

600 More G.I.'s Out of War, 400 Marine Airmen Sent In

SAIGON, South Vietnam, May 22 (UPI)—The United States command withdrew 600 American servicemen from Vietnam last week, but 400 more Marine fliers entered the war zone, military spokesmen said today.

The net withdrawal of 200 Americans was the smallest since the last week of January, 1971, when there were no withdrawals. It left United States troop strength in Vietnam at 64,800 as of last Thursday.

President Nixon has ordered American strength dropped below 49,000 by June 30. An average of 2,600 soldiers must be pulled out each week to meet that deadline.

Since the command issued its weekly strength report, 700 Marine Corps airmen have been added to the Vietnam rolls, military sources said.

In addition to those stationed in Vietnam, there are 41,000 Americans in the offshore Seventh Fleet and more than 45,000 at bases in Thailand. While they participate directly in the war, they are not counted on the Vietnam rolls.