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MILITARY AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SECURITY

INFORMATION ON VIETNAMESE MILITARY UNITS

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
49th Regt, 5th MR	Economic construction in Dac Lac Province. (HANOI MOI 3 Aug 79 p 4)
17th Truck Transport Regt, Materials Department, Economic General Department	Reviews work done during 1st 6 months of 1979. (HANOI MOI 1 Aug 79 p 4)
N.67 Gp, Cao Bang Local Forces	Blocked advance of PRC 125th and 126th Divisions during March 1979 invasion. (TAP CHI QUAN DOI NHAN DAN Jul 79 p 53)
34th Gp	Photo of unit members in training. (NHAN DAN 10 Sep 79 p 3)
Nam Lion Signal Gp	Operating a 1,000 kilometer wire communications line. Elements provided combat support against PRC invaders. (NHAN DAN 10 Sep 79 p 3)
2nd Bn, 08 Gp	Battalion Commander: Hoàng Xuân Cường [HOANG XUAAN CUWOWNGF]. (NHAN DAN 13 Sep 79 p 3)
61st Missile Bn	Photo shows unit SA-3 missiles mounted on launchers. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Sep 79 p 1)
Dong Loc Gp, 4th MR	Cleared 120 hectares to plant crops. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Sep 79 p 1)

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3rd Gp, 5th MR	Improved operational methods of headquarters elements. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Sep 79 p 1)
B.36 Gp, 4th MR 71st Gp 23rd Gp	Widened 9 kilometers of road. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Sep 79 p 2)
63rd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Gp	Political Officer: Khanh [KHANHS]. This unit has regiments subordinated to it. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 5 & 10 Sep 79 p 3)
M.93 Gp	This unit fought PRC invaders at Hill 551. Presently conducting tactical training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Sep 79 p 1)
6th Gp, Armored Gp "A", 9th MR	Party building activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 11 Sep 79 p 3)
H.79th Engineer Gp	" " " "
41st Infantry Gp, Quang Ninh Province	Training activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 12 Sep 79 p 1)
15th Military Hospital, 5th MR	Complaint about dental treatment voiced. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 14 Sep 79 p 2)
205th General Depot, Quartermaster Department	Maintenance activities described. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 14 Sep 79 p 3)
B.41 Gp, Tay Bac Forces	Unit dispensary serves local populace. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 14 Sep 79 p 3)
5th Infantry Gp, Son La Province	Unit members work extra hours in potato field. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 14 Sep 79 p 3)
Ngu Binh Gp	Raise and process herbal medicine plants. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 14 Sep 79 p 3)
5th Bn, M.48 Gp	Improves living conditions for troops. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 14 Sep 79 p 3)
N.71 Truck Transport Gp 54th Bn 57th Gp 66th Gp	Elements of this unit provided support on Cambodian and Chinese fronts. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 5 Sep 79 p 2)

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964th Gp	
65th Gp	
74th Gp	
77th Gp	
101st Gp	
B.75 Artillery Gp	Borrowed vehicles from B.68 Artillery Gp to conduct a training exercise. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 5 Sep 79 p 2)
B.68 Artillery Gp	Loaned vehicles to B.75 Artillery Gp. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 5 Sep 79 p 2)
Huong Giang Corps	Training activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 5 Sep 79 p 3)
01 Gp	
05 Gp	
73rd Gp	
3rd Gp, 1st MR	Measures for training squad leaders detailed. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 5 Sep 79 p 3)
7th Infantry Gp, Capital Military Region	Selected as a pilot unit for discussion of the draft of the new Constitution. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 6 Sep 79 p 1)
37th Air Force Gp	Commander: Lương [LUWOWNGJ]. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 6 Sep 79 p 2)
27th Air Force Gp	Commander: Hoàng [HOANGGF]. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 6 Sep 79 p 2)
28th Bn, Dong Bang Gp	Tactical training for cadres. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 7 Sep 79 p 1)
Nguyen Hue Gp	Unit commander reports on defense construction work by his unit. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 7 Sep 79 p 1)
Phong Quang Regt, 1st MR	Tactical firing exercise conducted. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 7 Sep 79 p 1)
13th Gp	Political Officer: Vũ Thanh Bao [VUX THANH BAO]. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 7 Sep 79 p 2)
36th Regt, Quan Tien Phong Div	In August was awarded a banner by the Vietnam General Confederation of Trade Unions. (LAO DONG 30 Aug 79 p 2)

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11th Navy Gp, 3rd MR	Commended for physical fitness. (THE DUC THE THAO 18 Aug 79 p 5)
50th Regt, 3rd MR	" " " "
331st Gp, Tay Nguyen Forces	Physical fitness activities noted. (THE DUC THE THAO 18 Aug 79 p 2)
5th Gp, Sapper Forces	" " " "
Song Dien Anti-Aircraft Artillery Gp	" " " "
Song Lo Engineer Brigade	Wins first prize in 35-ton floating bridge construction contest. (TIEN PHONG 14-20 Aug 79 p 5)
3rd MR 8th Gp 50th Gp 178th Gp	Subordinate unit cultural activities reported. (VAN NGHE QUAN DOI Aug 79 p 144)
"X" Corps, 1st MR Khanh Khe Gp Sao Vang Gp Phong Quang Regt	Subordinate unit cultural activities reported. (VAN NGHE QUAN DOI Sep 79 p 144)

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INFORMATION ON VIETNAMESE MILITARY UNITS

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Air Force	Subordinate units discuss draft constitution. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 26 Aug 79 p 1)
Thang Long Gp	
Cuu Long Gp	
Sao Do Gp	
9025th Gp	
Technical General Department	" " " "
Z.19 Unit	
E.65 Unit	
Depot 02	
275th Gp	Guarding the Ho Chi Minh Masoleum. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 27 Aug 79 p 1)
195th Gp	" " "
Song Dien Signal Gp	Memory of Ho Chi Minh's visit in 1966 recalled. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 27 Aug 79 p 3)
B.07 Armored Gp	Maintaining armored vehicles and armaments for combat readiness. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 28 Aug 79 p 1)
21st Reconnaissance Co, M 52 Gp	Photos of unit patrol activities. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 28 Aug 79 p 1)

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Haiphong Port Self Defense Brigade	Completed scheduled training for 1979. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 28 Aug 79 p 1)
41st Engineer Gp	Photo of bridge assembly for river crossing. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 29 Aug 79 p 2)
01 Signal Gp Station Z.47 Station Z.44	Commanded for mission performance. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Aug 79 p 1)
Thong Nhat Anti Aircraft Artillery Gp	Training, state of combat readiness heightened. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Aug 79 p 1)
Nguyen Hue Gp	This Hanoi unit awarded the Labor Medal for construction of Hanoi defense system. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Aug 79 p 1)
108th Military Hospital	Unit doctor discusses eczema. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Aug 79 p 2)
Post 136, People's Armed Public Security Forces, Binh Tri Thien Province	Photo of unit members manning outpost. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 31 Aug 79 p 1)
POL Department 18th Gp 71st Gp 76th Gp 169th Binh Tram	VCP Party building activities noted. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 31 Aug 79 p 1)
470th Gp	In Central Highlands. Stocking fishponds. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 31 Aug 79 p 2)
4th Co, 701st Gp	Cultivating paddy fields. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 31 Aug 79 p 2)
105th Military Hospital	Combines modern and traditional medicine to treat patients. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 31 Aug 79 p 2)
773rd Gp	Stocking Dac Uy Reservoir with fish. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 4 Sep 79 p 3)
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1st Artillery Co, 11th Bn, 368th Gp	Photo shows gun crew manning howitzer. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Sep 79 p 1)
Yen The Air Force Gp	Flight training stepped up. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 17 Sep 79 p 1)
Factory Q.165, POL Department	Manufactured over 1,000 gas tanks annually with capacity of from 2 to 25 meters ³ . (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 17 Sep 79 p 2)
Song Thao Corps	Augments number of orientation offi- cers. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 17 Sep 79 p 2)
Dong Loc Gp	A Battalion Commander: Lữ Sơn Quý [LUX SOWN QUYF]. Serving as a recruit training center. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 17 & 19 Sep 79 p 3)
27th Navy Gp Vessel 07	Training activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 17 Sep 79 p 3)
81st Flotilla	Conducted on-board technical training and extensive patrolling. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 18 Sep 79 p 3)
H.06 Signal Gp	Discipline improves. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 18 Sep 79 p 1)

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12th Co, 72nd Gp	Capital construction work and training described. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 18 Sep 79 p 3)
Song Da Missile Gp	Photo of SA-3 missiles on launcher. (NHAN DAN 19 Sep 79 p 1)
2nd Gp, Chemical Warfare Forces	Conducted tactical training with flame throwers. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 19 Sep 79 p 1)
51st Navy Gp	Located at an island in the north east. Photo shows crew member and land-based anti-aircraft artillery. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 19 Sep 79 p 1)
T.5 Gp, 4th MR	Work on road construction. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 19 Sep 79 p 2)
11th Gp, Cao Bang Forces	Assist local populace with farming. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 19 Sep 79 p 2)
Phong Quang Regt, Chi Lang Gp	Organizing defenses and assigned cadre to nearby townships to conduct military training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 19 Sep 79 p 2)
B.26 Gp, Tay Bac Forces	Maintains good relations with local people. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 19 Sep 79 p 2)
6th Bn, B.37 Gp	Improvement in living conditions described. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 19 Sep 79 p 3)
103rd Military Hospital	Providing care for mental patients. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 20 Sep 79 p 3)
H.79 Engineer Gp	Located in a northern border province. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 20 Sep 79 p 3)
514th Bn, B.31 Gp	Physical condition of recruits improves during training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 20 Sep 79 p 3)
Khanh Khe Gp, 1st MR	Conducts training for VCP branch and committee secretaries. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 21 Sep 79 p 1)

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Unit 25, People's Armed Public Security Forces	Provided small arms training for natives of Na Pa Village, Yen Chau District, Son La Province. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 21 Sep 79 p 1)
23rd Gp, 4th MR	Formerly an anti-aircraft artillery unit. Constructed and presently operating the Hoi Son Cement Factory with a capacity of 20,000 tons/annum of Mark 300 cement. [Probably located in Ha Nam Ninh Province]. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 21 Sep 79 p 1)
Phuoc Long Gp, 7th MR	Planting rubber trees. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 21 Sep 79 p 2)
M.88 Artillery Gp, 1st MR	Cultural activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 21 Sep 79 p 3)
B.3 Gp, Quang Ninh Forces	" " " "
Chi Lang Gp "S" Infantry Gp 5th Gp	Draft of new constitution discussed. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 23 Sep 79 p 1)
Rear Service General Department 165th POL Factory Rear Service Printing Shop Intermediate Construction School 354th Military Hospital 22nd Station Depot	" " " "
Technical General Department Factory 33 Factory E.67 Factory 59 Factory 53 Intermediate Economics School Factory 13 Factory 21 Factory 29 Factory 71 Intermediate Vehicle Technology School Technicians School No 3	Party building activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 23 Sep 79 p 3)
175th Military Hospital	Held science and technology conference. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 24 Sep 79 p 3)

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105th Military Hospital	Surgical application of accupuncture reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 24 Sep 79 p 2)
108th Military Hospital	Surgical instruments devised from obsolete instruments. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 24 Sep 79 p 3)
95th Gp, 7th MR	Unit recruits do well on firing range. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 25 Sep 79 p 1)
NS.56 Gp	Recently completed 17 kilometers of road from BB to TH. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 25 Sep 79 p 1)
Enterprise 210, 7th MR	Formerly an infantry unit. Since mid-1978 has performed dual mission of combat and economic construction quarrying limestone. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 25 Sep 79 p 2)
31st Gp	Raising potatoes. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 25 Sep 79 p 2)
Radar Unit [not further identified]	Photo of radar van and antenna mounted on ground tripod. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 26 Sep 79 p 1)
195th Gp	Guards Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 26 Sep 79 p 2)
Thai Nguyen Iron and Steel Corporation Self Defense Division	Activated in the end of 1978. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 26 Sep 79 p 3)
14th Co, 4th Infantry Gp	Cultural Activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 26 Sep 79 p 3)
11th Co, 23rd Bn, 60th Gp	Photo shows that unit equipment includes field artillery. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 28 Sep 79 p 3)
447th Gp, 7th MR	Conducted military training for South Vietnam college students at Quang Trung Training Center. (DAI HOC VA TRUNG HOC CHUYEN NGHIEP Mar-Apr 79 p 44)
52nd Gp, Capital MR	Photo of unit members on firing range. (HANOI MOI 19 Sep 79 p 2)
2nd Bn, 7th Gp, Capital MR	Unit member's early days in unit described. (HANOI MOI 19 Sep 79 p 2)

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B.2 Anti-Aircraft Artillery Gp	Photo shows unit equipment including twin barrelled anti-aircraft guns. Located in Hau Giang Province. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Sep 79 p 2)
1st MR Cao Bac Gp, Cao Bang Front B.31 Gp 501st Gp S.01 Gp	Subordinate units participate in military pentathlon. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Sep 79 p 3)
60th General Unit [TGNG DOI], 86th Gp, Rear Services General Department 7th Bn	Casting large concrete slabs at "X" Work Site. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Oct 79 p 2)
69th Gp, POL Forces	Recently completed a 150 kilometer oil pipeline. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Oct 79 p 3)
Work Site "B", 74th Gp	Completed work ahead of schedule. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Oct 79 p 3)
Depot K.4, 150th Binh Tram	Issues and receipts exceed plan. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Oct 79 p 3)
6th Co, 17th Gp	Young wayward unit members improved by military discipline. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Oct 79 p 3)

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2nd Co, 2nd Binh Tram	Improved supply storage. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 2 Oct 79 p 3)
51st Bn, 33rd Truck Transport Gp	Logs impressive record of driving and supply deliveries. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 2 Oct 79 p 3)
5th Infantry Gp, Son La Province	Discusses draft of new Constitution. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Oct 79 p 2)
74th Gp, POL Gp	Anecdote about unit generator. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Oct 79 p 3)
2nd Signal Gp, Air Force	Unit officer trains CW operators. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Oct 79 p 3)
68th Gp, 9th MR	Conducted tactical training course for cadres. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 4 Oct 79 p 1)
Air Defense Forces 5028th Gp 2063rd Gp 41st Detachment 42nd Detachment 45th Detachment	Subordinate units improve combat readiness. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 4 Oct 79 p 1)
1st Bn, Dong Bang Gp	Conducts practice alert. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 4 Oct 79 p 1)
*Marines	Recently activated to defend the off-shore islands. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 4 Oct 79 p 3)
A.16 Gp, Tay Bac Forces	Improvement in living conditions described. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 4 Oct 79 p 3)
25th Gp, Armored Forces	Troop movements noted. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 5 Oct 79 p 1)
21st Armored Gp	Conducted gunnery practice. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 5 Oct 79 p 1)
Chi Lang Gp 3rd Infantry Gp	Applies combat experiences to training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 8 Oct 79 p 1)
B.75 Artillery Gp	Preparing firing positions. Equipment includes self propelled guns. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 8 Oct 79 p 1)

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Signal Bn, Dong Bang Gp	Officer writes in praise of his unit. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 8 Oct 79 p 3)
6th Co, Chien Thang Infantry Gp	Training activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 8 Oct 79 p 3)
11th Co, 16th Regt, People's Armed Public Security Forces	Exploits during Feb 79 against Chinese invaders noted. (DAI DOAN KET 15 Sep 79 p 11)
Navy Zone A Zone B Zone D 1st Fleet	Subordinate units discuss draft of new constitution. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Oct 79 p 1)
46th Navy Gp	Conducted small arms training for person- nel. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Oct 79 p 1)
Navy Zone N	Assisted local population with farming. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Oct 79 p 1)
Navy Vessel 68 Vessel 12 Vessel 506 Vessel 502 Vessel 534	Completed transportation missions and conducted naval maneuvers. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Oct 79 p 1)
3rd MR N.13 M.78 N.81 B.29	Field grade officers in subordinate units take training in political theory, organization and command. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Oct 79 p 1)
3rd Co, 11th Bn, 31st Gp	Photo shows crew manning twin barrellled anti-aircraft gun. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Oct 79 p 1)
Sapper Forces 98th Gp 79th Gp	Troop living conditions improve. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Oct 79 p 3)
Song Gianh Anti-Aircraft Artillery Gp	Conducted leadership courses for cadres. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Oct 79 p 3)
26th Navy Gp	Induction of Youth Union members report- ed. (TIEN PHONG 25 Sep-1 Oct 79 p 2)

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52nd Navy Gp, 1st Coastal Zone	Commended for political activities. (TIEN PHONG 25 Sep-1 Oct 79 p 2)
Air Force Gp "A" Yen The Gp Ba Vi Gp	Pilots do well in training. (NHAN DAN 15 Oct 79 p 1)
Signal Forces M.39 Gp 04 Gp	Maintain weapons well. (NHAN DAN 15 Oct 79 p 1)
Song Chay Anti-Aircraft Artillery Gp Song Thao Corps	Completed 1979 training plan in September. (NHAN DAN 15 Oct 79 p 1)
070 Gp N.74 Gp 41st Bn 2nd Bn	Road building in Central Highlands. Unit is spread out over hundreds of kilometers. (NHAN DAN 9 Oct 79 p 3)
2nd Gp, Quang Ninh Province	Militia, Self Defense Unit conducts combat readiness training. (NHAN DAN 16 Oct 79 p 1)
44th Gp	" " " "
8th Gp	" " " "
3rd Infantry Gp 1st Thang Long Bn Kinh Thanh Artillery Gp	Commended for passing surprise inspection. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 12 Oct 79 pp 1, 4)
X.23 Quang Ninh Gp 43rd Gp 44th Gp	Training quality improves. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 12 Oct 79 p 1)
X.2 Signal Factory	Commended for innovations. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 12 Oct 79 p 2)
B.16 Infantry Gp B.4 [Regt] B.8 [Regt] M.9 [Regt]	The three listed subordinate units have a total of 9 battalions and 27 companies. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 14 Oct 79 p 1)
185th Gp, 4th MR	Unit anecdote published. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 14 Oct 79 p 3)
Song Cau Gp, 1st MR	Conducted defense combat training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 15 Oct 79 p 1)
16th Co, Dong Bang Gp	Photo of combat training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 15 Oct 79 p 1)

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<p>B.27 Gp 5th Bn, 15th Gp 42nd Regt</p>	<p>Discipline improves. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 15 & 18 Oct 79 p 3)</p>
<p>Air Defense Forces 1st Bn, Song Gianh Gp 9th Co, 54th Gp, "X" Corps 8th Co, H.97th Gp, 2nd MR 3rd Co, Quan Tien Phong Div Quang Ninh Coal Grading Enterprise Self Defense Regt 4th Co, 7th Gp 10th Co, Bach Dang Gp 8th Co, Truong Son Gp 8th Co, Xung Kick Gp</p>	<p>Subordinate units participate in firing competition. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 15 Oct 79 p 3)</p>
<p>86th Det, 2076th Gp</p>	<p>Photo shows that this unit is armed with SAMs. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 15 Oct 79 p 3)</p>
<p>Huong Giang Corps 5th Gp 6th Gp 1st Gp</p>	<p>Field training reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Oct 79 p 1)</p>
<p>6th Bn, 47th Gp, Navy</p>	<p>Marksmanship training reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Oct 79 p 1)</p>
<p>28th Gp Vessel 01 Vessel 14 Vessel 20</p>	<p>Conducted combat readiness training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Oct 79 p 1)</p>
<p>7th Navy Gp</p>	<p>Photos show unit conducting beach landing exercise. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Oct 79 p 3)</p>
<p>Chi Lang Gp</p>	<p>Integrates local populace and administration into combat planning. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 17 Oct 79 p 1)</p>
<p>B.26 Tay Bac Gp</p>	<p>Cultural activities noted. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 17 Oct 79 p 3)</p>
<p>8th Signal Gp, 4th MR</p>	<p>Achieves good record in radio, wire and messenger communications. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 18 Oct 79 p 1)</p>
<p>Truong Son Gp, Navy</p>	<p>Stationed on islands. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 18 Oct 79 p 1)</p>

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H.06 Armored Gp, 4th MR	Training activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 18 Oct 79 p 3)
Vinh Phu Reserve Regt	Some elements of this unit are organized as replacement units for the regular forces. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 19 Oct 79 p 1)
1st MR B.27 Gp B.46 Gp 67th Gp	Providing civil affairs assistance. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 19 Oct 79 p 1)
863rd Bn, 126th Navy Gp	Coordinates training activities with local forces. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 19 Oct 79 p 1)
1st Gp, 7th MR	Photo of men training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 19 Oct 79 p 1)
742nd Bn, 1st Construction Gp, Technical General Department	Uses salvaged steel to repair railway rolling stock. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 19 Oct 79 p 2)
41st Gp, Cuu Long Corps	Question by unit member on clothing issue published. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 19 Oct 79 p 2)
M93 Gp, Lai Chau Forces	Political activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 19 Oct 79 p 3)
51st [Navy] Gp	Located on Island "V". (THE DUC THE THAO 29 Sep 79 p 2)
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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, TRADE AND AID

JDA CONFIRMS USSR NAVAL AID TO SRV

Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in English 10 Oct 79 p 2

[Text] The USSR-Vietnam Friendship and Co-operation Treaty was concluded on November 3 of last year, and the first anniversary is coming shortly. The JDA, on the 9th, confirmed the results of an analysis which states, "During the past one year, the Soviet Pacific Fleet granted eight warships, including two escort ships, in all, to the Vietnamese Navy." The said USSR-Vietnam Treaty aims at military co-operation between both nations, too. The JDA views that the granting thereof is a measure based on the said Treaty, but the JDA attaches extreme importance to the fact that a military support of actual fleet scale was offered to Vietnam in the first year after conclusion of the Treaty. Although the warships granted are considered and limited to use for only coastal guard, it is obvious that the military support offered by the USSR has granted power to the Vietnamese Navy which had minor power. Then, the JDA predicts that there are sufficient possibilities of there being an additional grant after this November. For this reason, the JDA will keep in contact with the US Navy, too, and will strengthen its guard against the moves of Soviet warships bound for Vladivostok and Vietnam.

The first grant of warships to Vietnam from the USSR was carried out at the end of November of last year right after conclusion of the USSR-Vietnam Treaty. Two PETYA-class escort ships [Displacement: 950 tons (1,150 tons, full load); Length: more than 80 meters; Guns: 2 -- 76 mm. caliber (twin), 4 -- anti-submarine rocket guns (four quadrupled); Tubes: 1 -- 16 inch (quintuple mountings); Speed: 30.0 knots (kts.)], being piloted by two tugboats, navigated southward through the Straits of Tsushima, and entered a port in Vietnam.

Since then, at the beginning of April, two SHERSEN-class patrol boats [150 tons, four guns of 30 mm. caliber mountings] were delivered to Vietnam. Besides, two additional, same-class torpedo boats [150 tons each] were also granted to Vietnam around late August. Further, around the 5th of this month, two OSA II-model missile-mount patrol boats [165 tons each] were seen to go southward through the Straits of Tsushima. The JDA firmed up that they were also granted to Vietnam. These boats have the capability of launching four "STYX" ship-to-ship missiles [Effective range: 40 kilometers;

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no nuclear warhead mountings], and they were granted to Vietnam for the first time, along with the delivered PETYA-class escort ships.

The Vietnamese Navy had had only the low-level power of coastal guard, which principally consists of two 1,500 - 1,800-ton class escort ships which were granted to South Vietnam by the US, and three Soviet-built patrol ships of the 200-ton class. The JDA views that the warships, which were given to Vietnam by the USSR, may come to have big power of influence. Especially, it is said that if they become familiar with the use of these PETYA-class escort ships and OSA-class missile boats, they will attain the capability of a small surface attack. Then, the JDA says that they may come to be not despicable power according to the strategy.

In connection with the Soviet side's purposes in granting them, at first, the JDA viewed, "They principally aim at improving the capability for the coastal guard of Vietnam itself." However, after the outbreak of the China-Vietnam dispute in July, China aimed at transportation of goods by sea by using small ships in order to support the POL POT Regime of Cambodia. In contrast with this, the Vietnamese side carried out surface actions which were meant as containment tactics against Cambodia. Therefore, the USSR intends to back up Vietnamese naval power on a full scale, and, judging from this factor, the JDA surmised that the USSR started its granting of warships after April. In view of the granted warships including the PETYA-class escort ships and the OSA II-class as well, they always consist of a pair of the same kind of warships. That is, it is said that, although admitting the small scale, these warships can be operated as two units."

According to a JDA survey, the Soviet Pacific Fleet has been often seen to take actions, which can be taken as joint actions with Vietnam, after the occasion of the USSR's granting the warships to Vietnam. When the China-Vietnam dispute occurred in February, a flagship and the SVERDLOV remodeled missile cruiser "ADMIRAL SENYAVIN" were dispatched to the East China Sea by the USSR, and these dispatched warships checked the moves of the Chinese forces. At the end of August, too, a SVERDLOV-class cruiser and a KOTLIN-class destroyer were dispatched to the sea off Vietnam in regard to the USSR's actions. Even after the breaking off of the conflict, China-Vietnam relations have seen continuing skirmishes in the border zone. It is predicted that the moves of both China and Vietnam will become active around the end of the rainy season after December. Then, the JDA presumes that there are possibilities of carrying out joint actions between the USSR and Vietnam as well as the granting of warships by the USSR to Vietnam. In view of this reason, the JDA, keeping in close touch with the US Navy too, will strengthen its guard.

The JDA is nervous about the linkage between the Soviet and Vietnam navies since there is a fear that Vietnamese harbors can become bases of the Soviet Navy on this occasion. In case the Soviet forces stationed in the Far East make use of Vietnamese harbors and airports as transit bases for supplies between the Maritime Province of Siberia and the Indian Ocean, it is viewed

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that "the security for Japan's marine transportation routes will be affected" (1979 Defense White Paper). For this reason, the JDA will explain the real situation of the naval exchange between the USSR and Vietnam in the past one year to US Secretary of Defense BROWN, who is to visit the JDA on the 19th, too, in detail. After that, the JDA intends to co-ordinate countermeasures from now on.

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'YOMIURI' REPORTS SRV OIL PROJECT OFF MEKONG RIVER DELTA

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[By YOMIURI SHIMBUN reporter Sadao Okura: "Inside Report" on the SRV Oil Development Project off Mekong River Delta]

[Excerpts] A Japanese oil business official recently met with an authoritative Vietnamese Government source regarding Vietnam's oilfield development in South China Sea off Mekong River Delta. Development of the reportedly vast oil resources in the region has been under study for some time now. The official has quoted the Vietnamese source as saying that Vietnam now can expect commercial oil production in that region sometime between the latter half of 1980 and early 1981, and that it will permit Japan, too, to participate in the development project.

Vietnam already decided to incorporate oil strategy into its third 5-year plan beginning in 1981 and thus appears ready to make all-out efforts for oil development. As a result, the project off Mekong River Delta is likely to become a major focal point.

Nguyen Chan, director of the SRV General Bureau of Oil and Natural Gas, recently told the Japanese official that "We maintain an open-door policy over oil development off Mekong River Delta. Vietnam is prepared to enter into negotiations with Japan if it so desires."

Japanese oil businesses had been trying hard to take part in the development project but failed to obtain an affirmative Vietnamese response.

According to latest information obtained by the Japanese official who has been in close contact with the Vietnamese Government, the General Bureau of Oil and Natural Gas, created following the unification of North and South Vietnam in 1975, has been in charge of the oil development program. According to a report prepared by this bureau, the present participants in the project off Mekong River Delta are (DEMINEX) of West Germany, (AJIPP) of Italy, (BOWBARAE) of Canada, and Vietnam Petroleum under the direct control of the General Bureau of Oil and Natural Gas.

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Vietnam had been dependent on China for the crude oil supply that accounted for 20 percent of its domestic needs before it was cut off. The USSR, Libya, Iraq and Kuwait are now supplying Vietnam with crude oil. The problem is the lack of refining facilities. While it has to depend on refineries in Singapore for the time being, Vietnam is planning to build its own refining complex in the vicinity of Ho Chi Minh City or on Vietnam's southern coast. It appears that Vietnam wants Japan to participate in this project, too.

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JAPANESE HEADING TOWARD RESUMING AID

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[Text] The Government has been continuing consultations among the Ministries concerned, such as the Foreign Ministry and the Finance Ministry, on the handling of aid to Vietnam for this fiscal year (¥4 billion in nonreimbursible aid and ¥10 billion in reimbursible aid), which aid the Government has frozen temporarily for reasons of the outflow of refugees, etc. By the 13th, the Government has decided on the policy of resuming aid. It also has decided to extend about 30 commodities as aid, including dyestuffs and medical supplies. The Government will show the list of items of aid commodities to the Vietnamese side in the near future, through the Japanese Embassy in Hanoi. It will resume the extending of aid even toward the end of this month, if early.

The items of aid commodities which have been decided this time include, in addition to dyestuffs and medical supplies, agricultural chemicals, cement, chemicals, and electrical machinery. The greater part of these items are consumer goods. The planned reimbursible aid will be extended on a yen basis.

In regard to aid to Vietnam, agreement was reached, at the talks held between Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh, who visited Japan toward the end of last year, and Foreign Minister Sonoda, on extending aid amounting to ¥14 billion, on the same level as that of last year.

However, there were the continuous occurrences of the attack against Cambodia by Vietnam and the outflow of a large number of refugees from Vietnam. In this connection, the various ASEAN nations and China have been requesting Japan to give careful consideration to aid to Vietnam. Japan, on its part, too, has been freezing the extending of aid, for the reason that even if Japan extends aid in nonmilitary commodity items, the outflow of refugees is causing a sense of crisis among the various ASEAN nations.

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