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WARNING

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

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.

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 wps seized. 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 wps seized.

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.

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 wps 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.

14 small-unit contacts reptd. Losses -- ARVN: 7 KIA, 29 WIA, 10 MIA. VC/NVA: 6 KIA, 1 per det, and 6 wps seized.

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 wps and 1 crew-served wpn seized.

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


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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. (o)

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. (o)

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. (e)

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

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 NWW Kontum. No gnd follow-up sked. (e)

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 WBL, 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. (e)

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

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 acf 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) (3) 10

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM
WHICH INVOLVE PARTICIPATION BY US FORCES
(3D & 4TH CORPS)
25 NOVEMBER 1967

KITTEN HAWK - 18 MAY 67, TAQR
1 BN (-) US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 40 118 (BC)
WIA 140
DET 97

LAM SON 67 - 7 FEB 67, TAQR
2 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 34
WIA 555
DET 1880

DIAMOND HEAD - 17 MAY 67, TAQR
3 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 180
WIA 72
DET 470

BARKING SANDS - 17 MAY 67, TAQR
3 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 92
WIA 492
DET 1995

KOLE KOLE - 13 MAY 67, TAQR
3 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 92
WIA 630
DET 981

FAIRFAX - 30 NOV, S&D
2 BNS US ARMY
3 BNS ARVN
US ARVN VC/NVA
KIA 118
WIA 717
DET 429

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

HOPTAC - 31 MAY 67, TAQR
1 BN US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 18
WIA 173
DET 119

CORONADO IX - 1 NOV
3 D US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 1
WIA 8
DET 121

KIEI GIANG 9-1 - 15 NOV
2 BNS US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 30
WIA 73 (BC)
DET 48

RILEY - 21 JUL, TAQR
1 BN US ARMY
US VC/NVA
KIA 34
WIA 115
DET 311

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

NOTE: S&D = SEARCH & DESTROY
TAQR TACTICAL AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

U.S. AREA OF OPNS

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LAOS

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 pkgs, 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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