

Tons of U.S. Bombs Fall on DMZ

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SAIGON, South Vietnam — (AP)—U.S. B52 bombers Tuesday raided the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)

between North and South Vietnam for the second time in three days and dumped tons of explosives on what the U.S. Command described as extensive North Vietnamese artillery

and anti-aircraft positions. The stepped-up raids by the eight-engine Stratofortresses, each capable of carrying up to 50,000 pounds of bombs, indicated that the Communists may be building up for another sustained drive on U.S. Marine outposts at Con Thien and Dong Ha just south of the zone.

Both outposts were heavily shelled in June and the first week of July, but shellings have been infrequent since tactical fighter-bombers gave the area a going over.

134 MISSIONS

Navy planes Sunday raided the Lang Son railroad and highway bridge near the Red Chinese border and followed up with raids on nearby targets Monday.

Monday's raids were among

134 missions over North Vietnam logged by Air Force and carrier-based Navy fighter-bombers. The other strikes included a number on rail sidings, highway bridges, surface-to-air missile sites and fuel storage areas in the Hanoi-Hai-phong areas.

The strikes around the North's two major cities were somewhat limited because of heavy thundershowers.

Ground action in South Vietnam was virtually at a standstill. The U.S. Command said there were no significant contacts reported in 34 allied operations of battalion size or larger.

NO CONTACT YET

These included the newly announced Operation Portland, a multibattalion search-and-de-

stroy operation by elements of the U.S. Army's 1st Division about 70 miles north of Saigon. The operation began Saturday, but was not announced until Tuesday for security reasons. No contact with the enemy has been reported so far.

The B52 raids in the southern half of the DMZ also were aimed at Communist troop concentrations, bunkers and assembly areas.

The three raids were in areas 2.4 miles north-northeast, 3.7 miles north-northwest and 4.3 miles northeast of the Marine outpost at Con Thien. Intelligence reports indicate that there are elements of three North Vietnamese divisions, perhaps 35,000 men or more, operating in and around the demilitarized zone.

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