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GROUND OPERATIONS: 40 bn-size opns in progress: 24 US, 13 ARVN, 3 FW.

1 CTZ: On 2 Dec, PF plat guarding a hwy bridge 3 nm N of Quang Ngai was atkd by en plat. Losses -- PF: 6 KIA, 1 WIA, 3 MIA; VC/NVA: unk.

32 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- VC/NVA: 35 KIA, 21 det; US: 2 KIA, 10 WIA; ARVN: 3 WIA; ROK: 7 WIA.

2 CTZ: On 3 Dec, 31 nm E of Pleiku, USA 68-veh co atkd by 3-plat en force. Losses -- VC/NVA: 17 KIA, 1 det; US: 1 KIA, 4 WIA.

5 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- VC/NVA: 1 KIA, 20 det; ROK: 1 KIA, 3 WIA; ARVN: 1 KIA, 3 WIA.

3 CTZ: 5 barges (4 ammo and 1 crane) under tow atkd by en force, sinking 1 barge, partially sinking 1, damaging 3. Losses -- US: none; VC/NVA: unk. Materiel loss: 14,720 rds 4.2" mort ammo, 6,240 rds 105-mm ammo.

11 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- VC/NVA: 2 KIA; ARVN: 1 KIA, 14 WIA; US: 1 WIA.


3 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- VC/NVA: unk; ARVN: 3 KIA, 2 WIA.

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 4 DEC: 8 B-52s struck area of pers/materiel movement 46 nm NNW Pleiku, in spt of gnd Opn MAC ARTHUR. 6 B-52s struck en buildup threatening Bu Dop, incl trp concs, fighting psns, mort and AW psns, 72 nm N of Saigon. No gnd follow-up for these msns.

DMZ AREA ACTV: Recent msgs indicate NVA 90 Regt (disposed largely in co-size units N and NW Con Thien) planning for series ambushes/gnd atks plus arty/mort/rkt atks on tgts opportunity -- when (unspec) it gains numerical superiority and its ammo problems resolved. NVA 803 Regt still moving to psns E and NE Con Thien. 90 Regt has expressed concern re bunkers being built by Allied forces SE Con Thien (at Doc Soi). Latest ARDF-derived loc of poss regt-size unit of NVA 304 Div (near Tchepone) suggests it will deploy to western DMZ area.

AIR ACTIVITY OUT OF CAMBODIA: COMUSMACV reports that 3 more violations of SVN airspace occurred 4 Dec (OIS 4 Dec): (1) unident hi-perf acft approached to within 11 mi Kontum City, proceeding to tri-border area, back into SVN at point NE of Dak To, thence northeast.
toward Da Nang (sic); (2) unident hi-perf acft entered SVN vic Bu Dop; (3) unident acft entered SVN 11 mi NNW Dak To (Army Aviation est this one ALOUETTE helo, owing distinctive sound). US acft launched but negative results. Could be Cambodian border area surveillance opn.

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 4 DEC: 110 sorties (61 USAF, 39 USMC, 10 USN) destr/damaged 12/3 bunkers, 4/16 WBLG, 3/3 structures, 1/3 bridges, 0/19 gun sites, 0/19 stor areas, 0/14 trks, 0/10 troop concs, 0/4 ferries, 0/3 trk pkts, 0/2 radar sites, 0/1 coastal def site, and LOCs.  

Tgt within 30-nm radius Hanoi: SAM Site 167.  
Tgt with 10-nm Radius Haiphong: Haiphong/Kien An Afdl.  
Other tgts: Yen Bai Afdl; Thai Nguyen RR yds/shops.

HANOI BRIDGE/ROAD TRAFFIC: 29 Nov photos showed that the 2 Hanoi RR/Hwy Bridges (Red River, Canal des Rapides) were prob serviceable. Late Nov-early Dec info from reliable Westerner is that: (1) rail/veh ttc over these bridges steady/heavy, with each apparently operating at full capacity (heaviest flow toward Hanoi); (2) hwy ttc was heavy on Rte 5 from Haiphong and on Rte 1A from Dong Dang.

NAVAL ACTY: Since 4 Nov an unusual amount of maintenance and torpedo replacement acty has been noted being sked by 2 of NVN’s 3 MTB Divisions. Several msgs between 27 Nov-3 Dec from NVN MTB command at Cac Ba Is indicated that MTBs in 1st and 2d Divs were to complete assembly and (poss) loading of torpedoes on 5 Dec. On 30 Nov, an NVN auxiliary ship was directed to tow a tgt for a firing exercise. Current acty suggestive of trng, but noted that similar acty preceded (1) atk on a US DD 1 Jul 66, and (2) the atks sked for Feb 67 (but which never came off).

LAOS

BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER 4 DEC: 267 sorties (183 USAF, 72 USN, 12 USMC) destr/damaged 33/82 trks, 4/8 gun sites, 3/0 structures, 0/36 trk pkts, 0/10 stor areas, 0/9 troop concs, 0/7 mil complexes, 0/1 bridge, 0/1 construction area, and LOCs.

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 4 DEC: 12 B-52s bombed trk pkts, stor area, 46 nm WSW Dong Hoi.

NEW ROAD: new infiltration corridor road being built -- this one from Chavane (a storage area in Laos) in direction of southwestern Quang Nam Prov in SVN. Road coincides with the 10-mi motorable segment of Rte 165 east out of Chavane;
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM WHICH INVOLVE PARTICIPATION BY US FORCES (3D & 4TH CORPS) 5 DECEMBER 1967

KITTAY HAWK - 18 MAY 67, TAOR 1 BN (-) US ARMY KIA 40 WIA 119 (BC) DET 87

LAM SON 67 - 7 FEB 67, TAOR 2 BNS ARMY KIA 36 WIA 1884

DIAMOND HEAD - 17 MAY 67, TAOR 3 BNS US ARMY KIA 71 WIA 237 (BC) DET 493

BARKING SANDS - 17 MAY 67, TAOR 3 BNS US ARMY KIA 150 WIA 268 (BC) DET 2015

KOLE KOLE - 13 MAY 67, TAOR 3 BNS US ARMY KIA 92 WIA 664 (BC) DET 981

FAIRFAX - 30 NOV, S&D 1 BN US ARMY KIA 118 WIA 38 DET 70

ENTERPRISE - 13 FEB, S&D 3 BNS ARVN KIA 178 WIA 143 (BC) DET 2912

HOP TAC - 31 MAY 67, TAOR 1 BN US ARMY KIA 19 WIA 174 DET 124

CORONADO IX - 1 NOV, S&D 2 BNS ARMY KIA 35 WIA 216 DET 2

SANTA FE - 1 NOV, S&D 3 BNS US ARMY KIA 6 WIA 31 DET 30

RILEY - 21 JUL, TAOR 1 BN ARMY KIA 38 WIA 51 (BC) DET 1

ATLANTA - 17 NOV, S&D 2 BNS US ARMY KIA 14 WIA 74 (BC) DET 1

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

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part of this segment being reconstructed; the trail (Rte 969) north and east beyond motorable segment being widened/improved for distance of 9 mi to point 11 mi from Quang Nam border. Could eventually connect with Rte 14 (running north-south in SVN along western border Quang Nam, Quang Tin, Kontum Provs). (S/NFD)

USAF F-105D DOWN: USAF F-105D downed due unk cause 118 nm WNW Thanh Hoa. No chute or beeper. No SAR. 

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NORTH VIETNAM

USN F-8C DOWN: On 5 Dec, a USN F-8C on RT msn downed 52 nm ENE Vinh. Pilot recovered in good condition. 

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