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(b)(3) 10.U.S.C 424;3.3(h)(2)

WARNING

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GROUNDS OPERATIONS: 45 bn-size or larger opns in progress: 26 US, 2 FWP, 17 ARVN.

1 CTZ: In Opn FOSTER, USMC elems have det 834 pers during 2 days opns.

On 13 Nov, 1 PF plat ambushed by unk-size VC/NVA force. Results -- 5 PF KIA, 9 PF and 2 civ WIA, 9 PF MIA, 19 wpns lost; 6 VC/NVA KIA.

2 CTZ: On 14 Nov, 1 ARVN bn contacted 2 dug-in VC/NVA cos 8 nm NE Dak To; contact continues. Results -- ARVN: 10 KIA, 9 WIA, 9 MIA; VC/NVA: unk.

On 14 Nov, in Opn MAC ARTHUR, Dak To base mortared. Results -- 4 US WIA; 2 USAF C-130 acft, 1 x 3/4-ton trk, 1 x 1/4-ton trk destroyed; 1 USAF C-130 acft damaged. US fire sppt base 14 nm NNE Ban Me Thout hit by 30-40 mortar rds; 1 US KIA, 5 WIA.

On 14 Nov, sector hq in Kontum City hit by 4 60-mm mortar rds followed by gnd atk of unk-size VC/NVA unit. 7 ARVN KIA, 1 WIA, 1 bldg destroyed. VC/NVA withdraw, ARVN forces searching area. VC/NVA losses unk.

On 13 Nov, 2 PF plats searched caves 12 nm NW Qui Nhon, contacted unk-size VC/NVA force. Results -- 1 PF WIA, 6 VC/NVA KIA, 3 pers det, 6 wpns, 20,000 piasters seized.

On 13 Nov, ARVN bn mortared approx 34 nm NNE Phan Thiet, 2 ARVN KIA and 1 WIA. 3 hrs later same bn in hvy contact with en. 1 ARVN ranger bn reinf. 1 ARVN co cut off with 70% cas. 2 supporting USA UH-1C helos downed by gnd fire and destroyed, 8 US WIA.

3 CTZ: On 13 Nov, 12-man ARVN ranger patrol atkd by unk-size VC/NVA force 7 nm ENE Saigon. 8 ARVN KIA and 3 WIA, 8 wpns and 1 radio lost. VC/NVA cas unk.

On 14 Nov, elems of USA co in Opn FAIRFAX contacted unk-size VC/NVA force 7 nm SW Saigon. Results -- US: 3 KIA, 4 WIA. VC/NVA: 2 KIA, 1 det, 2 wpns seized.

4 CTZ: On 13 Nov, water taxi transporting 49 PF hit by command-detonated mine, small arms, and recoilless rifle fire 34 nm SSW Saigon. PBR and UGN helos assisted in rescue. Results -- PF: 1 KIA, 40 WIA, 5 MIA, 40 wpns and 4 radios lost. En losses unk.

On 14 Nov, 5 US advisors and 1 ARVN interpreter ambushed 16 nm NE Rach Gia by unk-size en force. 2 US KIA and 3 WIA, 1 ARVN MIA, 1 x 1/4-ton trk damaged.

3-day ARVN S&D Opn DAN CHI 309 ended 14 Nov, 15 nm SSW Can Tho. Cumulative results -- ARVN: 3 KIA and 22 WIA. VC/NVA: 42 KIA, 26 det, 11 wpns and 2 radios seized.

AIRCRAFT DOWNED 15 NOV: 1 USAF 0-1B downed by gnd fire 35 nm SE Can Tho, crew recovered.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM WHICH INVOLVE PARTICIPATION BY US FORCES
(1ST & 2D CORPS)
15 NOVEMBER 1967

KENTUCKY - 31 OCT, S&D
5 BNS USMC
US VC/NVA
KIA 11 54 (BC)
WIA 85
DET 2

LANCASTER - 31 OCT, S&D
2 BN USMC
US VC/NVA
KIA 1 1 (BC)
WIA 16

SCOTLAND - 31 OCT, S&D
1 BN USMC
US VC/NVA
KIA 9
WIA DET 3

OSCEOLA - 20 OCT, S&D
2 BNS USMC
US VC/NVA
KIA 5 27 (BC)
WIA 34
DET 40

NEOSHO - 31 OCT, S&D
2 BNS USMC
US VC/NVA
WIA 3
DET 12

ESSEX - 2 NOV, S&D
1 BN USMC
US VC/NVA
KIA 1 1 (BC)
WIA 12
DET 17

WHEELER/WALLOWA
(INIT 10 SEP) (INIT 14 OCT)
(COMBINED 10 NOV)
US VC/NVA
KIA 115 207 (BC)
WIA 121
DET 112

MAC ARTHUR - 11 OCT, S&D
12 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 10 172 (BC)
WIA 101
MIA 10
DET 660

PERCHING - 11 FEB, S&D
3 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 993 4077 (BC)
WIA 123
DET 924

DAZULPM II - 1 OCT 66, TAOR
1 BN US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 26 52 (BC)
WIA 10
DET 53

BOLLING - 16 SEP, 66
1 BN US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 10 110 (BC)
WIA 11
DET 173

BYRD - 25 AUG 66, S&D
1 BN US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 23 700 (BC)
WIA 18
DET 112

NOTE: S&D SEARCH AND DESTROY
TAOR TACTICAL AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

(b)(3) 10 U.S.C 424; 3(h)(2)
ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 6 B-52s (QUEBEC 87) bombed area 29 nm NW Kontum at 142126 EST containing suspected base area and/or infiltration rte for 1st NVA Div and subordinate elems. 9 B-52s (QUEBEC 4) bombed area 25 nm WNW Kontum at 141001 EST containing a suspected major supply reinforcement point for 1st NVA Div. 9 B-52s (QUEBEC 73) bombed area 23 nm WNW Kontum at 141121 EST containing elems of the 32d and 66th Regts of 1st NVA Div. No gnd follow-up above msns. (2)

B-3 FRONT OBJECTIVES: An undated note seized on 6 Nov lists major objectives of B-3 Front winter/spring campaign as: (1) annihilation of a major US elem in order to force deployment of additional trps to western highlands and to dest a large part of SVNese army; (2) encourage units to improve techniques of concentrated large-scale atks; (3) "liberate" an important area in order to strengthen B-3 Front base area; and (4) coordinate campaign in western highlands with other battle areas throughout SVN. Document also stressed need to overcome difficulties in supply system in order that atks could be carried out far from base areas and the men should prepare for prolonged battle and many hardships. (3)

LARGE ROCKETS POSSIBLY NOW IN 3 CTZ: On 11 Nov, a forward area controller sighted an est 2-bn-size base camp -- prob used by elems 88th NVA Regt -- near Song Be in Phuoc Long Prov. Of particular note was a "body-like object on a wooden platform elevated 3 or 4 feet off the gnd" which COMUSMACV believes may be a 140-mm rkt launcher, which is normally mounted on a board. This wpn is not known to have been used in the Prov but may have been introduced there. (b)(3) 10.U.S.C.424:3.3

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS: 126 sorties (74 USAF, 30 USMC, 22 USN) destroyed/damaged 8/14 WBL, 5/0 structures, 0/25 gun psns, 0/16 stor areas, 0/6 trk pks, 0/5 road segments, 0/4 bridges, 0/4 trp concs, 0/3 bunkers, 0/2 barracks, 0/2 ferries, 0/1 trk, 0/1 transship pt. (c)

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS: 189 sorties (141 USAF, 38 USN) destroyed/damaged 15/11 trks, 7/4 AAA sites, 1/7 bridges, 0/36 road segments, 0/14 gun sites, 0/14 stor areas, 0/14 trk pks, 0/6 trp concs, 0/5 mil complexes, 0/4 ferry complexes, 0/2 bridge approaches, 0/1 transship pt. (e)
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