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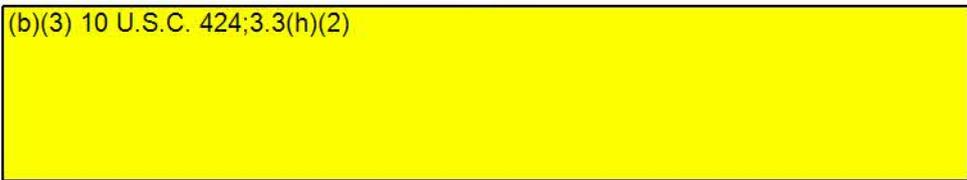
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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS

SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 44 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 26 US, 17 ARVN, 1 FWF. (C)

1 CTZ: On 15 Jan, elms of ARVN bn found en cache containing 500 60-mm mort rds, 300 rds SA ammo, 121 mines, 37 indiv wpns, 31 crew-served wpns, and 4 rds B-40 ammo, 7 nm WSW Hue. (C)

On 14 Jan, ARVN co contacted est en bn 15 nm S of Da Nang. Helos and arty sptd. Results -- ARVN: 15 KIA, 24 WIA, 8 MIA, 1 radio and 28 indiv wpns lost; VC/NVA: unk. (C)

On 14 Jan, in Opn MUSCATINE, USA co engaged unk-size en force 7 nm NW Quang Ngai. Results -- US: 3 WIA; VC/NVA: 7 KIA, 2 indiv wpns seized. (C)

28 small-unit contacts reported. Results -- US: 1 KIA, 19 WIA; ARVN: 1 KIA, 5 WIA, 1 indiv wpn lost; VC/NVA: 25 KIA, 4 pers det, 2 wpns seized. (C)

2 CTZ: On 14 Jan, in Opn MAC ARTHUR, two separate contacts occurred. First -- 14 nm NW Kontum, 3 USA APCs leading a convoy was ambushed by unk-size en force using SA, AW, and B-40 rkt fire. Helos and tanks sptd. En broke contact after 50 min. 4 hrs later, 2 USA cos swept area with neg results. Cum results -- US: 3 KIA, 13 WIA, 3 APCs, 2 tanks damaged; VC/NVA: 24 KIA, 4 pers det. Second -- 22 nm E of Pleiku, a USA quarter-master convoy of 40 trks and 5 tanks was ambushed by unk-size en force. En used SA, AW, and 3 mines. Elms of USA bn reinf'd. Results -- US: 10 WIA, five 5,000 gal POL trks, 1 APC damaged; VC/NVA: 13 KIA, 4 pers det. (C)

On 14 Jan, ARVN bn engaged 2 en plats 12 nm NNE Phan Thiet, USA helos and ARVN arty sptd. Results -- US: none; ARVN: 1 KIA, 16 WIA; VC/NVA: 6 KIA, 4 indiv wpns seized. (C)

7 small-unit contacts reported. Results -- friendly: none; VC/NVA: 2 KIA, 1 wpn seized. (C)

3 CTZ: On 14 Jan, recon elms of USA bn found 5 tons rice in 100-lb bags 52 nm NNE Saigon. During evacuation of rice, en used sniper fire. Results -- US: 2 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (C)

On 15 Jan, in Opn YELLOWSTONE, USA co contacted unk-size en force 20 nm NE Tay Ninh. A USA co reinf'd. Results -- US: 4 KIA, 29 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (C)

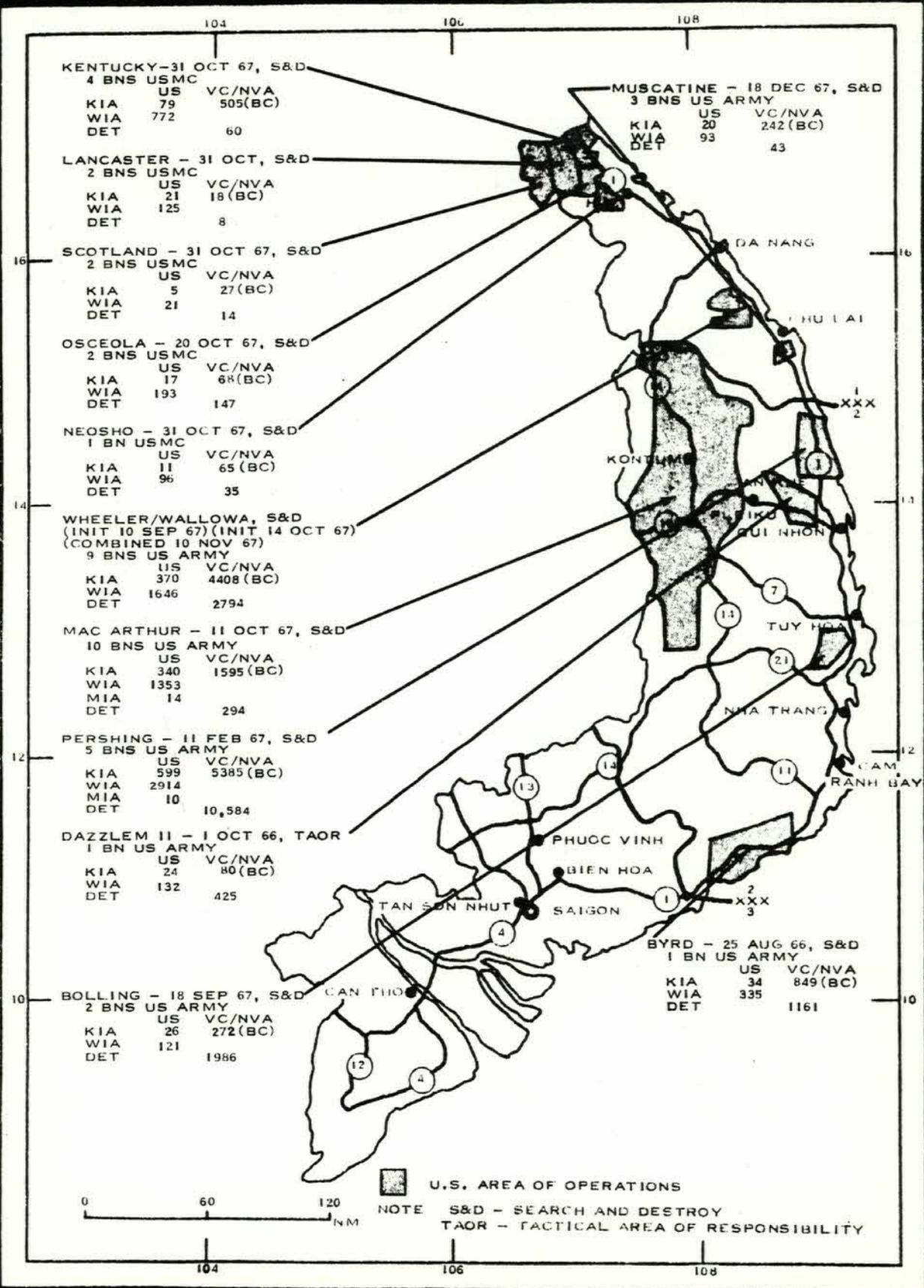
On 15 Jan, ARVN PRU engaged en co 6 nm E of Tay Ninh. Helos and arty sptd. Results -- US: none; ARVN: 2 WIA; VC/NVA: 16 KIA, 30 pers det, 6 indiv wpns seized. (C)

ALTOONA, a USA 1-bn S&D opn, commenced on 12 Jan 25 nm NE Saigon. No report of est en strength in area. (C)

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HAVERFORD, a USA 1-bn S&D opn, began on 13 Jan 8 nm SW Saigon. En strength in area est 180. (S)

On 14 Jan, in Opn AKRON V, elms of USA bn located en base camp 24 nm ESE Saigon. Camp contained 14 dead, one 60-mm mort, two 40-mm rkt launchers, 15 lb docs, 1.6 tons rice. Rice evac. (S)

7 small-unit contacts reported. Results -- US: 2 WIA; ARVN: 6 WIA; VC/NVA: 7 KIA, 1 wpn seized. (S)

4 CTZ: no significant opns. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 6 B-52s struck tgt at 151815 EST 51 nm NNW Saigon containing possible elms of VC 271st Regt, a div hqs and base camp; follow-up sked by elms of US 25th Inf Div. 6 B-52s struck tgt at 152133 EST 52 nm WNW Hue containing en trps and a staging area for future offensive actions; no follow-up sked. (S)

POLITICAL: VP Ky told a US observer on 15 Jan that he regarded Pres Thieu's handling of labor dispute and his recent reassignment of Gen Nguyen Duc Thang (downgraded from deputy chief JGS in charge RevDev Cadres to spec asst to chief of that orgn) as further indicating Thieu's inability to deal directly with problems. Ky contended that Thieu's actions in labor dispute typifies his habit of letting others doing the fighting and then stepping over fallen bodies to move up another notch on ladder of power. Ky sees no hope for a change in situation as Thieu now finds himself at top of the ladder where there is no room for evasion". (b)(3) 10 U.S.

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KHE SANH: An agent claims that 2 regts of NVA 304 Div deployed to an area about 10 nm E of Khe Sanh on 4 Jan to launch atks along Rte 9. Source said that "en will fight violently in neighborhood area" a few days before Tet. If info true, en might atk Khe Sanh, most lucrative tgt in area. (S)

VIET CONG/CAMBODIA: Communist wpns and ammo may be reaching VC in 4 CTZ from Cambodia. An ARVN agent claims that supplies were delivered last Mar and Apr to Ha Tien area near Cambodian border in SVN's Kien Giang Prov and that about 80 tons explosives/small arms arrived from Jul to Sep via Vinh Xuong in Cambodia. Recent cptr of late manufactured Type 56 rifles (ChiCom version of Sov AK-47 7.62-mm wpn) in 4 CTZ suggests en has decided to step up delivery of Communist-made wpns there, which gives some validity to source's info. (S)

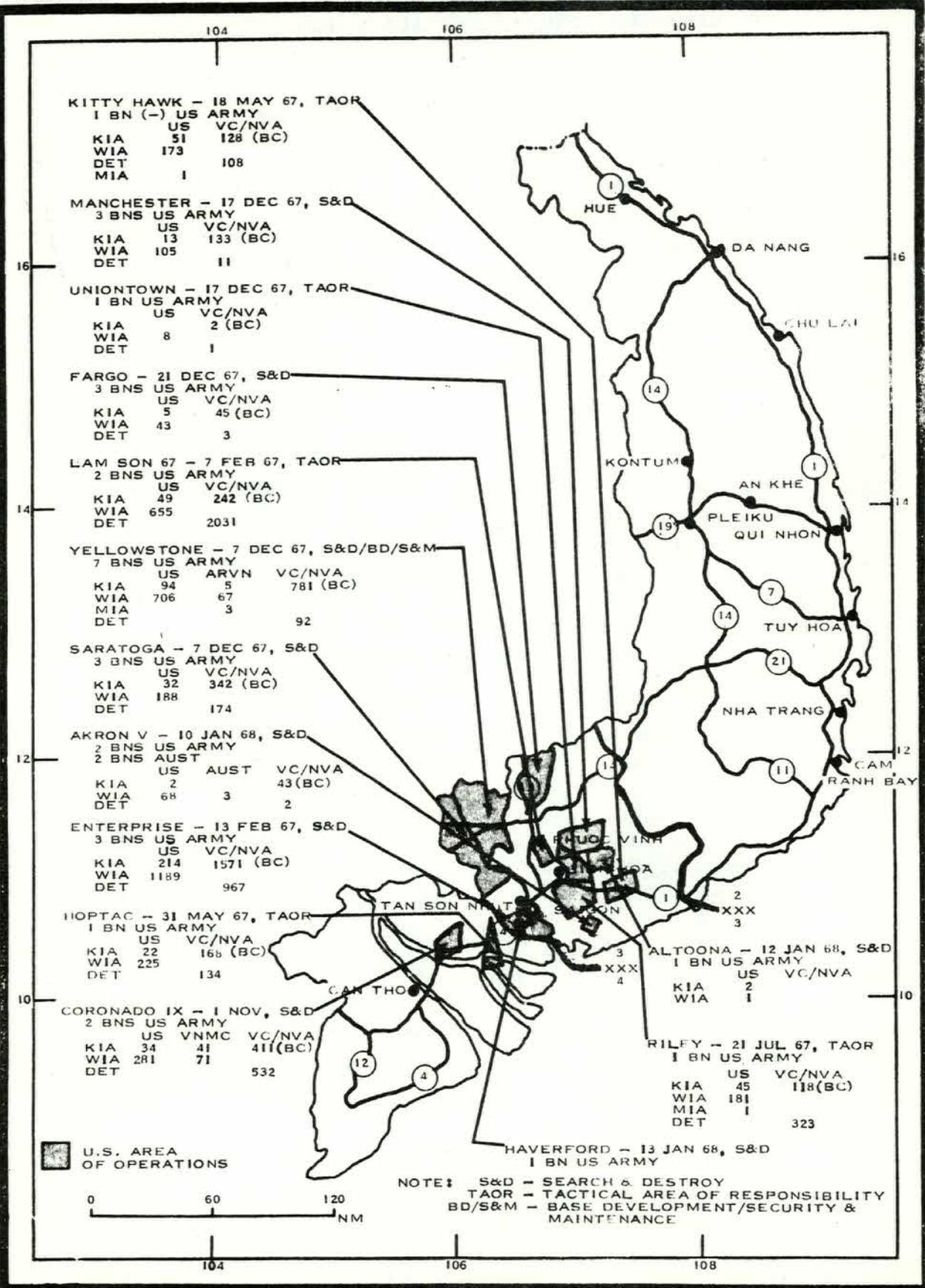
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ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS: 178 sorties (126 USAF, 31 USN, 21 USMC) dest/damaged 6/14 WBL craft, 1/13 trks, 0/14 road

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KITTY HAWK - 18 MAY 67, TAOR
1 BN (-) US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 51 128 (BC)
WIA 173
DET 108
MIA 1

MANCHESTER - 17 DEC 67, S&D
3 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 13 133 (BC)
WIA 105
DET 11

UNIONTOWN - 17 DEC 67, TAOR
1 BN US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 8 2 (BC)
WIA
DET 1

FARGO - 21 DEC 67, S&D
3 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 5 45 (BC)
WIA 43
DET 3

LAM SON 67 - 7 FEB 67, TAOR
2 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 49 242 (BC)
WIA 655
DET 2031

YELLOWSTONE - 7 DEC 67, S&D/BD/S&M
7 BNS US ARMY
US ARVN VC/NVA
KIA 94 5 781 (BC)
WIA 706 67
MIA 3
DET 92

SARATOGA - 7 DEC 67, S&D
3 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 32 342 (BC)
WIA 188
DET 174

AKRON V - 10 JAN 68, S&D
2 BNS US ARMY
2 BNS AUST
US AUST VC/NVA
KIA 2 43 (BC)
WIA 68 3
DET 2

ENTERPRISE - 13 FEB 67, S&D
3 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 214 1571 (BC)
WIA 1189
DET 967

HOPTAC - 31 MAY 67, TAOR
1 BN US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 22 165 (BC)
WIA 225
DET 134

CORONADO IX - 1 NOV, S&D
2 BNS US ARMY
US VNMVC VC/NVA
KIA 34 41 411 (BC)
WIA 281 71
DET 532

ALTOONA - 12 JAN 68, S&D
1 BN US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 2
WIA 1

RILEY - 21 JUL 67, TAOR
1 BN US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 45 118 (BC)
WIA 181
MIA 1
DET 323

HAVERFORD - 13 JAN 68, S&D
1 BN US ARMY

NOTE: S&D - SEARCH & DESTROY
TAOR - TACTICAL AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY
BD/S&M - BASE DEVELOPMENT/SECURITY & MAINTENANCE

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segs, 0/13 stor areas, 0/11 bridges, 0/6 gun psns, 0/3 ferries, 0/3 ferry compl, 0/2 AAA sites, 0/2 radar sites, 0/2 RR yds, 0/2 structures, 0/2 transship pts, 0/1 coast def site, 0/1 command post, 0/1 RR seg, 0/1 trk pk, 0/1 trp conc. (S)

Tgt within 10-nm radius Haiphong: Port Redon Port Facility. (S)

Other tgts: Thai Nguyen Iron and Steel Plant; Thanh Hoa RR Yd; 2 suspected SAM sites. (S)

AIRCRAFT LOSS: USAF HH-3E on SAR msn 72 nm SW Hanoi downed due suspected gnd fire at 150432 EST. 5 crew members all loc in good condition. SAR terminated due hostile gnd fire and darkness. (S)

SAM SIGHTING: USN A-6A encountered SAM 38 nm S of Hanoi; no damage to acft. (S)

SAM RADAR CAPABILITY: As had been suspected, radar operators assigned to at least some NVNese SAM sites can tell when a SHRIKE is launched. Analysis of commo monitored on 5 Jan indicates that operators involved were able to detect the launch from at least 12 nm away. Once the SHRIKE was airborne, site's radar ceased transmitting to deny msl homing emissions. (S)

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SAM TRAINING: NVNese SAM units have been conducting intensive tac evaluation and trng programs at bn and regt levels since at least last Sep, according to recent study of SAM commo. Reports from bn to regt covered subjects such as msl launches, strike acft flight rtes and tactics, ECM, and trng statistics. Periodic discussion and trng conferences were held. Results have been reflected in shortened reaction times, along with some evidence that SAM pers have increased their ability to operate in an ECM environment. (S)

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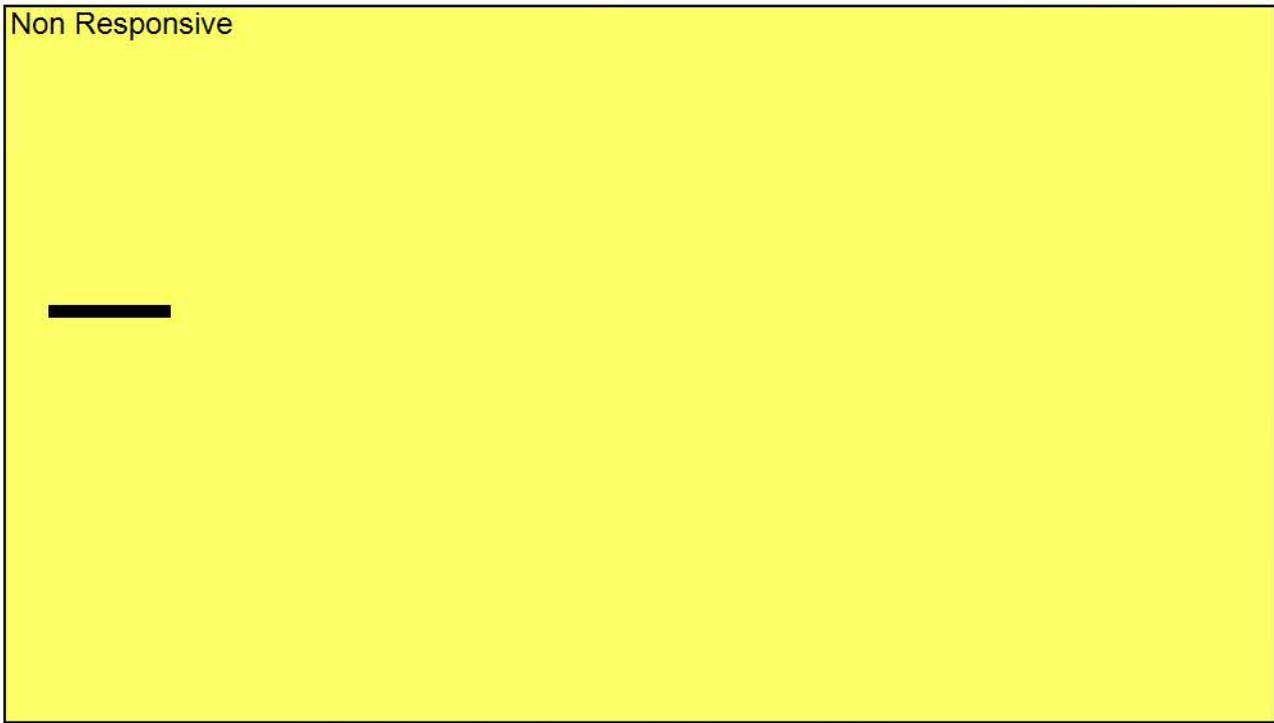
BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS: 141 sorties (108 USAF, 18 USMC, 15 USN) dest/damaged 9/8 trks, 1/5 gun sites, 0/27 road segs, 0/26 trp concs, 0/21 trk pks, 0/15 stor areas, 0/3 POL stor areas, 0/3 fords, 0/2 mil compl. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 9 B-52s struck tgt at 151240 EST 63 nm NW Pleiku containing stor compl and base of opns in conjunction with increased emphasis on Cambodian supply rtes. (S)

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NORTH VIETNAM

DOWNED AIRCRAFT (LATE BRIEF): 2 USAF F-4C acft on armed recce msn reported down to unknown causes approx 44 nm WNW of Dong Hoi at 160330 EST. SAR in prog. ~~(S)~~

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