

11 NOVEMBER

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

1/12 Cav continued search operations in Area GOLD without contact. B and D companies moved to STADIUM to provide brigade security.

1/7 Cav continued to operate in Area WHITE using squad-size saturation patrolling techniques.

2/5 Cav closed STADIUM from AN KHE and was immediately airlifted to Area RED to begin search and destroy operations. The battalion closed at 1500 hours.

2/12 Cav was lifted back to AN KHE base.

C 1/9th Cav Sqdn continued screening and reconnaissance missions.

2. TASK ORGANIZATION:

3D BRIGADE

DIVISION

No Change except:

No Change

Attach 2/5 Cav

Detach 2/12 Cav

3. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY:

FIELD FRONT headquarters, after evaluating the situation, had reached a decision. With American units seemingly withdrawing to the east of PLEI ME, the decision was to attempt to regain its early advantage with an attack. The target ~~once~~ again was the PLEI ME C-I-D-G Camp. The division headquarters set the date for attack at 16 November, and issued orders to its three regiments.

The 32d Regiment, of course, remained a cohesive fighting force, despite the casualties sustained during the ambush of the A-R-V-N Armored Task Force on the road to PLEI ME.

The 33d, as has been seen, suffered tremendous losses in its attack of and subsequent withdrawal from PLEI ME, but it still was to be committed again. With a view toward its future commitment, the 33d's cadre began reorganization of the depleted battalions into a composite fighting unit.

The real cutting edge for the attack, however, was the newly infiltrated 66th Regiment, fresh from North Vietnam and spoiling for a fight. It would be in the ~~vaa~~ of the three regimental effort against PLEI ME.

The disposition of the 66th on 11 November had its three battalions, the 7th, 8th and 9th, strung along the north bank of the IA DRANG (center of mass Vic 9104).

The 33d Regiment still maintained its positions vicinity ANTA Village (YA940010).

The 32d Regiment was still north of the IA DRANG (YA820070).

To add punch to the attack, FIELD FRONT also decided to commit a battalion of 120mm mortars and a battalion of 14.5mm twin-barrel anti-aircraft guns. These two units were enroute down the infiltration trail and were scheduled to arrive in time for the attack. The next five days were to be spent in preparation for and movement to the attack.

Thus, for the first time, a full N-V-A division would be committed offensively against a target in South Vietnam.

4. ACTIVITIES STATISTICS:

FRIENDLY LOSSES

KIA 0

WIA 2

MIA 0

ENEMY LOSSES

No significant ground contact