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Since late July 1967, the status of the North Vietnamese Military Region (MR) 4 command network has remained relatively unchanged.^a Subsequent to the deployments of the PAVN 324B, 325th, and Mid-65/325C Divisions, the tentatively identified 341st Division was believed to be the only possible PAVN division-level headquarters represented in internal MR 4 communications. However, since the re-identification of the communications of the tentative 341st Division as actually serving Hq, 270th Regiment, no unit of division echelon has been reflected in internal MR 4 communications.^b

As of 31 December, the MR 4 communications network was comprised of a control, which is located in the Vinh area (19-05N 105-35E, WF 7264), and a total of 22 subordinates. Five major subordinates have been identified on the network:

Hq, 270th Independent Regiment, located in the vicinity of 17-02N 107-03E (YD 1885), with one unidentified subordinate located on Tiger Island and another in the DMZ area;

Hq, 271st Independent Regiment, located in the vicinity of 18-50N 105-45E (WF 7834), with two unidentified subordinates located on Hon Matt and Hon Nieu Islands;

Hq, Quang Binh Provincial Unit, located in the vicinity of 17-25N 106-33E (XE 6426), with four subordinates--including the tentative 45th Battalion, located in the vicinity of 17-07N 106-56E (YD 0694), and three unidentified and unlocated subordinates which were first observed in early October 1967;

Hq, Ha Tinh Provincial Unit, in the vicinity of 18-05N 106-05E (XE 1599), with two unidentified and unlocated subordinates; and

Hq, suspect Nghe An Provincial Unit, located in the vicinity of 18-45N 105-40E (WF 7074), with two unidentified subordinates located in Muong Sen District in the vicinity of 19-30N 104-25E (VG 3956) and 19-20N 104-24E (VG 3737).

A sixth subordinate--an unidentified infantry regiment of the probable 304th Infantry Division--has not been noted in communication with Hq, MR 4 since 30 November 1967. This regiment is the one which had deployed from MR 3 South to MR 4 in July 1967 when it began to communicate with Hq, MR 4. Prior to its deployment in late 1967 with the remainder of the 304th Division, the regiment was located in the area of 18-35N 105-40E (WF 7055).^c

The remaining 16 subordinates of Hq, MR 4 are unidentified. Five of these subordinates first appeared in communications with MR 4 subsequent to 1 October 1967.

In early August 1967 the 9th Regiment, subordinate to the probable PAVN 304th Division as late as August 1966, ceased communications with Hq, MR 4 and deployed to or became resubordinated to MR Tri-Thien-Hue, South Vietnam.^d

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The Hq, MR 4 Air Defense Command Post (ADCP) communicated with at least 14 subordinates which were possibly of battalion echelon. A fifteenth subordinate maintained control over three entities, suggesting that it is possibly of regimental echelon. In late August 1967 an element of the Hq, ADCP moved to become colocated with the DMZ Front. This forward element maintained communications with three, and occasionally four, subordinate battalion-echelon subordinates of the ADCP Headquarters.^e Three of these subordinates were located by SIGINT in the DMZ area.

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- a. 2/0/VCM/R111-67.
 - b. 2/0/VCM/R115-67.
 - c. 3/0/STY/R06-68.
 - d. 2/0/VCM/R175-67.
 - e. 3/0/STY/R204-67.