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2-68-272 USAF, VNAF STRIKE ENEMY POSITIONS.

SAIGON (7AF) -- This is a wrap-up of activities since 1 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 18, when the first 122mm rocket was fired into the Tan Son Nhut Air Base complex.

A confirmed total of 81 rounds of 122mm rockets hit the air base that accounted for 5 personnel killed and 151 wounded, of which 80 have returned to duty.

United States and Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF) tactical fighter-bombers joined with AC-47 Dragonships and Army helicopter gunships to support Allied ground forces seeking to find and destroy enemy positions around Tan Son Nhut Air Base.

F-100 Supersabre pilots and F-4 Phantom crews provided close air support for elements of the U.S. Army's 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division in contact with the enemy on the night of Feb. 21. Eighteen Air Force tactical aircraft supported the friendly forces during the six-hour battle.

Earlier the same day, eight Supersabres from Phan Rang, Tuy Hoa and Bien Hoa air bases supported Allied ground forces in a battle southwest of Tan Son Nhut.

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Pilots were credited with by a forward air controller (FAC) with 8 enemy troops killed, 22 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 5 secondary explosions, 1 military fortification destroyed and another damaged.

VNAF A-1 Skyraiders and F-5 Freedom Fighters pounded suspected enemy positions south-southwest of the base during the afternoon of Feb. 22.