

TRACKS CUT IN 10 PLACES

Hanoi-China Rail Link Pounded

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SAIGON — Six flights of Air Force jets chopped up an enemy resupply artery Thursday, cutting the vital northwest rail line in 10 places between Hanoi and southern Red China.

The F-105 Thunderchief pilots also hit four bridges and four rail cars along the resupply route, a U.S. military spokesman said Friday.

Despite rain, thunderstorms and low visibility over north Vietnam's southern panhandle, the American pilots flew 70 missions hitting oil depots, supply areas and transportation facilities in the Hanoi, Haiphong areas. Air Force pilots flew 48 missions. Navy pilots flew 22 missions.

Throughout the Republic of Vietnam Thursday, U.S. pilots hit enemy strongholds with 339 sorties. Air Force pilots flew 248 of the sorties—15 in the I Corps area, 82 in the II Corps, 121 in the III Corps and 30 in the IV Corps. Marine pilots flew the other 91 sorties.

Air Force B-52s struck twice in the republic Thursday. One flight of the bombers hit a suspected enemy base camp and headquarters area 35 miles west of Quang Ngai. Another flight struck suspected enemy elements and infiltration routes 15 miles northwest of Dong Ha in Quang Tri Province in the southern half of the DMZ, the spokesman reported.

Vietnam Fires Navy Leader

SAIGON (AP)—The Republic of Vietnam's military junta has replaced the commander of the Vietnamese Navy in the first top-level change in military command since the ouster of a corps commander sparked a major political crisis earlier this year.

Informed sources said Capt. Tran Van Phan was quietly replaced Thursday by the former chief of staff of the Vietnamese Navy, Cdr. Nguyen Van Anh.

Phan was a ranking officer in the Vietnamese military and considered among the top 20 officers in the country.

The sources said the Vietnamese Navy has been under surveillance because of reports of illegal use of Navy ships.

The U.S. High Command reportedly was told Phan was removed because he had failed to protect shipping lanes leading to Saigon.

Welcome Back, Tom

BIRMINGHAM, England (UPI)—A prison guard answered the front gate bell at the Winslow Green jail Thursday night, only to discover that the caller was Thomas Cattell. Cattell had escaped from the jail two days before.

Former VC Stronghold Hit

SAIGON (UPI) — American and South Vietnamese mauled Viet Cong units in the guerrillas' former "happy hunting ground" west of Saigon, military spokesmen said Friday.

Elements of the 25th Inf. Div.'s 2d brigade twice found Viet Cong 12 miles west-northwest of the

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Seabee Lowers Some Ears

Seabee Larry Harris clears some "brush" up his barber's chair for Vietnamese children. Harris, of Sacramento, Cal., is stationed with Navy Construction Bn. 11. (UPI Radiophoto)

VC Mine Kills 12 Aboard Bus

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SAIGON — Twelve Vietnamese were killed and 18 others wounded Friday morning when the VC blew up a civilian bus and a village office with mines.

The bus attack took place about 7 a.m. Friday on provincial Route 24 between Bien Hoa and Long Khanh 24 miles east-northeast of Saigon.

Twelve passengers aboard the bus were killed, 4 Popular Force men and 8 civilians. Ten others were wounded and evacuated to the Bien Hoa Hospital.

Destroyer KOs Red Machine Gun Nest

SAIGON (UPI)—The destroyer Ozbourn, battling bad weather and dodging shoals, bombarded a machine gun nest and killed three communists after an emergency call Thursday to the Vietnam coast near Saigon, U.S. officials said Friday.

The Ozbourn, under Cdr. John G. Denham of San Diego, Cal., struck at the emplacement which had put allied forces north of Lagi Bay under heavy pressure.

The communists broke off the

fight after 20 minutes and fled into the forest.

Elsewhere in the sea war Thursday:

—The Carronade, firing 235 five-inch rockets and 70 rounds of 40mm ammunition, destroyed or damaged 112 structures along the coast near Da Nang.

—The destroyer Mullinnix pounded 10 bunkers in coastal areas near Saigon.

—The Philip shelled a communist staging and barracks area and destroyed 19 structures and damaged trenches and a railroad bed extensively in Tinh Quang Ngai Province, 60 miles south of Da Nang.

A U.S. report said the Ozbourn was on an "harassment mission" when it received the emergency call. "More of the same," a spotter called after the first shells rained down.

Allied forces said they believed more communist casualties will be discovered during daylight.

Casualties

WASHINGTON (S&S)—The Defense Department has announced the following casualties in connection with the conflict in Vietnam:

KILLED IN ACTION

Army
Capt. Peter S. Knight, Phenix City, Ala.
PFC Leo C. Dixon, Phenix City, Ala.
PFC Christopher C. Oakes, Bessemer, Ala.
PFC Ralph L. Massey, El Dorado, Ark.
SP4 Stephen J. Stemas, Sacramento, Cal.
SP4 John F. Doyle, Prospect, Conn.
SSgt. Walter W. Shibley Jr., Vero Beach, Fla.
SP4 Ronald P. O'Rourke, Miami Springs, Fla.
SP4 Raymond J. Poncurak, Miami, Fla.
SFC Oliver D. Dumas, Atlanta, Ga.
PFC Maxie Patterson, Valdosta, Ga.
Sgt. Laurence J. Dunn, Chicago, Ill.
PFC Felix Pacheco, Kansas City, Mo.
Sgt. Joseph E. Candear, Peabody, Mass.
Sgt. Carl L. Glasscock, Willimansett, Mass.
2d Lt. Arthur G. Klippen, Ann Arbor, Mich.
SSgt. Adrian J. Anglin, Gladstone, Mich.
PFC Gary M. Kish, Detroit, Mich.
PFC Matthew G. Miedema, Grand Rapids, Mich.
PFC Gary R. Kelm, Owatonna, Minn.
SFC Donald L. Lelew, Fayetteville, N.C.
SP4 Jules T. Giranner, Fayetteville, N.C.
PFC Thomas E. Clark, North Olmsted, Ohio.
PFC Frank P. Hudak, Canton, Ohio.
PFC Vernon G. Hollifield, Iman, S.C.
Maj. Richard D. Clark, Hermitage, Tenn.
Sgt. Robert L. Smith, Memphis, Tenn.
SP4 William M. Smith Jr., Eads, Tenn.
PFC Eddie O. McBroom Jr., Ripley, Tenn.
SSgt. Fortune Smith, Killeen, Tex.
PFC J. C. Walker Jr., Jasper, Tex.
SP5 Terry L. Alexander, Seattle, Wash.
SP4 Samuel J. Larkin, Spokane, Wash.
PFC James W. Emerson, South Bend, Wash.
PFC Jerry W. Eddy, Paden City, W. Va.
Sgt. Juergen A. Mayer, Minden L.W., West Germany.

Marine Corps

LCpl. Douglas S. Dobbie, Kingston, Ala.
PFC Arthur B. Scarborough, Mobile, Ala.
Sgt. John W. Joys, San Francisco, Cal.
Cpl. Richard A. Frye, Venice, Cal.
PFC Richard W. Billingsley, Glendale, Cal.
2d Lt. Stephen F. Snyder, Washington, D.C.
Cpl. James T. Beasley, Cantonment, Fla.
LCpl. William B. Hepburn, Lewiston, Idaho.
LCpl. Vernon A. Manheim, Franklin Park, Ill.
Pvt. Frederick K. Denver, Boone, Iowa.
Sgt. Donald A. Lewis, Eureka, Kan.
LCpl. R. V. Edwards, Pineville, La.
PFC Arthur P. Williams, Haverhill, Mass.
Sgt. Peter R. Bingham, Three Rivers, Mich.
LCpl. Dennis W. Wellmann, Hanska, Minn.
PFC Ronald L. Bowman, Warrensburg, Mo.
PFC Billy J. Harrison, St. Louis, Mo.
LCpl. Peter Quillet Jr., Yerington, Nev.
Cpl. Paul B. Madden, Franklin, N.J.
LCpl. Ronnie L. Bray, Wilson, N.C.
LCpl. James E. Dozier, Dayton, Ohio.
PFC Daniel C. Lykins, Willard, Ohio.
PFC Duane T. Greenlee, Beaverville, Ohio.
PFC Mitchell J. Sanders, Edmond, Okla.
LCpl. Joel Bernstein, Philadelphia, Pa.
PFC Eldridge C. Aigeldinger, Haverstown, Pa.
PFC Dan S. Allen, Knoxville, Tenn.
PFC Wayne Baker, Ovalo, Tex.
Cpl. Paul M. Reed, Roanoke, Va.
LCpl. James R. Burdette, Elkview, W. Va.

DIED OF WOUNDS

Army
PFC Milton L. Vaughan, Portsmouth, Va.
Marine Corps
Cpl. David E. Garrapy, Albuquerque, N.M.

MISSING AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

Army
Sgt. Francis J. Alberts
SP4 Carl R. Harbin Jr.
DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

Army
SSgt. Thomas R. Cowley, Radcliff, Ky.
PFC Clifton F. Vaughn, Starkville, Miss.
PFC Henry V. Demps, St. Albans, N.Y.
PFC Charles E. Whitfield Jr., Moravia, N.Y.
SP5 Charles E. Hutchins, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Sgt. Donald B. Smith, McAlester, Okla.

Air Force

A2C Kenneth Parlow, Jamaica, N.Y.

MISSING NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

Army
CW2 William D. Perkins Jr., WO Robert L. Banks, SSgt. Randall D. Howell, SGT Everett P. Rummels