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AMMUNITION DEPOT XOM BANG, NORTH VIETNAM 17-07N 106-45E

PRE-STRIKE

POST-STRIKE



TILES

13 BUILDINGS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED



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1. PRE-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF LUCKY DRAGON [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REVEALS AN AMMUNITION DEPOT LOCATED ONE NM NORTHWEST OF XOM BANG, EIGHTEEN NM SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF DONG HOI, AND THIRTEEN NM NORTH OF THE 1954 PROVISIONAL LINE OF DEMARCATION. DEPOT AREA CONTAINS NINE REVETTED STORAGE BUILDINGS, ONE UNREVETTED STORAGE BUILDING, AND THREE SMALL SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

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2. POST-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REVEALS THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE TO THE AMMUNITION DEPOT:

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BUILDINGSDAMAGE ASSESSMENT

9 REVETTED STORAGE

6 DESTROYED

3 HEAVILY DAMAGED

1 UNREVETTED STORAGE

1 DESTROYED

3 SMALL SUPPORT

3 DESTROYED

NUMEROUS RUBBER TIRES ARE OBSERVED AMONG THE DEBRIS OF ONE STORAGE BUILDING. EXTENSIVE BOMB AND ROCKET CRATERING IS OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

3. COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT ON 2 MARCH 1965 SEVENTY-TWO USAF PLANES ATTACKED XOM BANG AMMUNITION DEPOT. THE

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DEPOT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE HAD A CAPACITY OF 5,000 METRIC TONS -- ABOUT FIVE PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY'S STORED AMMUNITION. IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING THE 325TH INFANTRY DIVISION AND THE 270TH INDEPENDENT INFANTRY REGIMENT, THE DEPOT SERVICES VIET CONG ELEMENTS, AND POSSIBLY COMMUNIST FORCES IN LAOS.

4. AREA HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY COVERED BY COLD TALE, LAZY DAISY, LUCKY DRAGON, AND TROJAN HORSE PHOTOGRAPHY.

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