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OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS

SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 42 bn-size opns in prog: 27 US, 2 FW, 13 ARVN. (C)

1 CTZ: USMC bn received 15 x 82-mm mortar rds on 22 Dec 1 nm N of Con Thien. Fire was returned with 81-mm mortar and 105 and 155-mm howtizers. Losses -- US: 39 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (C)

USMC 1-bn S&D Opn CITRUS term on 22 Dec, 20 nm SW Da Nang, after 9 days. Cum losses -- US: 4 KIA, 50 WIA; VC/NVA: 35 KIA, 49 det, 3 indiv wpns. 92 tac air sorties sptd. (C)

USA 1-bn S&D Opn MUSCATINE started 18 Dec, 8 nm W of Quang Ngai. (C)

2 CTZ: On 22 Dec, en force partially overran Tuy Phouc subsector Hq town, 4 nm NW of Qui Nhon. Town was defended by an RF co; arty and AC-47 sptd. En broke contact after 5 hrs. Losses -- Friendly: 17 KIA, 7 WIA, 51 indiv wpns, 1 x 1/4-ton trk; VC/NVA: 3 KIA. (C)

On 22 Dec, en force atkd SVN coastal surveillance center 2 nm ESE of Qui Nhon. USN elms coloc at center. Swimmers attached satchel charges to command junk and various bldgs. Losses -- Friendly: 2 USN, 1 ROK civ KIA, 16 USN WIA, command junk dest, 3 bldgs damaged; VC/NVA: 3 KIA, 3 indiv wpns, numerous ChiCom grenades, and 2 area maps. (C)

3 CTZ: On 22 Dec, 3 nm SE of Tay Ninh en co atkd RF outpost for 2 hrs with mortar, small arms, and AW fire. Arty and AC-47s sptd. Losses -- RF: 16 KIA, 21 WIA, 9 MIA, 33 indiv and 3 crew-served wpns and 2 radios; VC/NVA: unk. (C)

On 22 Dec, RF/PF unit had 30 min contact with en force 3 nm NE Saigon. Losses -- 2 US and 10 PF KIA, 2 US and 11 PF WIA; VC/NVA: 3 KIA. (C)

4 CTZ: ARVN 4-bn S&D Opn QUANG TRUNG 24 resumed on 22 Dec, 15 nm N of Can Tho. In several contacts on 22-23 Dec cum losses were: 6 ARVN, 2 US KIA, 16 ARVN WIA, 3 ARVN MIA, 7 indiv and 4 crew-served wpns lost. En losses unk. Cum losses since QUANG TRUNG started on 21 Dec are 19 ARVN, 2 US KIA, 28 ARVN WIA and 8 MIA, 20 indiv and 4 crew-served wpns. En losses are 24 KIA, 2 det, 9 indiv wpns and quantity of grenades and mines. (C)

AIRCRAFT LOSS: At 242110 EST a USMC TF-9 acft on visual recon msn was dest by en gnd fire 24 nm WSW Hue. Crew rescued. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 9 B-52s struck maj river crossing pts on Provisional Mil Demarcation Line 42 nm NW of Hue. 6 B-52s struck elms of NVA 2d Div assembling 27 nm SSW Da Nang. No gnd follow-up sked above msns. (S)

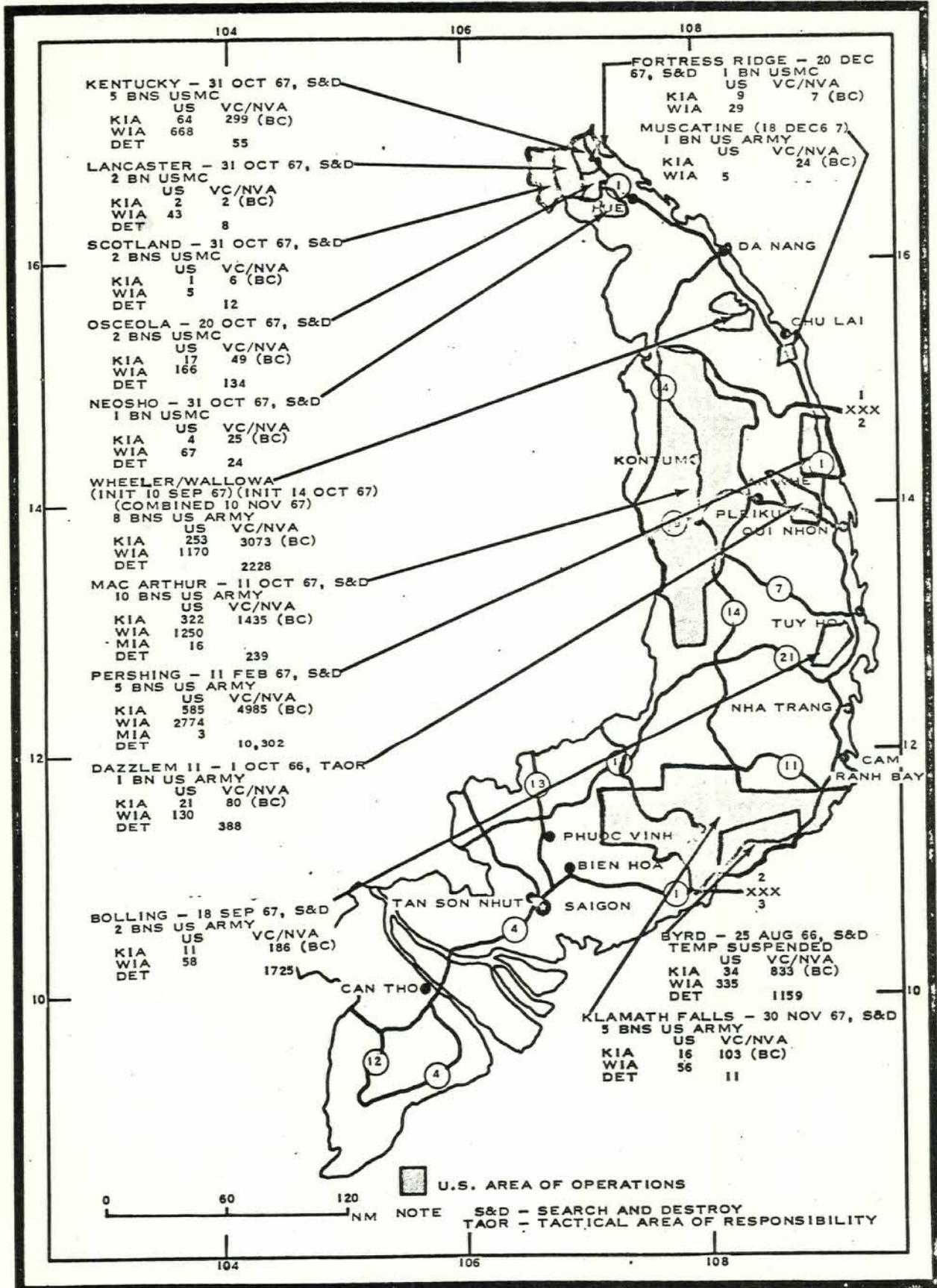
TRUCE VIOLATIONS: Total of 68 truce violations (22 major) reported during 240500-242400 EST. Losses -- Friendly: 1 KIA, 35 WIA, 1 MIA; VC/NVA: 22 KIA, 2 det. (C)

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NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 23, 24 DEC: 428 sorties (246 USN, 134 USAF, 48 USMC) dest/damaged 19/130 WBL craft, 14/6 bldgs, 8/45 vehs, 7/35 gun sites, 3/42 bridges, 2/5 radar vans, 0/55 road segs, 0/29 stor areas, 0/8 RR segs, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3(h)(2) ferry complexes, trk pks, 0/3 transship pts, 0/2 each causways, ferries, trp concs, 0/1 each barge, pier, SAM site. (S)

All ALFA strikes cancelled due to wx. (S)

Significant tgts struck: Yen Bai Afld. (S)

SAM SIGHTINGS: 2 abn SAMs obs 8 nm NNE Vinh by US pilots. (S)

TRUCE ACTIVITY: Msgs from NVA 90th Regt in DMZ indicated Christmas stand-down would be used for resupply. A co of 90th sent request to its bn hqs on 16 Dec for transport of supplies on 24-25 Dec. A msg of 23 Dec revealed that an unspecified quantity of ammo would be delivered to a co elm on the 25th. Another msg, prob related to same unit, questions a co about the transportation of ammo, rice, other provisions, stating resupply must be accomplished by 25 Dec. Commo from unidentified rear service units in MR 4 on 22 and 23 Dec referred to barges arriving at Ben Hai River and other locs on nights of 22, 23, and 24 Dec since Allied "bombing would be over." Other references have been made to "holiday cargo." (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424.3(4)(2)

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 23, 24 DEC: 450 sorties (374 USAF, 64 USN, 12 USMC) dest/damaged 30/83 trks, 6/8 bridges, 4/15 gun sites, 0/63 road segs, 0/38 trk pks, 0/16 ferry complexes, 0/16 staging areas, 0/10 trp concs, 0/8 stor areas, 0/5 mil complexes, 0/2 bivouac areas, 0/1 interdiction pt. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 6 B-52s struck alternate rte to Mu Gia Pass, trk pks, and stor areas, 33 nm WSW Dong Hoi. 18 B-52s struck stor complexes and bases 60 and 63 nm NW Pleiku. (S)

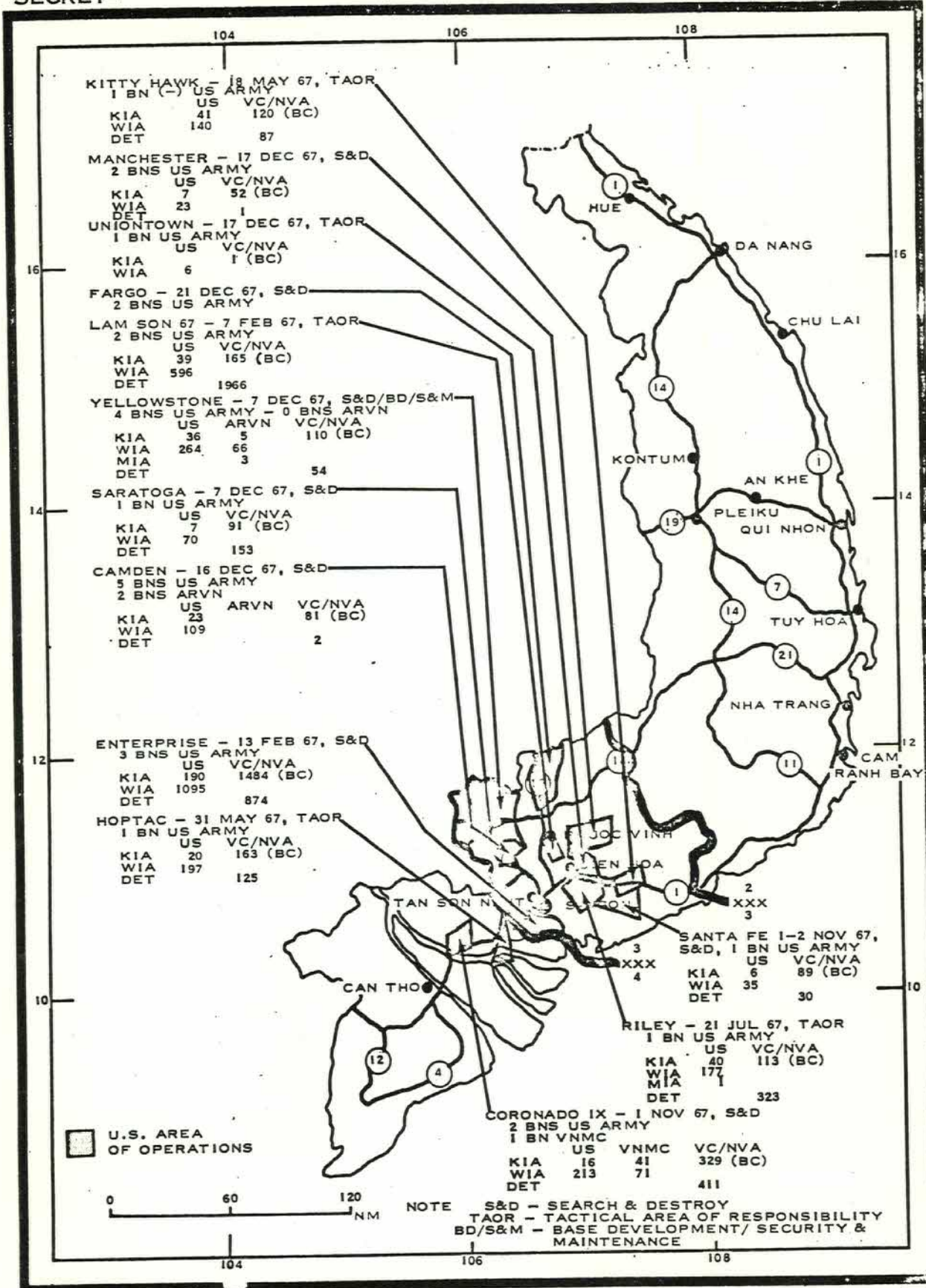
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