

LANG VEI, Feb 1968

A Working Bibliography of MHI Sources

Prior to 1973 the first combat appearance of North Vietnamese armor was in the successful attack on the Special Forces camp at Lang Vei, near Khe Sanh, on 6-7 Feb 1968. A dozen Russian-built PT-76 light tanks attacked. See:

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NVA attack 7 Feb 1968 at Lang Vei.

For info on three other occasions when North Vietnamese armor was employed in combat, notably the Mar 1969 tank-versus-tank engagement at Ben Het, see:

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See also:

-MACV Historians' Collection for several folders on armor in RVN, including one entitled "Battle of Lang Vei," which contains a letter from COL Schungel (participant at Lang Vei) and a 14 p. article on the battle in which Schungel comments.

NOTE: Kelly's study, p. 110, related that NVA tanks participated earlier in a 4 May 1967 attack on Lang Vei, but in a supporting role.