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## OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS

SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 45 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 27  
US, 1 FW, 17 ARVN. (S)

1 CTZ: On 16 Jan, 22 VC/NVA KIA in 2 separate contacts in  
Opn LANCASTER. 1 wpn seized. USMC cas: 1 KIA, 4 WIA. (S)

In Opn NEOSHO, tac air and arty killed 7 VC/NVA and dest  
5 bunkers. (S)

On 16 Jan, in Opn MUSCATINE, 80 VC/NVA KIA, 11 det, 35 wpns  
seized. 2 US WIA. (S)

9 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- US:  
1 WIA; VC/NVA: 2 KIA, 45 det, 1 wpn. (S)

2 CTZ: 9 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses  
-- ARVN: 4 KIA, 8 WIA; VC/NVA: 4 KIA, 1 det. (S)

3 CTZ: In Opn YELLOWSTONE, 5 US KIA, 22 WIA; 17 VC/NVA KIA,  
4 crew-served and 1 indiv wpn seized. (S)

On 17 Jan, in Opn ENTERPRISE, 15 VC/NVA KIA and 7 indiv wpns  
seized. No friendly cas. (S)

On 17 Jan, 2 PF outposts near Tay Ninh City atkd with small-  
arms, AWs, and rkt fire. 4 PF KIA, 11 WIA. En losses unk. (S)

On 16 Jan, 9 hr engagement 16 nm W Saigon resulted in  
following losses -- US: 4 WIA, 6 UH-1D helos damaged; ARVN:  
22 KIA, 21 WIA, 1 MIA; RF: 3 KIA, 1 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (S)

12 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses --  
ARVN: 2 KIA, 11 WIA; VC/NVA: 14 KIA, 5 wpns. (S)

4 CTZ: On 16 Jan, 2 CIDG cos contacted est VC/NVA bn 33 nm  
NW Can Tho. 2 additional CIDG cos inserted, armed helos  
sptd. Losses -- US: 4 MIA; CIDG: 2 KIA, 16 WIA, 41 MIA;  
search in prog for MIA. VC/NVA: unk. (S)

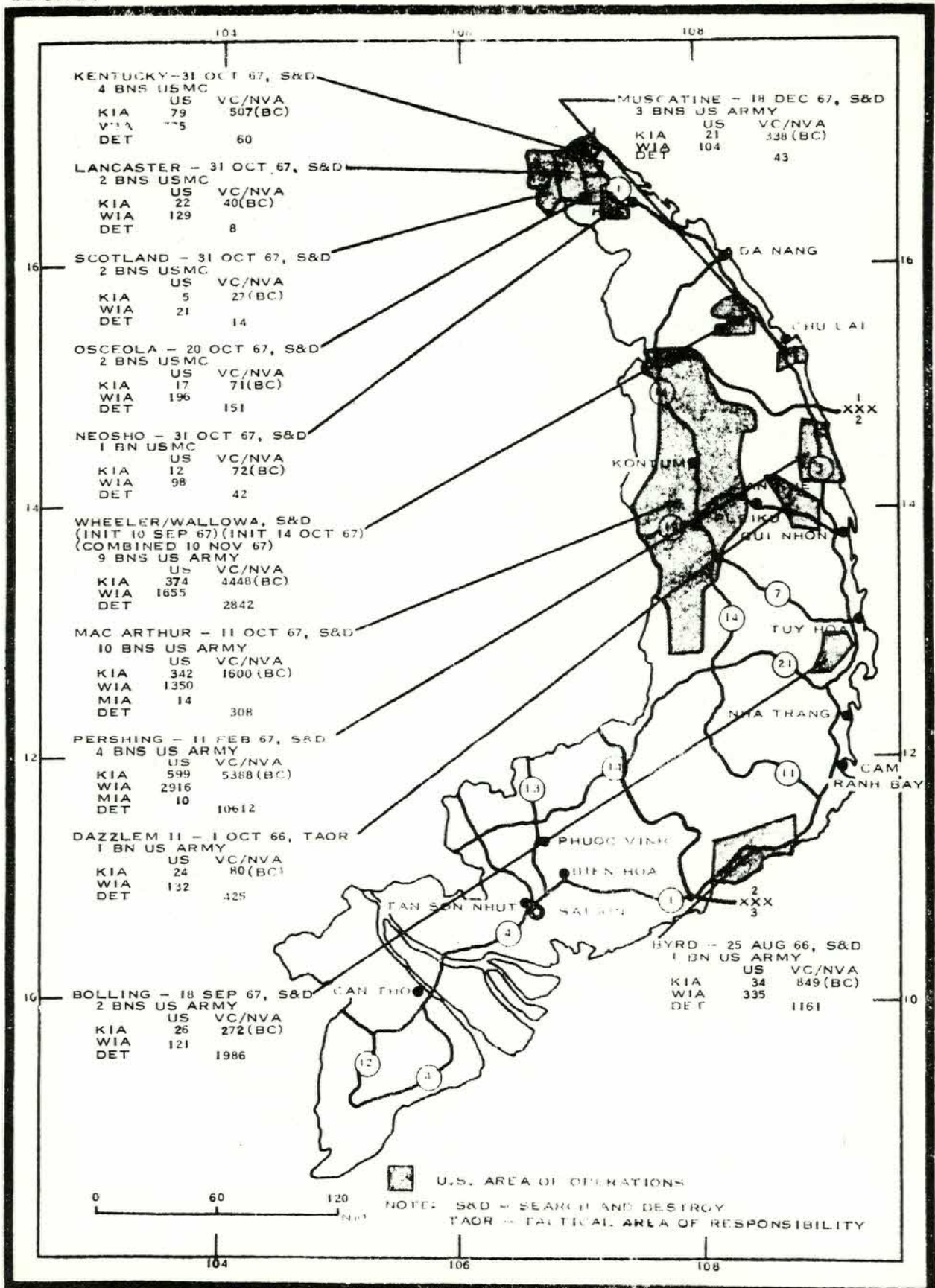
5 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- ARVN:  
5 KIA, 13 WIA; VC/NVA: 4 KIA, 20 det, 4 bldgs dest. 450-lbs  
salt, 150 rds small-arms ammo, 35 grenades, 25-lbs docs and  
3 wpns seized. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 17 JAN: 9 B-52s struck tgt 20 nm WNW  
Pleiku containing elms NVA 32d Regt; follow-up sked by elms  
of US 4th Inf Div. 6 B-52s struck tgt 25 nm NE Tay Ninh  
believed to contain NVA 141st Regt and NVA 52d and 56th Bns;  
follow-up sked by elms US 25th Inf Div. 9 B-52s struck tgt  
27 nm WNW Hue containing 2 en regts and 2 bns, and staging  
area. 6 B-52s struck tgt 50 nm NNW Pleiku containing 2 regt  
size units. (S)

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NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS: 137 sorties (68 USAF, 38 USN, 31 USMC) dest/damaged 6/36 WBIC craft, 1/6 trks, 0/20 stor areas, 0/6 bridges, 0/5 gun psns, 0/5 trk pks, 0/3 AAA sites, 0/3 CD sites, 0/3 mil complexes, 0/3 trp concs, 0/2 bks, 0/2 radar sites, 0/1 CP, 0/1 bldg, and LOCs. (S)

MIG ENGAGEMENT: 4 USAF F-4Ds engaged 2 MIG-21s on 17 Jan, 34 nm W of Hanoi. Prob kill of 1 MIG. 7 msls fired by US acft. (S)

AIRCRAFT LOSS: A USN F-4B acft on a BARCAP msn down unk causes approx 70 nm ESE of Thanh Hoa at 171732 EST. Two helmets recovered at scene with crew members' names on them. SAR term. (S)

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS: 260 sorties (160 USAF, 94 USN, 6 USMC) dest/damaged 22/61 trks, 5/1 gun sites, 0/54 trk pks, 0/20 stor areas, 0/11 trp concs, 0/9 AAA sites, 0/5 mil complexes, 0/1 biv area, 0/1 bridge, and LOCs. (S)

LUANG PRABANG/NAM BAC: Afld at Luang Prabang was again hit by small en force on 17 Jan. Unsuccessful assault was prob harassing action designed to exploit loss of Nam Bac. Meanwhile, about one-third of some 3,500 FAR pers who retreated from Nam Bac have been accounted for. Many more of Nam Bac defenders expected to drift in. Gen Oudone, FAR CoS, blames local commander for "debacle," but also implied that FAR CINC Gen Ouane should resign. (b)(3) 10  
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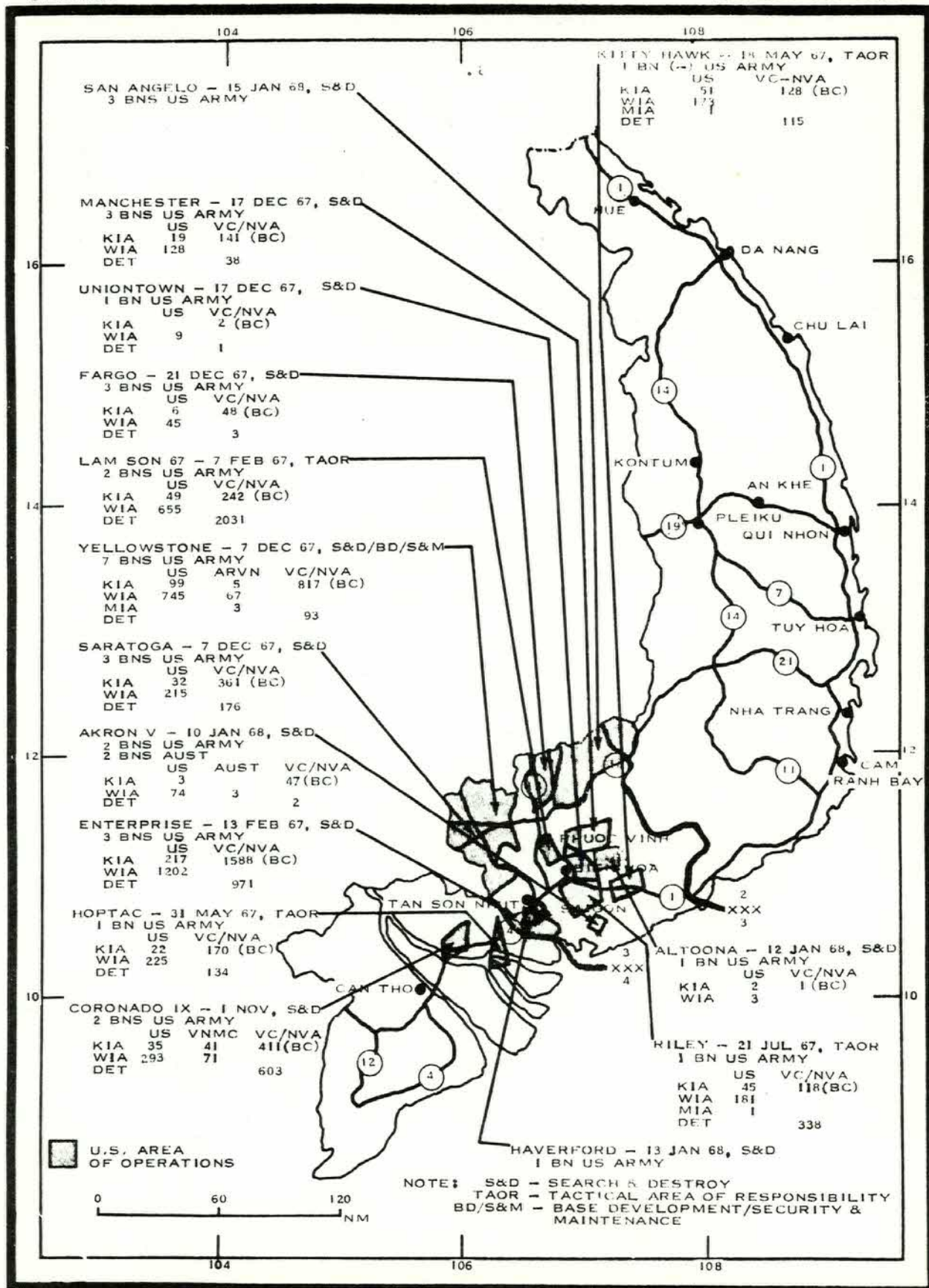
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