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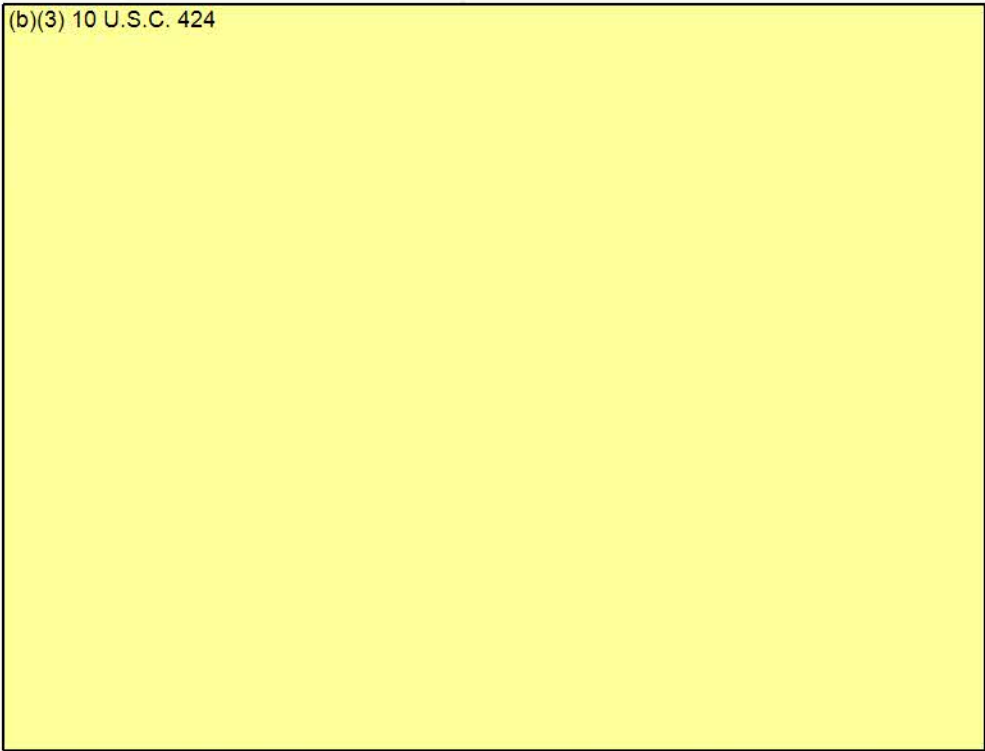
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## OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS

SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 38 bn-size opns or larger in prog: 27 US, 2 FW, 9 ARVN. (C)

1 CTZ: LAM SON 166, ARVN 3-bn S&D opn started 25 Dec, 5 nm E of Quang Tri. Shortly after initiation hvy contact with en force reported which lasted 16-hrs after which en broke contact.

Losses -- Friendly: 15 ARVN KIA, 59 ARVN and 2 US WIA; VC/NVA: 200 KIA, 6 pers det, 39 indiv and 10 crew-served wpns. Armed helos and arty sptd. (C)

BADGER TOOTH, USMC 1-bn S&D opn by SLF BRAVO commenced 25 Dec in area 11 nm ESE Quang Tri. Est 500 en in area of opns. (C)

In Opn WHEELER/WALLOWA on 26 Dec, 31 nm S of Da Nang, USA co located en cache containing 83 indiv and 37 crew-served wpns. (C)

4 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- Friendly: none; VC/NVA: 2 KIA. (C)

2 CTZ: 6 maj opns in prog with no significant contact reported. (C)

5 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- ARVN: 1 WIA; VC/NVA: 2 KIA, 1 pers det. (C)

3 CTZ: In Opn YELLOWSTONE on 26 Dec, USA bn sustained 45 rds en 82-mm mortar fire. Tac air strikes, helo gunships, arty, and mortars sptd. Losses -- US: 15 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (C)

4 CTZ: On 26 Dec, Vinh Long Afld, 16 nm NNE Can Tho, sustained 30 rds 82-mm mortar fire in 10-min period. Losses -- Friendly: 4 US and 2 ARVN WIA, 8 acft (6 UH-1Cs, 2 O-1As) damaged; VC/NVA: unk. (C)

LONG PHI 9/144, ARVN 4-bn S&D opn started 25 Dec, 10 nm NNE Can Tho. Losses -- ARVN: 8 WIA; VC/NVA: 10 KIA, 3 indiv wpns. (C)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 26 DEC: 6 B-52s (ROMEO 79) bombed opnl areas 50 nm NNW Pleiku at 260640 EST. No gnd follow-up sked. (S)

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER 57 OPERATIONS 26 DEC: 266 sorties (130 USN, 97 USAF, 39 USMC) dest/damaged 55/307 trks, 16/56 WBL craft, 4/4 bldgs, 4/1 bunkers, 3/15 bridges, 2/15 gun psns, 1/5 trk pks, 0/21 stor areas, 0/8 trp concs, 0/7 AAA sites, 0/7 ferries, 0/5 trans-ship pts, 0/4 radar sites, 0/3 CD sites, 0/1 SAM site, and LOCs. (C)

Significant tgts struck: SAM Site 152, Than Hoa RR yd bypass. (C)

AIRCRAFT LOSS: A USAF F-4C was reported down from unk causes 60 nm NNW Hue at 270230 EST. 2 good chutes observed and SAR in prog. (S)

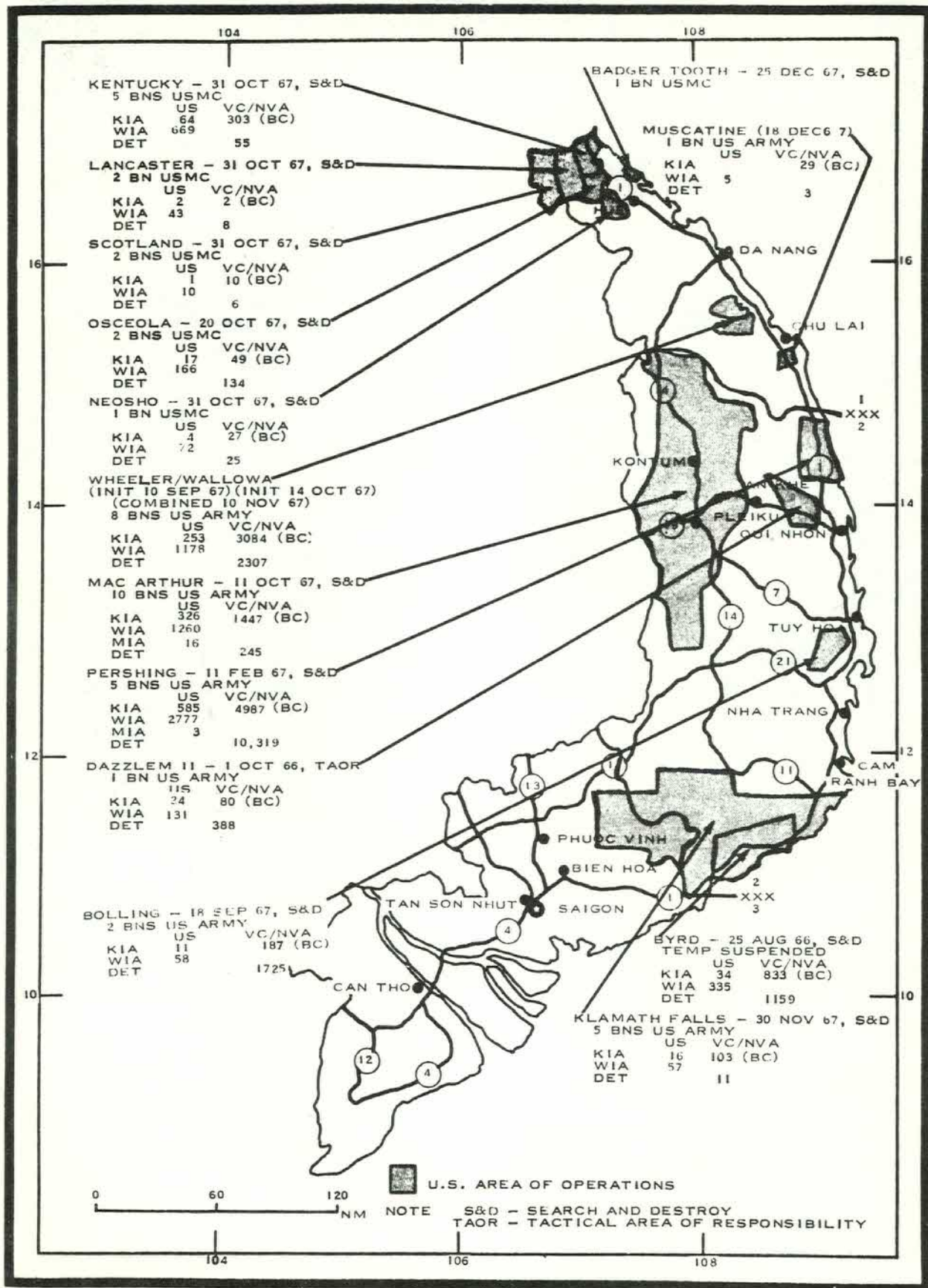
ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 26 DEC: At 260925 EST, 9 B-52s (ROMEO 38) bombed AAA/AW psns, arty psns, and elms 90th NVA Regt 45 nm NW



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Hue. 9 B-52s (ROMEO 44) bombed elms of arty regt and fortified psns 45 nm NW Hue at 261334 EST. (S)

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 26 DEC: 214 sorties (165 USAF, 33 USN, 16 USMC) dest/damaged 46/78 trks, 5/9 gun psns, 0/21 stor areas, 0/17 trk pks, 0/5 trp concs, and LOCs. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 26 DEC: 9 B-52s (PAPA 23) bombed trk pks, stor areas, and trp conc 37 nm WSW Hue at 261525 EST. (S)

ENEMY ACTIONS: Communist mortar atks on Nam Bac airstrip which began on 24 Dec, continued as of the 26th. Airstrip remains closed. Ammo was to be airdropped on airstrip on 26th and 27th, wx permitting. Govt trps are moving slowly to relieve some of en pressure on Nam Bac area. Re en atk on Muong Phalen on 25th, 2 missing US civilian TACAN operators apparently are prisoners, according to an escapee of melee. Generally, recent en atks reflect seasonal acty. (S)

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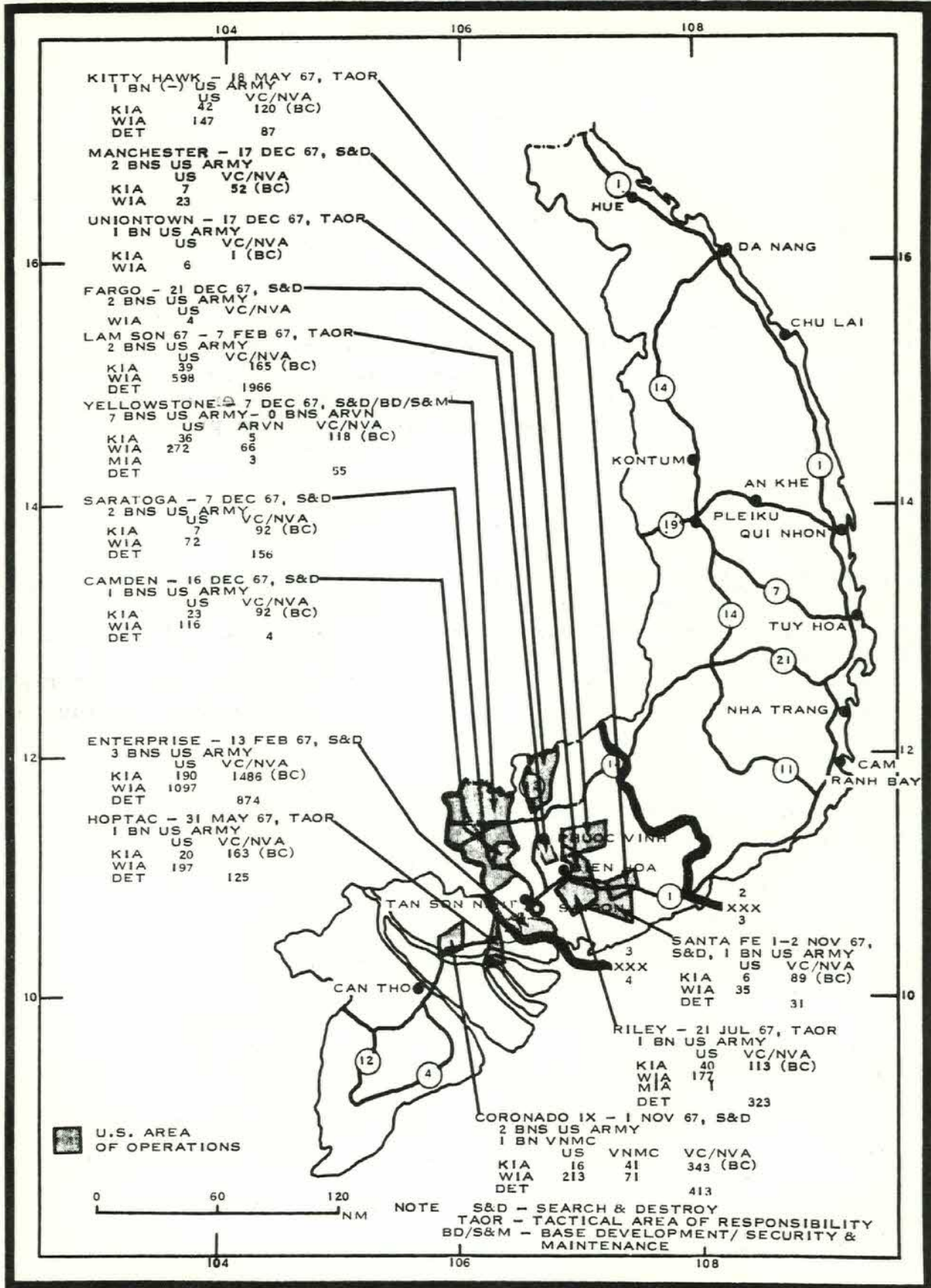
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