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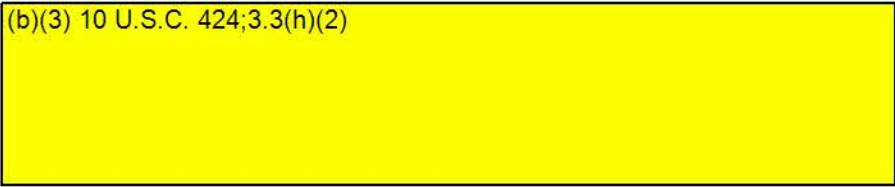
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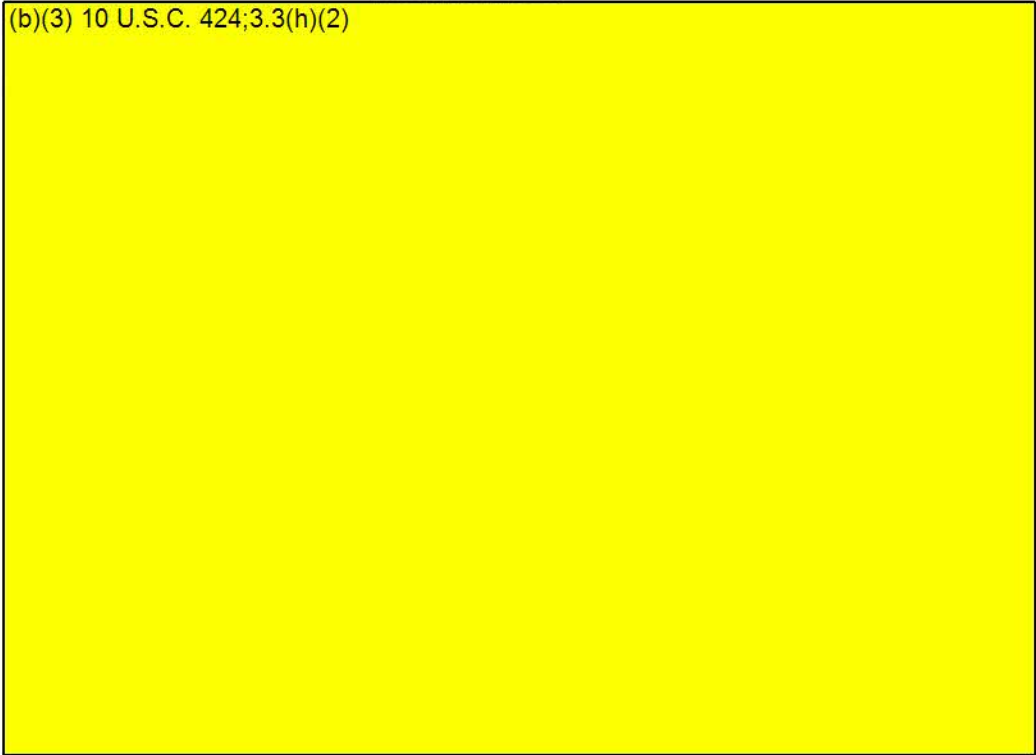
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SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 46 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 27 US, 16 ARVN, 3 FW. (S)

1 CTZ: Opn BALLISTIC ARCH, a USMC 1-bn landing team S&D opn conducted by SLF ALFA, commenced on 23 Nov in area 10 nm N of Quang Tri. Opn expected to last 5 days. En strength in area of opns est at 3,800. No contact reported. (S)

Update of cas in Opn WHEELER/WALLOWA on 22 Nov. Losses -- US: 7 KIA, 36 WIA, and 2 APCs dest. VC/NVA: 76 KIA (vice 23) and 52 indiv wpns seized. (S)

20 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- US: 7 WIA. ARVN: 5 KIA, 4 WIA, and 1 indiv wpn lost. VC/NVA: 23 KIA, 1 pers det, and 3 wpns seized. (S)

2 CTZ: ARVN convoy atkd by unk-size en force on 23 Nov, 6 nm NNE Dak To. Losses -- ARVN: 5 KIA, 1 MIA. VC/NVA: Unk. (S)

In Opn MAC ARTHUR, a US convoy escorted by elems of a USA bn, was atkd by unk-size en force on Hwy 19, 3 nm ENE Pleiku on 23 Nov. Arty and gunships supported. En broke contact after 2 hrs. Losses -- US: 4 KIA, 12 WIA, 6 x 5-ton ammo trks dest and 4 damaged. VC/NVA: 38 KIA, 7 pers det, and 21 en wpns seized. Also on 24 Nov, a CIDG patrol made contact with est 3 en cos 22 nm NNE Pleiku. Tac air and arty supported. A CIDG reaction force was committed and a USA co was helilifted into area. En broke contact under cover of darkness. Losses -- CIDG: 1 KIA, 5 WIA, 11 MIA. VC/NVA: Unk. Also on 24 Nov, 2 USA cos engaged unk number of en 19 nm WSW Pleiku. Contact lasted 2 hrs. Losses-- US: 1 KIA, 4 WIA. VC/NVA: 6 KIA. (S)

14 small-unit contacts reprd. Losses -- ARVN: 7 KIA, 29 WIA, 10 MIA. VC/NVA: 6 KIA, 1 per det, and 6 wpns seized. (S)

3 CTZ: On 23 Nov, a USA co engaged est en co 50 nm N of Saigon. Tac air, arty, and armed helos supported. Losses -- US: 2 KIA, 6 WIA. VC/NVA: 14 KIA, 1 per det, and 9 indiv wpns and 1 crew-served wpn seized. (S)

Revised en cas figures on USA contact 45 nm N of Saigon on 23 Nov, indicates 57 en KIA vice 41. (S)

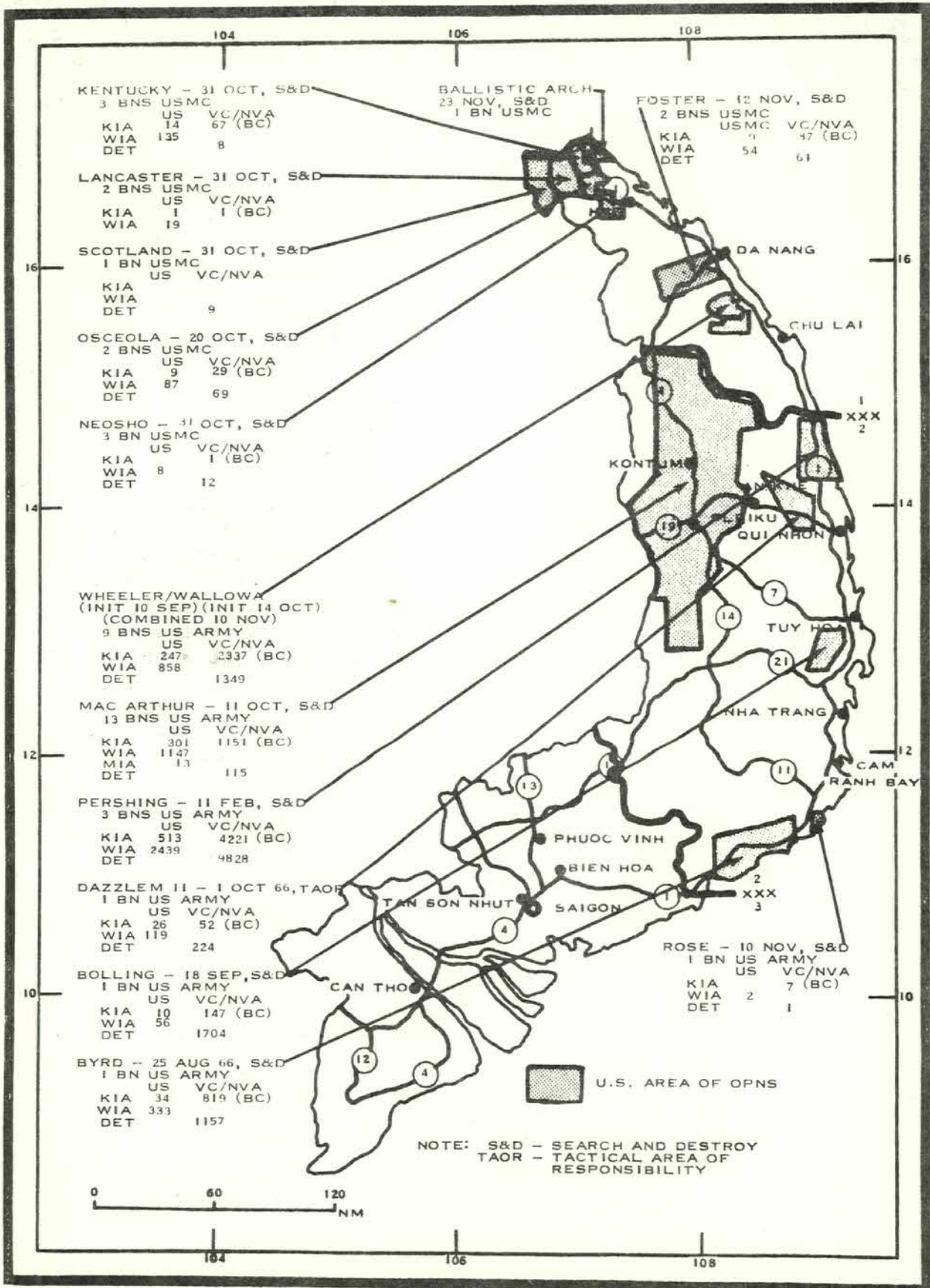
CHU THANG 53, an ARVN 2-bn S&D opn commenced on 22 Nov, 23 nm NNE Saigon. On 23 Nov, 1 bn made contact with unk-size en force. Arty and helo fire team supported. En broke contact after 1 hr. Losses -- ARVN: 28 KIA, 12 WIA, 12 MIA, 29 wpns lost, and 1 radio damaged. VC/NVA: Unk. (S)

18 small-unit contacts reprd. Losses -- US: 4 KIA, 18 WIA. ARVN: 38 KIA, 48 WIA, 16 MIA, and 2 radios lost. VC/NVA: 62 KIA, 3 pers det, and 54 wpns seized. (S)

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4 CTZ: Opn CUU LONG 69, an ARVN 6-bn S&D opn 28 nm NE Can Tho, terminated on 24 Nov, after 10 days of opns. Losses -- ARVN: 4 KIA, 29 WIA, and 1 APC damaged. VC/NVA: 34 KIA, 41 pers det, and 36 indiv wpns, 40,000 rds small-arms ammo, 140 mortar rds, 130 grenades, 600 lbs of TNT seized; 15 structures, 26 sampans, and 3 bunkers dest. ~~(S)~~

On 23 Nov, 39 nm ENE Can Tho, US YRBM-16, a repair and berthing barge being utilized as a refueling and rearming platform for GAME WARDEN units, was hit by a floating mine. Detonation caused a fire in lower deck spaces, a 9x3' hole below the water line on starboard side, and flooding in some berthing compartments. 8 US WIA and 5 MIA. In addition, a river patrol boat (PBR) was dest. ~~(S)~~

On 24 Nov, en forces conducted numerous mortar atks on 13 prov and dist towns throughout 4 CTZ area. Losses -- Friendly: 6 ARVN and 17 civs KIA and 42 ARVN and 50 civs WIA. VC/NVA: Unk. ~~(S)~~

8 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- ARVN: 4 KIA, 19 WIA, and 3 MIA. VC/NVA: 4 KIA and 3 wpns seized. ~~(S)~~

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 6 B-52s (QUEBEC 41) bombed trp area at 240851 EST, 18 nm W of Da Nang. Gnd follow-up sked. 9 B-52s (QUEBEC 46) bombed suspected trp area at 241501 EST, in support Opn MAC ARTHUR, 28 nm NNW Kontum. Gnd follow-up sked. 9 B-52s (QUEBEC 84) bombed suspect trp area at 240550 EST, 26 nm WNW Kontum. No gnd follow-up sked. ~~(S)~~

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS: 154 sorties (86 USAF, 38 USN, 30 USMC) dest/damaged 3/15 trks, 3/3 structures, 0/22 road segments, 0/20 stor areas, 0/16 WBLC, 0/10 bridges, 0/9 gun sites, (b)(3) 10 U.S. (b)(3) 10 0/3 trk pks, 0/3 bunkers, 0/3 coastal def sites, 0/2 ferries, 0/2 radar sites, 0/1 ford, 0/1 bridge approach, 0/1 RR yd, 0/1 trp conc, 0/1 tunnel, and 0/1 transshipment pt. ~~(S)~~

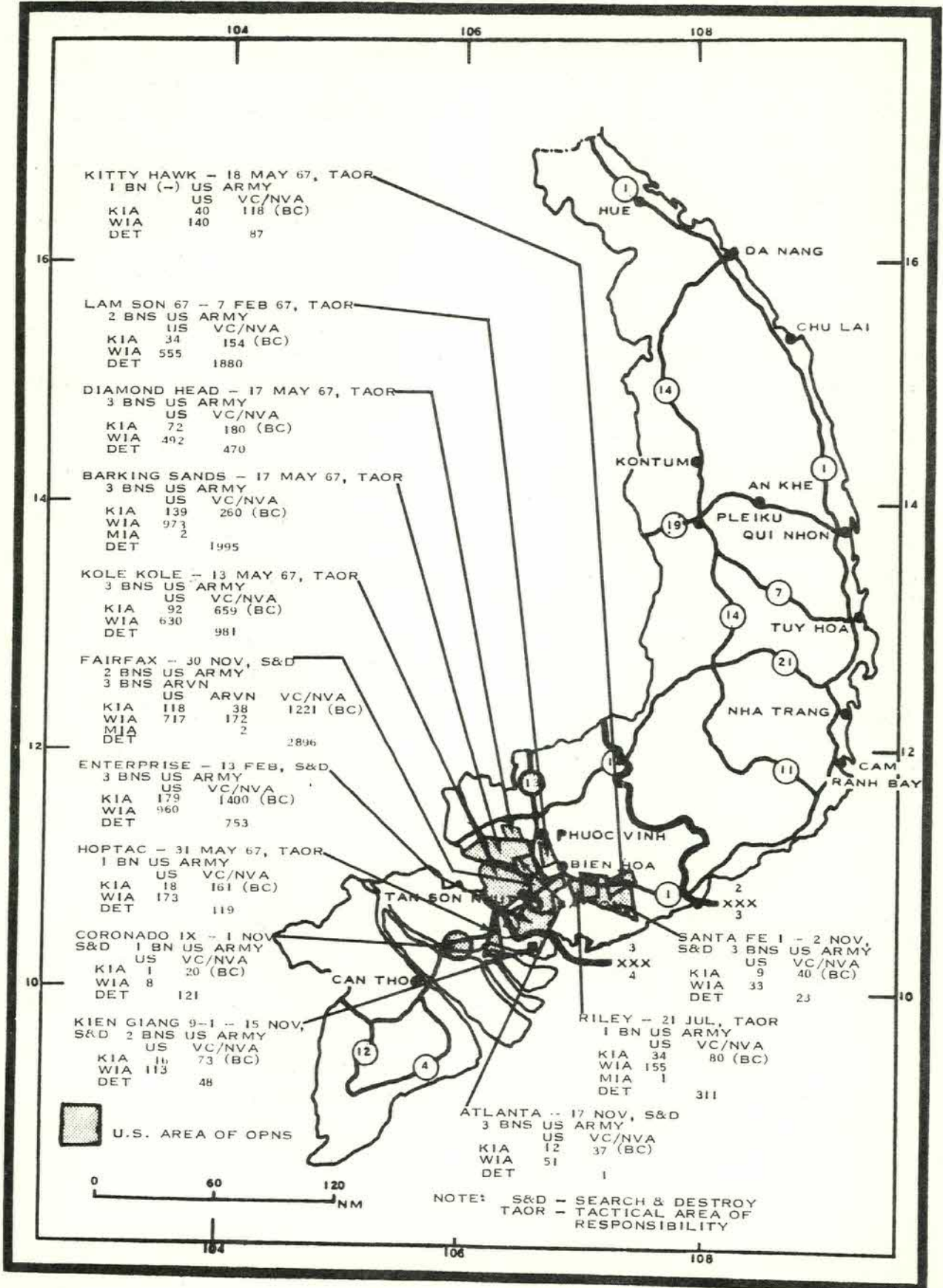
AIRCRAFT LOSS: USMC A-6A failed to return from atk on Kien An Afld. SAR in prog. ~~(S)~~

AIR DEFENSE DEVELOPMENTS: Recap of acty for wkly period ending 21 Nov shows NVNese air def system put forth its best effort to date. Eighteen US acft lost is record for 1 wk -- 10 to SAMs, 5 to MIGs (equals a wkly record in Apr), and (b)(3) 10 U.S. Number of SAM msls fired -- 299 -- also a record as was firing of 89 msls on one day (19 Nov). Twenty-two SAM sites consistently active during wk. Barrage firing accounted in large part for high number of kills. Improved performance of air def system seems to have resulted from focus of US strikes on Hanoi area where msl def are most concentrated. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C.

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KITTY HAWK - 18 MAY 67, TAOR
 1 BN (-) US ARMY
 US VC/NVA
 KIA 40 118 (BC)
 WIA 140
 DET 87

LAM SON 67 - 7 FEB 67, TAOR
 2 BNS US ARMY
 US VC/NVA
 KIA 34 154 (BC)
 WIA 555
 DET 1880

DIAMOND HEAD - 17 MAY 67, TAOR
 3 BNS US ARMY
 US VC/NVA
 KIA 72 180 (BC)
 WIA 492
 DET 470

BARKING SANDS - 17 MAY 67, TAOR
 3 BNS US ARMY
 US VC/NVA
 KIA 139 260 (BC)
 WIA 973
 MIA 2
 DET 1995

KOLE KOLE - 13 MAY 67, TAOR
 3 BNS US ARMY
 US VC/NVA
 KIA 92 659 (BC)
 WIA 630
 DET 981

FAIRFAX - 30 NOV, S&D
 2 BNS US ARMY
 3 BNS ARVN VC/NVA
 KIA 118 38 1221 (BC)
 WIA 717 172
 MIA 2
 DET 2896

ENTERPRISE - 13 FEB, S&D
 3 BNS US ARMY
 US VC/NVA
 KIA 179 1400 (BC)
 WIA 960
 DET 753

HOPTAC - 31 MAY 67, TAOR
 1 BN US ARMY
 US VC/NVA
 KIA 18 161 (BC)
 WIA 173
 DET 119

CORONADO IX - 1 NOV, S&D
 1 BN US ARMY
 US VC/NVA
 KIA 1 20 (BC)
 WIA 8
 DET 121

KIEN GIANG 9-1 - 15 NOV, S&D
 2 BNS US ARMY
 US VC/NVA
 KIA 16 73 (BC)
 WIA 113
 DET 48

U.S. AREA OF OPNS

ATLANTA - 17 NOV, S&D
 3 BNS US ARMY
 US VC/NVA
 KIA 12 37 (BC)
 WIA 51
 DET 1

RILEY - 21 JUL, TAOR
 1 BN US ARMY
 US VC/NVA
 KIA 34 80 (BC)
 WIA 155
 MIA 1
 DET 311

SANTA FE I - 2 NOV, S&D
 3 BNS US ARMY
 US VC/NVA
 KIA 9 40 (BC)
 WIA 33
 DET 23

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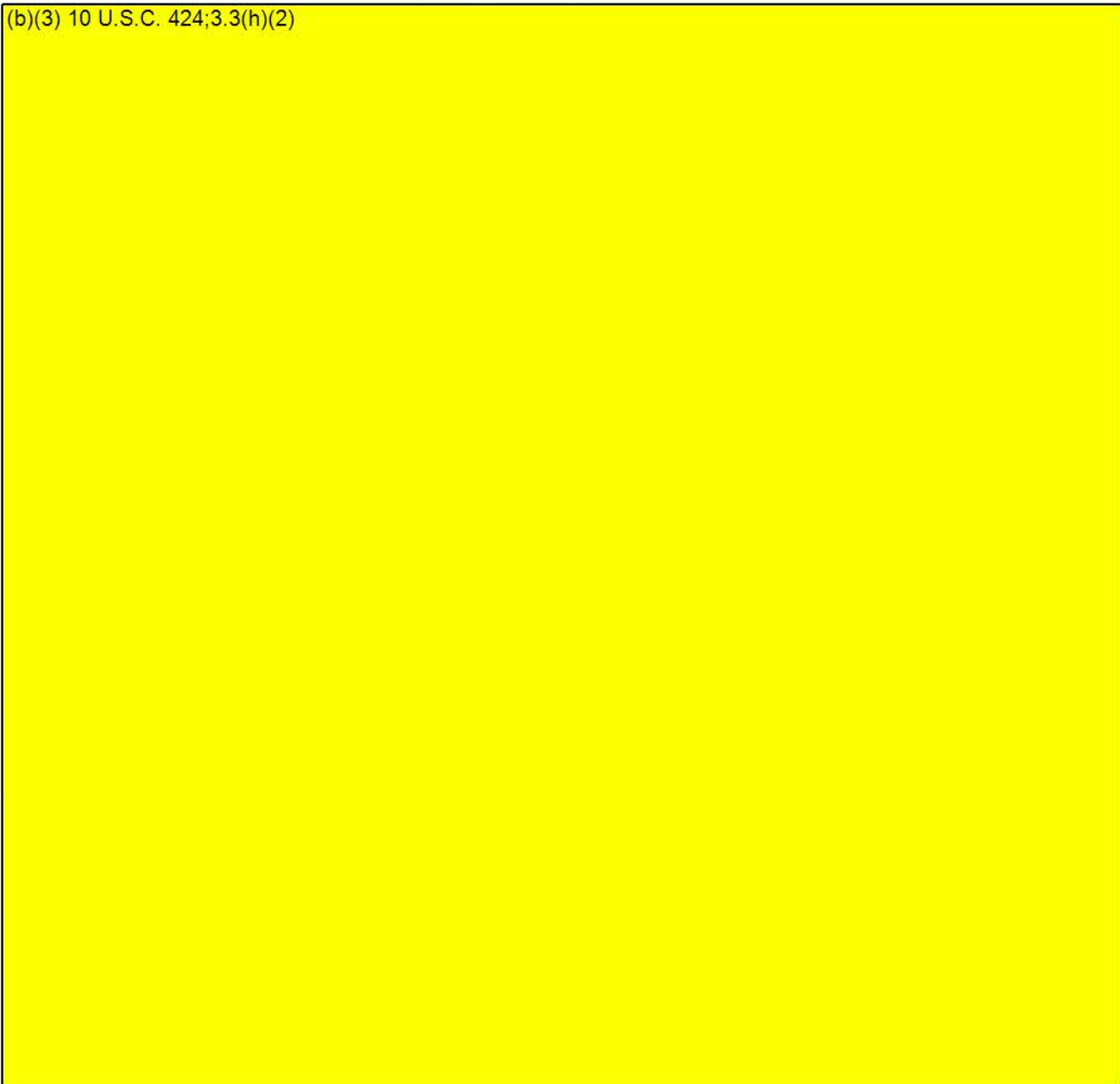
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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS: 207 sorties (175 USAF, 32 USN) dest/damaged 41/43 trks, 3/28 gun sites, 1/0 bunker, 0/34 road segments, 0/11 stor areas, 0/22 trk pks, 0/8 fords, 0/3 bridges, 0/3 mil complexes, 0/3 structures, 0/2 bivouac areas, 0/1 supply area, and 0/1 trp conc. ~~(S)~~

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 9 B-52s (QUEBEC 39) bombed tgt 48 nm WNW of Kontum at 241400 EST containing 2 bivouac areas, a plat-size unit, and hvy trk acty. No gnd follow-up sked. ~~(S)~~

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