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MILITARY AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SECURITY

INFORMATION ON VIETNAMESE MILITARY UNITS

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
B.15 Gp, 5th MR 6th Bn, M.42 Gp 1st Co, B.33 Gp 3rd Co, B.29 Gp 6th Co, M.43 Gp	Improves combat readiness in subordinate units. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 20 Jun 80 pp 1, 4)
Haiphong Forces 50th Gp M.79 Gp M.80 Gp T.4 AAA Gp B.48 Artillery Gp 12th Co, 62nd Bn N.66 Gp 61st Bn, N.66 Gp N.67 Gp B.71 Gp	Subordinate units strive to improve port security. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 20 Jun 80 p 1)
25th Engineer Gp, Cuu Long Corps	Located in Kien Svay District, Kandal Province, Kampuchea. Repaired or replaced 962 bridges, repaired or constructed 250 kilometers of road and constructed schools, dispensaries, etc. for local populace. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 20 Jun 80 p 2)
M.24 Gp	Responsible for border defense in the northwest. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 20 Jun 80 p 3)

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022 Regt	Two young soldiers are inducted in the VCP. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 20 Jun 80 p 3)
Tu Vu Regt, Quan Tien Phong Div	Unit gains experience from field training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 20 Jun 80 p 3)
B.79 Gp	Serving in Kampuchea. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 21 Jun 80 p 3)
5th Signal Gp 1st Det 5th Det A.42 Det A.40 Det	Listed subordinate units are directly responsible for command communications. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 22 Jun 80 pp 1, 4)
4th Artillery Gp, Quang Nam-Danang Province	Photo of gun crew moving howitzer into position. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 22 Jun 80 p 1)
7th Gp, Capital MR	Photo of men practicing hand-to-hand combat. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 22 Jun 80 p 3)
07 Gp Unit H.9 Unit C.4 Unit C.5 Unit N.76 (Artillery)	Serving in Kampuchea. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 22 Jun 80 p 4)
Air Force 71st Gp Le Loi Gp 3076 Gp Hai Van Gp Air Force Officers School Air Force Technical School Staff Officers School Air Force Technical Research Institute Professional School of Meteorological Communications 23rd Gp 9029 Gp	Combat readiness, discipline of subordinate units improves. (NHAN DAN 23 Jun 80 p 1)

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M.01 Gp 8th Bn 7th Bn 9th Bn 22nd Bn	Stationed in Kampuchea where it is helping local populace restore production. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 23 Jun 80 p 1)
5th Signal Gp	Strives to comply with a strict code of conduct. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 23 Jun 80 p 1)
T.62 Supply Depot, Materials Department, Technical General Department	Producing canvas products. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 23 Jun 80 p 1)
Navy Technical NCO School	Self support farming results given. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 23 Jun 80 p 2)
H.88 Gp	" " " "
Song Dao Gp	Located in the northwest with headquarters elements at Giang Ma Peak. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 23 Jun 80 p 3)
Vessel 1, 32nd Flotilla	Publishes unit newspaper. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 23 Jun 80 p 3)
Dalat Military Academy	Cadre, instructors, students and personnel strive to become revolutionary, professional and modern soldiers. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 24 Jun 80 p 1)
Armored Branch Armored Technical NCO School #2 Armored Officers School Depot Y.1 Shop X.32	Subordinate units economize on fuel, lubricants and supplies. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 24 Jun 80 p 1)
2nd Infantry Gp, 9th MR	Photo shows heavy weapons detachment training in swamp. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 24 Jun 80 p 1)
Le Loi Gp	Trains new personnel, assists local people with water conservancy projects. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 24 Jun 80 p 1)
Binh Tram 23	Located in the Hanoi area. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 24 Jun 80 p 2)

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Sao Vang Div Tay Son Regt Hoai An Regt	Discipline and control are tightened in subordinate units. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 24 Jun 80 p 3)
Huong Giang Corps Air Defense Brigade 4th Gp M.64 Gp 03 Gp 019 Gp 063 Gp	Youth Union activities in subordinate units reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 25 Jun 80 p 1)
T.53 Gp, 4th NR	Good examples serve to improve adherence to regulations. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 25 Jun 80 p 1)
B.91 Gp, Quang Ninh Province	Commended for exemplary performance of routine activities. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 25 Jun 80 p 1)
174th Regt, Tay Bac Forces	" " " "
B.38 Gp, Chi Lang Corps	" " " "
32nd Flotilla	" " " "
33rd Flotilla	" " " "
M.72 Navy Gp	" " " "
B.34 Engineer Gp 8th Gp 27th Gp 30th Gp	Commander, B.34 Gp: Trần Đình Cầu [TRANF DINHF CAAUF]. Deputy Commander, 8th Gp: Đỗ Mậu [DOOX MAOJ]. Doing road construction in the mountains. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 25 Jun 80 p 2)
Quang Ninh Province Armed Forces Hai Ninh Gp 9th Gp H.42 Gp 23rd Gp 28th Gp	Self support farming results given. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 25 Jun 80 p 2)
Truong Sa Gp	Located on the Spratley Islands. Self support farming results given. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 25 Jun 80 p 2)



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NCO School, 1st MR	Unit member commended for supply economy. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 25 Jun 80 p 2)
H.52 Air Force Regt	Anecdotal story about a mirror. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 25 Jun 80 p 3)
M.89 Transportation Gp	Operated in Kampuchea during all of 1979. Source did not clearly indicate whether or not it was still there. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 25 Jun 80 p 3)
11th Transportation Regt, N.71 Div 70th Bn 76th Bn	Responsible for moving cargo in Port of Haiphong from docks to storage areas.
B.37 Gp, Chi Lang Corps [Binh Doan]	Adheres to training schedule. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 26 Jun 80 p 1)
7th Gp	Photo of men in field training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 26 Jun 80 p 1)
2nd Bn, 180th Gp, "B" Corps	Unit fish pond is located between the Saigon River and An Phu Hamlet in rural Ho Chi Minh City. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 26 Jun 80 p 2)
3rd Bn, 59th Gp	Located in Kampuchea. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 26 Jun 80 p 2)
24th Bn, Signal Officers School	Improves discipline. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 26 Jun 80 p 3)
32nd Flotilla, Navy	Commander: Senior Captain Vũ Ngọc Tãng [VUX NGOCJ TAWNG]. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 26 Jun 80 p 3)

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INFORMATION ON VIETNAMESE MILITARY UNITS

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Unit	Remarks
B.90 Gp, Quang Ninh Province	Responsible for coastal defense. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 27 Jun 80 p 1)
9th Artillery Gp	Fought against Chinese invaders in 1979. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 27 Jun 80 p 1)
326th Gp	Provides basic training for inductees. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 27 Jun 80 p 2)
Hau Giang Gp 2nd Regt	Serving in Kampuchea. Providing relief for displace persons. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 27 Jun 80 p 2)
Factory 29, Technical General Department	Unit dramatic team commended for good performance. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 27 Jun 80 p 3)
Sao Vang Div Tay Son Regt Hoai An Regt	The regimental commander of one of the listed subordinate regiments: Nguyen Xuan Khanh [NGUYEENX XUAAN KHANHS]. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 27 Jun 80 p 3)
Van Lang Regt, Tay Bac Forces	Photos of daily activities of this unit on the northwestern border. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 28 Jun 80 p 1)
3d Bn, Artillery NCO School	Photo of students loading howitzer. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 29 Jun 80 p 1)

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Trung Dung Gp	Assisted local people with water conservancy work. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 29 Jun 80 p 2)
8-May Textile Plant Self-Defense Regt	Maintains internal order and security and fights negative behaviour. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 29 Jun 80 p 2)
Border Defense Post 31	Located on the Lao border near Pu Pon Peak. Nearby is Border Defense Post 75. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 29 Jun 80 p 2)
Border Defense Post 75	Located on the Lao Border near Pu Pon Peak. Nearby is Border Defense Post 31. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 29 Jun 80 p 2)
576th Gp	Photo of reconnaissance platoon on patrol. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Jun 80 p 1)
Armored NCO Technical School #1	New members inducted into VCP. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Jun 80 p 1)
Ly Thuong Kiet Corps [Binh Doan]	Regiments are mentioned as subordinate units. Holds classes for cadres in compliance with regulations (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Jun 80 p 1)
52d Navy Gp	Assigned to the ground defense of Island "v". (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Jun 80 p 1)
Dong Loc Gp, 4th MR	Located in the mountains. Attempting to achieve self sufficiency in food. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Jun 80 p 2)
8th Bn, 01 Navy Gp	May be located in the Rach Gia area. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Jun 80 p 2)
Factory 21	Farming activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Jun 80 p 2)
Border Defense Post 721	Located in Song Be Province. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Jun 80 p 2)

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POL Department, Rear Service General Department A.4186 General Depot S.61 Regt S.63 Regt	Results of self support farming activities of subordinate units given. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Jun 80 p 2)
8th Co, 52d Air Force Signal Gp	Unit members strive to better themselves. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Jun 80 p 3)
Song Da Regt, B.26 Gp	VCP activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Jul 80 p 1)
B.95 Gp H.88 Regt	Located in the Cao Ba Lanh area. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Jul 80 p 3)
Vessel 2, 33d Flotilla, M.72 Navy Gp	Manned by a right good crew. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Jul 80 p 3)
N.13 Engineer Regt, 3d MR	Self support farming activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 2 Jul 80 p 1)
B.17 Gp	Located at Stungdan [sic] village in Kampuchea. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 2 Jul 80 p 2)
3d Artillery Gp	Quality of VCP members improves. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 2 Jul 80 p 3)
24th Artillery Gp, Cuu Long Corps	Fought off invading Pol Pot forces in Dec 78 northwest of Tay Ninh City. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 2 Jul 80 p 3)
M.66 Artillery Gp	Photo of men in practice alert. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 2 Jul 80 p 3)
B.37 Gp, Chi Lang Corps [Binh Doan]	Photo of Kaoliang crop. (NHAN DAN 3 Jul 80 p 3)
B.26 Infantry Gp, Lai Chau Province 4th Bn 7th Bn	Conducting propaganda activities among highland tribes to counter infiltrators. This work done by nearly 100 teams working among the Hmong, Thai and Dao tribes. Also worked on the Na Da Phin Dam to block Nam Pe Stream for water conservancy. (NHAN DAN 3 Jul 80 p 3)

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B.63 Gp, Huong Giang Corps [Binh Doan]	Good driver commended. (NHAN DAN 3 Jul 80 p 3)
6th Artillery Gp	History of this, the oldest, artillery unit in the VPA. (NHAN DAN 3 Jul 80 p 3)
*4th MR	Surordinate units take measures to insure order and security. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Jul 80 pp 1, 4)
H.83 AAA Gp	
H.06 Armored Gp	
80th Gp	
Hai Van Gp	
Ly Thuong Kiet Gp	
Le Loi Gp	
1-B.18 Gp	
200th Gp	
Rear Services Schools, Capital MR	Elements of this school are scattered throughout rural Hanoi. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Jul 80 p 1)
N.40 Regt, Chi Lang Gp	Participated in fighting against the PRC. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Jul 80 p 1)
35th Depot Bn, Air Force	Commended for depot building and cargo handling activities. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Jul 80 p 1)
T.08 Gp, Technical Materials Department	Commended for vehicle maintenance. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Jul 80 p 1)
3065 Gp, Air Defense Forces	Good discipline, care of personnel noted. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Jul 80 p 3)

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66M Regt, POL Dept, Rear Services General Department	Deputy Political Officer: Lê Trọng Cán [LEE TRONGJ CAANF]. A battalion commander: Nguyễn Nhu Kim [NGUYEENX NHUW KIM]. Discipline improves. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 4 Jul 80 p 3)
B.14	
B.16	
B.17	
B.18	
Political Officers School	Cited for compliance with regulations. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 6 Jul 80 p 1)
Sapper Forces Sapper NCO School T.20 Gp	Good training results noted in subordinate units. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 6 Jul 80 p 1)
POL Department	
-S.61 Gp	-Repairing and expanding depots, training pump operators.
-M.71 Gp	-Operating many pipeline sections. Keeps waste of POL supplies down to acceptable level.
-74th Gp	-Completed Project KF-60.
-N.64 Gp	-Operating over difficult terrain.
-AH.190 General Depot	-Tightens controls, reduces negative behavior. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 6 Jul 80 pp 1, 4)
Medical Department	
109th Military Hospital	Improves leadership, professionalism at subordinate hospitals. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 7 Jul 80 p 1)
110th Military Hospital	
43d Field Hospital	

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Engineer Forces B.8 Gp Song Da Gp Song Lo Gp N.20 Gp N.30 Gp	Subordinate units maintain good relations with local people (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 7 Jul 80 p 1)
Lam Hong Regt, Truong Son Corps	Activated in 1972. Regimental Commander: Lê Xuân T... [LEE XUAAN T...]. Assigned to economic construction mission. Recently completed three bridges. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 7 Jul 80 p 2)
76th Infantry Regt, H.4 (Vinh Quang) Gp 74th Bn	Young unit members achieve outstanding emulation record in 1979. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 7 Jul 80 p 3)
105th Military Hospital	Uses herbal medicines to treat patients. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 7 Jul 80 p 3)
91st Military Hospital, 1st MR	Achieves good coordination between military medicine and traditional folk medicine. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 7 Jul 80 p 3)
576th Gp	Photo of unit members on patrol. (NHAN DAN 8 Jul 80 p 1)
Flight 4, 37th Air Force Gp	Photo of ground crew servicing an A-37 (US) aircraft. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 8 Jul 80 p 1)
969th Gp 275th Gp	Unit strives to emulate accomplishments of a dead hero. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 8 Jul 80 p 1)
Thang Tam Engineer Gp	Training and production activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 8 Jul 80 p 1)
124th Gp	Photo of a tank detachment. (NHAN DAN 9 Jul 80 p 1)
Air Defense Forces 2020th Engineer Gp Song Dien Signal Gp Thanh Loa Missile Gp 2096th Gp	Subordinate units commended for self-support farming. (NHAN DAN 9 Jul 80 p 1)

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Signal Forces Factory X.10 Factory X.20 5th Gp	Subordinate units improve living conditions for personnel. (NHAN DAN 9 Jul 80 p 4)
Haiphong Armed Forces 50th Gp T.36 Gp B.48 Artillery Gp M.79 Gp 14th Gp	Training, combat readiness of subordinate reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Jul 80 p 1)
N. 66 Gp, Haiphong Armed Forces	Doing stevedore work in Haiphong port. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Jul 80 p 1)
76th Gp	Photo of reconnaissance personnel crossing barbed wire obstacle. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Jul 80 p 1)
76th Regt	Regimental Commander: Nguyễn Văn Điện [NGUYEENX VAWN DIEENJ]; Political Officer: Hồ Nhân [HOOF NHAAN]. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Jul 80 p 3)
B.33 Gp, 3d MR	Responsible for training new recruits. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Jul 80 p 3)
15th Co, 386th Gp	Photo of female brick layer team working at Project BN 35. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Jul 80 p 3)
3d Bn, 09 Gp	Improves unit living conditions. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Jul 80 p 3)
5th Co, B.26 Gp	Photo of squad in combat position. (NHAN DAN 10 Jul 80 p 1)
1st Bn, Lam Son Gp	A trucking unit working at SB Project. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Jul 80 p 1)
20th Reconnaissance Co, B.21 Regt, 06 Gp	Self-support farming activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Jul 80 p 2)
M.79 Gp	Unit members strive to emulate deeds of dead hero. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Jul 80 p 3)
526th Truck Regt	Unit commended for care of personnel. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Jul 80 p 3)

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Battle Front 97, "X" Corps, Volunteer Army [Mat tran 97, Binh Doan X, Quan tinh nguyen]	As recently as Apr 80 this organization was located in Kampuchea. (VAN NGHE QUAN DOI Jun 80 p 144)
309th Gp, 7th MR	Decorated as an outstanding unit of the 7th MR. (Ho Chi Minh City TIN SANG 3 Jun 80 p 7)
171st Navy Gp	Photo of unit members participating in tug-of-war contest. (THE DUC THE THAO 21 Jun 80 p 2)
2d Regt, Cuu Long Corps	Unit member writes of his platoon leader. (TIEN PHONG 10-16 Jun 80 p 13)
4th Co, 7th Gp, Capital MR	Unit members' good behavior extolled <u>ad nauseum</u> . (TIEN PHONG 24-30 Jun 80 p 4)
Vessel 72	Unit gunner commended. (TIEN PHONG 1-7 Jul 80 p 12)
Vessel HQ 07, 171st Flotilla	" " " "
Vessel HQ 04	Crew commended. (TIEN PHONG 24-30 Jun 80 p 12)

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Factory Z.159, Technical General Department	Unit member won prize in contest. (TIEN PHONG 8-14 Jul 80 p 3)
103d Military Hospital	" " " "
Signal Officers School, Nha Trang	" " " "
201st Regt	Photo shows that unit equipment includes T.54.B Soviet made tanks. (Paris PARIS MATCH 11 Jul 80 p 60)
Vessel HQ.202	Photo of this vessel originally supplied by the PRC. It operates in the Bay of Along. (Paris PARIS MATCH 11 Jul 80 p 58)
Rear Services General Department N.26 Truck Regt 205th Quartermaster Depot Factory 165 105th Military Hospital 110th Military Hospital Depot B B.7 Gp N.71 Truck Gp [Div]	Subordinate units commended for improvement among cadres and personnel. (NHAN DAN 11 Jul 80 p 1)
5th Military Hospital, 3d MR	Insures balanced diet for patients. (NHAN DAN 11 Jul 80 p 3)
5th Bn. People's Police	Responsible for security at the Nha Be Pol Depot, Ho Chi Minh City. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 11 Jul 80 p 1)
Rear Services General Department B.85 GP 47th Gp 471st Forestry Gp N.71 Transportation Gp [Div] 512th Regt 13th Regt -11th Regt	Subordinate units commended for improvement among cadres and personnel  -working in the Port of Haiphong. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 11 Jul 80 pp 1, 4)
AH.186 General Depot, POL Department, Rear Services General Department	Insures quality of POL supplies (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 11 Jul 80 p 3)
B.41 Gp, Rear Services General Department	Photo of unit laying bricks out to dry. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 11 Jul 80 p 3)
Economic Management Cadres School, 4th MR	Self-support farming production figures given. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 11 Jul 80 p 3)

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175th Military Hospital, Ho Chi Minh City	Blood bank activities noted. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 11 Jul 80 p 3)
8th Gp, Huong Giang Corps [Binh Doan] 05 Unit 84th Unit 9.N Gp	Subordinate units produce bamboo hats. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 11 Jul 80 p 3)
5th Bn, Tay Tien Gp, Chi Lang Corps [Binh Doan]	Self-support farming activities improve unit diet. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 11 Jul 80 p 3)
Truong Son Corps [Binh Doan] B.44 Gp B.70 Gp B.65 Gp	Subordinate units do well in road construction work. (NHAN DAN 12 Jul 80 pp 1,4)
299th Engineer Brigade, Quyet Thang Corps [Binh Doan]	Photo of pontoon bridge constructed by unit. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 12 Jul 80 p 3)
Ba Vi Gp	Located in Lai Chau Province. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 12 Jul 80 p 4)
2d Bn, 384th Gp	Photo of unit elements loading rocks for road construction. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 13 Jul 80 p 1)
Truong Son Corps [Binh Doan] B.91 Gp B.44 Gp B.73 Gp	Listed subordinate units achieved best record in enrolling new VCP members. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 13 Jul 80 p 1)
Mien Tay Corps [Binh Doan] N Gp Q Gp B Gp T Gp D Gp S Gp	Subordinate units overcome shortcomings. [NOTE: This Corps may be in Kampuchea based on its name.] (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 13 Jul 80 p 1)
B.86 Gp 12th Bn M.68 Regt H.6 Regt Factory 022 H.64 Regt H.61 Regt	A camp construction unit. Worked at Project K. 19 (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 14 Jul 80 p 1)

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3d Infantry Gp	Photo of heavy mortar crew. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 14 Jul 80 p 1)
30th Gp, Rear Service General Dept X.823 BN Unit K.402	Commended for safe delivery of supplies. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 14 Jul 80 p 1)
B.26 Gp, Tay Bac Forces	Cadres receive refresher training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 14 Jul 80 p 1)
12th Bn, B.71 Gp	Located at Quang Phu Village, Dac Nong District, Dac Lac Province. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 14 Jul 80 p 2)
32d Flotilla	Crewmembers emphasize need for tight discipline when using modern equipment. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 14 Jul 80 p 3)
195th Gp	Performs military police type function in Ho Chi Minh City. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 14 Jul 80 p 3)
76th Regt 44th Bn 64th Bn 74th Bn	Training activities described. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 14 Jul 80 p 3)
4th MR B.41 Unit Unit B.52 06 Gp	Hog raising activities in subordinate units reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 15 Jul 80 p 1)
6th Long Range Signal Gp	Good discipline noted. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 15 Jul 80 p 1)
Song Thao Corps [Binh Doan] M.56 AAA Gp M.1 Gp M.3 Gp M.21 Gp M.24 Gp M.50 Gp M.54 Gp	Subordinate units enhance security measures. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 15 Jul 80 p 1)
M.43 Gp, 5th MR	Located in Kampuchea or Laos. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 15 Jul 80 pp 1, 4)
26th Truck Transportation Co, Quan Tien Phong Div	Unit driver commended. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 15 Jul 80 p 3)

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52d Signal Gp, Air Force	All unit personnel are VCP members or members of the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union; 45 percent of personnel are women. Most unit members have less than 2 years service. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 15 Jul 80 p 3)
Chien Thang Div	Rapidly improves quality of training during 1st 6 months of 1980. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Jul 80 p 1)
H.15 Gp, 7th MR	Training, food self-support activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Jul 80 p 1)
N.76 Gp	Photo of tactical field training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Jul 80 p 1)
*M.79 Gp	An element in the forces defending Island "C." Recently apprehended four men who were stealing 200 pounds of explosives. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Jul 80 p 1)
69th Construction Materials Production Gp	Commander: Nguyen Van Dinh [NGUYEENX VAWN DINH]. Produced 10 million bricks in one year. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Jul 80 p 2)
M.79 Gp 5th Infantry Gp E.117 Gp E.26 Gp 72d Infantry Gp 309th Infantry Gp Unit 595	Located in Kampuchea. Subordinate units participate in cultural activities. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Jul 80 p 2)
Station 81, 1st MR	Voices complaints about poor mail receipts. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Jul 80 p 2)
2d Co, Bac Son Gp, Battle Front 479	Unit member, stationed far away from home, complains about unit cadre delaying mail deliveries. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Jul 80 p 2)

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M.72 Navy Gp, 1st Navy Zone 32d Flotilla 33d Flotilla 34th Flotilla 37th Flotilla Vessel 03 Vessel 52 Vessel 53 Vessel 55 Vessel 208 53d Bn	Commander: Nguyễn Xuân Bật [NGUYEENX XUAAN BOOTJ]. Unit maintains good discipline. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Jul 80 p 3)
5th Gp 8th Bn 9th Bn	Photo of personnel in field training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Jul 80 p 3)
02 Navy Signal Gp	Unit member commended. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Jul 80 p 3)
M.98 Gp	Political Officer: Nguyễn Xuân Dung [NGUYEENX XUAAN ZUNG]. Unit does well on firing range. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Jul 80 p 3)
Thach Han Gp	Unit members in field training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 17 Jul 80 p 1)
Truong Son Corps [Binh Doan] B.70 Gp B.36 Gp B.65 Gp B.91 Gp Unit N.51 B.73 Gp B.84 Gp B.34 Gp Factory X.142	Self-support farming activities of subordinate units reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 17 Jul 80 p 1)
Border Defense Post 75	Located in Nam Can Village, Ky Son District, Nghe Tinh Province. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 17 Jul 80 p 2)
022 Regt, 06 Gp	Shows marked improvement in discipline over last 6 months. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 17 Jul 80 p 2)
5th Military Hospital, 3d MR	Good surgeon commended. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 17 Jul 80 p 3)
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INFORMATION ON VIETNAMESE MILITARY UNITS

[The following information on Vietnamese military units has been extracted from Vietnamese press sources published in Hanoi, unless otherwise indicated. Unit designators and subordination are as they appear in the original source. The remarks include a brief summary of the salient information available in the news item.]

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
108th Military Hospital	A doctor of this hospital writes about restoring function to hand. (KHOA HOC VA DOI SONG 16 Jul 80 p 9)
53rd Dien Bien Missile Gp	Photo of personnel working on missiles. (TIEN PHONG 22-28 Jul 80 p 3)
B.66 Infantry Regt	Regimental commander notes shortcomings and negative behavior of unit personnel and strives to correct them. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 18 Jul 80 p 3)
B.77 Regt	Strives to emulate improvement efforts of B.66 Infantry Regt. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 18 Jul 80 p 3)
Ba Vi Div, 2nd MR	Conducting cadre training at all levels. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 19 Jul 80 p 1)
05 Signal Regt	Maintains good communications discipline. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 20 Jul 80 p 1)
Dien Bien Gp, Tay Bac Forces	Elements of this unit are variously assigned to front line duty and training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 20 Jul 80 p 1)

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B.9 Gp	Training activities noted. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 21 Jul 80 p 1)
3rd Infantry Gp	Photo of unit communications personnel stringing wire. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 21 Jul 80 p 1)
Truong Son Corps [Binh Doan], [Engineer Forces] N.32 Regt B.91 Gp B.73 Gp	Overcomes obstacles to meet requirements. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 21 Jul 80 p 1)
Engineer Technical School	Quality of training improves. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 21 Jul 80 p 1)
Rear Service School, [Engineer Forces]	" " " "
Engineer Forces Song Da Gp Song Lo Gp Song Thao Gp N.37 Gp	Subordinate units conduct cadre training courses. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 21 Jul 80 p 1)
Vessel 02, 32nd Flotilla	Commended for good discipline. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 21 Jul 80 p 3)
1st Flotilla, Navy Zone D	In combat ready state. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 21 Jul 80 p 3)
9th Co, 29th Mobile Police Regt, Protective Police Department	Strives to emulate deeds of a dead hero. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 21 Jul 80 p 3)
5th Coastal Gp	Operating in Kampuchean waters. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 21 Jul 80 p 3)
B.90 Gp	Participated in a field operation under adverse weather conditions. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 22 Jul 80 p 1)
Post 48, Border Defense Forces	Located in Thai Binh Province. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 22 Jul 80 p 1)
Song Lam Gp	Photo of a fire team in field exercise. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 22 Jul 80 p 1)



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6th Co, M.08 Gp, Chi Lang Corps [Binh Doan]	Self support farming results given. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 22 Jul 80 p 2)
01 Navy Gp	" " " "
Ngu Binh Gp	Self support farming results given for this combat ready unit in a forward position. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 22 Jul 80 p 2)
109th Military Hospital	Self support farming activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 22 Jul 80 p 2)
Song Da Missile Gp	Assigned to defense of Hanoi. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 23 Jul 80 p 1)
Missile Forces 88th Bn, 3077 Gp 89th Bn, 3077th Gp 54th Bn, 3065th Gp 71st Bn, Nam Trieu Gp 61st Bn, Song Da Gp 93rd Bn, Thanh Loa Gp	Outstanding units commended. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 23 Jul 80 p 1)
Depot 5, Technical Department, Huong Giang Corps [Binh Doan]	Depot personnel keep tight control over supplies. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 23 Jul 80 p 3)
M.38 Gp	Photos of personnel performing infantry tactical training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 23 Jul 80 p 3)
2074th Missile Gp	Photo of crew members and missile (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 24 Jul 80 p 2)
63rd Bn, Song Da Missile Gp	" " " "
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USSR TO DEVELOP OIL, NATURAL GAS OFF VIETNAM CONTINENTAL SHELF

Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese 5 Jul 80 p 1

[Article: "Moscow Confirms Large-Scale Oil and Natural Gas Search and Development Undertaking in South Vietnam on Offshore Continental Shelf"]

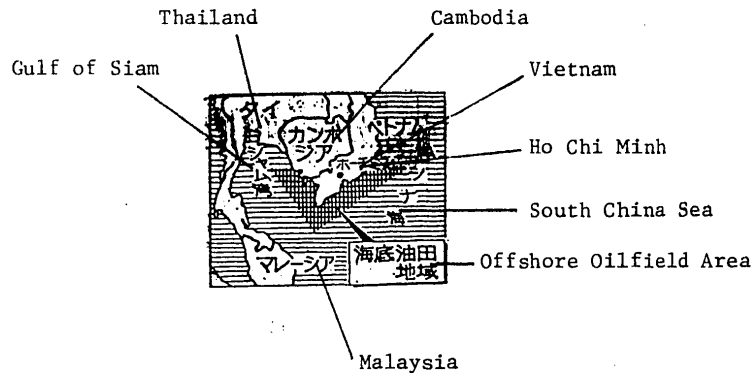
[Text] (Moscow 4 July by Special correspondent Sano) For some time, Japan, the United States and others have shown considerable interest in exploring and developing southern Vietnam's offshore continental shelf as a potential area holding great oil and natural gas reserves. Moscow has now announced that the USSR is going to undertake the exploration and development of this potential on a grand scale. The announcement came in the form of the signing of an "Agreement between the USSR and Vietnam to jointly explore and develop oil and natural gas in the continental shelf off southern Vietnam (formerly South Vietnam)." The agreement was brought to light at the dinner party at the Kremlin hosted by President Brezhnev for visiting Vietnam government leaders including Le Duan, party secretary general, and Premier Phan Van Dong.

Japan and the United States and also France have been keenly interested in the oil lying under the continental shelf off southern Vietnam. This interest had been manifested in the attempt to tie in exploration and development into post-Vietnam war aid to Vietnam which had progressed to the point of actual negotiations, according to reports. However, the Sino-Vietnam war caused Hanoi to suddenly establish close ties with the Soviet Union and the West's protests over Vietnam's invasion of Cambodia, reinforced by economic sanctions against Vietnam, further alienated the West's chances of participating in developing offshore oil field potentials.

The political overtones are clear. The openness with which the Kremlin is countering the Japan-United States effort to develop the Pohai Gulf seabed oil fields together with China is aimed at publicly "restricting and rolling back" that cooperative effort. This evidence of Soviet intrusion into the development of Southeast Asia's natural resources has major strategic implications of its political and diplomatic intentions for the 1980's.

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There is another point on which interest should be focused. Amidst a military crisis involving militia clashes on the Cambodia-Thai border, the leaders of the USSR made no move to offer any military assistance to Vietnam overtly even though the leaders of Vietnam had "thrown in with the Kremlin." Instead, the Soviet Union gaudily promoted its economic cooperation involving the development of southern Vietnam's offshore oil fields. Vietnam which had secretly been anticipating the West's help in its postwar recovery, had its hopes dashed by arousing the West's ire with its invasion of Cambodia. There is no doubt that in the area of economic recovery, Vietnam is hurting badly and the only way out for Hanoi now is to strengthen its ties with Moscow. It can probably be assumed that Hanoi's handing over southern Vietnam offshore oil field development to the USSR indicates an overall slanting of its relations toward the USSR.

The question mark is, however, the USSR's oil field development technological capabilities. Is the Soviet Union which is looking for technological cooperation from the advanced nations of the West to develop its own oil fields, capable of single-handedly undertaking the large-scale exploration and developmental task involved in southern Vietnam's offshore seabed oil fields? Western sources' analyses lead them to think that the long-range plan of the Soviets is to try to induce France and West Germany who may be relied on as partners in detente, to cooperate in the developmental program. The same sources see this as a means of economic and political restraints against Japan which is tied to the United States in its economic sanctions against the USSR.

(Note) Since during the Vietnam war, the government of South Vietnam was in negotiation with various Western oil interests to develop Mekong offshore oil fields. Although the amount of oil reserves in that area has not been confirmed, it is believed to be by far the largest in Southeast Asia. The continental shelf area involved in the current agreement with the USSR has not given rise to any territorial rights dispute.

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VIETNAM PREFERS CEMA AID TO JAPANESE IN OIL DEVELOPMENT

Tokyo THE JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English 27 May 80 p 5

[Text] The Vietnamese Government has decided to turn down oil development assistance proposed by the Japanese in preference to securing technological assistance from the COMECON countries, centering on the Soviet Union.

Persons concerned with trading with Vietnam said that Vietnamese authorities have indicated that they no longer intend actively to seek technological help from the Western nations, including Japan, in propelling their oil development projects.

Vietnam is regarded to have the richest oil deposits in the Far East after China.

The latest disclosure of the trading quarters thus means that possibilities of the Japanese taking part in oil development in Vietnam just about have vanished as the aftermath of the border clash between China and Vietnam.

Such a change of Vietnam's views in favor of the COMECON nations is said to have been revealed by a responsible official of the Vietnamese Government when the Japan-Vietnam Trade Association of Tokyo recently sent representatives to that country.

They learned that prospecting work undertaken by Russian engineers already has advanced to the stage of making preparations for undertaking oil production.

The Vietnamese official reportedly revealed that Vietnam might be able to decide on exporting the oil it produces by the latter part of next year, at the earliest.

Prior to the Sino-Vietnamese border conflict which broke out in February, last year, talks had been hardening for Japanese participation in Vietnam's offshore oil prospecting.

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For instance, Nippon Marine Development Co., Tokyo oil developer, was slated to submit an application for a mining concession with Elf-Aquitaine of France, while Japan National Oil Corporation had been engaged in talks with Vietnam's oil & gas bureau on such matters as undertaking local refining of the crude to be produced in that country and obtaining a part of it for Japan.

However, informants noted that as to Japan National Oil Corporation, it then already had been offering technical cooperation in China in undertaking oil development in Pohai Bay and off the coast of the East China Sea.

As such, Japanese approaches to Vietnam on oil development projects in that country also dulled with the worsening of relations between Beijing and Hanoi.

Prior to switching its interest to securing help from the COMECON nations, Vietnam is reported to have made repeated overtures to Japanese oil interests through trading firms on accelerating talks on its oil projects.

As for the Japanese, the subsequent confrontation between the Soviet Union and the U.S. over the Afghanistan issue and the moves of Vietnam thereafter to move more closely with the COMECON nations led them inevitably to become more hesitant in offering technical assistance to Hanoi.

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JAPANESE CORRESPONDENT DESCRIBES CONDITIONS IN HO CHI MINH CITY

Tokyo MAINICHI in Japanese 17 Jul 80 p 7

[Article by special correspondent Kusano]

[Text] HO Chi Minh City, 11th Precinct--So many phenomena which are very remote from "socialist ideals" are found in the city that made a fresh start by assuming the late Premier HO Chi Minh's name five years ago. It is flooded with prostitution, black markets, black market dollars, illegal ticket brokers, gambling, unemployed people and foreign-made products. In addition, there are complaints and dissatisfaction from those who are unable to cope with the social reform. Do these people still run after the illusion of Saigon in the middle of the big palm of a hand called socialism? The latest face of HO Chi Minh City is reported here.

Deserted Dong Khoi, former Tu Do, at night. A cyclo having a woman on board closely followed me. The driver talked to me in Japanese, "200 dong (About ¥20,000 in terms of the official rate)." The woman winked at me. Several such couples hang on to the very few foreigners (long-term residents and sight-seeing tourists). Several bars with "rooms upstairs," have opened, although such had been out of sight since liberation. Tourists from nations on the Eastern side, instead of US soldiers, have them prospering. The Vietnamese Tourist Office which is supported by the Government holds dances at the former Rex Hotel every Saturday. Although there is a night-club type atmosphere, sometimes Russian folk music is played. Management is wholesome. This comes from such consideration as not to attract tourists to old Saigon-type bars, but ...

The black market is tens of times bigger than the "Ameyoko" in Tokyo. Innumerable street stalls line up, even into alleys, centering on Le Loi Street. Goods spread on the ground can be classified into materials in reserve before liberation, goods sent from overseas residents, products illegally channeled from dollar shops, and smuggled goods. Such medical equipment as syringes, stethoscopes and camping equipment are apparently "property" left by the US Forces. There are Swiss watches, German cameras and the latest models of Japanese radio-cassette tape recorders, desk calculators and digital watches, which products were all traditions of old Saigon. Gold and US dollars, although they are black market items, are traded.

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People were gambling at cards in public on the street in broad daylight. I was watching the cards moving. Then, a decoy who was standing by me squeezed dong bills worth several ten thousand yen into my pocket as if telling me, "You won." I took them out to return the money to him in a hurry. There were boys who were smoking hashish and drug-addicted vagrants. In front of the bus terminal theater, I saw illegal ticket brokers who were selling tickets at prices five to 10 times higher than the official prices. HO Chi Minh City People's Committee Vice Chairman Quang Chanh emphasized that "We have been fighting against the social vices which the lackey regime left. We have given jobs to one million unemployed people, and treated and educated several ten thousand prostitutes and drug addicts. We set up schools for youth and prepared houses for vagrants. We have fought battles for 30 years in order to secure independence. We cannot solve all the difficulties in five years after liberation."

I found an old map of Vietnam at the black market. The store owner charged me the exorbitant amount of "50 dong," (about ¥5,000). Fifty dong is equivalent to a young worker's one-month's salary. I insisted on making the deal for 40 dong successfully. However, the store owner, who was keeping an eye on a 10 dollar bill in my wallet, said, "I will make it \$10." I learned later that he made big money out of this deal. The black market rate of 10 to 16 dong per dollar was a common-knowledge rate at the HO Chi Minh City market (5 to 6 times more than the official rate). Black market dollars are a souvenir left by the war economy. Those people who were unable to trust the currency of the "lackey regime" collected gold and dollar bills. Such a custom still persists. It seems that the HO Chi Minh City market has not been able to extricate itself from such a double economy.

However, there is a view that demand for dollars has risen abnormally high these days. The view says that Chinese merchants and some Vietnamese who plan to flee the nation need dollars. However, the truth was not available. Another mystery is that the distribution of foreign products (especially cigarettes and Western liquor) is out of control. Dunhills and Johnny Walker are found in almost all stores at the HO Chi Minh City market. There are innumerable products of world-wide brands, including Japanese canned beer, Soviet brandy, US soft drinks, etc. Some Western liquor and cigarettes taste different from the real things. A situation like this seems to sweep over all Vietnam from the streets in Hanoi in the north to stores at the tip of the Mekong Delta.

A Vietnamese Government source explains that "It is a temporary phenomenon resulting from distribution by some dishonest foreigners who buy things at dollar shops (tax free) for foreign tourists." However, such an explanation is not quite convincing. Some explain that products sent by Vietnamese overseas and smuggled items are on the market. However, no one is able to explain convincingly the flow of the large number of foreign products as an economic phenomenon.

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It is certain that compared with Hanoi, HO Chi Minh City is far more affluent. There are abundant goods, a city environment, and many cultural facilities. People are open and cheerful, and full of energy. However, when they were asked about life after liberation and changes in the city, many people changed color and shut their mouths. For example, they asked, "Are you a socialist?," as if in confirmation. When they understood that I am a Japanese, they finally talked about their difficult livelihood, and made nasty remarks about people from Hanoi, frankly.

I also heard moving stories from those who lost their breadwinners and those who were physically and mentally injured in the war. There were people who were planning to flee the nation. Many of them were without jobs, savings and "revolutionary connections" and yet well accustomed to the city life of the former period. "We told them 'Let us construct our nation together.' However, some said that they did not want to stay here. It is certain that we are leading a difficult life now. However, we had two wars in five years after the liberation, although the 30-year war ended. The Vietnamese are tackling two difficult tasks of fighting against invasion and re-constructing the economy at the same time." This is the explanation by Editorial Chief Hoang Tung of NHAN DAN, the organ of the Vietnamese Communist Party.

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