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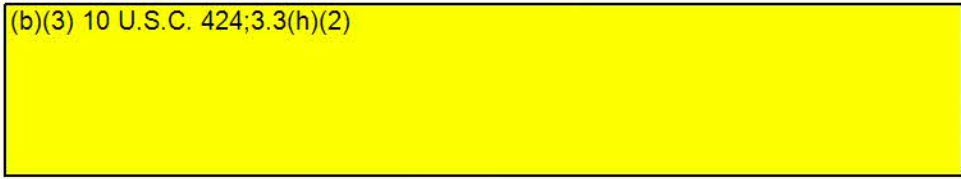
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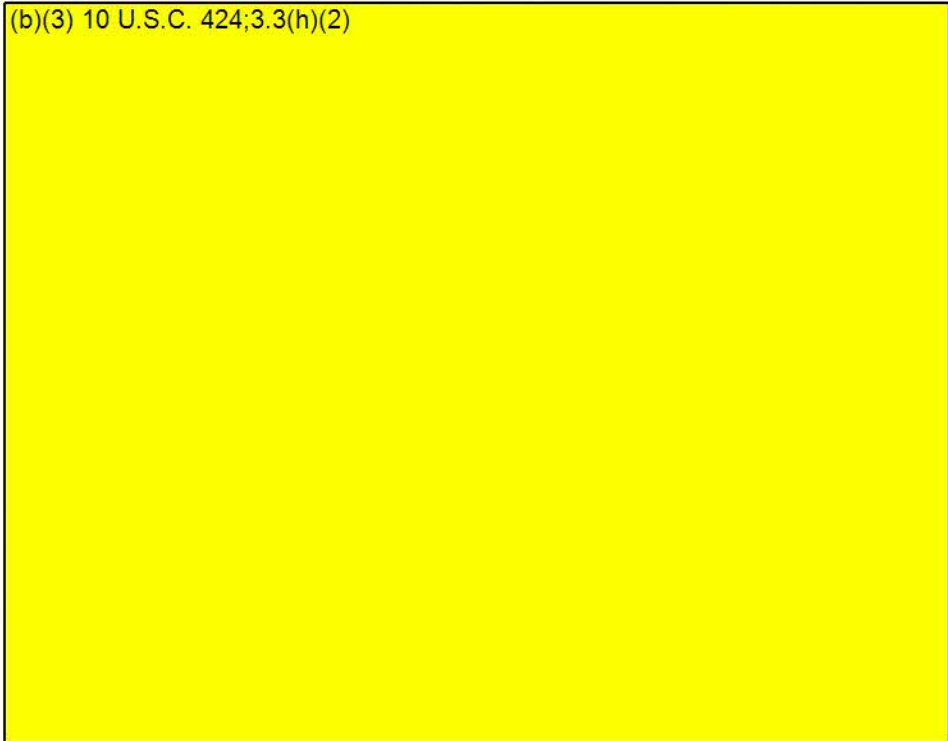
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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS

SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 42 bn-size opns in progress: 24 US, 15 ARVN, 3 FW. (S)

1 CTZ: On 2 Dec in Opn WHEELER/WALLOWA 33 nm SSE Da Nang, USA co was atkd by en force of unk size. Losses -- VC/NVA: 12 KIA; US: 2 KIA, 14 WIA. (S)

On 2 Dec, Binh Son district hq 11 nm N of Quang Ngai was atkd. USA co reaction force engaged en. Losses -- VC/NVA: 52 KIA; US: 1 KIA, 6 WIA; PF: 11 KIA; RF: 3 KIA, 4 WIA; ROK: 1 KIA; RD: 1 KIA; National Police: 1 KIA, 1 missing; Civ: 20 KIA. (S)

44 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- VC/NVA: 31 KIA, 13 det; US: 7 KIA, 23 WIA; ARVN: 7 KIA, 12 WIA. (S)

2 CTZ: On 2 Dec in Opn KLAMATH FALLS 21 nm NNW Phan Thiet, 2 USA co engaged en force. Losses -- VC/NVA: 7 KIA, 12 WIA. (S)

12 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- VC/NVA: 19 KIA, 5 det; ROK: 3 KIA, 2 WIA; ARVN: 15 KIA, 25 WIA, 5 missing. (S)

3 CTZ: On 2 Dec, Bu Dop CIDG compound sustained en rkt and mortar atk. Losses -- US: 9 WIA; CIDG: 8 WIA. VC/NVA: unk. (S)

On 2 Dec, USA bn 42 nm N of Saigon engaged en. Losses -- VC/NVA: 30 KIA, 1 det; US: 7 KIA, 23 WIA. (S)

On 2 Dec in Opn NARESUAN 21 nm ESE Saigon, elem of Royal Thai Army Vol Regt engaged en force: Losses -- RTAVR: 2 KIA, 2 WIA; US: 1 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (S)

On 3 Dec, USA bn 1 nm N of Bu Dop recd en mortar fire. Losses -- US: 2 KIA, 20 WIA. VC/NVA: unk. (S)

12 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- VC/NVA: 7 KIA; ARVN: 4 KIA, 9 WIA. (S)

4 CTZ: On 3 Dec, 17 nm N of Can Tho, 5th (VN) Marine bn on riverine opn contacted en force of unk size. Losses -- VNMC: 13 WIA. VC/NVA: unk. (S)

7 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- VC/NVA: 7 KIA, 1 det; ARVN: 10 KIA, 12 WIA, 3 missing. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 2,3 DEC: On 2 Dec, 9 B-52s bombed regtl staging area and 4 AAA/AW psns in northern DMZ, 46 nm NW Hue. 9 B-52s bombed elms 2 bns NVA 90 Regt, warehouses, supply caches, rkt and mort psns, stor sites on southern bdry DMZ, 47 nm WNW Hue. 6 B-52s bombed area of suspect veh movement, 50 nm NNW Pleiku. (S)

On 3 Dec, 9 B-52s struck elms NVA 803 Regt, stor sites, mort psns, infil river crossing pts astride PMDL, 45 nm NW Hue. 9 B-52s struck stor areas, fortified psns, en conc, 28 nm SW Hue. 3 B-52s struck elms NVA 5 Div and S Front Hqs, 36 nm NNW Nha Trang. (S Front Hqs is an admin-type entity and not comparable to B-3 or DMZ Fronts.) 5 B-52s struck staging/assembly area used

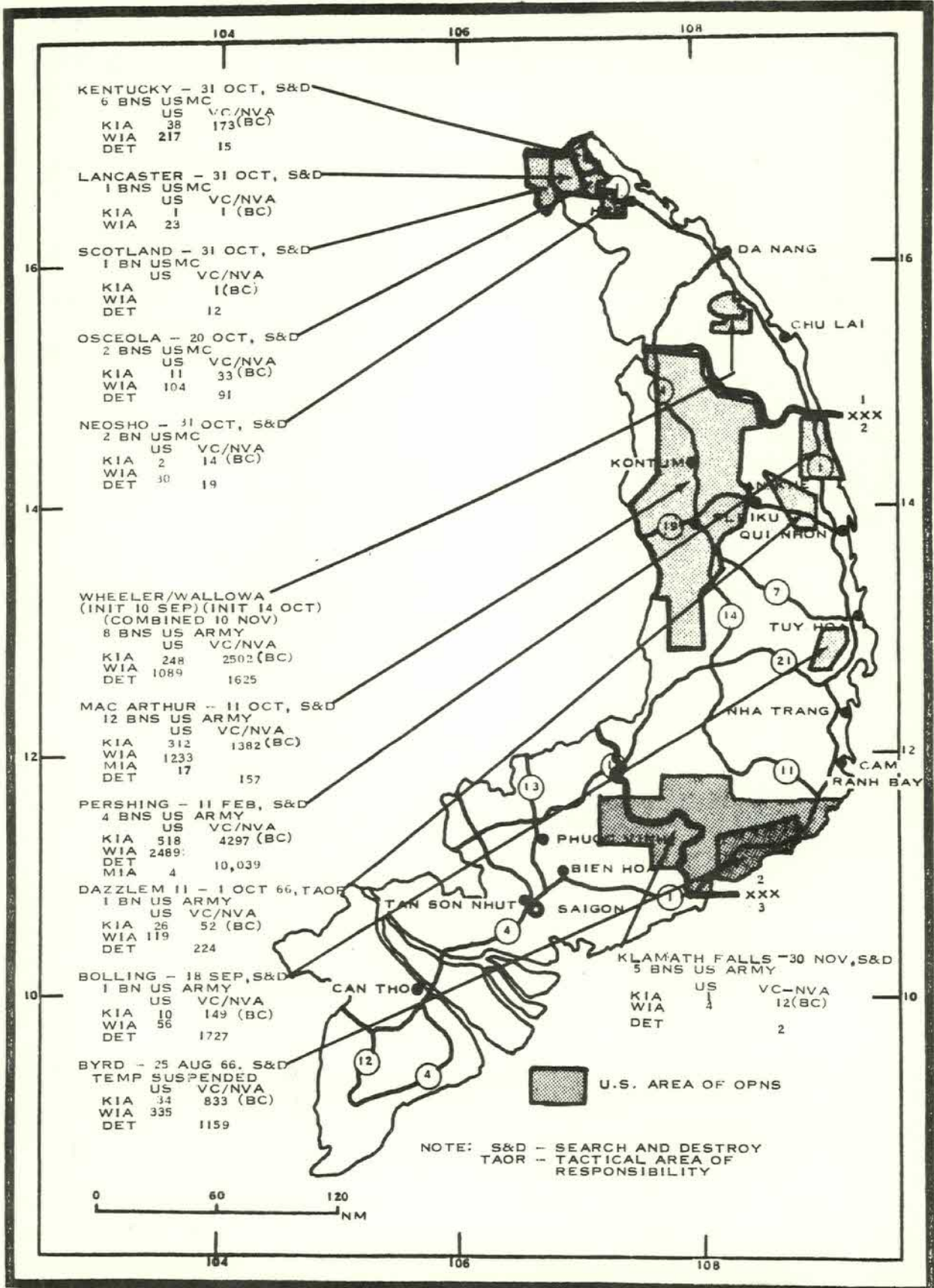
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**SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM
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by VC 272 Regt for poss atk on Bu Dop, 77 nm NNE Saigon. (S)

No gnd follow-up for above msns. (S)

US DESTROYER HIT: On 4 Dec, USS OZBOURN (DD-846) took hit on main deck from en shore btry 16 nm N of Dong Hoi. Casualties: 5 US WIA. (S)

POSSIBLE NEW HEADQUARTERS: (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h)(2) a communist hqs is either in SVN or is associated with SVN. Purpose/loc/designation unk, but its appearance coincides with indicated southward movement in NVN of NVA 304 and 320 Divs and it is in contact with Hanoi, the DMZ and B-3 Fronts, and all MRs in SVN. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.

NVA 803 REGT: Unit has moved back down to Con Thien-Gio Linh area near USMC outpost line in eastern DMZ. 90th Regt was already operating north and west of Con Thien. Bn-size atks may be conducted in eastern DMZ area in order to focus attention there while en elems near Khe Sanh prepare for opns. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.

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POSS DEPLOYMENT OF VC 5TH DIV: Hqs 5th Div and its 275th Regt remain vic Song Be in Phuoc Long Prov. Meanwhile, indications are that rest of this div may now be deploying to MR 10 (Phuoc Long, plus Quang Duc and Binh Long Provs -- next Cambodian border) from its traditional operating area in Phuoc Tuy Prov. If this proves out, approx 3 light inf divs would be in MR 10 area and another control apparatus similar to B-3 and DMZ Fronts might emerge. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.

INFILTRATION: COMUSMACV's latest report shows that over 147,000 (all categories) infiltrated SVN Oct 65-1 Dec 67. Have been at least 47,000 so far this year. In view of en's heavy casualties and his reported in-country recruiting difficulties plus reports of a number of replacement grps entering SVN, prelim est is that 1967 total will prob approach that of 1966's 87,000. (S)

CAMBODIAN AIR ACTIVITY: A single MIG-17 made a brief, shallow (and poss inadvertent) penetration into SVN air space (Hau Nghai and Tay Ninh Provs) each day during period 29 Nov - 1 Dec. Acft took no hostile action. Acty prob indicates increased Cambodian concern over security its border area. (S)

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 2,3 DEC: 205 sorties (124 USAF, 44 USMC, 37 USN) dest/damaged 6/23 WBLC, 0/34 gun sites, 0/30 trks, 0/22 stor areas, 0/9 trk pks, 0/5 bridges, 0/5 troop concs, 0/2 ferries, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3. 0/1 biv area, 0/1 bunker, 0/1 coastal def site, 0/1 rkt site, 0/1 transship pt, and LOCs. (S)

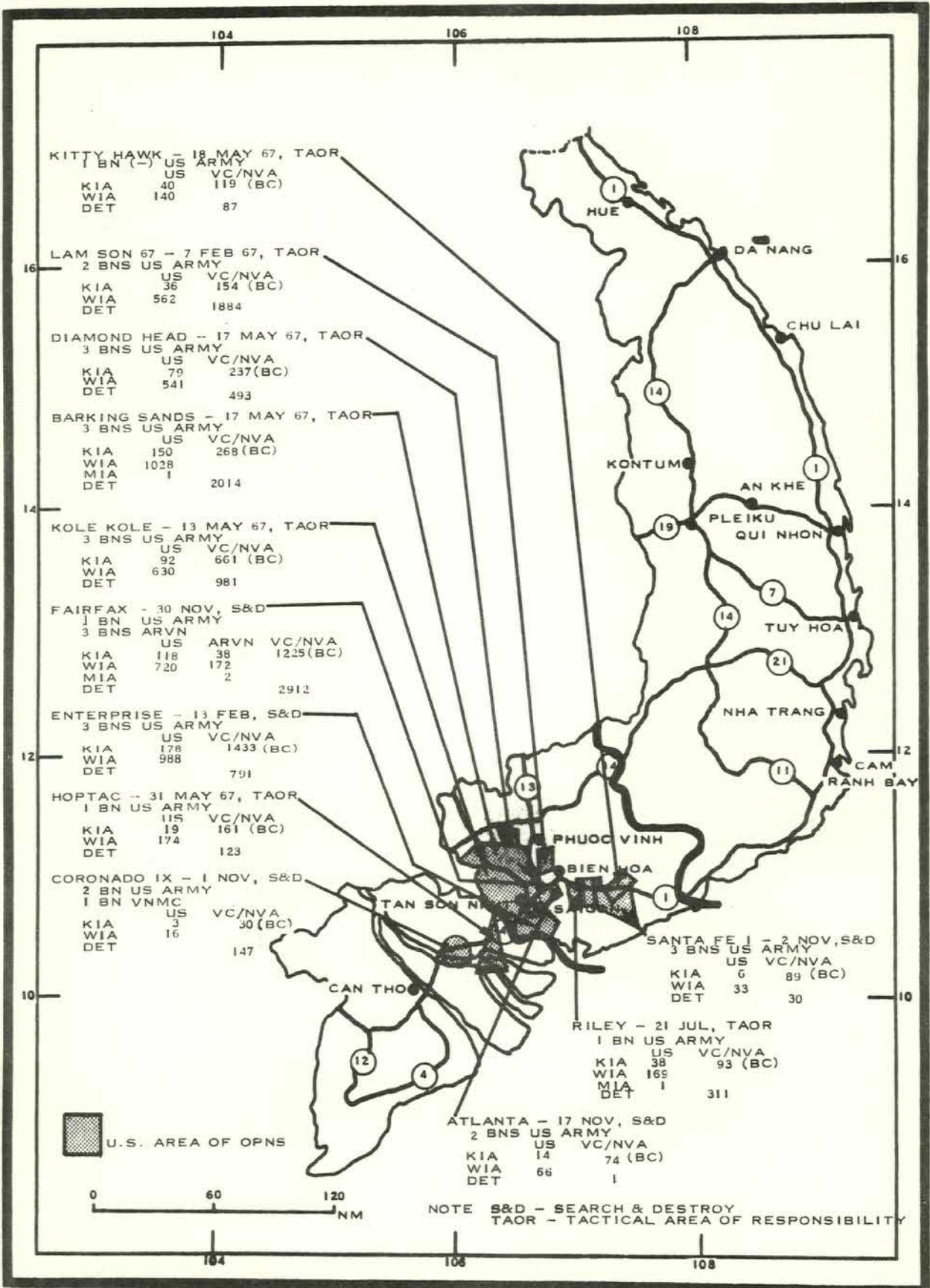
Other tgts: Ky Don RR spur; Dong Khai RR siding; Ga Am Thuong RR yd. (S)

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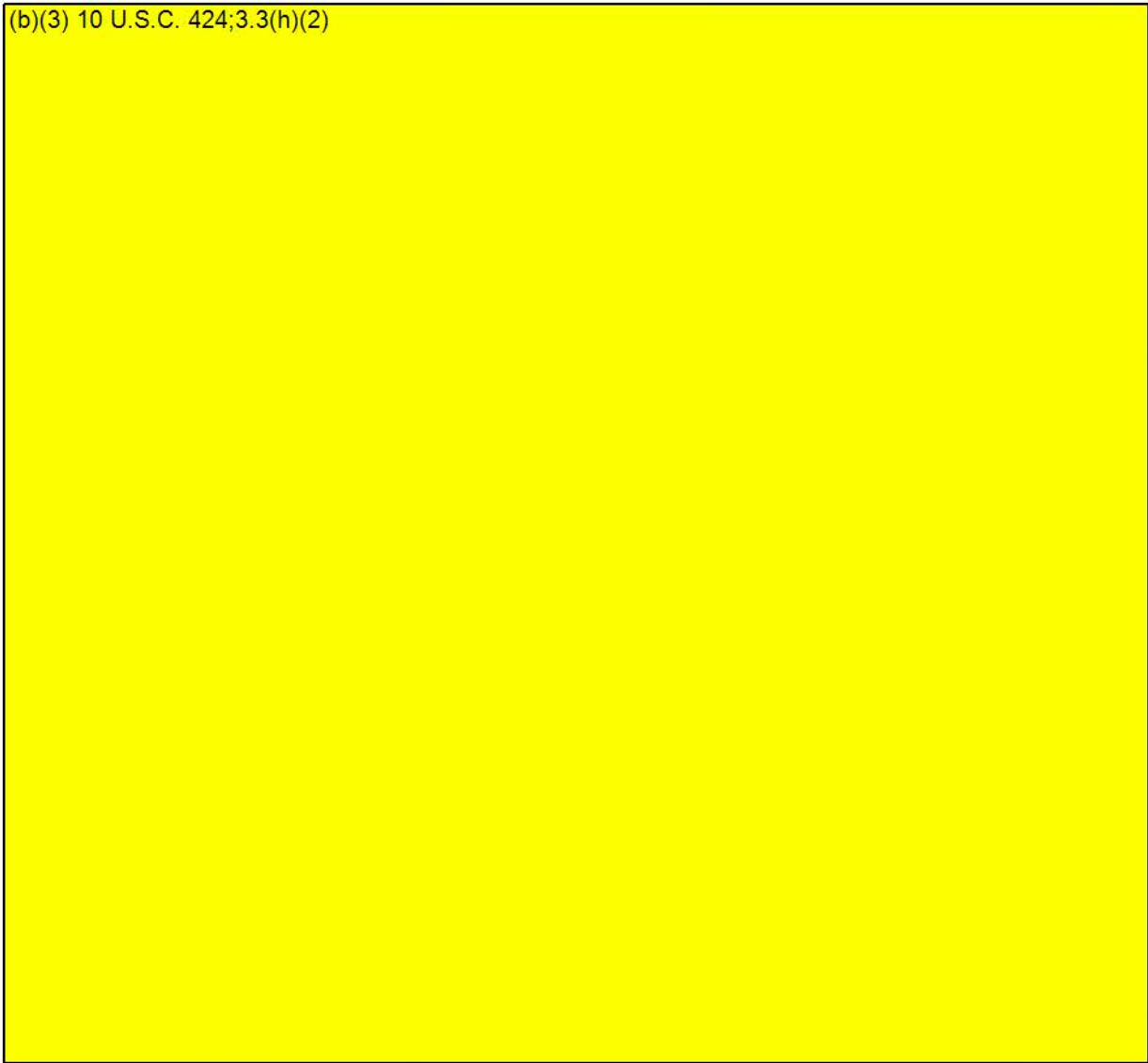
BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 2,3 DEC: 450 sorties (299 USAF, 137 USN, 14 USMC) destr/damaged 52/107 trks, 2/35 gun sites, 3/7 bridges, 0/48 trk pks, 0/17 stor areas, 0/8 trp concs, 0/5 mil complexes, 0/4 bridge approaches, 0/3 biv areas, and LOCs.

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ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 2,3 DEC: On 2 Dec 6 B-52s bombed stor and transship pt 50 nm W of Dong Hoi. On 3 Dec 3 B-52s bombed motor veh facility and transship pt 62 nm NW Pleiku. 6 B-52s bombed base camp and ammo stor area 61 nm NW Pleiku. ~~(S)~~

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