

FACT SHEET

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SUBJECT: Helicopter Mounted Missiles Systems Data (U)

PURPOSE: To present a summary of operational results of the airborne TOW and SS-11 systems

FACTS:

1. (C) TOW data for 23-29 October 1972. No missiles were fired during this reporting period.

2. (C) SS-11 data for 23-29 October 1972:

a. On 23 October 1972, six missiles were fired in combat at enemy occupied hooches and bunkers. Two hooches were engaged and destroyed at AT820501; one bunker was destroyed vicinity AT828482 with seven enemy KBA; at AT852483, three enemy bunkers were damaged.

b. On 24 October 1972, 11 missiles were fired in combat at enemy occupied structures. One bridge was damaged, three buildings were destroyed, one bunker was destroyed, and another was damaged. Three other missiles missed their targets and two missiles malfunctioned. One malfunction was due to a guidance wire break. The other was caused when the guidance flares failed to ignite.

c. On 27 October 1972, eight SS-11 missiles were fired in combat vicinity B8760500. Three hits on enemy bunkers resulted in two being totally destroyed with sustained fires and one bunker heavily damaged. Two missiles missed their targets and three malfunctioned. Two of the malfunctioning missiles resulted when their guidance wires did not jettison. The third missile was erratic from launch.

3. (U) GDS declassification date: 31 December 1978.

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