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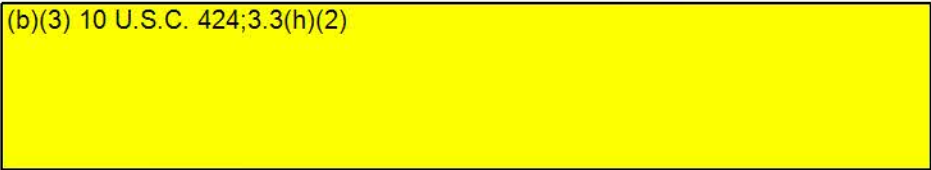
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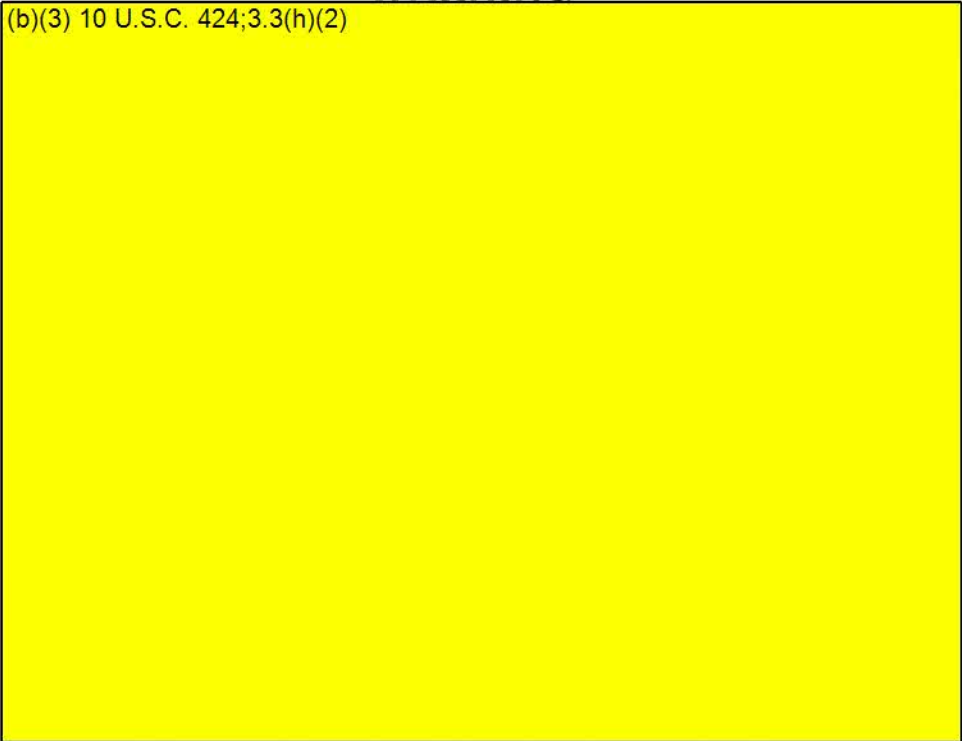
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## OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS

SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 50 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 25 US, 22 ARVN, 3 FW. (e)

1 CTZ: BALLISTIC ARCH, USMC 1-bn S&D opn, term 26 Nov 10 nm N of Quang Tri after 4 days. No casualties; 1 pers det. (e)

In Opn NEOSHO on 27 Nov, USMC co directed arty fire on 20-man en force. Losses -- US: none; VC/NVA: 11 KIA. (e)

In Opn WHEELER/WALLOWA, USA co had contact with small en force. Losses -- US: none; VC/NVA: 7 KIA. (e)

20 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- US: 5 WIA; VC/NVA: 34 KIA, 5 det. (e)

2 CTZ: 11 maj opns (6 US, 5 ARVN) in prog; no significant contact. (e)

7 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- ARVN: 2 WIA; VC/NVA: 8 KIA, 6 det. (e)

3 CTZ: At 281127 EST, CIDG camp at Bu Dop and nearby District Hqs came under en mortar atk. Shelling of Hqs was followed by gnd atk by est en reinforced bn. 1 US and 1 ARVN bn reinforced; tac air, AC-47s, armed helos, and arty sptd. En penetrated southern portion of District Hqs compound at 281300 EST, but were ejected several hrs later and broke contact. Losses -- ARVN: 15 KIA, 62 WIA; VC/NVA: 31 KIA, 9 indiv and 5 crew-served wpns. (e)

On 28 Nov, USA co, sptd by arty and armed helos, engaged en co for 2½ hrs 35 nm NW Saigon. Losses -- US: 3 KIA, 13 WIA, 1 crew-served and 4 indiv wpns, 1 APC dest, 1 tk, and 1 APC damaged; VC/NVA: unk. (e)

On 27 Nov, 45 nm NE Saigon, 2 ARVN cos had 1-hr engagement with en force. Losses -- Friendly: 4 KIA (1 US, 3 ARVN), 3 ARVN WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (e)

A CIDG force made brief contact with en force 27 Nov, 22 nm WNW Saigon. Losses -- CIDG: 3 WIA; VC/NVA: 4 KIA, 1 pers det, 3 indiv wpns, 47 rds 82-mm mortar ammo, 2 base plates, misc mortar charges, fuzes, and ignition cartridges. (e)

In Opn FOREST on 27 Nov, co of Royal Aust Regt directed 2 tac air strikes and arty on 20-man en force. During sweep of area, 28 indiv and 4 crew-served wpns, 20 combat packs, and 70,000 piasters found. No cas reported. (e)

19 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- Friendly: 6 KIA (2 US, 4 ARVN), 29 WIA (9 US, 20 ARVN); VC/NVA: 7 KIA, 2 pers det, 3 wpns. (e)

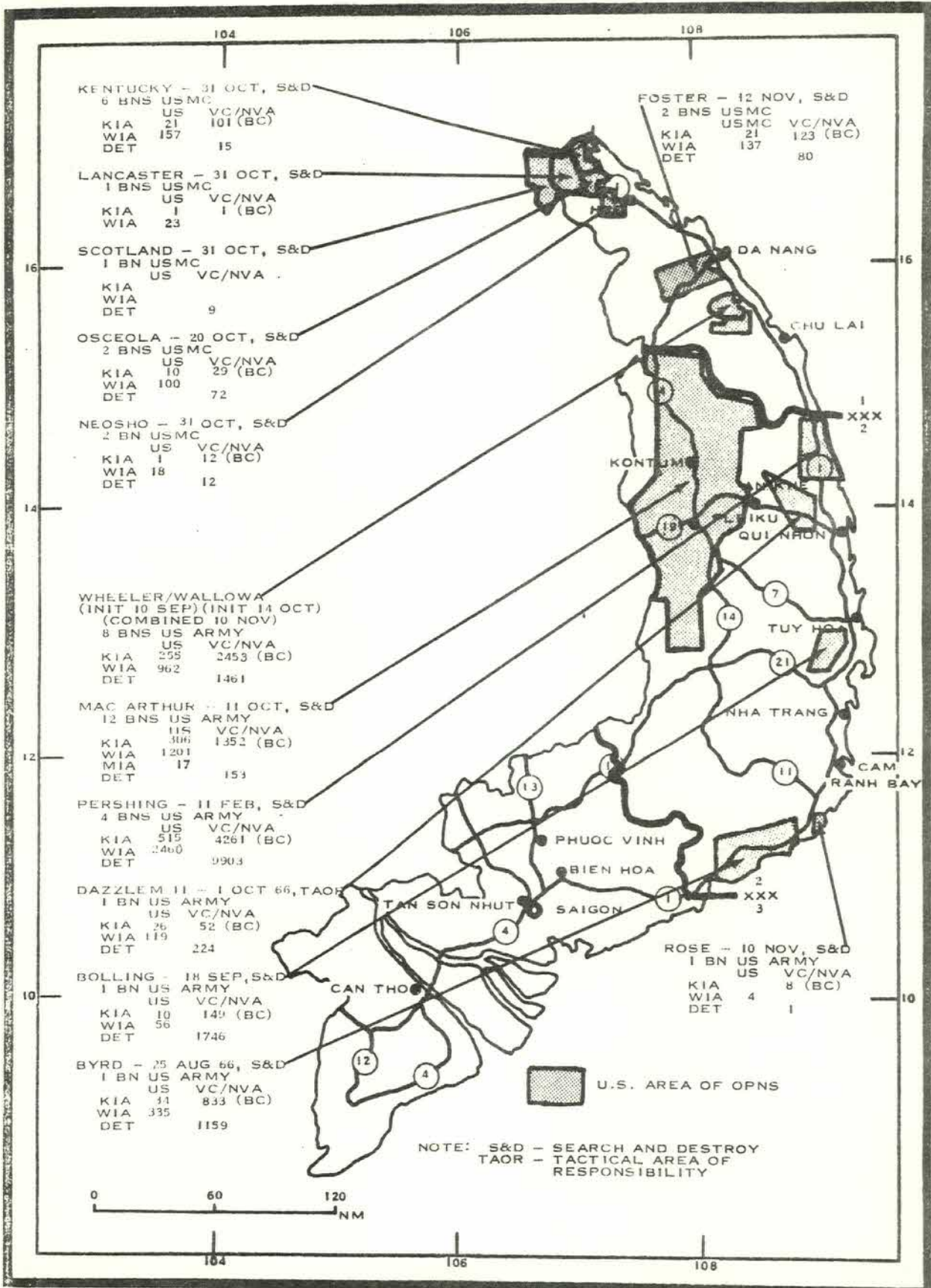
4 CTZ: Unnamed ARVN S&D opn, 28 nm SE Can Tho, term 28 Nov after 12 hrs. 1 ARVN bn, 3 RF cos, 2 PF plats, and 1 armored car plat participated. Losses -- ARVN: 6 WIA; VC/NVA: 36 KIA, 4 pers det, 22 indiv wpns. (e)

14 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- ARVN: 30 KIA, 49 WIA; VC/NVA: 12 KIA, 1 pers det, 1 wpn. (e)

**SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM  
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ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 28 NOV: At 281840 EST 9 B-52s (QUEBEC 36) bombed fortified psn and stor areas 45 nm NW of Hue. 3 B-52s (QUEBEC 64) bombed log areas and elems NVA 1 Div 29 nm WNW Kontum at 280516 EST. 6 B-52s bombed opnl and log areas 29 nm NW Saigon at 280340 EST. No gnd follow-up sked. (S)

DMZ AREA: Indications continue to be received that en planning increased acty this area -- recon of Con Thien by prob forward observers of unit subord to 164 Arty Regt; reference to atk on Bai Son (just S of Con Thien) by bn of 90th Regt and by poss 120-mm mortar sqd; a co was ordered to "solidify" for atks on Rte 9 (E-W, northern Quang Tri Prov); reference to en concern over US action to sweep area E of Gio Linh. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424.3

ASHAU VALLEY: During period 22-27 Nov, a commo terminal serving Hqs, 31st Regt of NVA 341 Div moved 25 mi closer to Ashau Valley (southeast corner Thua Thien Prov) -- indicating regt will proceed on into Valley (OIS 27 Nov). Also, 22 Nov photos show new en acty in Valley (bypass roads, veh tracks, a bridge).

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NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER 57 OPERATIONS 28 NOV: 202 sorties (88 USAF, 74 USN, 40 USMC) dest/damaged 23/60 WBLC, 3/8 AAA sites, 1/1 gun psn, 0/18 stor areas, 0/12 trks, 0/12 bridges, 0/5 trp concs, 0/4 bldgs, 0/3 RR cars, 0/2 radar sites, 0/1 CD site, and LOCs. (S)

MIG SIGHTINGS: 4 USAF F-105Ds obs 4 MIG-21s 55 nm N of Hanoi at 280403 EST. US acft jettisoned ord, due wx and fuel considerations. No engagement. (S)

4 USAF F-105Ds obs 1 MIG-21 47 nm NNE Hanoi at 280404 EST. MIGs launched 2 AA missiles; no damage. (S)

4 USAF F-4Ds obs 3 MIG-21s 45 nm NNW of Hanoi at 280355 EST. MIG launched 1 AA missile. No damage, no further engagement. (S)

4 USAF F-4Ds obs 1 MIG-21 55 nm NW of Hanoi at 280358 EST and fired 1 SPARROW which failed to guide. (S)

4 USAF F-4Ds obs 2 MIG-17s diving on a flight of F-105s 33 nm NNW Hanoi at 280404 EST. MIGs saw 2d flight and egressed. (S)

2 MIG-21s obs by 4 USAF F-4Ds, 30 nm NW Hanoi at 280357 EST. No engagement. (S)

SAM SIGHTING: US pilots obs 1 abn SAM 15 nm NW Hanoi at 280307 EST. No damage. (S)

STATUS OF HAIPHONG BRIDGES: Based on 19 Nov photos, estimated that: (1) Haiphong Hiway Bridge (restruck early Oct) will soon be open to tfc; (2) Kien An Hiway Bridge (struck 21 Sep) may not be serviceable for yet another week or two; (3) southern span of Haiphong RR-Hiway Bridge and its rail bypass under repair but unserviceable as of 19 Nov. All current repair work on above 3 bridges apparently initiated only following early Oct restrike on Haiphong Hiway Bridge. No attempt has been made to repair

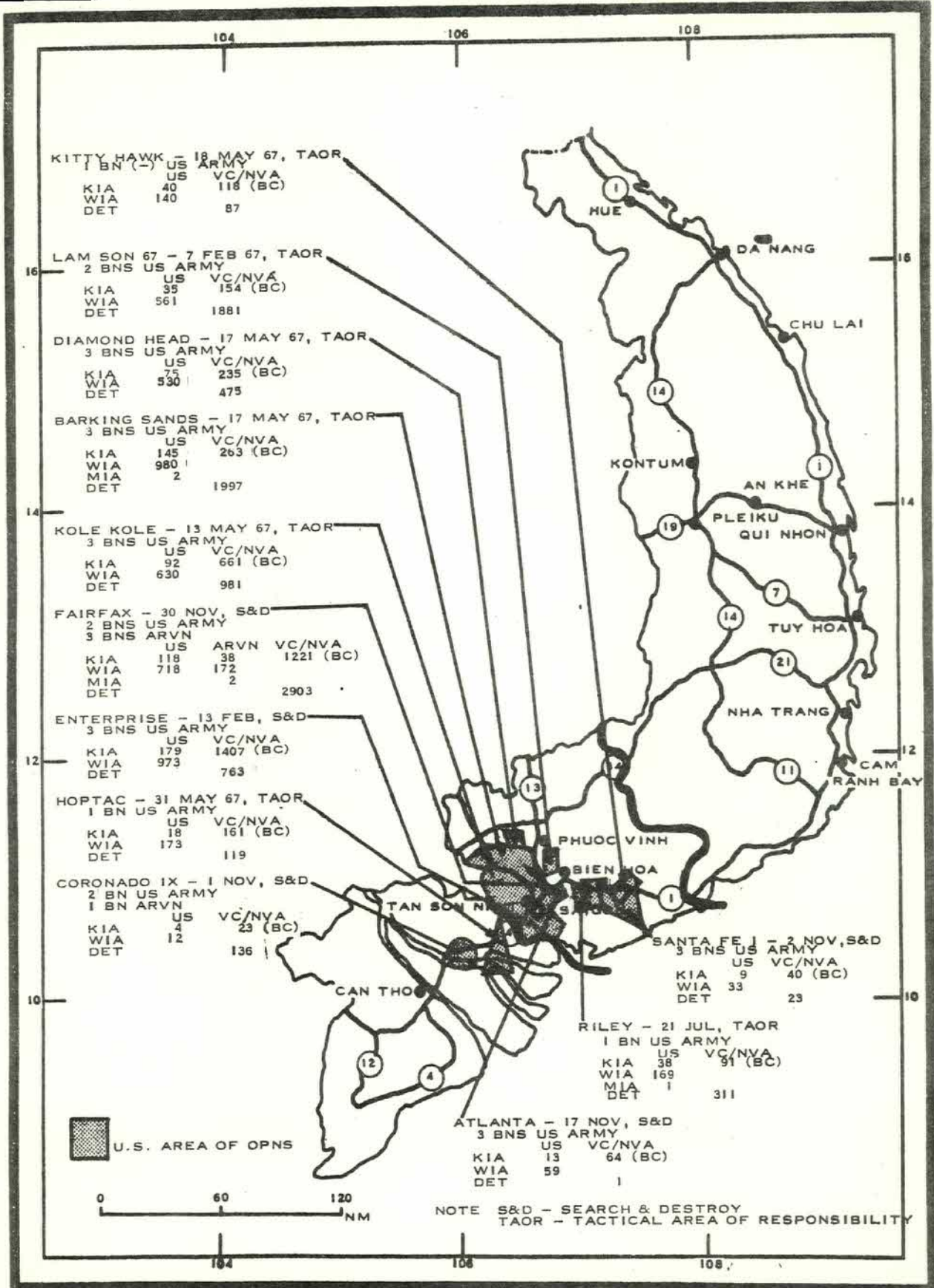
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NEW SAM SITE: Site 260 (unocc), 10 nm SSE Thanh Hoa, 300 yds from coast. Would only slightly extend envelope. (S/NFD)

AIR ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY: Since Jan 67, 3.5 MIGs have been lost in air engagements for each US acft so lost. Ratio for past 3 months, however, has been about 1-to-1. AAM-armed MIG-21s very effective -- have downed 10 US acft since 1 Aug. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424:3.3(h)(2)

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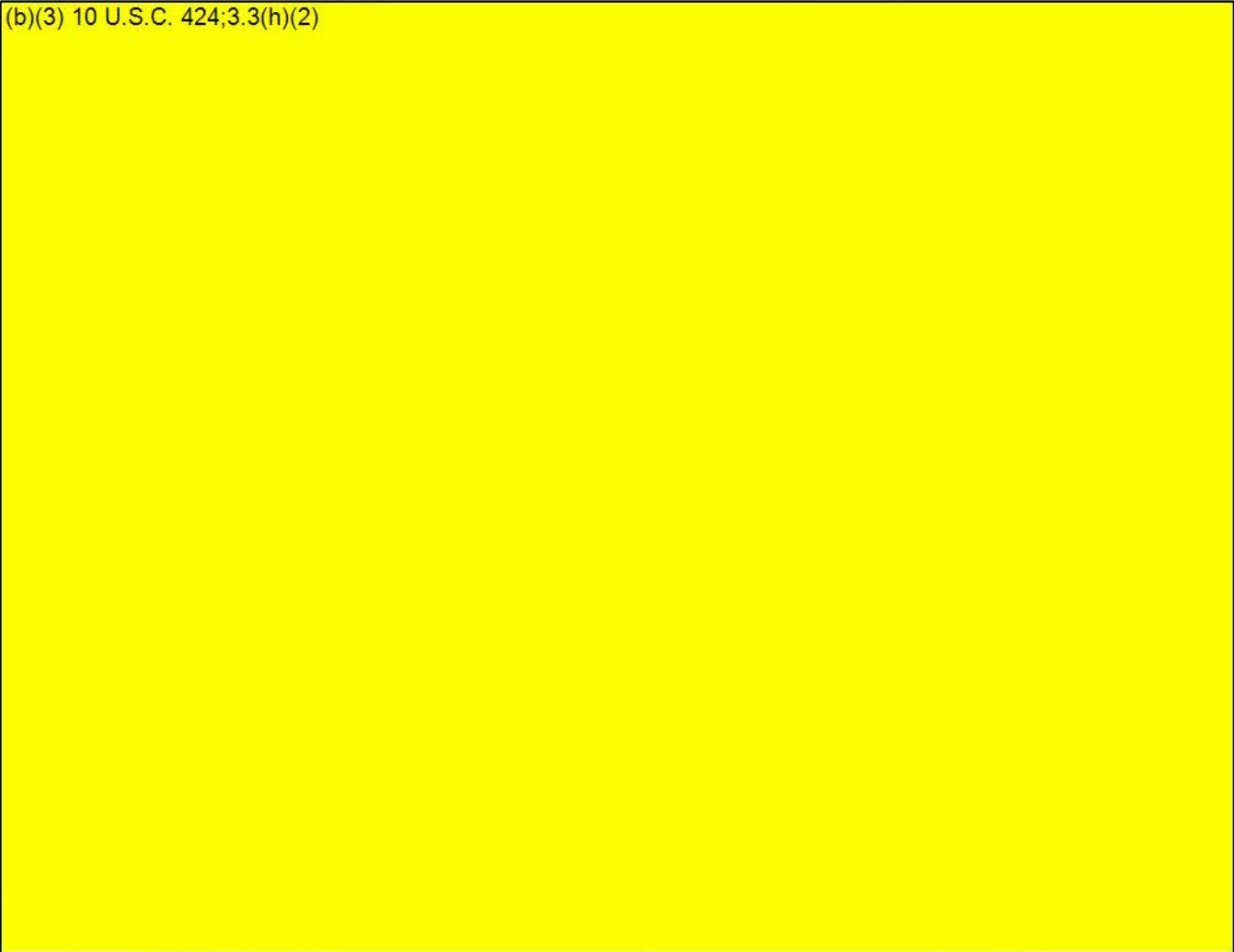
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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 28 NOV: 133 sorties (123 USAF, 10 USMC) dest/damaged 18/49 trks, 9/15 gun psns, 0/23 trk pks, 0/6 stor areas, 0/1 trp conc, 0/1 construction site, 0/1 mil complex, 0/1 bivouac area, 0/1 bldg, and LOCs. (S)

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