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## OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS

SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 41 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 26 US, 3 FWF, 12 ARVN. (C)

1 CTZ: On 20 Dec in Opn LANCASTER, 13 veh convoy escorted by 2 tanks recd small-arms, mortar, and RR fire from unk-size en force. 1 veh hit mine; 1 tank hit by RR fire. Losses -- US: 1 KIA, 9 WIA, 1 trk dest, 1 tank and 1 trk damaged; VC/NVA: unk. (C)

On 19-20 Dec in Opn WHEELER/WALLOWA, there were 24 separate contacts. Losses -- US: 2 WIA; VC/NVA: 45 KIA, 5 wpns. (C)

28 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- US: 12 WIA; VC/NVA: 17 KIA, 4 det, 7 wpns. (C)

2 CTZ: 10 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- ARVN: 7 KIA, 8 WIA, 1 MIA, 2 wpns; VC/NVA: 3 KIA, 1 det, 2 wpns. (C)

3 CTZ: On 19 Dec in Opn YELLOWSTONE, USA base camp 58 nm NW Saigon, recd 60-/82-mm mortar and small-arms fire. Losses -- US: 3 KIA, 11 WIA, 600 rds 105-mm ammo dest by fire; VC/NVA: 39 KIA, 2 wpns. (C)

On 19 Dec 42 nm NW Saigon, acft atkd en bunker/tunnel complex. Losses -- US: none; VC/NVA: 10 KIA. (C)

In Opn MANCHESTER, 2 contacts reprd. USA recon patrol contacted 2 en sqds 18 Dec. On 19 Dec, USA co contacted unk-size en force. Cum losses -- US: 5 KIA, 7 WIA; VC/NVA: 10 KIA. (C)

On 19 Dec, 22 nm WNW Saigon, SVN Ranger Trng Center recd mortar and small-arms fire. Losses -- US: 2 KIA; ARVN: 2 KIA, 12 WIA; RF: 2 KIA, 20 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. (C)

14 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- US: 5 WIA; ARVN: 7 KIA, 17 WIA; VC/NVA: 17 KIA, 7 wpns. (C)

4 CTZ: LONG PHI 9/144 term 19 Dec after 2-day opn. Cum losses -- ARVN: 3 KIA, 12 WIA; VC/NVA: 6 KIA, 10 det, 2 wpns. (C)

5 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- ARVN: 6 KIA, 7 WIA; VC/NVA: 6 KIA, 10 det, 2 wpns. (C)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 19 DEC: 9 B-52s bombed area 32 nm W of Kontum containing elms NVA 32 Regt. Gnd follow-up sked by US SF co. (S)

VC ACTIVITY SAIGON AREA: Recent increase in terrorist/harassing actions Saigon area will prob continue during holiday periods. There is also possibility of atks by fire against FWF bases, incl TSN and Bien Hoa. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424.3

NORTH VIETNAM

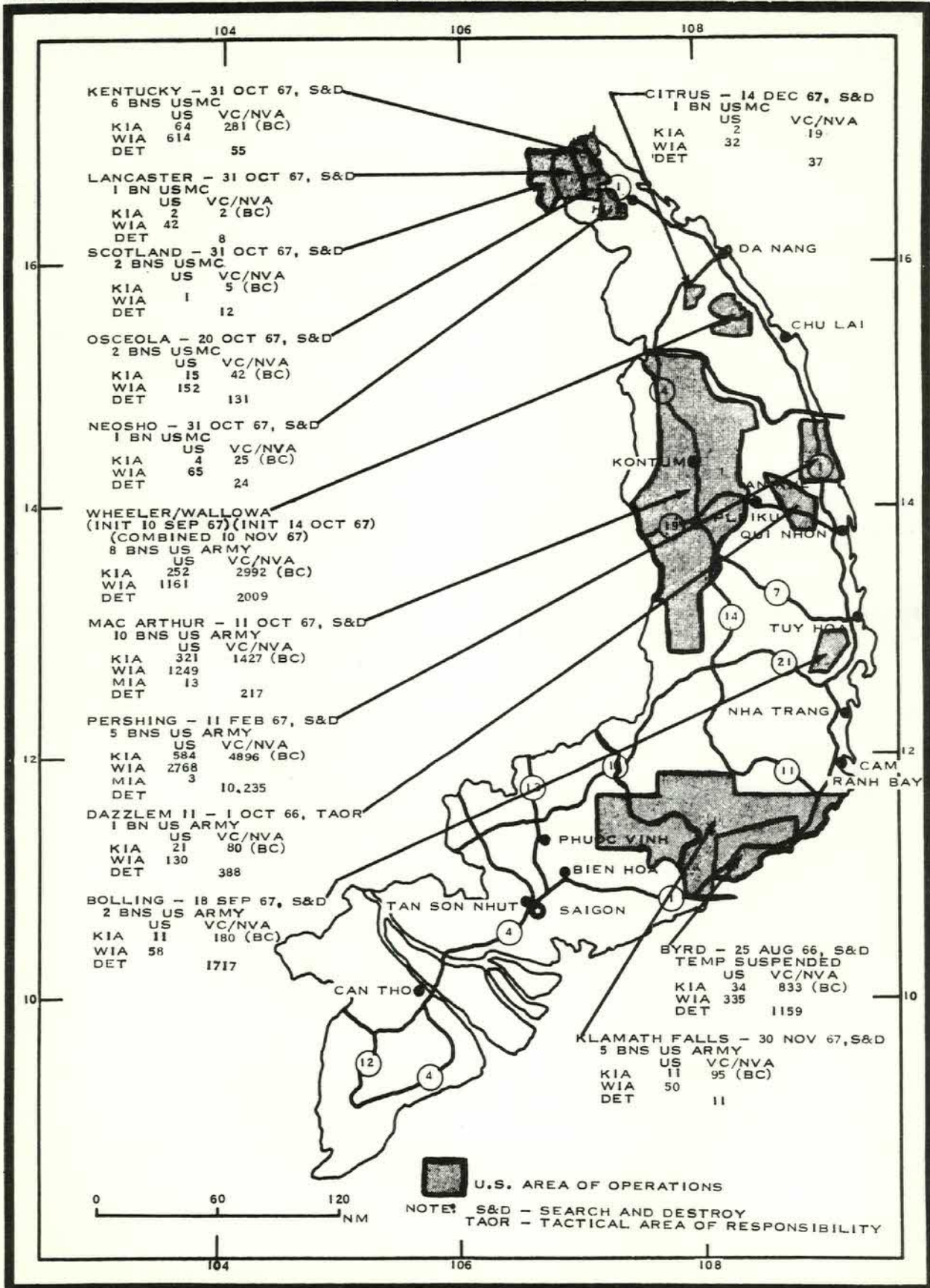
ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 19 DEC: 294 sorties (135 USN, 106 USAF,

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53 USMC) dest/damaged 22/17 bldgs, 6/25 gun psns, 4/104 trks, 3/6 bridges, 25/85 WBLC, 14/6 RR cars, 0/28 stor areas, 0/12 trk pks, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 0/3 SAM sites, 0/3 transship pts, 0/2 radar sites, 0/1 bunker and LOCs. (S)

Tgts within 30-nm radius Hanoi: Dai Loi RR bridge (est mod damage); 5 SAM sites. (S)

Tgts within 10-nm radius Haiphong: 3 SAM sites. (S)

Other tgts incl: Ky Dong RR spur (results not obs); 2 SAM sites. (S)

MIG SIGHTINGS 19 DEC: 4 USAF F-4s obs 2 MIG-17s 65 nm SW Hanoi. 24 x 750-lb bombs jettisoned. No engagement. (S)

MIG ENGAGEMENTS: (See below Brief) Following occurred on 18 Dec: 4 USAF F-4Ds engaged 2 MIG-17s and 2 MIG-21s, 43 nm NW Hanoi. 2 SPARROWS fired. 1 US acft jettisoned tanks. No damage. (S) 4 USAF F-4Ds engaged from rear by 4 MIG-17s, 42 nm NW Hanoi. Unk number of MIGS atkd from front. 15 x 750-lb bombs jettisoned. 1 US acft recd minor damage. (S)

4 USAF F-4Ds engaged 5 MIG-17s and 2 MIG-21s, 52 nm NW Hanoi. US acft jettisoned 20 x 750-lb bombs. No ord fired, no damage. (S)

Following occurred on 19 Dec: 2 USN F-4Bs engaged by 1 MIG-17 and 1 MIG-21, 19 nm NW Haiphong. 1 MIG fired AAM and 1 US acft fired SIDEWINDER. No damage. (S)

4 USAF F-105Ds engaged 2 MIG-17s, 35 nm WSW Hanoi. Both MIGs downed by 20-mm cannon fire. No damage to US acft. (S)

4 USAF F-4Ds engaged 4 MIG-17s, 45 nm WSW Hanoi. Pilots jettisoned 24 x 750-lb bombs. 1 US acft fired 20-mm cannon and smoke obs coming from MIG. No damage to US acft. (S)

4 USAF F-105Ds engaged 2 MIG-17s, 38 nm WSW Hanoi. US acft jettisoned 24 x 750-lb bombs. No ord fired, no damage. (S)

4 USAF F-105Ds engaged 1 MIG-17, 58 nm WSW Hanoi. US acft employed cannon fire; no hits obs. No damage to US acft. (S)

4 USAF F-4Ds engaged 5 MIG-17s and 1 MIG-21, 55 nm WSW Hanoi. US acft jettisoned 20 x 750-lb bombs and fired 5 SPARROW and 1 FALCON msls. No hits, no damage to acft. (S)

4 USAF F-4Ds engaged 9 MIG-17s, 53 nm WSW Hanoi. 3 SPARROWS fired. No hits obs. No damage to US acft. (S)

4 USAF F-105Ds engaged 4 MIG-21s, 64 nm SW Hanoi. US acft jettisoned 19 x 750-lb bombs. No ord fired, no damage to acft. (S)

4 USAF F-105Ds engaged 6 MIG-21s, 64 nm SW Hanoi. US acft jettisoned 24 x 750-lb bombs. 1 MIG fired (b)(3) No damage to US acft. (S)

MIG REACTIONS UP: Series of engagements outlined above Brief took place over 3 successive, (and discrete) periods of time. An apparent total of 35 MIG-17s and 16 MIG-21s were involved. However, spot analysis of time/space factors (coupled with info

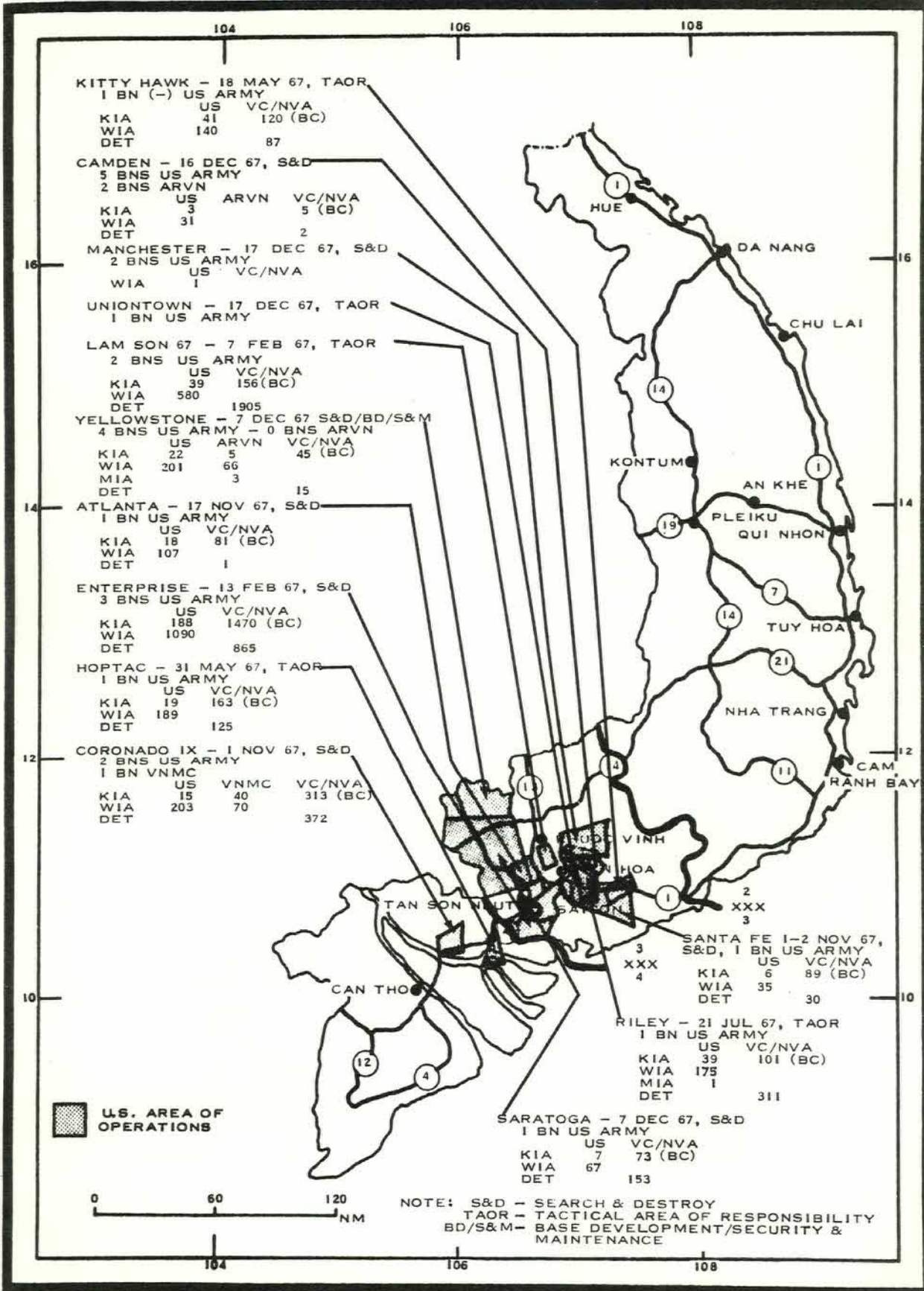
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from available COMINT) tends to support an estimate that a total of only about 10 MIG-17s and 6 MIG-21s were actually involved in the several engagements. Of these, 2 (poss 3) MIG-17s were downed by US acft (with 1 US acft receiving minor battle damage). Current est NVN in-country AOB is approx 7 MIG-17s and 11 MIG-21s.

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There have been MIG engagements every day now since 14 Dec, for total of at least 13 (with 3 US acft lost and 3 MIG-17s confirmed down, 1 prob down, and 1 poss down). Recent return from Yunanni of at least 5 MIG-21s (OIS 19 Dec), plus combat acty by KorComs in MIG-21s, plus use of MIG-17s in forward area intercepts in coordination with MIG-21s (as on 19 Dec) point up NVN determination continue active air def opns. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C.

SAM SIGHTINGS: 29 SAMs obs vic Hanoi and Haiphong -- 3 on 17 Dec, 22 on 18 Dec and 4 on 19 Dec. (S)

MORE SAM SITES: Sites 266, 267, 269 rim Hanoi in arc 3 to 8 nm west of city. Site 268 loc 1 nm NW Vinh. Add depth. Total of about 228 sites currently considered capable accepting missiles.

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"SEA MINES": On 16 Dec, an unident NVN rear services elm made reference to prob shipment of at least 40 tons of naval "sea mines". No further info. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS: 148 sorties (130 USAF, 16 USMC, 2 USN) dest/damaged 19/50 trks, 7/0 structures, 3/20 gun sites, 0/23 road segs, 0/25 trk pks, 0/11 stor areas, 1/0 bridges, 0/3 mil compl, 0/1 transshipment pts, 1/1 WBLC, 0/4 fords, 0/5 trp concs, 0/2 interdiction pts, 0/2 bunkers. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 19 DEC: 6 B-52s bombed stor area and transshipment pts 49 nm W of Dong Hoi. (S)

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