S. Viet Casualties in Week

From News Dispatches

American troops were killed troops were killed. Eighteen and 747 wounded in the seven deaths were reported among northeast of Saigon, South who ducked into caves near

The weekly casualty toll tralia and New Zealand. was announced as U.S. Mar- Vietcong losses declined gon. Marine spokesmen said tured. The previous week 1327 light casualties in their drive and 122 captured. to push the Vietcong towards American deaths in Vietthe sea.

Ladrang Valley, but last wounded. week's total of dead and In addit

South Vietnamese causalties South Vietnam's central coast.

SAIGON, March 2—U.S. of Saturday. Spokesmen report-drives met with little oppositheir escape by boat. ficials reported today that 109 ed 379 South Vietnamese tion.

U.S. Air cavalrym days ending Saturday night. forces from South Korea, Aus-

ines continued to battle hard-slightly from the week before. core Vietcong units on a pen- U.S. spokesmen said 1122 Vitinsula 400 miles north of Sai-cong were killed and 92 cap-Marines had sustained Vietcong were reported killed

nam since 1961 now total The number of American about 2300, adding today's fidead is smaller than the 220 gures to statistics issued earkilled in a week last Novem-lier by the Pentagon. Almost ber during the battle of the 11,500 Americans have been

In addition to the Marine ofwounded is the highest of the fensive near Hue, U.S. troops continued three sweeps along

also rose in the week ending Briefing officers reported the down as helicopters prevented

ported to have killed or surprised them. wounded about 150 Vietcong U.S. Army officers in Saiwhen they drove the guerril- gon hailed the massive offen-

on. U.S. Air cavalrymen cap-Near Bongson, 300 miles tured 33 guerrilla suspects Vietnamese troops were re-Bongson when the cavalrymen

las onto beaches and cut them sive of recent weeks in the

iggest Yet

months to come. As of last 55 miles east of the capital. Monday, 2131 Vietcong had Briefing officers said U.S. been reported killed in the Air Force and Navy planes

Guam bombed two suspected reported. Vietcong centers around Sai- Vietcong

fied success. They said it had bombs. One target was 20 that was forced down by en- South Vietnamese and Ameridisrupted Vietcong plans for miles northeast and the other gine failure about 45 miles can troops of intruding into

continued to strike at North crew members before the nam. The Chinese report said In the air war, B-52s from Vietnam, but no details were Vietcong set the grounded Hanoi had sent a protest note

guerrillas

south of Danang. A second the demilitarized zone behelicopter afire.

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Bongson area as an unquali-gon with 500-and 700-pound stroyed a Marine helicopter North Vietnam has accused to the International Control