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(b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424; 33(h)(2)

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GROUND OPERATIONS: 41 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 23 US, 15 ARVN, 3 FWP. 

1 CTZ: On 13 Dec, in Opn WHEELER/WALLOWA, USA armored cav bn engaged en co 22 nm SSE Da Nang. Results -- US: 1 KIA, 13 WIA; VC/NVA: 56 KIA, 9 pers det, 11 indiv wpns. 

On 13 Dec, en co atkd outpost manned by RF co and PF plat. Results -- VC/NVA: 15 KIA, 3 indiv and 1 crew-served wpn; friendly cas: none. 

41 small-unit contacts reported. Losses -- US: 1 WIA; ARVN: 9 WIA; VC/NVA: 22 KIA, 12 pers det, 4 wpns. 

2 CTZ: On 13 Dec, CIDG co engaged en co 32 nm NW Pleiku. A 2-co CIDG force reinf by helo. Results -- US: 4 WIA; CIDG: 3 KIA, 15 WIA; VC/NVA: 1 KIA, 1 indiv wpn, 4 radios, 100 rucksacks; 2 UH-1D helos dest, 2 UH-1C helos damaged. 

On 13 Dec, en co overran RF plat outpost 25 nm NNW Qui Nhon. 1 RF and 2 ARVN cos engaged en force. 1 US co reinf. Results -- US: 3 KIA, 10 WIA; ARVN: 11 KIA, 9 WIA; RF: 7 KIA, 3 WIA; VC/NVA: 55 KIA. 

On 13 Dec, PF plat engaged by est 2 en cos 7 nm N of Qui Nhon. 2 RF cos reinf. Results -- PF: 2 KIA, 3 WIA; VC/NVA: 20 KIA, 3 ind wpns. 

No small-unit contacts reported. 

3 CTZ: In Opn YELLOWSTONE, on 13 Dec, 2 USA cos had 2 separate contacts with unk-size VC/NVA force 65 nm NW Saigon. Tac air, arty, helos sptd. Results -- US: 8 KIA, 29 WIA; VC/NVA: 6 KIA, 15,000 hand grenades seized. 

On 14 Dec, in Opn SARATOGA, USA div fwd CP struck by 150 rds 82-mm mortar and recoilless rifle fire. Results -- US: 10 WIA; VC/NVA: unk. 

4 CTZ: 8 major opns in prog; no contact reported. 3 small-unit contacts reported. Results -- ARVN: 3 KIA, 4 WIA, 1 wpn lost; VC/NVA: 1 KIA, 11 pers det, 2 wpns. 

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 6 B-52s bombed area 52 nm NNW Pleiku at 141625 EST containing major infiltration rte and staging area; in spt Opn MAC ARTHUR. No gnd follow-up sked. 

ATTACK INDICATIONS: Increased atks in Dak To area are likely. From 7 to 9 Dec, a radio terminal identified as serving "40th Arty Regt" moved to a poss resupply area in Laos and returned to NVA 1st Div's opnl area in Cambodia. This move, coupled with sightings of trks moving southward toward triborder area, suggests army unit was on a resupply msn. Also, recce units of 1st Div have been reporting daily, prob on allied psns. 

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15 Dec 67
TERRORISM IN GIA DINH PROVINCE: On 14 Dec, an ARVN soldier and a
VNese civilian were assassinated in SW Gia Dinh Prov; a member of
House of Representatives, who won a seat in 22 Oct elections, was
shot and killed by terrorists on northern outskirts of Saigon;
and, a USAF passenger was wounded in grenade atk on USAF bus in
Saigon. (6)

NORTH VIETNAM

ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS: 108 sorties (40 USN, 38 USAF, 30 USMC)
dest/damaged 1/32 WBL craft, 0/40 gun psns, 0/21 trks, 0/7 SAM
sites, 0/6 bunkers, 0/4 stor areas, 0/3 road segs, 0/3 trk pkrs,
0/3 trp concs, 0/2 bridge approaches, 0/2 fords, 0/1 bridge, 0/1
ferry, 0/1 radar tower, 0/1 radar site, 0/1 train, 0/1 transship
pt. (9)
Tgts within 30-nm radius of Hanoi: 8 SAM sites. (6)
Tgts within 10-nm radius of Haiphong: Prelim info indicates 1
USN acft struck Haiphong hwy bridge NNW; pilots report bridge
down. 6 USN acft struck Haiphong RR yd W; pilots report all
ordnance on tgt. 1 USN acft struck Dien Bien Phu bridge; results
not observed. Pilots observed 1 SAM impact SW section Haiphong. (4)
MIG ENGAGEMENTS: 5 USN acft (4 F-8s, 1 A-4) engaged by 4 MIG-17s
30 nm SW Haiphong at 140435 EST. 1 MIG downed by SIDEWINDER; no
damage to US acft. (6)
SAM SIGHTINGS: 42 SAMs observed over NVN by US pilots. No damage
to US acft. (6)
ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: 9 B-52s bombed area 47 nm NW Hue at 140750
EST containing elms 164th Arti Regt, log and supply points,
fortified villages, and numerous (b(3)10) psns. (6)

SOVIET TRANSPORT IN HANOI: A Sov AN-10 mil transport with 11 crew
members aboard arrived at Phuc Yen Afld on round trip from USSR
yesterday, the first Sov transport flight to NVN since 12 June.
AN-10s are primarily used to carry passengers. (b(3)10 U.S.C. 424;3.3

LAOS

BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS: 140 sorties (126 USAF, 14
USMC) dest/damaged 14/32 trks, (b(3)10 U.S.C. 424;3
3/10 gun sites, 1/8
bridges, 0/19 trk pkrs, 0/8 stor areas, 0/8 trp concs, 0/1 ammo
area, 0/1 ferry, 0/1 mil complex, and LOCs. (6)
ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS: B-52s bombed area 35 nm WSW Hue at 141350
EST. Tgt is on major infiltration rte and contains bunkers, stor
pits, stockpiles, trk pkrs, and hvy veh movement. (6)

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

KITTY HAWK - 18 MAY 67, TAQR
1 BN (-) US ARMY
KIA 40
WIA 140
DET 87

LAM SON 67 - 7 FEB 67, TAQR
2 BNS US ARMY
KIA 10
WIA 576
DET 1895

YELLOWSTONE - 7 DEC 67 S&D/BD/S&M
2 BNS US ARMY
KIA 17
WIA 121
ARVN VC/NVA 11

ATLANTA - 17 NOV 67, S&D
1 BN US ARMY
KIA 187
WIA 96
DET 1

FAIRFAX - 30 NOV 66, S&D
1 BN US ARMY
KIA 118
WIA 728
MIA 2
ARVN VC/NVA 36
DET 1225 (BC)

ENTERPRISE - 13 FEB 67, S&D
3 BNS US ARMY
KIA 187
WIA 107
ARVN VC/NVA 1466 (BC)
DET 641

HOPAC - 30 FEB 67, TAQR
1 BN US ARMY
KIA 15
WIA 183
DET 125

CORONADO IX - 1 NOV 67, S&D
2 BNS US ARMY
1 BN VNNC
KIA 11
WIA 178
DET 371

NOTE: S&D - SEARCH & DESTROY
TAQR - TACTICAL AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY
BD/S&M - BASE DEVELOPMENT/SECURITY & MAINTENANCE
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