

Heavy B-52 Attacks Continue Against North Vietnam

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Thursday, Sept. 28—The United States command reported yesterday that its planes had attacked targets in an arc around Hanoi during the previous 24 hours, with the closest mission 14 miles from the North Vietnamese capital.

More than 300 strikes were

flown over the north, the command said, and among the targets identified were six within 80 miles of Hanoi.

This marked the second time in two days that more than 300 strikes were reported against North Vietnam. Those made public Tuesday included a raid 46 miles north of Hanoi.

MIG Destruction Claimed

In earlier days, however, while three American prisoners of war were being released in Hanoi to a delegation of Americans opposing the war, American raids over the North appeared to be avoiding the Hanoi area and were generally reduced in number.

In the air action reported yesterday Air Force pilots said they had destroyed one MIG-21 fighter and damaged another

in a raid on Yenbai airfield, 80 miles northwest of Hanoi. Both of the North Vietnamese interceptors were reported caught on the ground.

Two army barracks installations were reported attacked and heavily damaged. One was at Honmot, 31 miles east-northeast of Haiphong, and the other at Benngoc, 32 miles west southwest of Hanoi.

The strike carried out 14 miles southeast of Hanoi was said to have been directed at a supply truck area.

Other North Vietnamese targets reported damaged or destroyed included a tank, four bridges, 20 trucks, and fuel and ammunition depots.

In other air action, a Navy F-8 fighter was reported to have crashed on takeoff from Danang air base yesterday, killing its pilot. A spokesman said that the cause had not been determined.

South Vietnamese and American communiqués indicated that ground fighting throughout South Vietnam continued to be relatively light, with most of the action centered on Quangtri Province in the extreme north and in Quangngai Province on the north central coast.

B-52's Attack in Cambodia

SAIGON, Thursday, Sept. 28 (AP)—For the second successive day, United States B-52 bombing raids across South Vietnam were reported curtailed yesterday to fewer than half of the normal 100 strikes.

The bombers were gain diverted into eastern Cambodia to attack enemy base camps. As many as 50 B-52's were said to have struck in Cambodia in efforts to forestall attacks expected in South Vietnam's Third Military Region. This re-

gion includes Saigon and 11 surrounding provinces and has a 230-mile border with Cambodia. At some points the border is only 35 miles from Saigon.

In other war action reported yesterday, seven rockets struck the Danang air base at dusk. Military spokesmen reported minor damage and no casualties.



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U.S. planes bombed Hanoi region (1). Fighting in South Vietnam centered on the Quangtri (2) and Quangngai (3) areas.