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MILITARY AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SECURITY

INFORMATION ON MILITARY RECRUITING

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
*3rd Precinct, Ho Chi Minh City	Overcomes problems of family hardship, deserters and draft dodgers to meet induction quota. (NHAN DAN 17 Feb 81 p 3)
Vinh Phu Province	As of 15 Jan draft registration for 1981 was completed. In the first few days of the lunar year more than 6,100 youths from Vinh Lac, Tam Dao and Phong Chau Districts and Vinh Yen City took physical examinations and were ready to leave for military service. In Vinh Yen City alone 1,347 youths took preinduction physicals. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Feb 81 p 1)
Thai Binh Province	"...for this year the Thai Binh Province Military Command has assigned quotas to each district and city and provided positive guidance to sectors and mass organizations to coordinate closely in calling up youths for military service... Districts and villages have published the standards and policies for induction during this phase and instructed those who are to report for pre-induction physicals as well as those who have been deferred temporarily to properly implement the policy of the Party and the Nation. (NHAN DAN 7 Mar 81 p 1)
Phu Khanh Province	Youths of Ninh Trang, Ninh An, Ninh Thuong, Ninh Hung Villages and Ninh Hoa Town registered for induction in 1981. (NHAN DAN 7 Mar 81 p 1)

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INFORMATION ON VIETNAMESE MILITARY UNITS

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
304th Mobile Security Police Regt	Located in the Ho Chi Minh City area. [Ho Chi Minh City SAIGON GIAI PHONG 22 Oct 80 p 1)
317th Gp	Unit members who completed military service in Kampuchea were feted by the 1st Precinct, Ho Chi Minh City on 5 December 1980. (Ho Chi Minh City 6 Dec 80 p 1)
Chien Thang Gp, Quyet Thang Corps [Binh Doan]	Completed tactical training for infantry battalions. (NHAN DAN 6 Jan 81 p 1)
Truong Son Corps [Binh Doan] B.40 Gp B.91 Gp	Subordinate units commended for self support farming. (NHAN DAN 6 Jan 81 p 1)
Pharmaceuticals Enterprise/XY.2, Army Medical Department	Produces pills, serums, rubbing compounds and wound coverings. In 1980 was directed to produce individual first aid kits. (NHAN DAN 8 Jan 81 p 3)
72nd AAA Unit, 40th Gp	Assigned to defense of Haiphong. (NHAN DAN 8 Jan 81 p 3)
M.23 Infantry Gp	Commended for improved discipline. (NHAN DAN 8 Jan 81 p 3)
M.24 Infantry Gp	" " " "
N.65 Infantry Gp	" " " "

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H.83 AAA Gp	" " " "
N.73 AAA Gp	" " " "
Signal NCO School	" " " "
38th Gp	Serving in Kampuchea. Commended for improved discipline. (NHAN DAN 8 Jan 81 p 3)
Song Thao Corps [Binh Doan]	Subordinate units discuss new constitution. (NHAN DAN 9 Jan 81 p 1)
A.16 Infantry Gp	
K.45 Infantry Gp	
Linh Nam Infantry Gp	
Sa Pa Infantry Gp	
HS.56 AAA Gp	
TM.89 Engineer Gp	
BV.06 Tank Gp	
477th Gp	This recruit training unit has provided military training to tens of thousands of Ho Chi Minh City youths. (Ho Chi Minh City TIN SANG 18 Dec 80 p 3)
Bach Dang Fleet	Operates in the SRV's southwestern waters. (Ho Chi Minh City SAIGON GIAI PHONG 22 Dec 80 p 2)
Vessel 61	
Vessel 64	
7th Flottilla	
Vessel HQKM	
Vessel HQKB	
Vessel 53	
Vessel 97	
Sao Do Air Force Gp	Varied activities leading to its designation as a "Hero Unit" described. (Ho Chi Minh City SAIGON GIAI PHONG 22 Dec 80 p 2)
Ho Chi Minh City Armed Forces	Subordinate units decorated for accomplishments. (Ho Chi Minh City SAIGON GIAI PHONG 22 Dec 80 p 4)
Gia Dinh Regt	
4th Regt	
23rd Signal Brigade, 7th MR	Deputy Commander: Nguyen Vu Bao [NGUYEENX VUX BAOR]. (Ho Chi Minh City SAIGON GIAI PHONG 23 Dec 80 p 1)
7.C Military Hospital	On 22 December 1980 delegations from Ho Chi Minh City visited patients. (Ho Chi Minh City SAIGON GIAI PHONG 23 Dec 80 p 1)
175th Military Hospital	" " " "
7.A Military Hospital	" " " "

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115th Military Hospital	" " " "
Ho Chi Minh City Forces 10th Regt 770th Regt	Subordinate units satisfactorily complete 1980 training. (Ho Chi Minh City SAIGON GIAI PHONG 23 Dec 80 p 1)
7708th Gp	A headquarters officer: Lieutenant Colonel Vo Hoang Minh [VOX HOANG MINH]. This unit is serving in Kampuchea. (Ho Chi Minh City TIN SANG 26 Dec 80 p 8)
21st Reconnaissance Co, 429th Gp	Photo of unit in training. (Ho Chi Minh City SAIGON GIAI PHONG 30 Dec 80 p 3)
195th Military Control [Police] Regt 1st Bn 31st Bn	Commended for activities in 1980. (Ho Chi Minh City SAIGON GIAI PHONG 30 Dec 80 p 4)
N.66 Gp, B.44 Div	Photo of personnel farming. (NHAN DAN 10 Jan 81 p 1)
Vinh Quang Gp, Ha Tuyen Province	Photo of unit members displaying results of farming. (NHAN DAN 12 Jan 81 p 2)
5th Military Hospital	Happy marriage of modern and traditional medical practices discussed. (NHAN DAN 15 Jan 81 p 3)
N.71 [Transportation] Gp N.10 Regt 33rd Regt BT-16 Regt	Subordinate units commended for constructing shelters for vehicles. (NHAN DAN 15 Jan 81 p 3)
Sapper Forces 1st Gp X.98 Gp	Subordinate units commended for training. (NHAN DAN 15 Jan 81 p 3)
Sapper Forces T.80 Gp S.79 Gp 11.B Gp	Subordinate units work at countering enemy psywar efforts among local ethnic minority groups. (NHAN DAN 15 Jan 81 p 3)
Sapper Forces 13th Gp 19.T Gp	Subordinate units work with local people to establish a coordinated combat plan. (NHAN DAN 15 Jan 81 p 3)
10th Gp	A regimental or larger size unit. Commended for self support food production activities during year despite having to make several moves. Also caught more than 30 metric tons of shrimp. (Ho Chi Minh City SAIGON GIAI PHONG 8 Jan 81 p 1)

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MILITARY AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SECURITY

INFORMATION ON MILITARY RECRUITING

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Hau Giang Province	Over 1,500 youths from Phung Hiep, Long Phu Districts and Can Tho City left for military service. This was three times the assigned quota. (Ho Chi Minh City SAIGON GIAI PHONG 1 Dec 80 p 4)
Ho Chi Minh City	Thousands of youths, including many volunteers, left for military service on 4 December 1980 under the 2nd Phase 1980 induction campaign. (Ho Chi Minh City TIN SANG 6 Dec 80 p 1)
Ho Chi Minh City	On 15 December 1980 additional thousands of youths left for military service. Inductees included an instructor from the Technical Teachers College and a Physics major from Ho Chi Minh University. Inductees from Ho Chi Minh University and Ho Chi Minh Polytechnic College were somewhat more than in the 1st phase. A number of temporarily deferred individuals volunteered for service. (Ho Chi Minh City TIN SANG 16 Dec 80 pp 1, 6)
*Ho Chi Minh City	Substantially completed 1980 inductions. (Ho Chi Minh City TIN SANG 27 Dec 80 pp 1, 7)
Duyen Hai State Farm, Ho Chi Minh City	On 26 December 1980 an additional 46 youths from the Duyen Hai State Farm were inducted into military service. These individuals were victims of the former regime who, through work and study had become good state farm workers. During the 2nd Phase, 1980 induction program over 100 youths from the

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	State Farm volunteered for military service of which the above mentioned 46 were inducted. (Ho Chi Minh City SAIGON GIAI PHONG 30 Dec 80 p 1)
Ho Chi Minh City	On 30 December 1980 additional thousands of male and female youths left for military service. All districts and precincts exceeded their quotas. (Ho Chi Minh City TIN SANG 31 Dec 80 p 1)
*Ho Chi Minh City	Over 200 [inmates] from schools for juvenile delinquents leave for military service. The first time that individuals from this category were inducted. (Ho Chi Minh City TIN SANG 11 Jan 81 p 1)
Ho Chi Minh City & Tien Giang Province	135 [inmates] of reformatory farms (including females) leave for military service. (Ho Chi Minh City 12 Jan 81 p 4)
*Ho Chi Minh City	Exceeded 1980 induction quota by 5 percent. Thousands volunteered to be inducted including 287 women and hundreds of reform school [inmates]. (Ho Chi Minh City TIN SANG 14 Jan 81 p 1)

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
MB.10 Gp, Navy Vessel 09 Vessel 82	Conducted training. (NHAN DAN 21 Jan 81 pp 1, 4)
B.03 Navy Gp	A regimental or larger size unit. (NHAN DAN 21 Jan 81 p 4)
53rd Bn, Dien Bien Missile Gp	Photo of unit missiles and crews. (NHAN DAN 21 Jan 81 p 1)
Thu Do Regt, Dong Bang Infantry Gp	Photo of men in tactical training. (NHAN DAN 22 Jan 81 p 1)
7th Co, B.60 Regt, B.38 Gp	Photo of mortar crew. (NHAN DAN 23 Jan 81 p 1)
H.29 Engineer Gp [Chi Lang Corps]	Located on the Lang Son Province border. (NHAN DAN 29 Jan 81 p 3)
Engineer Forces	Commander: a major general; Deputy Commander: a senior colonel. (NHAN DAN 29 Jan 81 p 3)
Song Da Missile Gp.	Photo of unit missiles. (NHAN DAN 1 Feb 81 p 1)
Unit 779, 28th Regt, Protective Police Department [Cuc Canh sat bao ve], Ministry of Interior	Received a Presidential Award. (NHAN DAN 7 Feb 81 p 4)
B.66 Infantry Regt, 3rd MR	" " " "
B.07 Infantry [Gp?], 5th MR	" " " "

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31st Gp, 7th MR	Received a Presidential Award. (NHAN DAN 7 Feb 81 p 4)
B. 79 Gp, Mien Tay Corps [Binh Doan]	" " " "
C. 31 Gp, Air Force	" " " "
M. 46 Gp, Navy	" " " "
18th Navy Gp. Border Defense Forces	" " " "
75th Gp, General Headquarters	" " " "
61st Gp, Rear Service General Department	" " " "
H. 41 Air Defense Gp, Quyet Thang Corps [Binh Doan]	" " " "
9th Infantry Gp, Cuu Long Corps [Binh Doan]	" " " "
B. 05 Armored Gp, Dong Bac Forces	" " " "
7th Engineer Gp, Tay Nguyen Corps [Binh Doan]	" " " "
B. 72 Gp, Truong Son Corps [Binh Doan]	Recently received a Lunar New Years visit by Senior General Van Tien Dung. (NHAN DAN 8 Feb 81 p 1)
B. 70 Gp, Air Force	" " " "
B. 72 Gp, Air Force	" " " "
Engineer Forces Song Da Gp Thang Tam Gp Hung Vuong Gp N. 20 Gp	Subordinate units involved in construction of national defense projects. ((NHAN DAN 16 Feb 81 p 1)
600th Gp 1st Regt	Assigned to agricultural production mission. (NHAN DAN 16 Feb 81 p 1)
T. 24 Gp, Ha Tuyen Province	Photo of unit patrol. (NHAN DAN 16 Feb 81 p 1)
9th Gp	This is a larger than regimental size unit. Located in the same district [of Ho Chi Minh City ?] since Jun 79. (HANOI MOI 28 Jan 81 p 2)
Tay Son Gp	Located on the northern border of Vietnam. (HANOI MOI 3 Feb 81 p 1)

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47th Gp, Capital Forces	Located in the Hanoi Area. (HANOI MOI 7 Feb 81 p 1)
63rd Missile Bn	" " " "
361st Gp, Air Defense Command	" " " "
Political Officers School	Promotes information dissemination among students. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 28 Jan 81 p 1)
Mien Tay Corps [Binh Doan]	Subordinate units register clearcut improve- ment in combat readiness. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 28 Jan 81 p 1)
82nd Gp, B.79	
1st Gp, B.24	
19th Gp, C.68	
52nd Regt, Dong Bang Gp	Photo of unit infantry men. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 28 Jan 81 p 1)
Unit 84, 969th Gp	Rice planting, animal husbandry activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 28 Jan 81 p 3)
4th Bn, N.72 Regt, 5th MR	Photo of unit field piece and prime mover. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 29 Jan 81 p 1)
125th Gp, Hai Hung Forces	Inducted nearly 200 new VCP members in 1979 and 1980 (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 29 Jan 81 p 1)
275th Gp	Assigned to guarding the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 29 Jan 81 p 4)
295th Gp	" " " "
6th Bn, H.4 Regt, Vinh Quang Gp	Unit armament includes artillery. Improve- ments in 1980 noted. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 29 Jan 81 p 3)
3067th Gp	An air defense missile Unit. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 29 Jan 81 p 3)
Artillery Officers School	Reviews activities of past year. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Jan 81 p 1)
Artillery NCO School	" " " "
5th Bn, B.411 Gp, Tay Bac Forces	Photo of new recruits taking basic training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Jan 81 p 1)
H.83 AAA Regt, 4th MR	Provides air defense for city of Vinh. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Jan 81 p 1)

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54th Bn, Dien Bien Gp, Air Defense Missile Forces	Photo of crew and antenna. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Jan 81 p 3)
Huong Giang Corps [Binh Doan] H.4 Regt 05 Regt 021 Regt 018 Gp 073 Gp 03 Gp	New VCP members inducted by subordinate units (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 30 Jan 81 p 3)
B.3 Div, Capital MR	Deputy Division Commander: Pham Tho H... [PHAMJ THOJ H...]. -Regimental Commander: Phong [PHONG] (HANOI MOI 11 Feb 81 p 2)
6th Co, 8th Bn. 828th Gp, Capital MR	Photo of new recruits posing. (HANOI MOI 11 Feb 81 p 2)
18th Signal Co, T.77 Gp	Photo of unit installing overhead wire line. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Feb 81 p 1)
Ly Thuong Kiet Corps [Binh Doan], 4th MR H.06 Gp Thuan An Artillery Gp 49th Signal Gp B.2 Infantry Gp	Subordinate units' self support farming activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Feb 81 p 1)
5th Signal Gp	Making effective use of new equipment. Re- duced alert notification time. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Feb 81 p 1)
77th Signal Bn	Commended for high volume, accurate trans- mission of traffic. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Feb 81 p 1)
Lam Son Signal Gp	Following construction of 130 kilometer wire line this unit proceeded to construct another line of 134 kilometers. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Feb 81 pp 1, 4)
8th Signal Gp	Commended for good communications security. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Feb 81 p 4)
9th Signal Gp	" " " "
Signal Officers School	Training Activities noted. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Feb 81 p 4)
Signal NCO School	" " " "
Signal Technical School	" " " "

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X.20 Signal Factory	Produced 2 kilowatt power units. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Feb 81 p 4)
X.30 Signal Factory	Repaired TCT and B.03 Sets, 10 position switchboards, telephones and measuring meters. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Feb 81 p 4)
Chi Lang Corps Khanh Khe Gp	Chief Quartermaster Officer: Major Trong Nghia [TRONGJ NGHIAX] responds to complaint from subordinate unit on uniform sizes. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Feb 81 p 2)
B.66 Infantry Regt. 3rd MR	Received a Presidential Award. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Feb 81 p 1)
B.07 Infantry Gp, 5th MR	" " " "
31st Gp, 7th MR	" " " "
B.79 Gp, Mien Tay Corps [Binh Doan]	" " " "
C.31 Air Force Gp	" " " "
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H.41 Air Defense Gp, Quyet Thang Corps [Binh Doan]	" " " "
9th Infantry Gp, Cuu Long Corps [Binh Doan]	" " " "
B.05 Armored Gp, Dong Bac Forces	" " " "
7th Engineer Gp, Tay Nguyen Corps	" " " "
Unit 779, 28th Regt, Protective Police Department	" " " "
2nd Artillery Gp,	Commended for recent VCP membership dirve. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Feb 81 p 3)
Engineer Officers School	Photo of student disarming an artillery round. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Feb 81 p 3)
1st Bn, B.01 Armored Gp	Battalion Commander: Senior Captain Do Cao Hai [DOOX CAO HAIS]. (Quan Doi Nhan Dan 3 Feb 81 p 3)

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45th Missile Bn	Photo of unit members. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Feb 81 p 3)
3rd Bn, 9th Artillery Recon Gp	Battalion Commander: Captain Ta Phu Trung [TAJ PHUS TRUNG]. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Feb 81 p 3)
Hai Van Signal Gp	Training activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Feb 81 p 1)
Quang Ninh Province Forces Tien Yen Gp Song Giang Gp	Subordinate units maintain combat readiness during holiday season. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Feb 81 p 1)
POL Forces, Rear Services General Department Unit A.90 Unit N.71 Unit N.61 Unit 592 Unit 69 Unit 50 Unit H.74	Subordinate units storage and pipeline activities. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Feb 81 p 1)
N.29 Regt, 1st MR	Located on the border with the PRC. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Feb 81 p 3)
6th Bn, Vinh Quang Gp	Located in Kampuchea. Deployed on Highway 4. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Feb 81 p 3)
H.70 Gp, 5th MR	Photo of unit bridging a body of water in support of VPA forces "performing an international mission." (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Feb 81 p 1)
18th Bn, 25th Gp, Dong Bac Forces	Takes measures to insure control of personnel during holiday season. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Feb 81 p 1)
N.21 Regt, B.73 Corps [Binh Doan]	Constructed a 21 kilometer logging trail in 40 days. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Feb 81 p 1)
Chi Lang Gp	Located in Lang Son Province. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Feb 81 p 2)
Vinh Quang Corps [Binh Doan] B.24 Gp C.68 Gp B.79 Gp	Takes measures to tighten control over personnel. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 11 Feb 81 p 1)
19 May Regt, Military Control Regt [Trung Doan kiem soat quan su], Ho Chi Minh City	Unit training heightens socialist awareness. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 11 Feb 81 p 1)

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2nd AAA Gp, Quyet Thang Corps [Binh Doan]	Located in the northern border area. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 11 Feb 81 p 3)
Border Defense Post 286	Photo of men in field training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 11 Feb 81 p 3)
Chemical NCO School	Photo of training with decontamination equipment. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 12 Feb 81 p 1)
N.20 Engineer Gp Lam Son Regt Me Linh Unit Tam Dao Unit 454th Bn 1st Bn Hung Vuong Gp	Responsible for construction of "N" project. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 12 Feb 81 p 1)
Border Defense Officers School	Conducting VCP membership drive. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 12 Feb 81 p 1)
Huong Giang Corps [Binh Doan] 021 Gp M.5 Gp H.03 Gp B.63 Gp T.4 Gp 0421 Gp H.4 Gp 073 Gp 095 Gp	Subordinate units commended for training and combat readiness. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 12 Feb 81 p 1)
Border Defense Post 104, Ha Tuyen Province	Photo of horse mounted patrol. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 12 Feb 81 p 3)
B.26 Gp, Tay Bac Forces	An armored unit of this organization is located at Nam Loong Village, Phong Tho District, Lai Chau Province. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 12 Feb 81 p 3)
Ha Long Missile Regt -82nd Bn -83rd Bn	Was located at the same site from 1975 to 1980. In 1980 moved to its present location. Regimental Commander: Vu Dinh Hac [VOX DINHF HAWCS]. -located about 50 kilometers from regimental headquarters. - " " " " (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 12 Feb 81 p 3)
4th MR B.37 Gp H.06 Armored Gp H.14 Gp B.59 Gp	Training activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 12 Feb 81 p 3)

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31st Bn, 28.B Gp, Nghe Tinh Province Post 42, Binh Tri Thien Province H.83 AAA Gp 80th Gp 1st Infantry Regt, B.18 Gp	
Technical Materials Department Depot 02 Depot 12 Depot 22	Fire prevention, fire fighting measures at depots described. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 13 Feb 81 p 1)
Song Lo Engineer Gp	Photo of ferrying operation. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 13 Feb 81 p 1)
B.72 Gp, Truong Son Corps [Binh Doan] N.30 Regt N. 42 Regt N.99 Regt	Completing work on 40 kilometers of the Truong Son Road. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 13 Feb 81 p 1)
Song Da Engineer Regt	Overall improvement in unit noted. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 13 Feb 81 p 3)
Thu Do Regt, Quyet Thang Corps [Binh Doan]	Photo of field training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Feb 81 p 1)
M.26 Navy Gp	Conducted training with infantry crew served weapons. This is a regimental or larger size unit. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Feb 81 p 1)
7th Military Hospital, 3rd MR	Receives letter of appreciation. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Feb 81 p 2)
47th Military Hospital	Vigorous complaint made concerning food and service in general. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Feb 81 p 2)
Depot 602.B, Technical General Department.	Activated in Apr 79. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Feb 81 p 3)
15th Co, M.74 Gp	Unit commander deals with various problems. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Feb 81 p 3)
565th Gp	Working at the Hao Binn Thermoelectric Power Plant Project on the Da River. (NHAN DAN 21 Feb 81 p 1)
Truong Son Corps [Binh Doan] Unit B.84 Unit N.65 35th Gp B.91 Gp B.70 Gp	Conducts drive to improve quality of VCP members. (NHAN DAN 5 Mar 81 p 1)

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10th Co, Unit 41, Tien Yen Gp	Located on the northeastern border. (NHAN DAN 5 Mar 81 p 3) Commanding Officer of the Tien Yen Gp is a Senior Colonel who is also the Political Officer.
Ai Tu Gp, Huong Giang Corps [Binh Doan]	Photo of field training. (NHAN DAN 5 Mar 81 p 3)
Border Defense Post 31	Located near Muong Leo and Pung Banh Villages, Son La Province. (NHAN DAN 5 Mar 81 p 3)
H.03 Gp, Armored Forces	Photo of tank crew member. (NHAN DAN 5 Mar 81 p 3)
92nd Infantry Gp, Capital MR	Improves overall quality (NHAN DAN 5 Mar 81 p 3)
59th Gp, Capital MR	" " " "

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, TRADE AND AID

VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE IN JAPAN

Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in English 23 Feb 81

[Text] Vietnam to Take Diplomatic Offensive; Government and Party Leaders to Visit Japan, One after Another; To Settle Cambodian Problem; Aiming to Secure Resumption of Aid

Diplomatic deals among ASEAN, China and Vietnam are becoming active over the Cambodian problem. In the midst of this situation, it became clear on the 22nd that Vietnamese officials responsible for diplomatic relations will visit Japan, one after another, from the beginning of March to April. These officials are former Foreign Ministry Chinese Affairs Bureau Director General Nguyen Tien, who will succeed to the post of Ambassador to Japan, and Party Overseas Liaison Committee Chairman Nguyen Thanh Le who is slated to lead a Vietnamese Communist Party Mission, which will visit Japan, at the invitation of the JPC. Japan has clarified its intention to play a political role in realizing a political settlement of the Cambodian problem, on the occasion of Prime Minister Suzuki's round of visits to the ASEAN nations, etc. Attention will be paid to Vietnam's positive posture, as an expression of the fact that that country has launched into a diplomatic offensive, while attaching importance to relations with Japan, for the purpose of groping for a clue to settling the Cambodian problem, and also the problem of resuming aid to Vietnam from Japan, which aid is being frozen.

According to a Foreign Ministry source, new Ambassador Nguyen Tien is an expert on Chinese affairs, who was in charge of the formulation of policies toward China, while serving in the post of Foreign Ministry Chinese Affairs Bureau Director General, which post is a very important post in regard to Vietnam's foreign policy, after serving as Counselor in the Vietnamese Embassy in China. It is viewed that he will play one role in establishing contacts with the Chinese side's "agency," which will be essential for the settlement of the Cambodian problem. He is slated to assume his post as the successor to former Ambassador Nguyen Giap, who left his post toward the end of last year. He will arrive in Japan early in March.

On the other hand, Chairman Nguyen [as published] is a person responsible for international relations in the Communist Party. He is an influential leader in the field of foreign relations who served as spokesman at the Paris Conference for Peace in Vietnam, while assisting Representative Xuan Thuy and Advisor Le Duc Tho. The Vietnamese Communist Party Mission will visit Japan primarily in return for the JCP Mission's visit to Vietnam (Leader: Central Committee Chairman Sanzo Nosaka) the year before last, and for exchange between the two Communist Parties.

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However, as the background situation where the Mission has quickly decided to visit Japan in April, by advancing its original schedule to visit Japan in June or after, the Foreign Ministry source cited the following points: (1) In view of the situation where Vietnam has not been able to obtain even prospects for formulating a Third Five-Year Plan, due to its failure in carrying out its Second Five-Year Plan, it is necessary [to seek] the easing of economic sanction measures against Vietnam, being carried out by the West, including Japan, in connection with the Cambodian problem, in order to realize the reconstruction of the Vietnamese economy; and (2) there are signs of the Cambodian problem becoming fluid, due to China's political offensive becoming active, as seen in moves for organizing an anti-Vietnam united front, through the support of Prince Sihanouk by China and ASEAN.

Accordingly, it is viewed that the Vietnamese side will definitely carry out measures toward the public opinion of Japan, on the occasion of exchange between the Japanese and the Vietnamese Communist Parties, and that it will work upon the Japanese side to change its policy toward Vietnam, centering on its attitude toward the Cambodian problem and the problem of resuming aid to Vietnam, by establishing contacts with the Japan-Vietnam Friendship Dietmen's League (Chairman: LDP Secretary General Sakurachi), etc.

The Japanese Government has frozen aid to Vietnam amounting to ¥14 billion (¥10 billion in re-imbursible aid and ¥4 billion in non-reimbursible aid) for two years from the year before last, for the reason of the worsening of the situation in Cambodia. The Government intends to continue this policy in the future, too. Concerning the Cambodian problem, too, the Government is strengthening its hard-line attitude toward Vietnam, while supporting the position of ASEAN, which is aiming to realize a political settlement, with the withdrawal of Vietnam from Cambodia as the premise.

In the midst of this situation, the three Indochina nations, including Vietnam, have proposed the holding of a Southeast Asian Regional Conference with ASEAN. On the other hand, China and some ASEAN nations are making moves to establish an anti-Vietnam united front, by supporting third forces, such as Prince Sihanouk and former Prime Minister Son Sann. Thus, diplomatic deals among the nations concerned have become active. Vietnam, on its part, is making efforts to make the Heng Samrin Government's "effective rule" an already-established fact. On the other hand, it is developing diversified diplomacy aiming to soften relations with the West, by breaking the deadlocked situation, through the establishment of official and unofficial contacts with the ASEAN nations and Burma. The Foreign Ministry source views that Vietnam's offensive toward Japan this time is a part of that diplomacy.

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