod equipment damage.
 - II FFV. In Long An Province 14-16 miles SSE Saigon, 334th Armed Hel Co destroyed 110 en sampans during night of 26-27 Dec.
 - NGF. 7th Flt destroyers fired NGF in I, II and IV Corps areas.
- 28 - II FFV. At 1815H in Bien Hoa Province 27 miles E Saigon, UH-1B helo-gunship downed by en ground fire. 5 US injured, helo destroyed.
- II FFV. In action ending 0250H in Long An Province 14-16 miles SSE Saigon, 334th Armed Helo Co destroyed 64 en sampans.
- 29 - II FFV. At 1836H in Gia Dinh Province 6 miles NE Saigon, en detonated claymore against patrol from 2d Bde 1st Inf Div. Patrol cas hvy.

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- 29 - USAF A-1E downed by en ground fire in Binh Thuan Province 22 miles NE Phan Thiet, Pilot was rescued.
- 30 - BYRD. Lt Contact. 21 VCK were unclorered in fresh graves at 3 locations. USAF A-1E passing over AO was downed by en ground fire, crashed in Lake Ban Trang and sank. Pilot parachuted into lake and was rescued by Cav helo.
- 31 - PAUL REVERE IV. Term. Final Results: 977 EK 90 EC. Frd cas lt.
 - First elements 1st Bde 9th Inf Div arrived in RVN. Landed Vung Tau.