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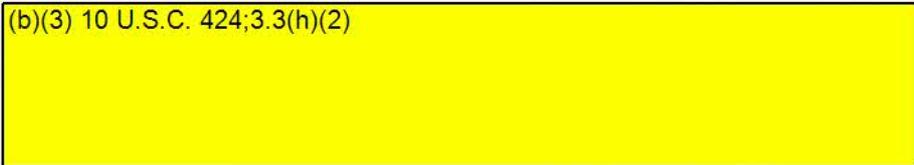
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**OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS**



SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 37 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 27 US, 2 FW, 8 ARVN. (S)

1 CTZ: QUIET THANG 98, ARVN 1-bn S&D opn 4 nm NE Quang Ngai, term 27 Dec after 2 days. Losses -- ARVN: 11 KIA, 8 WIA; VC/NVA: 41 KIA, 5 indiv wpns. (S)

23 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- Friendly: 2 US and 1 ARVN KIA, 5 US WIA; VC/NVA: 5 KIA, 6 pers det, 2 indiv wpns. (C)

2 CTZ: On 26 Dec, 24 nm N of Pleiku, unk-size en force overran hamlet defended by PF plat. ARVN co with med pers sent to area but failed to establish contact with en. As med pers were departing hamlet, their veh detonated a mine killing a US civ pub health adviser and injuring 2 SVN civs. Losses -- Friendly: 13 KIA (5 PF, 7 SVN civs, 1 US civ), 28 WIA (2 PF, 26 SVN civs), 10 MIA (4 PF, 6 SVN civs); VC/NVA: unk. (S)

On 27 Dec, 26 nm SSW Qui Nhon, USA UH-1H on combat assault msn downed by en gnd fire and dest. 1 US WIA. (S)

In Opn BOLLING, on 26 Dec, elms of USA bn on helo assault msn engaged 2 en cos 9 hrs. Arty and 38 tac air strikes sptd. Losses -- US: 12 KIA, 34 WIA; VC/NVA: 31 KIA, 18 indiv wpns. (S)

8 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- ARVN: 15 KIA, 34 WIA, 11 indiv wpns; VC/NVA: 4 KIA, 3 pers det. (S)

3 CTZ: On 27 Dec, USA brigade base camp 35 nm NW Saigon sustained est 180 mortar rds and small-arms fire during 30-min period. Losses -- Friendly: 1 Korean civ KIA, 39 US, 1 US civ, and 1 Korean civ WIA, 2 UH-1H helos damaged; VC/NVA: unk. (S)

In Opn MANCHESTER, on 27 Dec, USA co conducting sweep of en bunker complex made contact with en force. 2 USA cos reinforced. En broke contact. Losses -- Friendly: 5 KIA, 32 WIA; VC/NVA: 9 KIA. (S)

On 27 Dec, elms of USA abn bn on training msn 16 nm NW Saigon made contact with en force. USA gunships sptd. 1 UH-1C downed and dest, killing 4 US crewmembers. Cum losses -- US: 6 KIA, 8 WIA, 1 UH-1C dest; VC/NVA: unk. (S)

At 262130 EST, 3d Bn, Royal Aust Regt, closed in vic of Phuoc Le. Unit, consisting of 4 rifle cos, 1 admin co, and 1 spt co, has strength of 796 pers. (S)

9 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- Friendly: 2 ARVN KIA, 6 ARVN and 4 US WIA; VC/NVA: 4 KIA, 2 indiv wpns. (S)

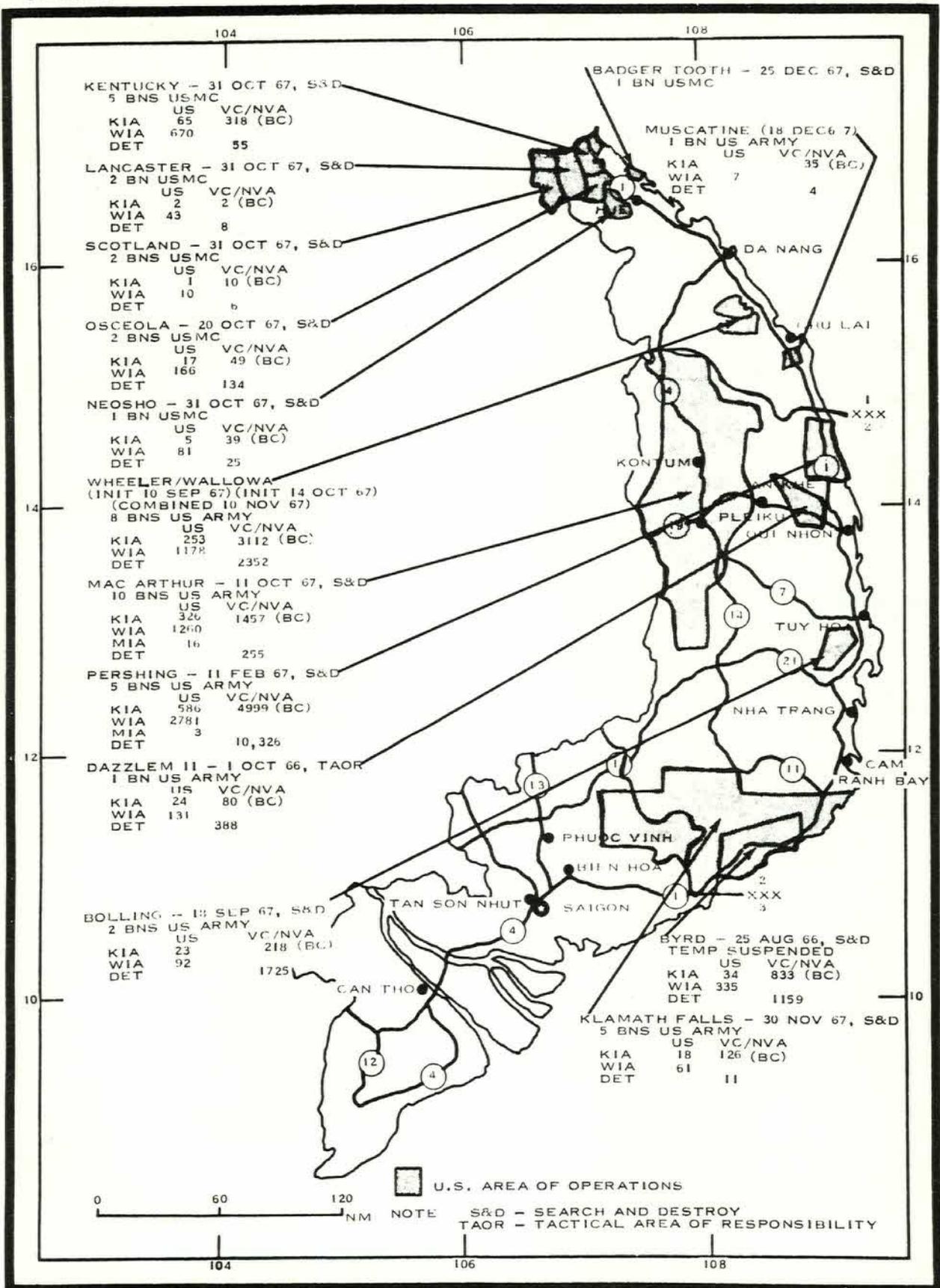
4 CTZ: 6 maj opns (2 US, 4 ARVN) in prog with no significant contact reported. (S)

1 small-unit contact reported. Losses -- Friendly: none; VC/NVA: 6 KIA, 5 indiv wpns. (S)

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NVA 325C DIV: There are tenuous indications that Hqs this div has moved from Dong Hoi area to Laos near western end of DMZ but no signs that its regimental subordinates are involved. (Div's 29th Regt withdrew from DMZ area in late Nov to northern Quang Binh Prov and its 101D Regt deployed from Con Thien area to psn N of central area about same time. Its 95C Regt has been near Khe Sanh area since last spring.) If move of Hqs 325C Div true, it would be in same gen area as those of NVA 304th and 320th Divs. Would be logical for Hqs 325C Div to join 95C Regt, and they could be sent with additional regts into SVN as opnl forces. ~~SECRET~~ Sec. 3.3

DAK TO: (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424 en is preparing for an offensive in Dak To area. Large-scale actions similar to those conducted there in Nov will prob not be initiated at this time. ~~SECRET~~ Sec. 3.3

ATTACK INDICATIONS: Recently cptrd documents indicate that en plans to atk My Tho, capital of Dinh Tuong Prov, and US advisory compound there on 28 and 29 Dec with rkts, RRs, and poss 120-mm mortars. This is first indication that 120-mm mortars may be in 4 CTZ. (6)

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 27 DEC: 235 sorties (114 USAF, 94 USN, 27 USMC) dest/damaged 20/115 trks, 19/16 bldgs, 14/7 gun psns, 9/6 AAA sites, 8/71 WBL craft, 4/12 bridges, 1/0 bunker, 0/17 stor areas, 0/5 trp concs, 0/4 trk pks, 0/4 CD sites, 0/3 ferries, 0/3 trans-ship pts, 0/3 radar sites, 0/1 barracks, 0/1 SAM site, and LOCs. ~~SECRET~~

Significant tgts struck: Mo Trang RR siding; suspected SAM site. (6)

AIRCRAFT LOSS: USN F-4B rpted downed by unk causes 24 nm N Vinh. Last contact 270200 EST. SAR in prog. ~~SECRET~~

SAM SIGHTINGS: US pilots obs 1 abn SAM 6 nm NE Vinh at 261420 EST. (6)

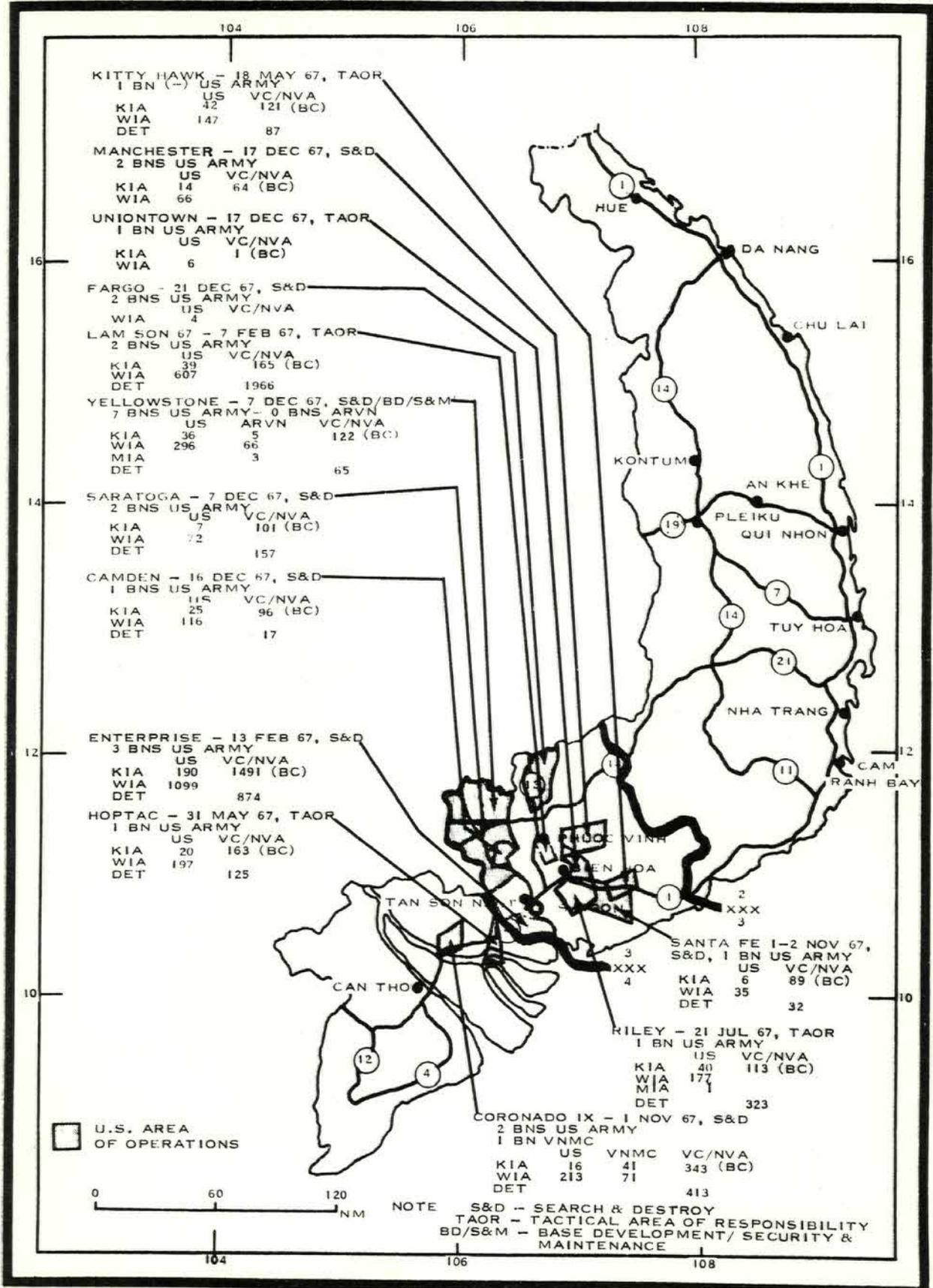
ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 6 B-52s (ROMEO 24) bombed elms NVA 270th Regt and arty psns 42 nm NW Hue at 271640 EST. 8 B-52s (ROMEO 88) bombed elms NVA 90th Regt and arty psns 45 nm NW Hue at 270821 EST. (6)

MORE ON TRUCE ACTIVITY: Visual/photo evidence collected over NVN during and immediately after recent cease-fire indicates that more trks were involved in supply opns than initially suggested. As many as 850 trks were detected between Thanh Hoa and Dong Hoi; at least 750 were heading S. Some 130 trks were loc near Quang Khe ferries unloading cargo for further shipment S by water. Eighty to 150 trks were dest/damaged by air strikes immediately following cease-fire period. ~~SECRET~~

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**KITTY HAWK - 18 MAY 67, TAOR**  
1 BN (-) US ARMY  
US VC/NVA  
KIA 42 121 (BC)  
WIA 147 87  
DET

**MANCHESTER - 17 DEC 67, S&D**  
2 BNS US ARMY  
US VC/NVA  
KIA 14 64 (BC)  
WIA 66  
DET

**UNIONTOWN - 17 DEC 67, TAOR**  
1 BN US ARMY  
US VC/NVA  
KIA 6 1 (BC)  
WIA

**FARGO - 21 DEC 67, S&D**  
2 BNS US ARMY  
US VC/NVA  
WIA 4

**LAM SON 67 - 7 FEB 67, TAOR**  
2 BNS US ARMY  
US VC/NVA  
KIA 39 165 (BC)  
WIA 607  
DET 1966

**YELLOWSTONE - 7 DEC 67, S&D/BD/S&M**  
7 BNS US ARMY - 0 BNS ARVN  
US ARVN VC/NVA  
KIA 36 5 122 (BC)  
WIA 296 66  
MIA 3  
DET 65

**SARATOGA - 7 DEC 67, S&D**  
2 BNS US ARMY  
US VC/NVA  
KIA 7 101 (BC)  
WIA 72  
DET 157

**CAMDEN - 16 DEC 67, S&D**  
1 BNS US ARMY  
US VC/NVA  
KIA 115 96 (BC)  
WIA 116  
DET 17

**ENTERPRISE - 13 FEB 67, S&D**  
3 BNS US ARMY  
US VC/NVA  
KIA 190 1491 (BC)  
WIA 1099  
DET 874

**HOPTAC - 31 MAY 67, TAOR**  
1 BN US ARMY  
US VC/NVA  
KIA 20 163 (BC)  
WIA 197  
DET 125

**SANTA FE I-2 NOV 67, S&D, 1 BN US ARMY**  
US VC/NVA  
KIA 6 89 (BC)  
WIA 35  
DET 32

**RILEY - 21 JUL 67, TAOR**  
1 BN US ARMY  
US VC/NVA  
KIA 40 113 (BC)  
WIA 177  
MIA 1  
DET 323

**CORONADO IX - 1 NOV 67, S&D**  
2 BNS US ARMY  
1 BN VNMC  
US VNMC VC/NVA  
KIA 16 41 343 (BC)  
WIA 213 71  
DET 413

U.S. AREA OF OPERATIONS

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TAOR - TACTICAL AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY  
BD/S&M - BASE DEVELOPMENT/ SECURITY & MAINTENANCE

LAOS

BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 27 DEC: 272 sorties (200 USAF, 53 USN, 19 USMC) dest/damaged 40/86 trks, 7/12 gun sites, 4/0 bunkers, 0/28 trk pks, 0/14 stor areas, 0/13 trp concs, 0/2 mil complexes, 0/1 ferry, 0/1 bridge, 0/1 supply area, 0/1 stage area, and LOCs. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 9 B-52s (ROMEO 55) bombed stor areas, trk pks, and trp conc 50 nm W of Dong Hoi at 271718 EST. ~~(S)~~

MUONG PHALANE: FAR bn reoccupied village yesterday. Reason for 25 Dec en atk on Muong Phalane not clear, but Communists may be undertaking selective actions against base camps that spt US air opns. In response to query by secure tel last night, US mil attache staff of opinion that recent en mil acty represents usual dry-season offensive. ~~(S)~~

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