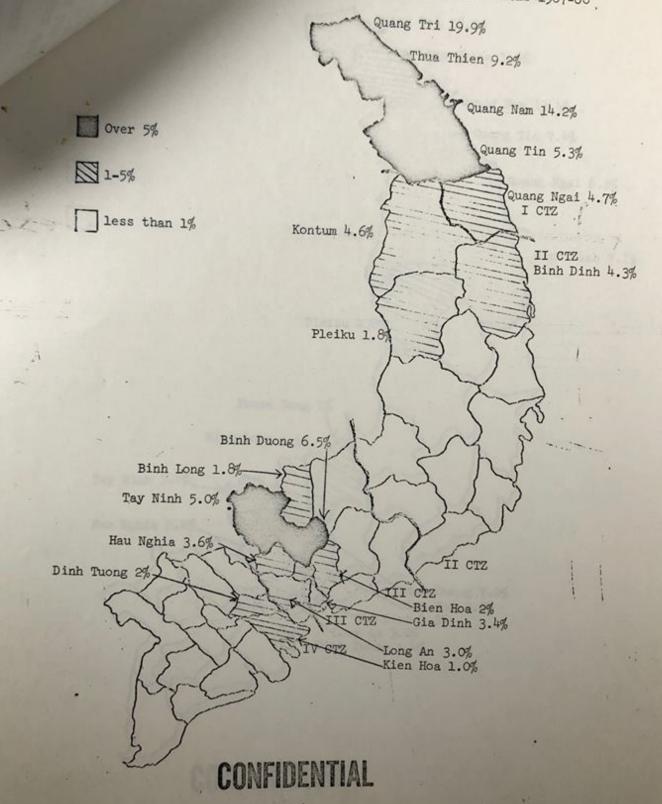
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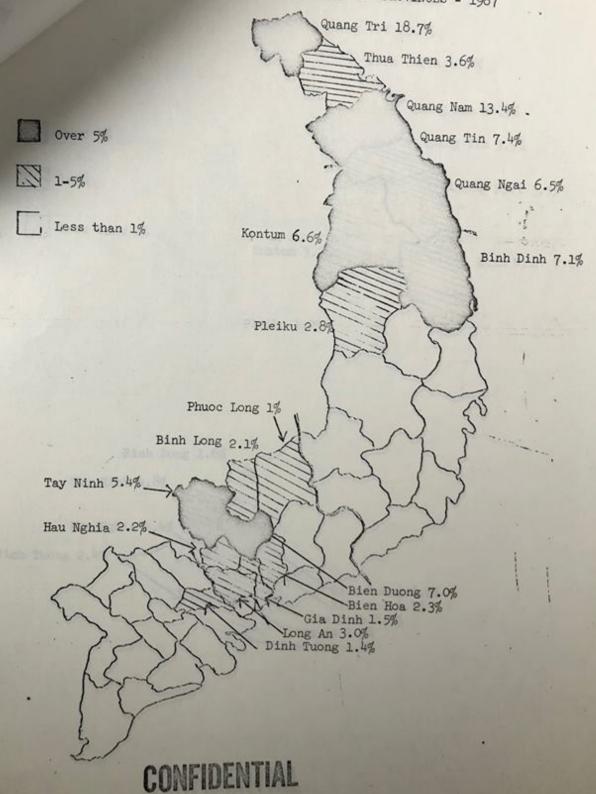
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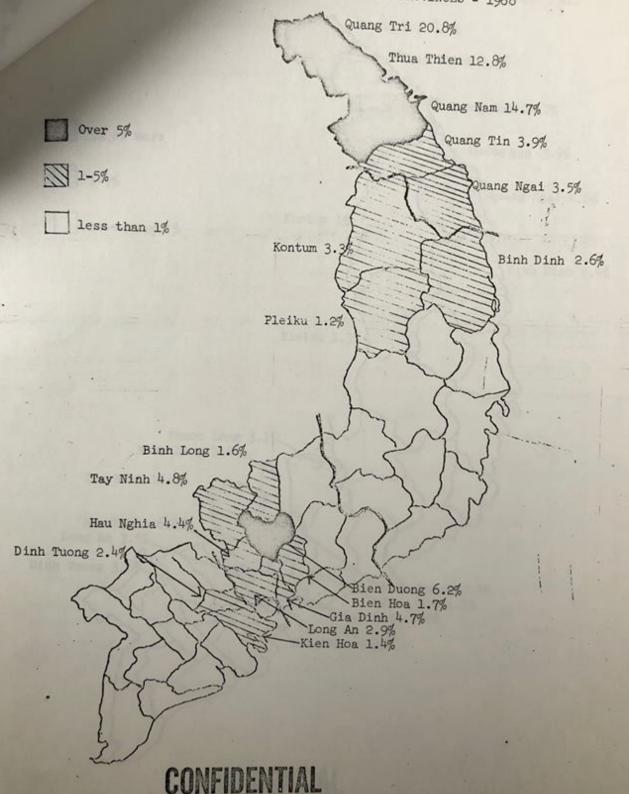
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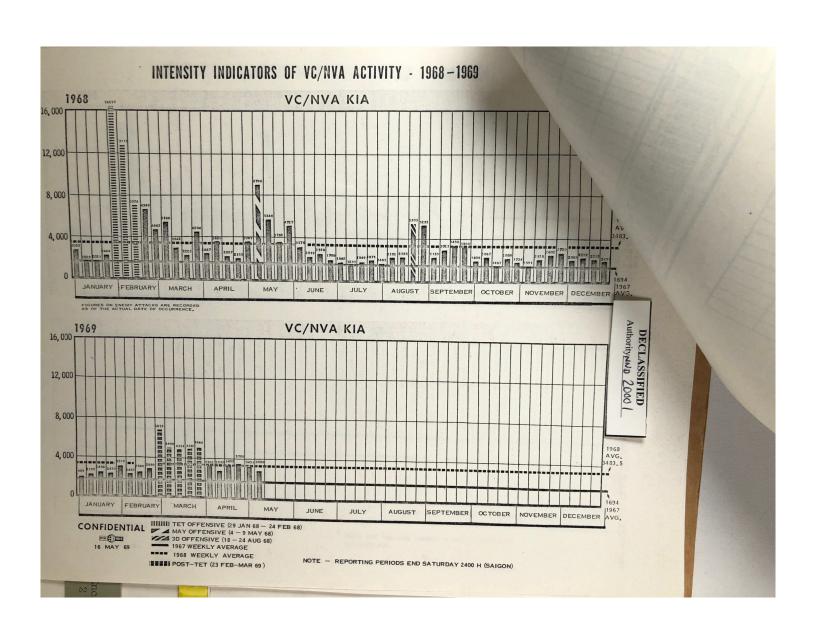


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MAP 3

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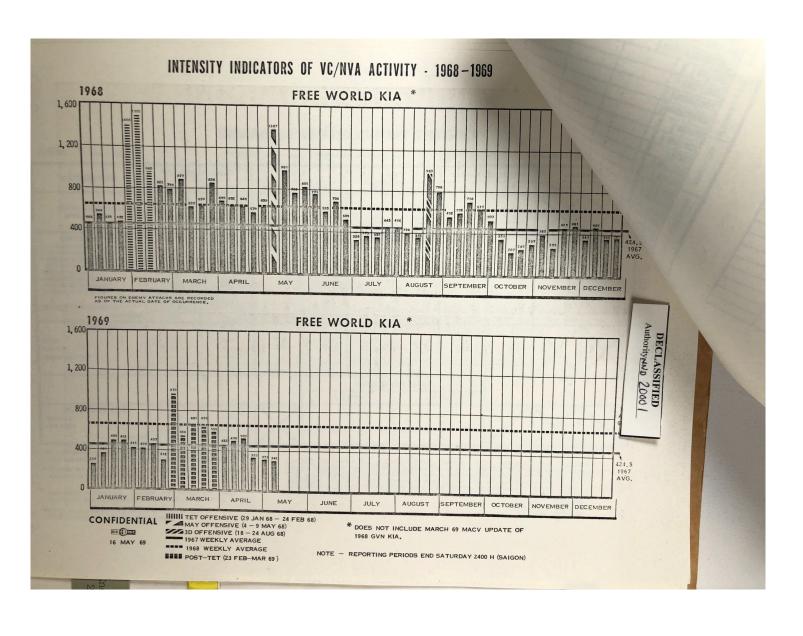


TABLE 1

US DEATHS RESULTING FROM HOSTILE ACTION 2/

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ARMY NAVY USMC USAF TOTAL	931 217 3429 65 4642	3143 299 4603 44 8089	26 33 602 23 684	85 1204 9	253 70 1005 20 1348	29 618 13	129 1462 11	92	605 49 955 10	282 31 561 2 876	180 12 197 9	119 9 181 0	47 8 240 4	203 31 368 1 603	446 50 641 3	395 48 453 7 903	426 29 401 8	529 43 756 8	234 20 431 7	13 329 5	241 19 328 3 591	201 15 335 0	127 4 157 2	83 12 191 0	72 15 213 0
ARMY NAVY USMC USAF TOTAL	1742 6 3 35 1786	1375 11 14 142 1432	525 2 0 3 530	414 0 1 12 427	254 0 0 17 271	549 4 2 3 558	497 0 3 12 512	425 5 0 17 447	278 3 1 7	166 3 0 4	53 0 2 0	324 1 0 2 327	172 3 0 1 176	139 0 1 0	185 0 2 9	173 0 0 3 176	138 0 0 1 139	195 0 0 11 206	92 5 0 5		93 3 0 1	139 0 0 6 145	48 0 0 2 50	70 3 0 2 75	48 0 0 0 0
ARMY NAVY USMC USAF TOTAL	2428 16 2 29 2475	3994 11 3 56 4064	757 7 1 8 773	634 3 0 10 647	357 3 1 6 367	680 3 0 5	1293 4 3 40 1340	1094 3 0 5	79 ¹ 4 1 0 1 799	802 3 0 7 812	246 1 0 2	185 0 0 2 187	249 2 0 1 252	379 0 1 13 393	556 3 0 23 582	358 1 2 4 365	302 2 0 2 306	534 0 0 2 536	258 1 0 1 260	181 1 0 0	325 0 0 4 339	289 0 0 0	203 0 0 0 3 206	272 2 0 h	327 1 0 0 328
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b) All other US hostile deaths occurring elsewher in SEA, in the air or which the CTZ is not reported.

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	IV CTZ ARMY NAVY USMC USAF	230 35 6 5	775 96 1	47 3 6 0	49 6 0	56 12 0	78 14 0	307 15 1	219 26 0	799 111 17 0	812 132 31 0	16 0 0	37 4 0 0	25 10 0	53 3 0	
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COMBAT DEATHS OCCUR IN VIETNAM

Summary. US KIA in Vietnam will probably exceed the Korean total of 33,629 sometime in April, perhaps sooner if the enemy sustains the high intensity fighting of the post-Tet 1969 little change in the provinces where has been remarkably occur. I CTZ has accounted for 53% of US combat deaths and the two I CTZ provinces of Quang Tri and Quang Naml have accounted for over a third of all US KIA. During 4th quarter 1968, the proportion of US combat deaths shifted south and went up in the III interest to that area.

As of February 22, US combat deaths stood at 31,923 only 1,706 short of the Korean War total of 33,629. Since US KIA has been running at 800 per month, the Korean War total should be exceeded by the first of May. However, if the enemy can sustain the intensity of the early days of his post-Tet 1969 offensive, US KIA rates may double and the Korean War total would be surpassed by April 1.

In the June 1968 Analysis Report, we investigated where US combat deaths occurred in South Vietnam, using incomplete data from the GUAVA and VCIIA computer files. Since that time, the file on US KIA maintained by OASD (Comptroller) Statistical Services has become operational and we are now in a position to make a more accurate analysis of the location of American combat deaths in Vietnam.

Table 1 shows US KIA by CTZ for 1967 and 1968. During the two year period, 53% of the US combat deaths occurred in I CTZ, 27% in III CTZ, 14% in II CTZ, and 5% in IV CTZ. While the same relative ordering of the CTZ's has persisted through most of the two year period, II CTZ took relatively more KIA in 1967. Moreover, the last quarter of 1968 showed a shift in emphasis to the southern half of the country as US combat deaths increased in the III and IV CTZ provinces surrounding Saigon while declining in I and II CTZ; nearly half (47.6%) of the US KIA occurred in III and IV CTZ's and both CTZ had their highest percentages of total US KIA for the two year period.

Table 2 compares the number of US maneuver battalions with US KIA by CTZ. Although we know on the average that 83% of combat deaths occur in maneuver battalions, combat deaths are not distributed among the CTZ's in the same proportion as the battalions. In 1967 38% of the maneuver battalions were located in III CTZ, yet III CTZ accounted for only 27% of US KIA. Likewise, in 1968 15% of the maneuver battalions operated in II CTZ but that CTZ accounted for only 10% of US KIA.

Quang Tri borders DMZ; Quang Nam contains Danang.

For a detailed discussion of combat deaths in maneuver and non-maneuver battalions see "Army and Marine KIA," SEA Analysis Report, November 1968, page 20.

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TABLE 1

US COMBAT DEATHS IN SVN BY CTZ

	67-68 Total	1967 Total	1968 Total	1967 1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1968 1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
I CTZ US KIA % of Total	12732 53.4	4642 49.8	8090 55.7	684 32.5	1604 58.0	1348 65.1	1006	2646 54.7	2892 61.4	1675 57.0	877
II CTZ US KIA % of Total	3215 13.5	1786 19.2	1429	530 25.2	427 15.4	271	558 23.5	512 10.6	447 9.5	300	170 8.3
III CTZ US KIA % of Total	6539 27.4	2475 26.6	4064 28.0	773 36.7	647 23.4	367 17.8	688	1340 27.7	1102 23.4	810 27.5	812 39.7
IV CTZ US KIA % of Total	1155	276	879 6.0	56 2.7	58 2.1	69	93	326 6.7	250 5.3	142	161
CTZ Unknown % of Total Countrywide	210 •9 - 23851	135 1.4 9314	75 •5 14537	61 2.9 2104	30 1.1 2766	15 •7 2070	29 1.2 2374	16 •3 4840	20 .4 4711	14 .5 2941	25 1.2 2045

Source: OASD(Comptroller) Statistical Services US KIA computer file.

TABLE 2

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US KIA AND MANEUVER BATTALION DEPLOYMENT (Monthly Average)

	1967 KIA	96	1968 KIA	g,	1967 1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1968 1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr a/
I CTZ												
US KIA Maneuver Bns.	387	49.8	674 53.5	55.7 48.1	228	535 30.6	449 33.6	335 39	882 51.6	964 55.3	558 58	292 49
II CTZ					A. C.							
US KIA	149	19.2	119	9.8	177	142	90	186	171	149	100	57
Maneuver Bns.	20.8	24.0	17.0	15.3	55		19.6	22.6	16.6		16.6	17
III CTZ												2
US KIA	206	26.6	339	28.0	258	216	122	229	447	367	270	271
Maneuver Bns.	33.3	38.1	36.3	32.7	40		29.3	.33		35.3	35.0	39.6
IV CTZ												
US KIA	23	3.0	73	6.0	19	19	23	31	109	83	47	54
Maneuver Bns.	2.2	2.5	4.3	3.9	-	3.3	4	1.3	3	3.6	4.0	6.3
Countrywideb/												
US KIA	776	-	1211	-	701	922	690	791	1613	1570	980	682
Maneuver Bns.	87.5	-	1111	-	82	84	86.6	96	106.3		114	112

Source: OSD (Comptroller) US KIA File.

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4th quarter 1968 figures are tentative for maneuver battalions.

b/ CTZ data do not add to countrywide because the location of some KIA are unknown or in

The discrepancies are not surprising because the presence of a US unit is a necessary but not a sufficient condition for US combat deaths to occur. This is only another way of saying that in Vietnam the intensity of combat is heavily dependent upon the actions of the enemy.

Table 3 and the four shaded maps show total US KIA by province for 1967 and 1968. Nine of Vietnam's 44 provinces account for 74% of all US combat deaths in 1967-68 (Map 1). Quang Tri and Quang Nam, both in I CTZ, have accounted for over one-third (34%) of all US KIA during the two year period and have reported the most KIA in both 1967 and 1968. At the other end of the spectrum, the IV CTZ provinces of Bac Lieu, An Giang, and An Xuyen are the provinces where the fewest American lives have been lost. The low rates probably stem as much from the relative absence of US operations in these provinces as from security conditions; An Giang is one of the most secure areas in South Vietnam, but An Xuyen and Bac Lieu are provinces with low security ratings.

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		67-68	% of 67-68	1	% of		% of	1967 1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1968 1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
	I CTZ Quang Tri Thua Thien Quang Nam Quang Tin Quang Ngai Unknown/Offshore	4,757 - 2,201 3,376 1,256 1,111 31	19.9 9.2 14.2 5.3 4.7	1,741 338 1,245 689 605 24	18.7 3.6 13.4 7.4 6.5 7	3,016 1,863 2,131 567 506 7	20.8 12.8 14.7 3.9 3.5	225 61 221 35 142 0	652 88 341 245 276 2	583 76 316 232 126	281 113 367 177 61 7	Qtr 1007 797 542 177 117 6	1313 705 541 203 130	526 282 594 107 165	170 79 454 80 94	
10	Total II CTZ Kontum Binh Dinh Pleiku Binh Dinh Pleiku Darlac Darlac Quang Buc Quang Buc Lam Dong Kinh Thuan Binh Thuan Phu Bon Phu Bon	12,732 1,098 1,037 434 147 90 39 21 89 81 27 109 20	4.6 4.3 1.8 .6 .4 .2 .1 .4 .3	616 662 264 76 21 18 5 3 35 7	6.6 5 7.1 7 2.8 .8 .2 .2 .1	8,090 482 375 170 71 69 21 16 86 46 46 20 56 14	3.3 2.6 1.2 .5 .1 .1 .6 .3 .4	146 258 45 42 2 0 1 2 8 4	99 171 127 3 5 13 0 0 1	1348 49 109 74 6 3 1 0 0 11	1006 327 124 18 25 11 4 1 15 0 24	2646 219 92 56 42 28 9 3 10 9 10 26	193 146 49 14 13 6 6 1 9 1	1675 49 88 38 30 2 3 60 13 3 11	21 49 27 12 8 4 4 15 15 6 9	C
	Unknown/Offshore Total III CTZ PRUCC Long Binh Tuy Long Khash Binh Long Tay Wish Binh Duong Ois Dish Binh Duong Ois Dish Binh Duong Long An Hau Nghia Unknown/Offshore Tuy Long An Hau Nghia	23 3,215 224 53 131 423 1,192 1,548 816 466 98 705 847 36	.1 .9 .2 .5 1.8 5.0 6.5 3.4 2.0 3.6	20 1,786 89 28 70 196 499 650 138 216 70 280 204 35	1.0 .3 .7 2.1 5.4 7.0 2.3 .7 3.0 2.2	1,429 135 25 61 227 693 898 678 250 28 425 643 1	.9 .2 1.6 4.8 4.7 1.7 2.9 4.4	530 14 8 13 19 271 204 41 71 14 77 32 9	"#1 1 26 22 111 128 72 37 28 96 77 8	271 3 5 27 18 30 113 9 51 12 41 42 16	558 31 14 4 137 87 205 16 57 16 66 53 2	43 7 21 43 141 310 396 105 14 90 0	13 13 22 40 1h5 276 210 95 7 121 190 0	16 5 16 80 205 125 48 16 2 142 142 155 0	63 0 2 64 232 187 24 34 5 72 128 128	D
	IV CTZ Kien Thong Kien Phong Dinh Thong An Giang Yinh Long Kien Hos Yinh Binh Fhong Dinh Kien Giang Chuong Thien Ba Xiyen Go Cong Bac Lieu Sa Dee Chau Doc Unknown/Offshore	84 23 477 477 251 224 390 10 17 5 44 1 12 13	.4 .1 2.0 .2 1.0 .1 .4 .1	28 8 126 0 9 42 16 12 5 3 3 3 2 2 8 0	.3 .1 1.4 0 .1 .5 .2 .1 .1	56 15 351 4 48 209 8 78 8 7 14 36 1 1 10 0	.4 .1 2.4 - .3 1.4 .1 .6 .1 - .1 .2 - .1	6 0 19 0 1 12 4 1 0 0 0 5 0 0 0 6	11 0 24 0 1 13 5 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1	4 2 37 0 2 11 2 4 3 0 0 0 0 1 1 69	7 66 46 0 0 5 6 6 5 7 2 0 0 3 2 0 0 0 2 1 1 93	21 140 2 29 45 356 1 59 0 0 1 2 2	6 1 3 2 18	2 7 0 3 5 0	0 6 5 1 0 1 22 0 0	
	Total Unknown/Offshore Countrywide Totals	1,155 210 23,851		276 135 9,314		75		61 2104	30 2766	15	29 2374	16 4840	20	14	25	

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KIA

er SEA Analysis Report articles examined US combat deaths (KIA)

et o command experience, location in-country, and level of RVNAF

alties. This study estimates the distributions of Army and Marines KIA

coording to force component, cause of casualties, and (for the Marines

only), type of engagement.

Some of the main points are:

- 1. From January 1967 through September 1968, 82% of Army and Marines KIA were sustained by personnel in maneuver battalions.
- Maneuver battalion personnel averaged about 15 times the KIA rate of other forces (109 vs 7 per 1000 men per year).
- 3. Marine KIA rates for both maneuver battalions and other forces are significantly higher than Army rates (130 vs 100 for maneuver battalions, 16 vs 5.5 for other forces), due to the USMC location in I CTZ, not tactics or equipment.
- 4. The KIA rate for all Army and Marine forces in Vietnam rose to 46 during the Tet offensive (first quarter of 1968) compared to a Jan 1967-Sep 1968 average of 31, and an Army rate during the Korean War of 45.
- 5. During the first half of 1968 the highest KTA rates for both maneuver battalion personnel and other forces were experienced in IV CTZ (239 and 31).
- 6. On the average, for each Marine KIA occurring in a VC/NVA initiated incident, 2.0 occurred on a US operation and 1.5 occurred on a US patrol.
- 7. Approximately 50% of Army and Marine KIA result from gunshot wounds. During the October lull this percentage fell to under 30.

Distribution by Force Component

Table 1 indicates that over the long-run, 82% of Army KIA and 81% of Marine KIA, have occurred in maneuver battalions. This is close to the 80% approximation used to estimate maneuver battalion casualties in some

A sample of 3628 Army and Marines KIA was selected at random from the total of 20,891 KIA sustained by the two Services between Jan 1, 1967 and Sep 30, 1968. A maximum probable error of less than 5% is associated with all quarterly estimates, while estimates spanning the entire seven quarter period have maximum errors of less than 2%. A 95% level of significance has been used throughout the study for computing maximum errors and for testing hypotheses.