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WARNING

(b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424
GROUND OPERATIONS: 44 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 26 US, 17 ARVN, 1 FWF. (\(\bullet\))

1 CTZ: On 15 Jan, elms of ARVN bn found en cache containing 500 60-mm mort rds, 300 rds SA ammo, 121 mines, 37 indiv wpns, 31 crew-served wpns, and 4 rds B-40 ammo, 7 mm WSW Hue. (\(\bullet\))

On 14 Jan, ARVN co contacted est en bn 15 nm S of Da Nang. Helos and arty sptd. Results -- ARVN: 15 KIA, 24 WIA, 8 MIA, 1 radio and 28 indiv wpns lost; VC/NVA: unk. (\(\bullet\))

On 14 Jan, in Opn MUSCATINE, USA co engaged unk-size en force 7 nm NW Quang Ngai. Results -- US: 3 WIA; VC/NVA: 7 KIA, 2 indiv wpns seized. (\(\bullet\))

28 small-unit contacts reported. Results -- US: 1 KIA, 19 WIA; ARVN: 1 KIA, 5 WIA, 1 indiv wpn lost; VC/NVA: 25 KIA, 4 pers det, 2 wpns seized. (\(\bullet\))

2 CTZ: On 14 Jan, in Opn MAC ARTHUR, two separate contacts occurred. First -- 14 nm NW Kontum, 3 USA APCs leading a convoy was ambushed by unk-size en force using SA, AW, and B-40 rkt fire. Helos and tanks sptd. En broke contact after 50 min. 4 hrs later, 2 USA co swept area with neg results. Cum results -- US: 3 KIA, 13 WIA, 3 APCs, 2 tanks damaged; VC/NVA: 24 KIA, 4 pers det. Second -- 22 nm E of Pleiku, a USA quarter-master convoy of 40 trks and 5 tanks was ambushed by unk-size en force. En used SA, AW, and 3 mines. Elms of USA bn reinf. Results -- US: 10 WIA, five 5,000 gal POL trks, 1 APC damaged; VC/NVA: 13 KIA, 4 pers det. (\(\bullet\))

On 14 Jan, ARVN bn engaged 2 en plats 12 nm NNE Phan Thiet, USA helos and ARVN arty sptd. Results -- US: none; ARVN: 1 KIA, 16 WIA; VC/NVA: 6 KIA, 4 indiv wpns seized. (\(\bullet\))

7 small-unit contacts reported. Results -- friendly: none; VC/NVA: 2 KIA, 1 wpn seized. (\(\bullet\))

3 CTZ: On 14 Jan, recon elms of USA bn found 5 tons rice in 100-lb bags 52 nm NNE Saigon. During evacuation of rice, en used sniper fire. Results -- US: 2 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (\(\bullet\))

On 15 Jan, in Opn YELLOWSTONE, USA co contacted unk-size en force 20 nm NE Tay Ninh. A USA co reinf. Results -- US: 4 KIA, 29 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (\(\bullet\))

On 15 Jan, ARVN PRU engaged en co 6 nm E of Tay Ninh. Helos and arty sptd. Results -- US: none; ARVN: 2 WIA; VC/NVA: 16 KIA, 30 pers det, 6 indiv wpns seized. (\(\bullet\))

ALTOONA, a USA 1-bn S&D opn, commenced on 12 Jan 25 nm NE Saigon. No report of est en strength in area. (\(\bullet\))

16 Jan 68
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM
WHICH INVOLVE PARTICIPATION BY US FORCES
(1ST & 2D CORPS)

16 JANUARY 1968

KENTUCKY - 31 OCT 67, S&D
4 BNS USMC
KIA 79
WIA 772
DET 60

LANCASTER - 31 OCT, S&D
2 BNS USMC
KIA 21
WIA 125
DET 8

SCOTLAND - 31 OCT 67, S&D
2 BNS USMC
KIA 21
WIA 27
DET 14

OSCEOLA - 20 OCT 67, S&D
2 BNS USMC
KIA 17
WIA 193
DET 147

NEOSHO - 31 OCT 67, S&D
1 BN USMC
KIA 11
WIA 96
DET 35

WHEELER/WALLOWA, S&D
(INIT 10 SEP 67) (INIT 14 OCT 67)
9 BNS US ARMY
KIA 115
WIA 406
DET 2754

MAC ARTHUR - 11 OCT 67, S&D
10 BNS US ARMY
KIA 350
WIA 1353
MIA 14
DET 294

PERSHING - 11 FEB 67, S&D
5 BNS US ARMY
KIA 509
WIA 2014
MIA 10
DET 10584

DIZZLEMM II - 1 OCT 66, TAOR
1 BN US ARMY
KIA 21
WIA 132
DET 425

BOLLING - 18 SEP 67, S&D
2 BNS US ARMY
KIA 28
WIA 121
DET 1986

NOTE: S&D - SEARCH AND DESTROY
TAOR - TACTICAL AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

U.S. AREA OF OPERATIONS

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HAVERFORD, a USA 1-bn S&D opn, began on 13 Jan 8 nm SW Saigon. En strength in area est 180.

On 14 Jan, in Opn AKRON V, elms of USA bn located en base camp 24 nm ESE Saigon. Camp contained 14 dead, one 60-mm mort, two 40-mm rkt launchers, 15 lb docs, 1.6 tons rice. Rice evac.

7 small-unit contacts reported. Results -- US: 2 WIA; ARVN: 6 WIA; VC/NVA: 7 KIA, 1 wpn seized.

4 CTZ: significant opns.

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 6 B-52s struck tgt at 151815 EST 51 nm NNW Saigon containing possible elms of VC 271st Regt, a div hgs and base camp; follow-up sked by elms of US 25th Inf Div.

6 B-52s struck tgt at 152133 EST 52 nm WNW Hue containing entrps and a staging area for future offensive actions; follow-up sked. (S)

POLITICAL: VP Ky told a US observer on 15 Jan that he regarded Pres Thieu's handling of labor dispute and his recent reassignment of Gen Nguyen Duc Thang (downgraded from deputy chief JGS in charge RevDev Cadres to spec asst to chief of that orgn) as further indicating Thieu's inability to deal directly with problems. Ky contended that Thieu's actions in labor dispute typifies his habit of letting others doing the fighting and then stepping over fallen bodies to move up another notch on ladder of power. Ky sees hope for a change in situation as Thieu now finds himself at top of the ladder where there is room for evasion.

KHE SANH: An agent claims that 2 regts of NVA 304 Div deployed to an area about 10 nm E of Khe Sanh on 4 Jan to launch atks along Rte 9. Source said that "en will fight violently in neighborhood area" a few days before Tet. If info true, en might atk Khe Sanh, most lucrative tgt in area.

VIET CONG/CAMBODIA: Communist wns and ammo may be reaching VC in 4 CTZ from Cambodia. An ARVN agent claims that supplies were delivered last Mar and Apr to Ha Tien area near Cambodian border in SVNks Kien Giang Prov and that about 80 tons explosives/small arms arrived from Jul to Sep via Vinh Xuong in Cambodia. Recent cptr of late manufactured Type 56 rifles (ChiCom version of Sov AK-47 7.62-mm wpn) in 4 CTZ suggests en has decided to step up delivery of Communist-made wns there, which gives some validity to source's info.

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS: 178 sorties (126 USAF, 31 USN, 21 USMC) dest/damaged 6/14 WBL craft, 1/13 trks, 0/14 road
SEGS, 0/13 stor areas, 0/11 bridges, 0/6 gun psns, 0/3 ferries, 0/3 ferry compl, 0/2 AAA sites, 0/2 radar sites, 0/2 RR yds, 0/2 structures, 0/2 transship pts, 0/1 coast def site, 0/1 command post, 0/1 RR seg, 0/1 trk pk, 0/1 trp conc. (☞)

Tgt within 10-nm radius Haiphong: Port Redon Port Facility. (☞)

Other tgs: Thai Nguyen Iron and Steel Plant; Thanh Hoa RR Yd; 2 suspected SAM sites. (☞)

AIRCRAFT LOSS: USAF HH-3E on SAR msn 72 nm SW Hanoi downed due suspected gnd fire at 150432 EST. 5 crew members all loc in good condition. SAR terminated due hostile gnd fire and darkness. (☞)

SAM SIGHTING: USN A-6A encountered SAM 38 nm S of Hanoi; no damage to acft. (☞)

SAM RADAR CAPABILITY: As had been suspected, radar operators assigned to at least some NVNese SAM sites can tell when a SHRIKE is launched. Analysis of comms monitored on 5 Jan indicates that operators involved were able to detect the launch from at least 12 nm away. Once the SHRIKE was airborne, site's radar ceased transmitting to deny msl homing emissions. (☞)

SAM TRAINING: NVNese SAM units have been conducting intensive tac evaluation and trng programs at bn and regt levels since at least last Sep, according to recent study of SAM comms. Reports from bn to regt covered subjects such as msl launches, strike acft flight rtes and tactics, ECM, and trng statistics. Periodic discussion and trng conferences were held. Results have been reflected in shortened reaction times, along with some evidence that SAM pers have increased their ability to operate in an ECM environment. (☞)

LAOS

BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS: 141 sorties (108 USAF, 18 USMC, 15 USN) dest/damaged 9/8 trks, 1/5 gun sites, 0/27 road segs, 0/26 trp concs, 0/21 trk pk, 0/15 stor areas, 0/3 POL stor areas, 0/3 fords, 0/2 mil compl. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 9 B-52s struck tgt at 151240 EST 63 nm NW Pleiku containing stor compl and base of ops in conjunction with increased emphasis on Cambodian supply rtes. (S)

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NORTH VIETNAM

DOWNED AIRCRAFT (LATE BRIEF): 2 USAF F-4C acft on armed recce msn reported down to unknown causes approx 44 nm WNW of Dong Hoi at 160330 EST. SAR in prog. (•)