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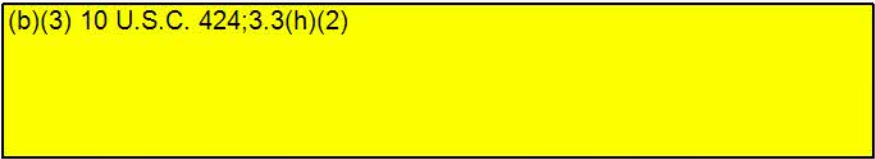
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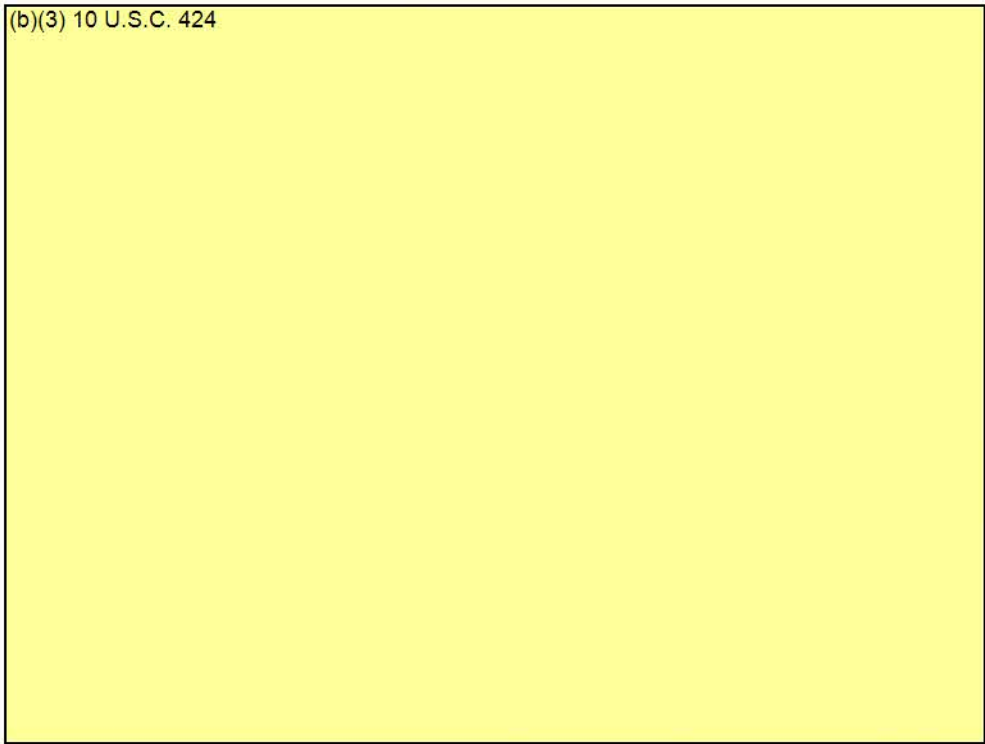
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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS



SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 42 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 25 US, 15 ARVN, 2 FW. (C)

1 CTZ: On 24 Jan, in Opn LANCASTER, USMC convoy ambushed by en force 14 nm WNW Quang Tri. USMC plat reaction force came under intense en fire at ambush site. Second reaction force, elms USMC bn, arrived 5-hrs later. Losses -- US: 8 KIA, 44 WIA; VC/NVA: 3 KIA, 1 crew-served wpn. (C)

In Opn SCOTLAND, in vic Khe Sanh, US 26th Marine Regt reported 7 KIA and 62 WIA due to en action 24 Jan. (C)

NEOSHO (Phase II), USMC 1-bn S&D opn 17 nm W of Hue term 24 Jan, after 4 days. Cum losses -- US: 5 WIA; VC/NVA: 1 KIA. 5 tac air strikes sptd. (C)

39 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- Friendly: 4 KIA (3 US, 1 ARVN), 33 WIA (20 US, 13 ARVN); VC/NVA: 16 KIA, 27 pers det, 2 wpns. (C)

2 CTZ: On 24 Jan, in Opn MAC ARTHUR, USA 95-veh convoy atkd by 60-man en force 20 nm ENE Pleiku. Reaction force committed; en broke contact 20 mins later. Losses -- US: 3 KIA, 2 WIA, 5 x 2½-ton trks damaged; VC/NVA: 1 KIA, 1 crew-served wpn. (C)

On 25 Jan, aflds at Pleiku and An Khe sustained mortar and gnd atks by en forces. Atks occurred within 2 hrs each other with following results: Pleiku -- 18 US WIA and 29 acft damaged (24 UH-1Hs, 3 O-1s, 2 UH-1Cs); en losses unk. An Khe -- 2 US KIA, 11 WIA, and 2 fire trks, 1 x ¼-ton trk, the control tower and gnd control approach bldg dest, and 2 C-130s damaged; en losses were 7 KIA and 1 per det. (C)

6 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- ARVN: 1 KIA, 14 WIA; VC/NVA: 7 det, 2 wpns. (C)

3 CTZ: On 25 Jan, in Opn YELLOWSTONE, 3 USA cos had 40-min contact with en force 24 nm N of Tay Ninh. En broke contact. Losses -- US: 24 WIA; VC/NVA: 27 KIA. (C)

Opn ALTOONA, USA 1-bn S&D opn, term 23 Jan after 12 days. Cum losses -- US: 2 KIA, 6 WIA; VC/NVA: 4 KIA, 1 per det, 1 wpn. (C)

On 24 Jan, 15 nm SSW Saigon, aerial observer saw en rebuilding previously dest bunkers. RF co sptd by arty swept area killing 9 en and seizing 1 crew-served and 2 indiv wpns; 1 RF WIA. (C)

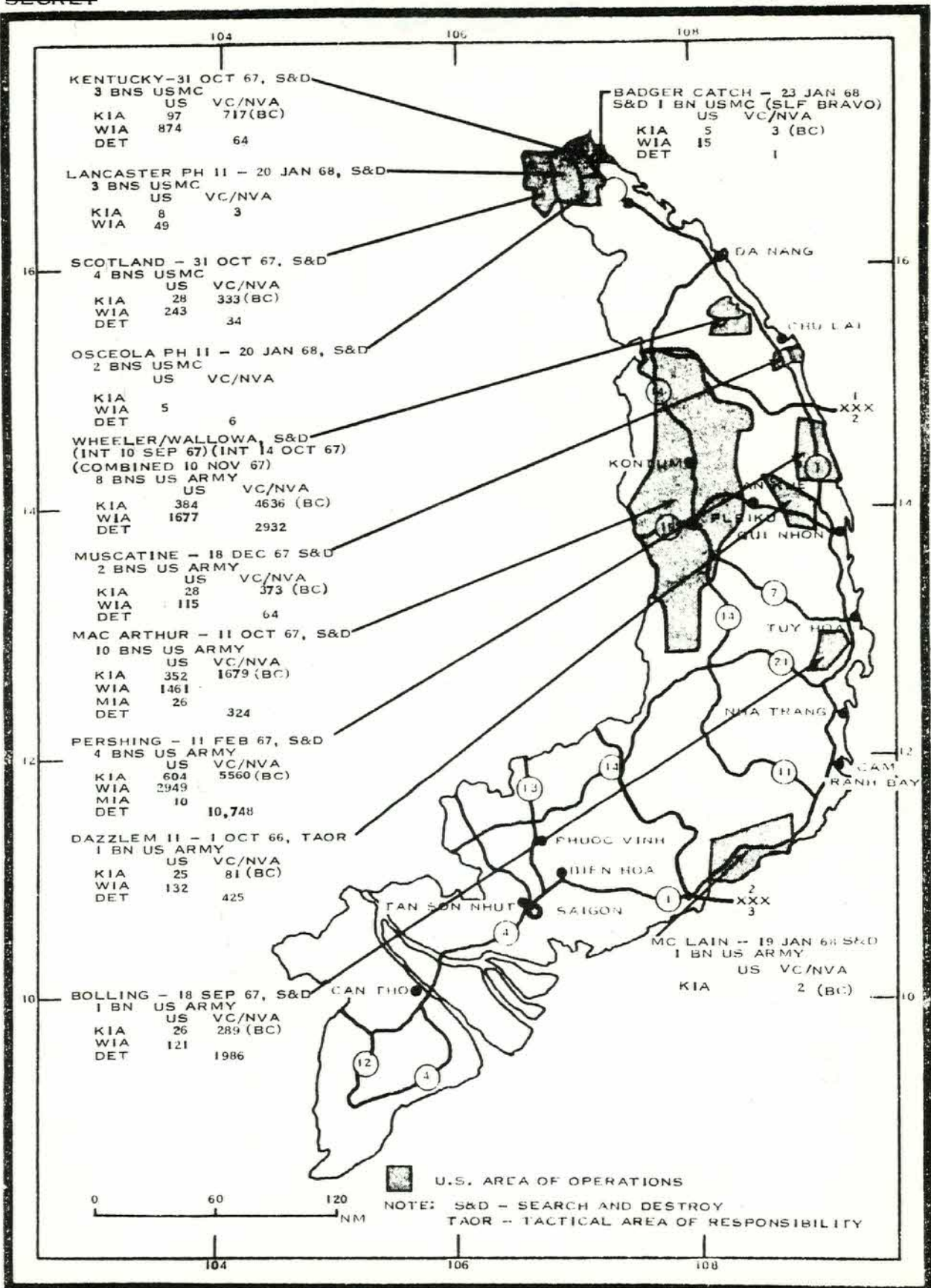
19 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- Friendly: 4 ARVN KIA, 10 US and 16 ARVN WIA; VC/NVA: 10 KIA, 1 per det. (C)

4 CTZ: CUU LONG 80/11, ARVN 2-bn S&D opn commenced 24 Jan, 34 nm NE Can Tho. Losses -- Friendly: none; VC/NVA: 18 KIA, 47 pers det, 8 indiv and 1 crew-served wpn. (C)

On 24 Jan, RF plat ambushed 2 en squads 63 nm S of Rach Gia. Losses -- RF: 1 MIA, 1 indiv wpn; VC/NVA: 15 KIA, 8 wpns. (C)

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29 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- ARVN: 20 KIA, 32 WIA, 23 indiv wpns, 3 radios; VC/NVA: 8 KIA, 8 wpns. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 25 JAN: 6 B-52s bombed munitions and supply areas 50 nm WNW Hue. 6 B-52s struck stor areas and elms NVA 325C Div 53 nm WNW Hue. No gnd follow-up sked above msns. (S)

KHE SANH AREA: Cptrd NVA soldiers and docs indicate that atks will be launched against Allied psns at Khe Sanh and on strategic hills to N and NW before Tet starts on 30 Jan. Plan of atk as outlined by a prisoner from 95 Regt, NVA 325C Div, quoting 2 officers in his unit, said en forces will withdraw to Laos if first offensive against base was turned back. Then another assault would be made after Tet, when en would return with "twice as many trps" plus tanks and arty with atk beginning on 3 Feb. (S) ? 26 Jan?

At least 7 regts, plus combat spt elms now threaten Khe Sanh area. Three NVA 325C Div regts loc in area are 95C to N Khe Sanh, 101D to NW and 29 to W, but both near Lao-SVNese border. Four regts NVA 304 Div loc respect to Khe Sanh approx as follows: prob 66, about 4 nm E; poss 57, 13 nm W; poss 68 (arty), 3 nm S. Div's third inf regt, poss a "reconstituted" 9th Regt, was last loc on 30 Dec, about 11 nm S of Khe Sanh. Meanwhile, NVA supply msgs indicate that mortar and rkt rounds are being moved S to resupply units in DMZ area. (S) (b)(3) 10

NEW TERRORIST WEAPON: En capabilities for terrorist actys in SVN will be enhanced if a type of recently recovered silenced pistol becomes generally available. Wpn is prob ChiCom made, uses a special 7.65-mm cartridge, and is designated Type 64. (S)

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 25 JAN: 133 sorties (67 USN, 42 USAF, 24 USMC) dest/damaged 20/56 trks, 5/19 WBLC, 5/9 bridges, 0/75 RR cars, 0/7 gun psns, 0/6 ferries, 0/5 bldgs, 0/5 AAA sites, 0/5 trk pks, 0/4 stor areas, 0/2 trp concs, 0/2 radar sites, 0/1 SAM site, 0/1 rkt site, and LOCs. (S)

MIG ENGAGEMENT: 4 USN F-4Bs engaged 2 MIG-21s 72 nm S Hanoi at 250035 EST. 1 SPARROW, 1 SIDEWINDER fired with results unobsd when MIG lost in clouds. No damage to US acft. (S)

DOWNED AIRCRAFT: USN A-4E hit by SAM vic Vinh; pilot egressed to water and ejected 29 nm to ESE at 250513 EST. Pilot recovered. (S)

SAM SIGHTINGS: US pilots obs 3 abn SAMs 16 nm SE Vinh at 250545 EST. (S)

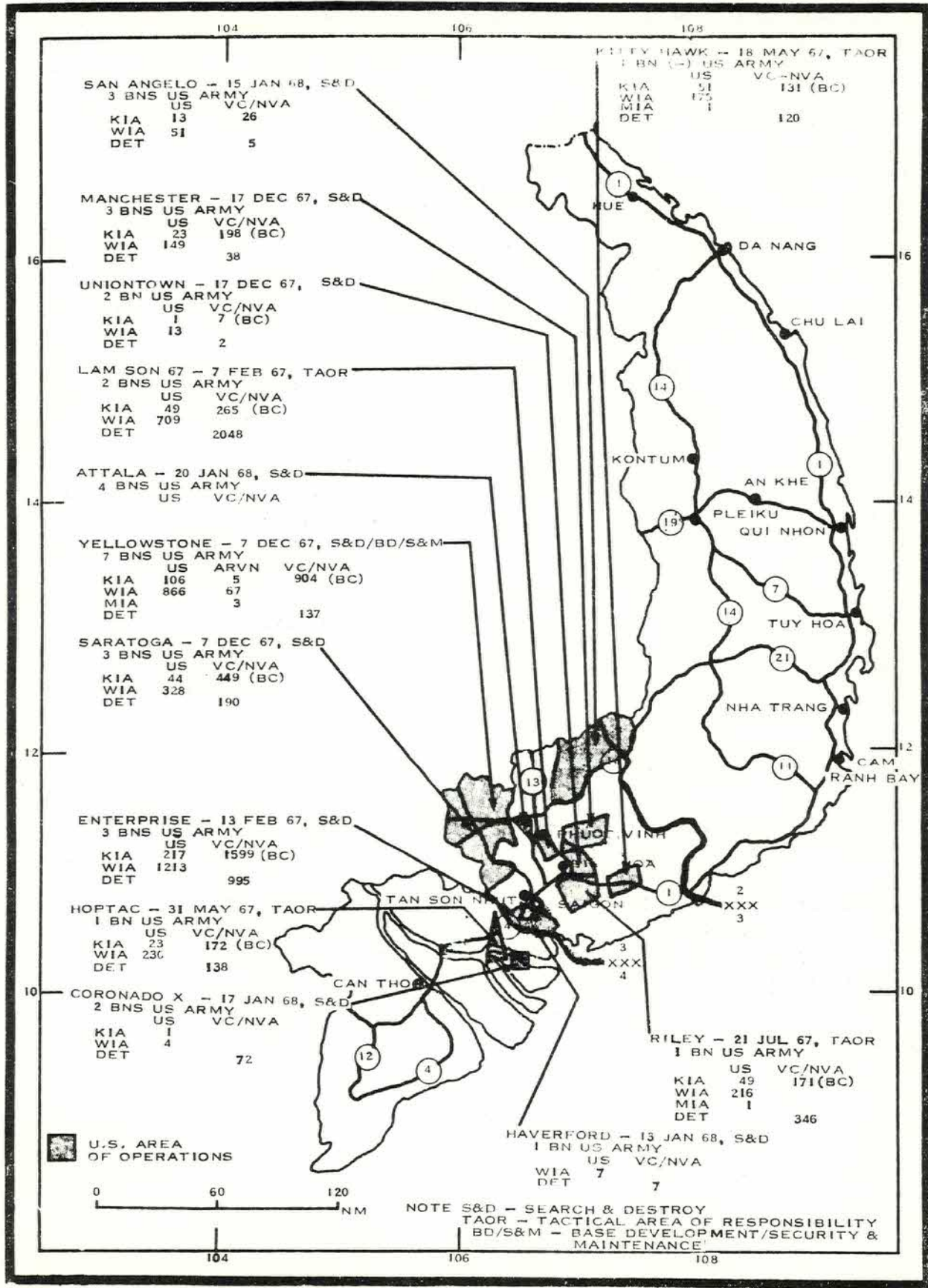
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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 24, 25 JAN: 409 sorties (290 USAF, 102 USN, 17 USMC) dest/damaged 47/121 trks, 33/33 bldgs, 3/7 bridges, 1/26 gun sites, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 1/0 caves, 0/26 stor

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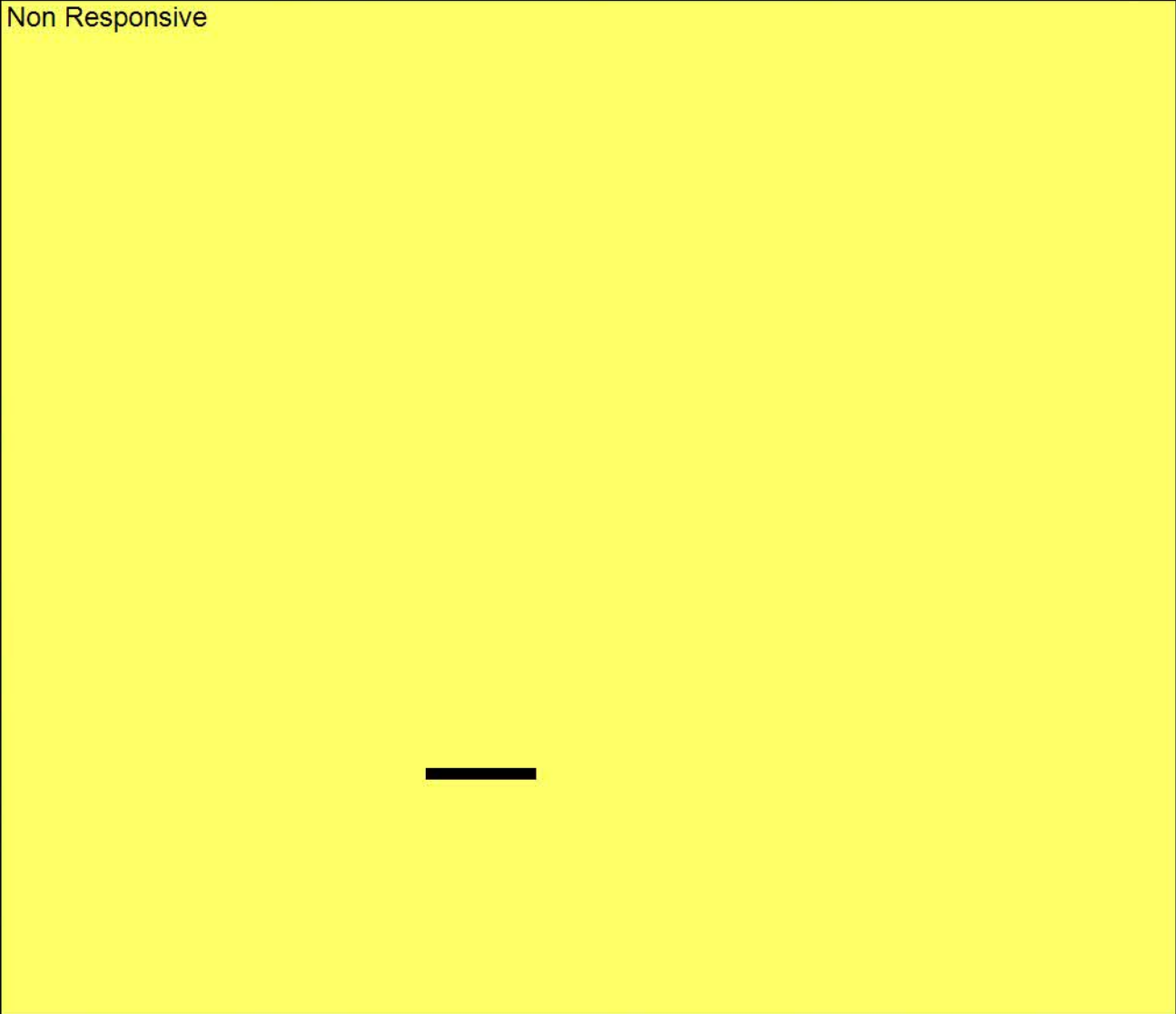
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areas, 0/19 trp concs, 0/18 trk pks, 0/12 mil complexes, 0/6 WBLC, 0/3 bunkers, 0/1 road grader, 0/1 afld, and LOCs. (S)

Significant tgt: Ban Houei Afld, 24 Jan. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 25 JAN: 5 B-52s struck bunkers and stor areas along trails leading to Khe Sanh 42 nm W of Hue. 9 B-52s struck en opn areas 55 nm W of Hue. (S)

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