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SOUTH VIETNAM

GROUND OPERATIONS: 44 bn-size or larger opns in prog: 27 US, 3 FWF, 14 ARVN. (\(\text{\(\top\)}\))

1 CTZ: USMC 1-bn S&D Opn FORTRESS RIDGE init 20 Dec 10 nm N of Quang Tri. (\(\text{\(\top\)}\))

USMC UH-34D helo downed by gnd fire 17 nm SW Sa Nang. Acft dest; all pers recovered. (\(\text{\(\top\)}\))

30 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- US:
3 KIA, 22 WIA; VC/NVA: 27 KIA, 29 det, 7 wpns. (\(\text{\(\top\)}\))

2 CTZ: 7 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- ROK: 1 KIA, 2 WIA; ARVN: 2 KIA, 3 WIA, 1 wpn; VC/NVA: 14 KIA, 7 wpns. (\(\text{\(\top\)}\))

3 CTZ: 3d Bde, 1st USA Inf Div ammo dump caught fire from unk causes. Fire brought under control. Damage to ammo unk. Losses -- US: 2 KIA, 20 WIA; CIV: 2 KIA, 7 WIA. (\(\text{\(\top\)}\))

In Opn CAMDEN on 20 Dec, 2 contacts reptd. 1st; 2 USA cos engaged unk-size en force. 2d; USA co engaged unk-size en force. Cum losses -- US: 8 KIA, 27 WIA; VC/NVA: 27 KIA, 5 wpns. (\(\text{\(\top\)}\))

On 21 Dec, SS SEATRAIN TEXAS, a US commercial ship, was mined 7 nm SE Saigon. Ship does not need assistance; no cas reptd. (\(\text{\(\top\)}\))

Updated report on Thai contact 15 nm ESE Saigon 20 Dec indicates following losses -- VC/NVA: 52 KIA, 37 wpns. (\(\text{\(\top\)}\))

On 20 Dec, 5 PF obs posts and 2 dist hqs 13 nm ESE Saigon simultaneously atkd by en with small-arms, grenades, mort fire. Losses -- US: 1 WIA; PF: 6 KIA, 6 WIA; CIV: 1 WIA; VC/NVA: 1 KIA. (\(\text{\(\top\)}\))

12 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- US:
1 KIA, 5 WIA; ARVN: 1 KIA, 18 WIA; VC/NVA: 15 KIA, 5 det, 7 wpns. (\(\text{\(\top\)}\))

4 CTZ: Opn DAN CHI 315D, prev reported term, resumed 20 Dec. ARVN reported light contact. Many en bodies found as result of air atks. Losses -- ARVN: 1 KIA, 7 WIA; VC/NVA: 75 KIA, 11 det, 75 wpns, 200 grenades, 6 tons ammo. (\(\text{\(\top\)}\))

On 19 Dec, USN helo light fire team (LFT) atkd en psns 18 nm SE Can Tho. Losses -- VC/NVA: 20 KIA, 6 det. (\(\text{\(\top\)}\))

2 small-unit contacts resulted in following losses -- US: 1 WIA; VC/NVA: 11 KIA, 4 det, 2 wpns, 20 grenades. (\(\text{\(\top\)}\))

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 21 DEC: 6 B-52s bombed area 50 nm NE Tay Ninh containing stor areas and elms of VC 9 Div. 6 B-52s bombed area 23 nm NNE Tay Ninh containing elms NVA 141 Regt. Gnd follow-up planned by elms US 25th Inf Div for last msn. (\(\text{\(\top\)}\))

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

KENTUCKY - 31 OCT 67, S&D
6 BNS USMC
KIA 54
WIA 618
DET 55

LANCASTER - 31 OCT 67, S&D
1 BN USMC
KIA 2
WIA 42
DET 8

SCOTLAND - 31 OCT 67, S&D
2 BNS USMC
KIA 2
DET 12

OSCEOLA - 20 OCT 67, S&D
2 BNS USMC
KIA 17
WIA 161
DET 131

NEOSHO - 31 OCT 67, S&D
1 BN USMC
KIA 4
WIA 65
DET 24

WHEELER/WALLOWA
(INIT 10 SEP 67) (INIT 14 OCT 67)
(COMBINED 10 NOV 67)
9 BNS US ARMY
KIA 292
WIA 1167
DET 2123

MAC ARTHUR - 11 OCT 67, S&D
10 BNS US ARMY
KIA 321
WIA 1229
MIA 15
DET 226

PERSHING - 11 FEB 67, S&D
5 BNS US ARMY
KIA 565
WIA 2772
MIA 3
DET 10,208

DAZZLE II - 1 OCT 68, TAOR
1 BN US ARMY
KIA 21
WIA 130
DET 368

BOLLING - 18 SEP 67, S&D
2 BNS US ARMY
KIA 11
WIA 58
DET 1717

BYRD - 25 AUG 66, S&D
TEMP SUSPENDED
KIA 32
WIA 335
DET 1159

KLAMATH FALLS - 30 NOV 67, S&D
5 BNS US ARMY
KIA 14
WIA 51
DET 11

U.S. AREA OF OPERATIONS
S&D - SEARCH AND DESTROY
TAOR - TACTICAL AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

(b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424
"WAY STATION" ECHO: As of 21 Dec, had relocated southeastward -- from vic Tchepone to SVN/Lao border at point about 15 nm S of Khe Sanh. Station continues pass msgs originated by prob Hqs NVA 320 Div (and by unident regt-size subord of NVA 304 Div) -- suggesting latter units in same general area (abutting on western Quang Tri Prov) as Echo. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. VC ACTIVITY SAIGON AREA: Terrorism continues in Saigon. Evidence accumulates that VC prob planning atk in Bien Hoa area -- poss the afld and/or Long Binh field grade officers' billet; a field COMINT station report states that urgent tone of en msgs connotes both careful/expeditious preparations. (Announced VC cease-fire period begins noon 23 Dec EST). (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3 CAPTURED NVA SOLDIER: COMUSMACV reports capture in Delta on 16 Dec of a native-born NVA private first class. Would be first NVN mil infiltrator captured south of Saigon (prisoner not to be confused with NVN teacher captured SVN 5 Dec, OIS 21 Dec). (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;3.3 NORTH VIETNAM ROLLING THUNDER OPERATIONS 21 DEC: 11 sorties (67 USAF, 30 USN, 14 USMC) dest/damaged 10/9 WBLC, 2/5 bldgs, 0/26 gun psns, 0/16 stor areas, 0/6 trk pkrs, 0/6 trks, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424; 0/1 biv area, 0/1 bridge, 0/1 transship pts, 0/1 radar site, 0/2 SAM sites, and LOCs. Significant tgts within 30-nm radius Hanoi: Thai Nguyen Barracks; Ho Lac Afd. AIRCRAFT DOWNE: USN A-4E downed from unk causes 18 nm SE of Vinh 21 Dec. Rescue helo reported seeing pilot and he is presumed dead. SAR forces withdrawn. (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424; USAF F-100F downed from probable gnd fire approx 25 nm WNW of Dong Hoi 21 Dec. Both pilots captured, but reported in good condition by radio contact made (by pilots of 416 Tac Fighter Wing) with captors (2 soldiers) who appear to be holding pilots for ransom (sic). First-known reaction of this type. USN A-7A downed from unk causes 8 nm S of Haiphong 22 Dec. Good chute obs and beeper heard. SAR in prog. 1st A-7A loss in combat. CHICOM MIL CONVOYS REPORTED: A recently repatriated Spanish refugee has told of large ChiCom mil convoys moving south on Rte 1B from Bac Son to Thai Nguyen during Oct-Nov. Incl trks, half-tracks, tks, self-propelled/towed arty, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. many vhs with red stars/Chinese ideographs. Source claimed trks returned north empty from Thai Nguyen. While ChiCom AAA div may be at Thai Nguyen, available info, (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. does not support offensive. 22 Dec 67
presence ChiCom gnd combat units in NVN. COMINT does, of course, indicate presence ChiCom AAA, construction log units, ChiCom log spq acty could account for sightings.

"NAVAL CARGO": Reminiscent of 16 Dec msg re shipment of "40 tons of sea mines" are the reflections in NVN rear services commo between 16-18 Dec of shipments of "48 tons of naval cgo", "8 tons ditto". No other info.

IMPROVEMENT OF CHICOM AIR DEFENSE NEAR BORDER: Since mid-Nov a number of CROSS LEGS EW radars (ChiCom's latest) have been deployed along NVN border, on Luichow Peninsula, and on Hainan. Increases air surveillance caps over northern NVN/Gulf. (Max operating range is 250 nm.) When collocated with height-finding radars, equip can perform GCI function. Equip not (yet) deployed to NVN, but tracking data from ChiCom sites could be utilized by NVN air def system. Owing to CROSS LEGS' unique RF band, it is, at present, not susceptible to US active ECM ops over NVN/Gulf.

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BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS 21 DEC: 204 sorties (199 USAF, 5 USMC) dest/damaged 22/61 trks, 4/6 gun sites, 0/48 road segs, 0/22 trk pks, 0/12 stor areas, 0/5 fords, 0/9 bridges, 0/4 mil complexes, 0/4 trp concs. (S)

ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS 21 DEC: 9 B-52s bombed tgt 42 nm SSW Dong Hoi containing foxholes and stor areas. (S)

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