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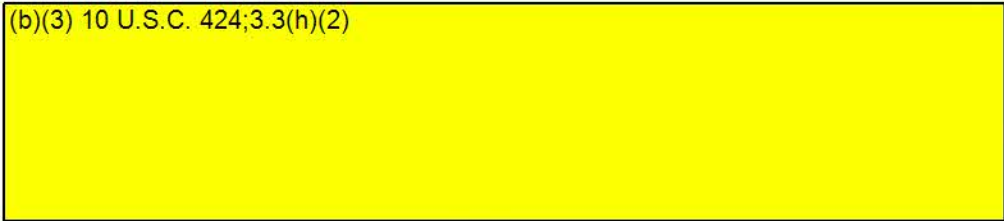
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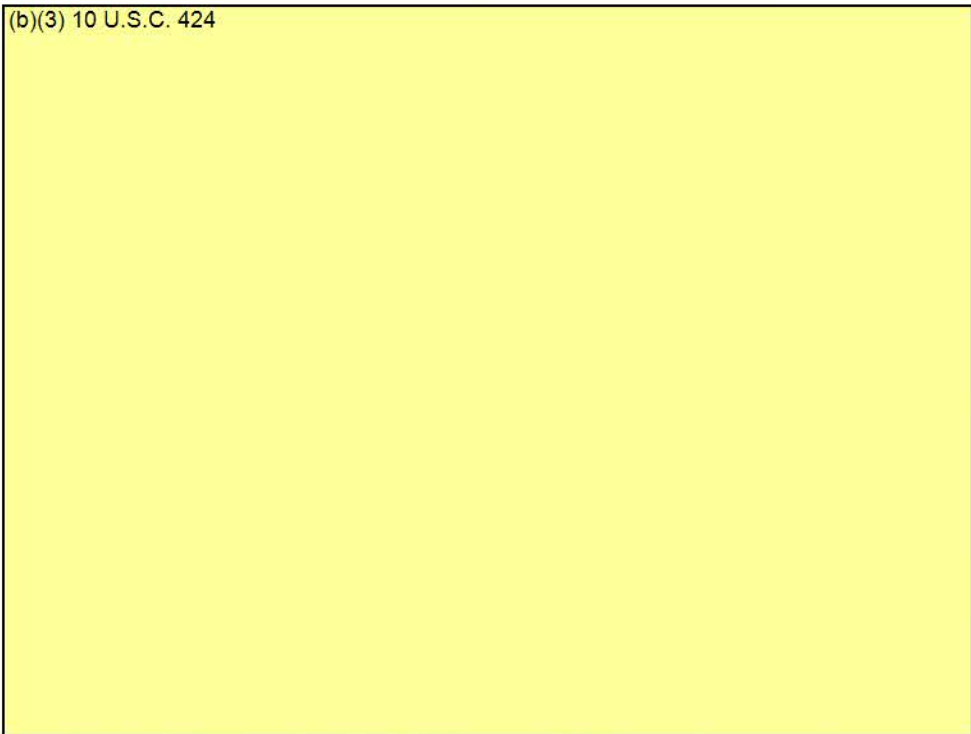
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## OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS

SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 46 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 27 US, 1 FW, 18 ARVN. (S)

1 CTZ: Update report of ARVN contact 15 nm S Da Nang (OIS 16 Jan) indicates reaction force of 1 ARVN bn, 1 RF co, and 1 ARVN APC co reestablished contact with en on 15 Jan. Cum results -- ARVN: 16 KIA, 31 WIA, 29 wpns lost; VC/NVA: 40 KIA, 9 wpns seized. (S)

39 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- US: 1 KIA, 26 WIA; ARVN: 2 KIA, 4 WIA; VC/NVA: 22 KIA, 6 det, 3 wpns. (S)

2 CTZ: On 16 Jan, USA assault helo co at Ban Me Thout received 35 rds 82-mm mortar fire. 5 UH-1H helos damaged. No cas. (S)

11 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- ARVN: 2 KIA, 6 WIA; VC/NVA: 5 KIA, 42 det, 2 wpns. (S)

3 CTZ: USA 3 bn S&D Opn SAN ANGELO commenced 15 Jan, 18 nm E Bu Dop. (S)

In Opn SARATOGA, USA bn, on 15 Jan, engaged unk size en force. Losses -- US: 13 WIA; VC/NVA: 15 KIA. (S)

On 15 Jan, in Opn MANCHESTER, USA co engaged unk size en force. A 2d co reinf. Losses -- US: 5 KIA, 21 WIA; VC/NVA: 3 KIA. (S)

10 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- US: 1 KIA, 1 WIA; ARVN: 2 KIA, 3 WIA; VC/NVA: 22 KIA. (S)

4 CTZ: 12 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- ARVN: 4 KIA, 10 WIA, 2 MIA, 6 wpns. (S)

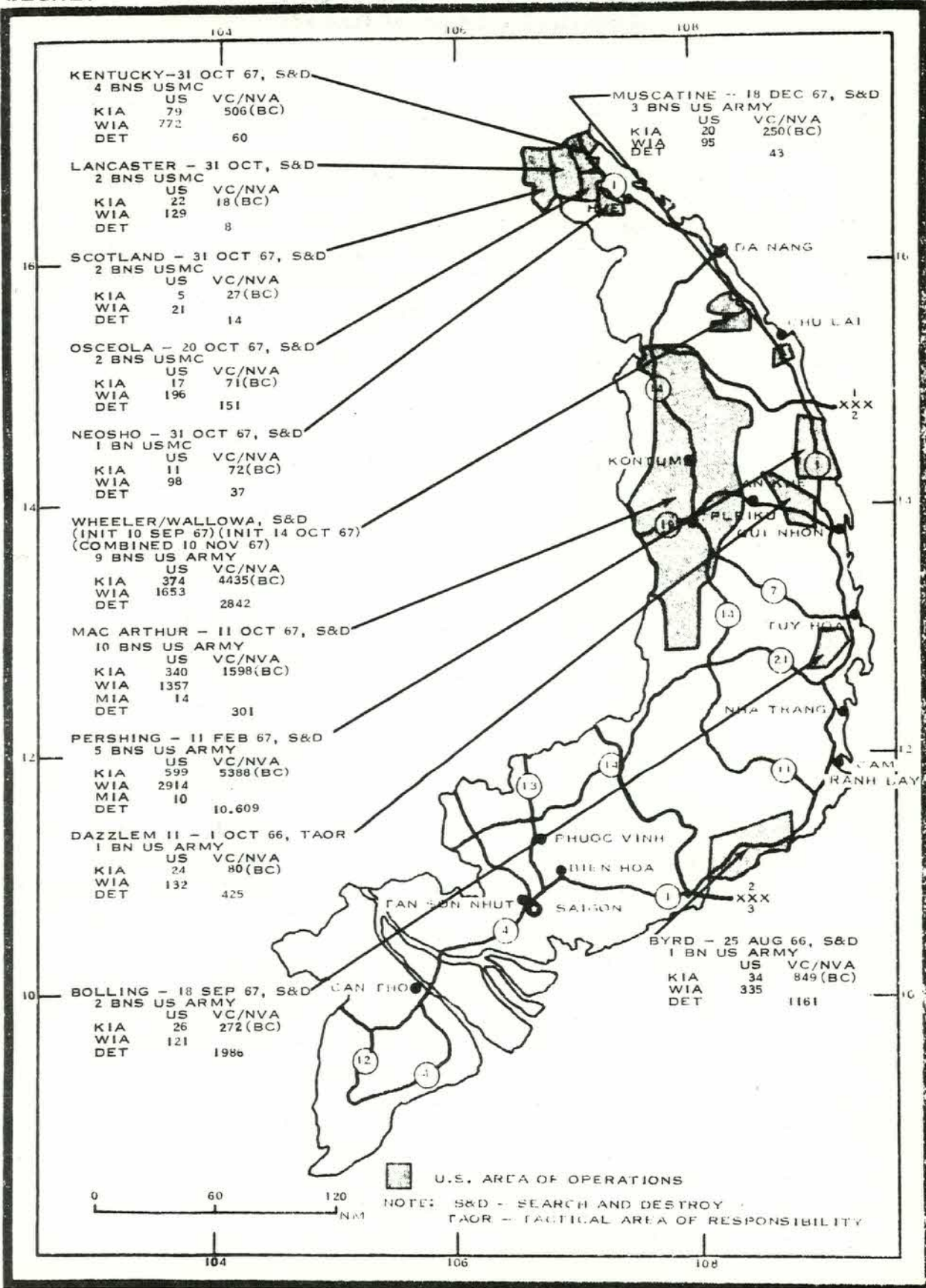
ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 16 JAN: 6 B-52s struck tgt 58 nm WNW Hue containing en trps and staging area. 9 B-52s struck tgt 43 nm NW Hue containing fortified psns and suspected elms of NVA 803D Regt. 9 B-52s struck tgt 40 nm NNW Nha Trang containing elms of NVA 5th Div and Southern Front Hqs. No gnd follow-up sked above msns. (S)

VIET CONG/CAMBODIA: VC elms in Phnom Penh are recruiting young VNese residents in Cambodia to serve in SVN, according to 2 reliable clandestine sources. One report said recruits between 13 and 15 yrs of age were taken without knowledge of their parents who thought their children had been kidnaped. Other report had claimed earlier that some VNese in their early teens had left Phnom Penh for duty with VC in SVN. Reports point up difficulty VC are apparently still having in meeting recruiting goals in SVN. (b)(3) 1

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NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS: 196 sorties (94 USN, 72 USAF, 30 USMC) dest/damaged 1/5 AAA sites, 0/61 WBL craft, 0/16 stor areas, 0/14 gun psns, 0/14 trks, 0/8 bridges, 0/3 barracks, 0/3 bunkers, 0/2 radar sites, 0/2 trk pks, 0/2 trp concs, 0/1 C/D site, 0/1 bldg, and LOCs. (S)

Tgts within 30-nm Hanoi: Vinh Yen Army Bks (SW). (S)

Tgts within 10-nm Haiphong: 3 SAM sites, radar site. (S)

Other tgts: Mo Trang RR siding, Phu Xuyen Hwy Pontoon Bridge, Hai Duong RR/Hwy Bridge. (S)

MIG ENGAGEMENTS: 4 USAF F-4Ds engaged by 2 MIG-21s 62 nm W of Hanoi 15 Jan. MIGs fired 2 msls; no damage to US acft. (S)

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS: 254 sorties (180 USAF, 50 USN, 24 USMC) dest/damaged 59/67 trks, 3/6 gun sites, 2/1 bridges, 0/20 trk pks, 0/13 stor areas, 0/9 trp concs, 0/3 biv areas, 0/3 mil complexes, 0/1 AAA site, and LOCs. (S)

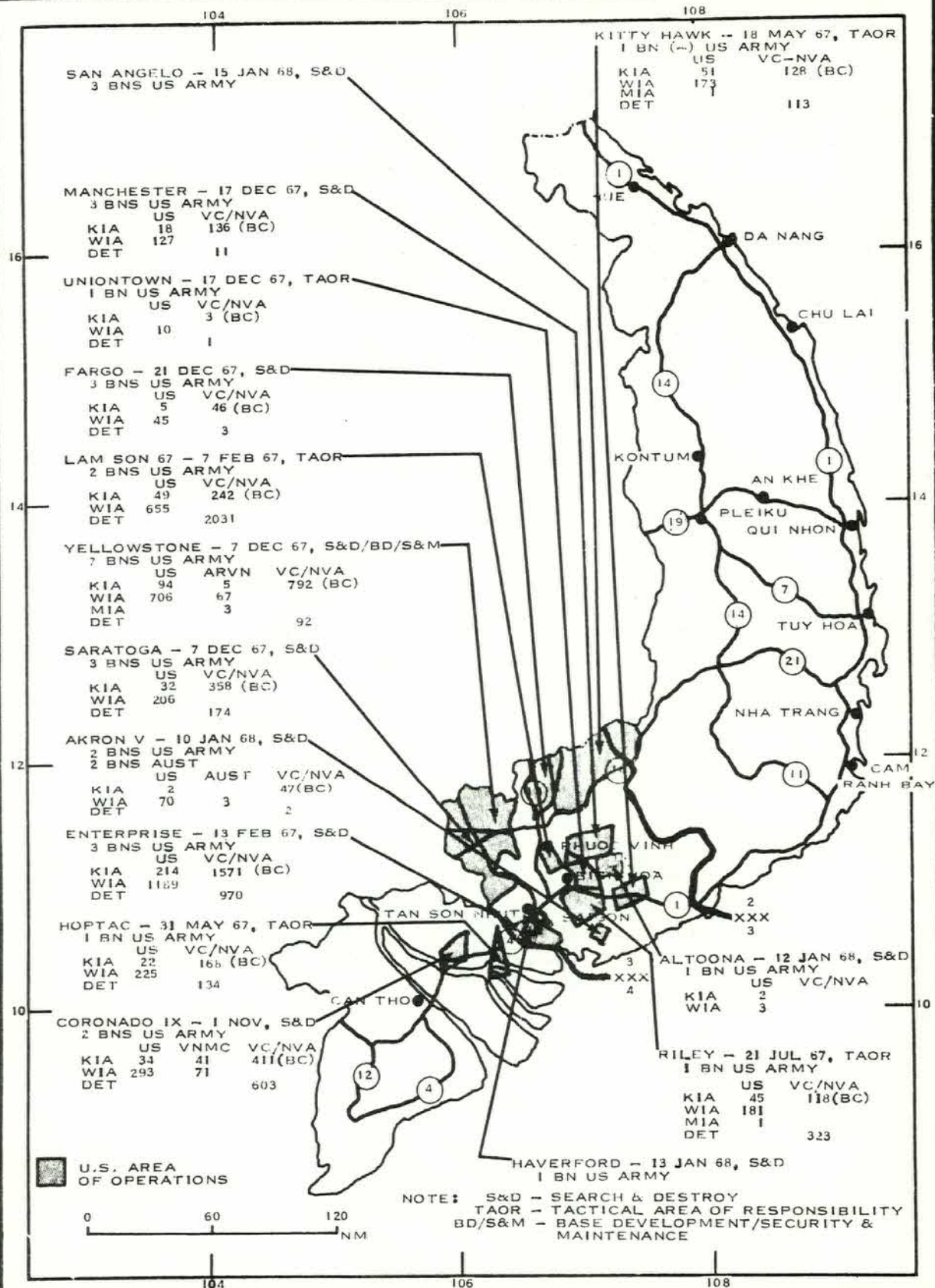
SARAVANE: FAR repulsed an atk by an est 200-man en force NW Saravane on 13 Jan. Communist forces had been active near Saravane but have not shown any signs that they intended to atk city soon. They may have mounted their assault thinking that FAR units -- which had moved into area only day before -- planned to disrupt their rice-collecting opns. (b)(3) 10

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SAN ANGELO -- 15 JAN 68, S&D  
3 BNS US ARMY

MANCHESTER -- 17 DEC 67, S&D  
3 BNS US ARMY  
US VC/NVA  
KIA 18 136 (BC)  
WIA 127  
DET II

UNIONTOWN -- 17 DEC 67, TAOR  
1 BN US ARMY  
US VC/NVA  
KIA 10 3 (BC)  
WIA  
DET I

FARGO -- 21 DEC 67, S&D  
3 BNS US ARMY  
US VC/NVA  
KIA 5 46 (BC)  
WIA 45  
DET 3

LAM SON 67 -- 7 FEB 67, TAOR  
2 BNS US ARMY  
US VC/NVA  
KIA 49 242 (BC)  
WIA 655  
DET 2031

YELLOWSTONE -- 7 DEC 67, S&D/BD/S&M  
7 BNS US ARMY  
US ARVN VC/NVA  
KIA 94 5 792 (BC)  
WIA 706 67  
MIA 3  
DET 92

SARATOGA -- 7 DEC 67, S&D  
3 BNS US ARMY  
US VC/NVA  
KIA 32 358 (BC)  
WIA 206  
DET 174

AKRON V -- 10 JAN 68, S&D  
2 BNS US ARMY  
2 BNS AUST  
US AUST VC/NVA  
KIA 2 47 (BC)  
WIA 70 3  
DET 2

ENTERPRISE -- 13 FEB 67, S&D  
3 BNS US ARMY  
US VC/NVA  
KIA 214 1571 (BC)  
WIA 1189  
DET 970

HOPTAC -- 31 MAY 67, TAOR  
1 BN US ARMY  
US VC/NVA  
KIA 22 165 (BC)  
WIA 225  
DET 134

CORONADO IX -- 1 NOV, S&D  
2 BNS US ARMY  
US VNMC VC/NVA  
KIA 34 41 411 (BC)  
WIA 293 71  
DET 603

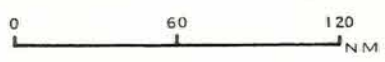
KITTY HAWK -- 18 MAY 67, TAOR  
1 BN (-) US ARMY  
US VC-NVA  
KIA 51 128 (BC)  
WIA 173  
MIA 1  
DET 113

ALTOONA -- 12 JAN 68, S&D  
1 BN US ARMY  
US VC/NVA  
KIA 2 2  
WIA 3 3

RILEY -- 21 JUL 67, TAOR  
1 BN US ARMY  
US VC/NVA  
KIA 45 118 (BC)  
WIA 181  
MIA 1  
DET 323

HAVERFORD -- 13 JAN 68, S&D  
1 BN US ARMY

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