Articles regarding the NVA/VC occupying the caves of Dong Bo Mountains Surrounding Nhat Trang AB.

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How ROKs Kicked Reds Off Grand Sommet

By KIM KI SAM

SAIGON—South Korean soldiers killed 25 communists Monday near Nha Trang and Phu Cat. ROK military spokesman said.

Elements of the White Horse Div. sweeping the mountains Dong Bo Area, overlooking the allied military complex at Nha Trang, reported killing 25 enemy soldiers, bringing the five-day total to 87 Reds slain. Spokesman said the ROKs destroyed the mountain fortress Tuesday morning with no further contact with the enemy.

No Korean casualties were reported Monday.

A team of Rangers from the Tiger Div. killed three Reds about 15 miles northeast of Phu Cat in a clash with an enemy force of unknown size, armed with no ROK casualties.

The huge, connected caves. On Thursday the ROKs went in after them.

It was a tough job. Although some of the caves were 100 feet high and big enough to house a company or more, the entrances — even the main ones were tiny. Some were just big enough for a small man to slip through, and the Korean soldiers had to take off their packs to enter inside. While they removed their gear, enemy snipers popped up from holes in the rocks and peppered them.

The main entrance was about half the size of a normal doorway. I counted and fell in with a platoon from 9th Co., 36th Inf., Regt. inside.

It was a natural cave, a big one, with room for maybe 200 men. In the darkness at the far end was a passageway that led to another room. The ROK troops were working through them now. Ships echoed off the rock walls.

Of the estimated 480 NVA hiding in the tunnels and caves, at least 360 were already dead.

Korean spokesmen say the three days of fighting has probably destroyed the enemy chain of command.

ROKs Continue Push Into Red Peak

By KIM KI SAM

NIHA TRANG, Vietnam—Korean 1st Inf. Div. soldiers continued to fight their way through the jungled mountains overlooking this allied military complex Saturday, hunting down North Vietnamese commando forces hidden in rocky caves.

The number of enemy dead in the fighting that has raged through the Dong Bo mountain area since Thursday rose to 88 late Saturday afternoon. Among them were two girls, both described as "hard core" Red fighters.

The many caves on and around "Grand Sommet" the tallest peak on the Nha Trang area skyline, have been Communist havens for years. Those on the Ninh Van itself have been infested with Viet Minh and Viet Cong for 20 years.

An enemy document found Friday at the Dong Bo base camp itself, near the foot of the mountain, has also long served as an enemy hideaway.

Early intelligence reports say the camp was apparently the base of about 250 members of the NVA 5th Div.'s 33B Regt. Their objective was apparently to attack Allied installations in the Nha Trang and Cam Ranh Bay areas.

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