The SECRETARY OF DEFENSE OPS-INT SUMMARY is a digest of selective operational and intelligence reports which is produced by the National Military Command Center, Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Defense Intelligence Agency.
GROUND OPERATIONS: 37 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 27 US, 2 FW, 8 ARVN.

1 CTZ: QUIET THANG 98, ARVN 1-bn S&D opn 4 nm NE Quang Ngai, term 27 Dec after 2 days. Losses -- ARVN: 11 KIA, 8 WIA; VC/NVA: 41 KIA, 5 indiv wpns. (8)

23 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- Friendly: 2 US and 1 ARVN KIA, 5 US WIA; VC/NVA: 5 KIA, 6 pers det, 2 indiv wpns. (C)

2 CTZ: On 26 Dec, 24 nm N of Pleiku, unk-size en force overran hamlet defended by PF plat. ARVN co with med pers sent to area but failed to establish contact with en. As med pers were departing hamlet, their veh detonated a mine killing a US civ pub health adviser and injuring 2 SVN civs. Losses -- Friendly: 13 KIA (5 PF, 7 SVN civs, 1 US civ), 28 WIA (2 PF, 26 SVN civs), 10 MIA (4 PF, 6 SVN civs); VC/NVA: unk. (8)

On 27 Dec, 26 nm SSW Qui Nhơn, USA UH-1H on combat assault msn downed by en gnd fire and dest. 1 US WIA. (8)

In Opn BOLLING, on 26 Dec, elms of USA bn on helo assault msn engaged 2 en cos 9 hrs. Arty and 38 tac air strikes sptd. Losses -- US: 12 KIA, 34 WIA; VC/NVA: 31 KIA, 18 indiv wpns. (8)

8 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- ARVN: 15 KIA, 34 WIA, 11 indiv wpns; VC/NVA: 4 KIA, 3 pers det. (8)

3 CTZ: On 27 Dec, USA brigade base camp 35 nm NW Saigon sustained est 180 mortar rds and small-arms fire during 30-min period. Losses -- Friendly: 1 Korean civ KIA, 39 US, 1 US civ, and 1 Korean civ WIA, 2 UH-1H helos damaged; VC/NVA: unk. (8)

In Opn MANCHESTER, on 27 Dec, USA co conducting sweep of en bunker complex made contact with en force. 2 USA cos reinforced. En broke contact. Losses -- Friendly: 5 KIA, 32 WIA; VC/NVA: 9 KIA. (8)

On 27 Dec, elms of USA abn bn on training msn 16 nm NW Saigon made contact with en force. USA gunships sptd. 1 UH-1C downed and dest, killing 4 US crewmembers. Cum losses -- US: 6 KIA, 8 WIA, 1 UH-1C dest; VC/NVA: unk. (8)

At 262130 EST, 3d Bn, Royal Aust Regt, closed in vic of Phuoc Le. Unit, consisting of 4 rifle cos, 1 admin co, and 1 spt co, has strength of 796 pers. (8)

9 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- Friendly: 2 ARVN KIA, 6 ARVN and 4 US WIA; VC/NVA: 4 KIA, 2 indiv wpns. (8)

4 CTZ: 6 maj opns (2 US, 4 ARVN) in prog with no significant contact reported. (8)

1 small-unit contact reported. Losses -- Friendly: none; VC/NVA: 6 KIA, 5 indiv wpns. (8)
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM
WHICH INVOLVE PARTICIPATION BY US FORCES
(1ST & 2D CORPS)
28 DECEMBER 1967

KENTUCKY - 31 OCT 67, S&D
5 BNS USMC
KIA 65
WIA 670
DET 55

LANCASTER - 31 OCT 67, S&D
2 BN USMC
KIA 2
WIA 2
DET 8

SCOTLAND - 31 OCT 67, S&D
2 BNS USMC
KIA 1
WIA 10
DET 9

OSCEOLA - 20 OCT 67, S&D
2 BNS USMC
KIA 17
WIA 160
DET 134

NEOSHO - 31 OCT 67, S&D
1 BN USMC
KIA 5
WIA 61
DET 25

WHEELER/WALLOWS
UNIT 10 SEP 67 (UNIT 14 OCT 67)
(ComBINED 10 NOV 67)
8 BNS US ARMY
KIA 253
WIA 1176
DET 2352

MAC ARTHUR - 11 OCT 67, S&D
10 BNS US ARMY
KIA 326
WIA 1260
MIA 16
DET 255

PERSHING - 11 FEB 67, S&D
5 BNS US ARMY
KIA 536
WIA 2781
MIA 3
DET 10,326

DAZZLEM II - 1 OCT 66, TAOR
1 BN US ARMY
KIA 24
WIA 131
DET 388

BOLLING - 11 SEP 67, S&D
2 BNS US ARMY
KIA 23
WIA 92
DET 125

BROAD - 25 AUG 66, S&D
Temp Suspended
US VC/NVA
KIA 34
WIA 335
DET 1159

KLAMATH FALLS - 30 OCT 67, S&D
5 BNS US ARMY
KIA 18
WIA 61
DET 11

BADGER TOOTH - 25 DEC 67, S&D
1 BN USMC
KIA 39
WIA 4
DET 8

U.S. AREA OF OPERATIONS

NOTE: S&D = Search and Destroy
TAOR = Tactical Area of Responsibility

(b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424
NVA 325C DIV: There are tenuous indications that Hqs this div has moved from Dong Hoi area to Laos near western end of DMZ but no signs that its regimental subordinates are involved. (Div’s 29th Regt withdrew from DMZ area in late Nov to northern Quang Binh Prov and its 101D Regt deployed from Con Thien area to psn N of central area about same time. Its 95C Regt has been near Khe Sanh area since last spring.) If move of Hqs 325C Div true, it would be in same gen area as those of NVA 304th and 320th Divs. Would be logical for Hqs 325C Div to join 95C Regt, and they could be sent with additional regts into SVN as opnl forces.  

DAK TO: (b) (3) 10 U.S.C. 424

en is preparing for an offensive in Dak To area. Large-scale actions similar to those conducted there in Nov will prob not be initiated at this time. 

ATTACK INDICATIONS: Recently cprtd documents indicate that en plans to atk My Tho, capital of Dinh Tuong Prov, and US advisory compound there on 28 and 29 Dec with rktts, RRts, and poss 120-mm mortars. This is first indication that 120-mm mortars may be in 4 CTZ. (6)

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 27 DEC: 235 sorties (114 USAF, 94 USN, 27 USMC) dest/damaged 20/115 trks, 19/16 bldgs, 14/7 gun psns, 9/6 AAA sites, 8/71 WBL craft, 4/12 bridges, 1/0 bunker, 0/17 stor areas, 0/5 trp concs, 0/4 trk pkts, 0/4 CD sites, 0/3 ferries, 0/3 trans-shp pts, 0/3 radar sites, 0/1 barracks, 0/1 SAM site, and LOCs.  

Significant tgts struck: Mo Trang RR siding; suspected SAM site.  

AIRCRAFT LOSS: USN F-4B rptd downed by unk causes 24 nm N Vinh. Last contact 200200 EST. SAR in prog.  

SAM SIGHTINGS: US pilots obs 1 abn SAM 6 nm NE Vinh at 261420 EST.  

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 6 B-52s (ROMEO 24) bombed elms NVA 270th Regt and arty psns 42 nm NW Hue at 271640 EST. 8 B-52s (ROMEO 88) bombed elms NVA 90th Regt and arty psns 45 nm NW Hue at 270821 EST.  

MORE ON TRUCE ACTIVITY: Visual/photo evidence collected over NVN during and immediately after recent cease-fire indicates that more trks were involved in supply opns than initially suggested. As many as 850 trks were detected between Thanh Hoa and Dong Hoi; at least 750 were heading S. Some 130 trks were loc near Quang Khe ferries/unloading cargo for further shipment S by water. Eighty to 150/trks were dest/damaged by air strikes immediately following cease-fire period.  

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 27 DEC: 272 sorties (200 USAF, 53 USN, 19 USMC) dest/damaged 40/86 trks, 7/12 gun sites, 4/0 bunkers, 0/28 trk pks, 0/14 stor areas, 0/13 trp concs, 0/2 mil complexes, 0/1 ferry, 0/1 bridge, 0/1 supply area, 0/1 stage area, and LOCs. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 9 B-52s (ROMEO 55) bombed stor areas, trk pks, and trp conc 50 nm W of Dong Hoi at 271718 EST. (S)

MUONG PHALANE: FAR bn reoccupied village yesterday. Reason for 25 Dec en atk on Muong Phalane not clear, but Communists may be undertaking selective actions against base camps that spt US air opns. In response to query by secure tel last night, US mil attache staff of opinion that recent en mil acty represents usual dry-season offensive. (S)