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GROUND OPERATIONS: 46 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 27 US, 17 ARVN, 2 F.W. 

1 CTZ: In Opn SCOTLAND, 6 events in vic Khe Sanh reported: On 23 Jan -- A rd of unk cal/type ordnance fell on USMC elms 6 nm NNW Khe Sanh wounding 3 US; resupply helo damaged by en gnd fire 2 nm N of Khe Sanh; 10 en killed by mortar fire 5 nm NW Khe Sanh when forced into opn by friendly acft using napalm. On 24 Jan -- Khe Sanh combat base received 200-250 rds arty and mortar fire from 241430-241915 EST. 1 dud identified as 152-mm arty shell. No US cas; friendly arty and air strikes on suspected en psns 5 nm NW Khe Sanh resulted in 29 secondary explosions; outposts and patrols reported extensive en trp movement to E and W of Khe Sanh.

On 23 Jan, 26 nm S of Da Nang, elms 2 RF cos and 2 PF plats manning outpost received number 82-mm mortar rds and small-arms fire from en force. US arty and AC-47s sptd. Losses -- PF: 2 KIA, 24 MIA; VC/NVA: 5 KIA, 1 indiv wpn. 

In Opn WHEELER/WALLOWA, 30 nm S of Da Nang, USA co found large cache containing 3 US PRC-25 radios, 15 US PRC-10 radios, 7 items US test equip, 1 US PRC-47 radio, 1 F-5 autopilot from US acft, 1 generator, 8 Chinese telephones, 3 Chinese switchboards, 1 Chinese AM transceiver, and 1 Chinese generator. 

29 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- US: 2 KIA, 26 WIA; VC/NVA: 9 KIA, 5 pers det, 3 wpns. 


On 22 Jan, 12 nm NW Qui Nhon, 6 ROKA cos made contact with 2 en cos. Contact lasted throughout the day and was broken by en. Contact reestablished on 23 Jan and is continuing. Losses -- ROK: 5 KIA, 14 WIA; VC/NVA: 179 KIA, 9 pers det, 88 indiv and 13 crew-served wpns. 

10 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- ARVN: 3 WIA; VC/NVA: 7 KIA, 5 wpns. 

3 CTZ: On 24 Jan, in Opn SAN ANGELO, elms of USA co made contact with en force. Helo gunships, tac air, and arty sptd. En broke contact after 40 mins. Losses -- Friendly: 5 KIA, 13 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. 

On 23 Jan, 21 nm ESE Loc Ninh, ARVN Ranger bn and 3 PF/RF units in same general area were simultaneously atkd by 4 en cos. Arty, AC-47s, tac air, and mortars sptd. En broke contact after 5 hrs. Losses -- Friendly: 12 KIA (11 PF, 1 VNSF), 13 WIA (12 RF, 1 ARVN); VC/NVA: unk. 

On 23 Jan, in Opn SARATOGA, USA co made contact with en force 18 nm NW Saigon. Another USA co reinforced and tac air sptd. En 

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WHICH INVOLVE PARTICIPATION BY US FORCES
(3D & 4TH CORPS) 25 JANUARY 1968

SAN ANGELO - 15 JAN 68, S&D
3 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 7
WIA 44

MANCHESTER - 17 DEC 67, S&D
3 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 23
WIA 148
DET 38

UNIONTOWN - 17 DEC 67, S&D
1 BN US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 7
WIA 10
DET 2

LAM SON 67 - 7 FEB 67, TAQR
2 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 49
WIA 265
DET 2043

ATTALA - 20 JAN 68, S&D
4 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA

YELLOWSTONE - 7 DEC 67, S&D/BD/S&M
7 BNS US ARMY
US ARVN VC/NVA
KIA 105
WIA 642
MIA 3
DET 130

SARATOGA - 7 DEC 67, S&D
3 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 44
WIA 322
DET 188

ENTERPRISE - 13 FEB 67, S&D
3 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 17
WIA 1213
DET 995

HOPTAC - 31 MAY 67, TAQR
1 BN US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 228
WIA 171
DET 137

CORONADO X - 17 JAN 68, S&D
2 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 1
WIA 2
DET 2

HAVERFORD - 13 JAN 68, S&D
1 BN US ARMY
US VC/NVA
WIA 7
DET 7

NOTE S&D = SEARCH & DESTROY
TAQR = TACTICAL AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY
BD/S&M = BASE DEVELOPMENT/SECURITY & MAINTENANCE

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broke contact after 1 hr. Losses -- US: 5 KIA, 15 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (C)
COBURG, 1-bn Aust S&D opn commenced 23 Jan, 24 nm NE Saigon. (C)
USA UH-1D downed by en gnd fire on 24 Jan, 20 nm NW Saigon. 4
crewmembers killed and acf dest. (C)
9 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- ARVN: 4 KIA, 5 WIA;
VC/NVA: 16 KIA, 1 per det, 2 wpns. (C)
4 CTZ: On 23 and 24 Jan, US and VNese Navy patrol craft conducted
NGF spt for USSF/ CIDG opn on Phu Quoc Is. Losses -- CIDG: 1 KIA,
7 WIA; VC/NVA: 15 KIA, 3 houses and 2 bunkers dest. (C)
DAN CHI 320, ARVN 1-bn opn began 24 Jan 30 nm SW Can Tho.
Losses -- ARVN: none; VC/NVA: 23 KIA, 11 pers det, 20.5 tons of
rice, 3 POW camps dest, and 1 ARVN officer released. (C)
10 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- ARVN: 4 KIA, 9
WIA; VC/NVA: 6 KIA, 3 wpns. (C)
ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 24 JAN: 6 B-52s struck tgt 52 nm WNW Hue
containing large ammo stor areas. 12 B-52s struck tgt 58 nm WNW
Hue containing elms en regt. 6 B-52s struck tgt 45 nm W of Hue
containing hvy trp conc. Above mns in spt Opn NIAGARA. No gnd
follow-up sked. (C)
THREAT TO GIO LINH: elms of NVA 270 Indep
Dependent Regt are near coast SE of US Marine base at Gio Linh. Hqs
and remaining subordinates are N of Gio Linh in NVN and may be
committed to S if maj fighting erupts. Trps near Gio Linh may
have assumed part of NVA 803 Regt's opn1 area; elms 803d appear
to have shifted slightly westward and are now roughly between Con
Thien and Gio Linh. (Sec. 3.3)
DEFECTOR: Further interrogation of NVA defector indicates that his
div, 325C, had been reinforced with 2 AAA bns and that each regt
had an AAA co armed with 6 to 9 12.7-mm hvy machine guns. Div's
msn is to "overrun Khe Sanh, but not hold it." A simultaneous atk
against Con Thien in eastern DMZ by NVA "341 and 308 Divs" will
occur when 325C takes action against Khe Sanh. En thus hopes to
divide B-52 spt by carrying out 2 widely separated, large-scale
atks. Defector added that opn in Con Thien area would be sptd by
jets from Hanoi and tanks now in vic of DMZ. Chances that aerial
spt will be provided by Hanoi-based acf are slim, but there have
been reports that APCs and poss SU-76 self-propelled arty are in
general DMZ area. (Sec. 3.3)

Ref yesterday's brief in OIS re COMMAND AND CONTROL, page 2.
Last sentence should read, "A NVNese defector from 325C Div who
rallied at Khe Sanh Afld claims that Hanoi considers mil effort
so important that Ministry of Defense is directing it," vice idea
that Defense Minister is personally so doing. (Sec. 3.3)
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KENNY - 31 OCT 67, S&D
4 BNS USMC
US VC/NVA
KIA 72
WIA 262
DET 66

LANCASTER PH II - 20 JAN 68, S&D
2 BNS USMC
US VC/NVA
KIA 21
WIA 174
DET 32

SCOTLAND - 31 OCT 67, S&D
4 BNS USMC
US VC/NVA
KIA 72
WIA 174
DET 32

OSCEOLA PH II - 20 JAN 68, S&D
2 BNS USMC
US VC/NVA
KIA 21
WIA 174
DET 32

NEOSHO PH II - 20 JAN 68, S&D
1 BN USMC
US VC/NVA
KIA 72
WIA 174
DET 32

WHEELER/WALLOWA, S&D
(INIT 10 SEP 67) (INIT 14 OCT 67)
(COMBINED 10 NOV 67)
8 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 4631
WIA 2457
DET 2920

MAC ARTHUR - 11 OCT 67, S&D
10 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 356
WIA 1456
MIA 24
DET 350

PERSHING - 11 FEB 67, S&D
4 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 555
WIA 2966
MIA 10
DET 10722

DAZZLE II - 1 OCT 66, TAOR
1 BN US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 80
WIA 152
DET 425

BOLLING - 18 SEP 67, S&D
1 BN US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 26
WIA 280
DET 1

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NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 24 JAN: 110 sorties (76 USN, 23 USAF, 11 USMC) dest/damaged 12/79 trks, 3/5 bridges, 2/43 WBLC, 0/30 RR cars, 0/5 stor areas, 0/4 gun psns, 0/3 radar sites, 0/2 trp concs, 0/2 CD sites, 0/1 AAA site, 0/1 bks and LOCs in opns hampered by adverse weather.

MIG TRAINING OPERATIONS: Hanoi may be planning to conduct MIG opns over southern part of NVN. On 24 Jan, 2 MIG-21s flew round trip from Phuc Yen to Vinh area, 4th such flight S of Thanh Hoa since 30 Dec. Each time MIGs contacted a controller poss associated with Bia Thuong Afdl (runway unserviceable, but 7,800 foot earth/concrete taxiway could prob be used for recovery in emergency), S of Thanh Hoa. MIG intercept attempts S of Thanh Hoa have been sporadic. Operating from Phuc Yen with external fuel, MIG-21s could perform gnd atk msns S of DMZ (Today's Intel Summary has graphic displaying MIG-17/21 radius of action). Propaganda value of destroying a B-52 or US pt acft, however, is prob greater than that associate with gnd tgts.

AN-2 ARMAMENT: AN-2 light tpt that crashed in Laos on 12 Jan was modified to carry a variety of armament, viz: (1) 20 bomb tubes, poss to dispense 120-mm mortar shells; (2) a centerline bomb pylon, type bombs to be used unk; (3) 16-shot rkt pod under each lower wing, apparently designed to fire Sov 57-mm folding fin aerial rkt. COMINT indicates that 4 to 6 more AN-2s may be similarly equipped; 1 was detected conducting practice bombing over NVN since raid on Laos.

RUMANIA/NVN: Rumanian DepMin FonAffairs Macovescu and 2 associates are sked to depart Hanoi for Bucharest on 28 Jan. Still no info re purpose of trip.

LAOS

BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 24 JAN: 397 sorties (361 USAF, 35 USN, 1 USMC) dest/damaged 44/57 trks, 4/7 AAA sites, 1/9 bldgs, 1/8 gun sites, 0/26 stor areas, 0/22 trk pks, 0/17 trp concs, 0/8 mil complexes, 0/4 bridges, 0/3 biv areas, and LOCs.

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: At 241130 EST 9 B-52s bombed base area 42 nm W Hue.