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WARNING

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GROUND OPERATIONS: 46 bn-size or larger opns in progress: 26 US, 2 PWF, 18 ARVN.  


On 13 Nov, in Opn WHEELER/WALLOWA, 1 USA co contacted unk-size VC/NVA force 26 nm S of Da Nang. 3 additional US cos helilifted into area. Results of 6-hr contact -- US: 4 KIA and 19 WIA, 2 UH-1B helos destroyed, 1 OH-13 and 4 UH-1H helos damaged; VC/NVA losses unk.  

2 CTZ: On 13 Nov, in Opn MAC ARTHUR, 1 USA bn had hvy 2-hr contact with unk-size VC/NVA force 12 nm SW Dak To. Casualties -- US: 9 KIA, 21 WIA, 6 MIA; VC/NVA: unk.  

3 CTZ: On 12 Nov, PF outpost 18 nm NE Saigon atkd by unk-size VC/NVA force. Results -- 5 PF KIA and 1 WIA, 3 watchtowers destroyed, 9 indiv wpns and 1 radio lost; VC/NVA cas unk.  

4 CTZ: On 12 Nov, 1 RF prov recce co engaged unk-size VC/NVA force 8 nm E of Rach Gia. Casualties -- 4 RF WIA, 17 VC/NVA KIA.  

HELCOPER LOSS: On 13 Nov, 1 USA UH-1B helo crashed 26 nm S of Da Nang due to gnd fire. 8 US KIA, helo destroyed.  

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 13 NOV: 9 B-52s (QUEBEC 28) bombed area 42 nm NW Hue at 130600 EST containing bunkers, bivouac and stor areas, staging areas, and AAA/AW psns. 9 B-52s (QUEBEC 65) bombed area 30 nm NWN Kontum at 131418 EST containing a base camp, infiltration rte, and staging area for 1st NVA Div. No gnd follow-up above msn.  

REPORTS ON FOOD SHORTAGES: Captured documents and intercepted msqs suggest that enemy's food shortages in parts of Binh Dinh Prov are more serious than heretofore believed. They mention shortages of salt and rice and haphazard food rationing procedures. There have been reports of food shortages in the prov for several months.  

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 13 NOV: 144 sorties (49 USN, 49 USMC, 46 USAF) destroyed/damaged 3/28 WBL craft, 0/26 gun sites, 0/12 trks, 0/9 stor areas, 0/8 road segments, 0/7 bunkers, 0/6 ferries,  

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0/6 trp concs, 0/5 boat yds, 0/5 structures, 0/4 bridges, 0/2 trk pks, 0/1 command post, 0/1 radar site.

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STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS: 157 sorties (125 USAF, 30 USN, 2 USMC) destroyed/damaged 8/31 trks, 2/13 bridges, 1/14 gun sites, 0/13 trk pks, 0/12 stor areas, 0/11 RR segments, 0/8 road segments, 0/6 bridge approaches, 0/4 trp concs, 0/3 fords, 0/3 ferry approaches, 0/3 mil complexes, 0/2 WBL craft, 0/1 transship pt.

No BARREL ROLL opns due to adverse weather.

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 13 NOV: 9 B-52s (PAPA 76) bombed tgt 50 nm W of Dong Hoi containing stor area and transship pt. No gnd follow-up.

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