

2 NOVEMBER

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

The 2/12 Cav pulled all its companies into the hospital battle area and began to fan out to the northeast in search operations. Company A found 29 large containers of medical supplies at ZA045038, following a brisk encounter with a small enemy unit. At 1430 all three rifle companies attacked to seize OBJECTIVE-H in the vicinity of ZA 065055 and captured 6 N-V-A soldiers.

The 2/8 CP and A company maintained positions at CAVALAIR while B company moved from NAN (ZA945125) to a position at YV9899. The platoon of B company that had been committed to the hospital battle the day before was extracted and returned to its parent unit.

In the 1/12 area, companies A and E continued search and destroy operations. At the village of PLEI XOUN, some 500 refugees were evacuated to the LE THANH refugee camp. The remainder of the battalion searched from bases in the vicinity of CHARGER CITY.

A company and CP group of 1/8 Cav began arriving at STADIUM and had closed by 0945 hours. B company returned to STADIUM from the hospital operation. C company 1/8 remained at TUY HOA in support of TF AMOS.

1/9 Cav continued its first and last light recons and provided the brigade with flank screens. The remainder of the squadron was coiled at its location near the brigade CP at STADIUM. It was detached from brigade control at 0840. The maps captured the day previously that depicted trails and movement all headed toward the CHU PONG - IA DRANG complex made the division commander and his assistants anxious to get something going close to the Cambodian border. The Cav Squadron was ideally suited for the task and this was to be its next mission.

2. TASK ORGANIZATION:

1ST BRIGADE

No change except:

Detach 1/9 Cav (-) at 0840 hours

DIVISION

No change except:

Gain Op Con 1/9 Cav (-)

3. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY:

The 33d Regiment now received orders to head deeper into the CHU PONG sanctuary. By 0400 on the 2d, the regimental CP had arrived at Hill 732 (YA885106). But while the head of the column had comparative safety, the body and tail, still stretching back to near PLEI ME, was anything but safe.

Meanwhile, the N-V-A division headquarters (FIELD FRONT) had a bright spot in an otherwise gloomy picture. The last of its three regiments was due to arrive soon in South Vietnam and begin moving into assembly areas in the CHU PONG-IA DRANG area.

4. ACTIVITIES STATISTICS

FRIENDLY LOSSES

KIA 0

WIA 4

MIA 0

ENEMY LOSSES

KIA - 3(BC) 15(Est)

WIA - 13 (Est)

VCC 18

EQUIP-Quantities of hospital and surgical equip

WPNS-7 indiv weapons
215 hand grenades

AMMO-20x75mm RR rounds
35x82mm mortar rounds
600 12.7mm rounds
60,000 7.62mm rounds