

12 NOVEMBER

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

2/5 Cav conducted squad-size patrols in Area RED and discovered numerous punji stakes on trails. Psy War teams conducted orientations in local villages.

1/7 Cav continued small unit search and destroy operations in Area WHITE with no contact.

1/12 Cav and 2/19 Arty (-) moved back to AN KHE base.

C 1/9 Cav Sqdn continued screens of the brigade flanks.

2/7th Cav arrived from AN KHE and was airlifted to three Landing Zones south of PLEI ME in the vicinity of CHU DON Mountain to begin search and destroy operations in that area.

The most significant action came almost at the day was ended. At 2323 hours, an estimated battalion sized force of either N-V-A or Main Force VIET CONG staged a violent attack on the Brigade base at STADIUM. Nearly 100 rounds of 82mm and 60mm mortar shells were pumped into brigade position in addition to a heavy volume of small arms and automatic weapons fire. The attack was concentrated against engineer positions, the aviation refueling complex and the brigade command post. By a few minutes after midnight the attack had been beaten off and all firing ceased. More than 100 demolition charges were recovered when the attack area was screened.

Yeoman duty was performed by the aerial rocket artillery ships that were laagered at STADIUM. All seven aircraft were airborne within five minutes after the attack started and it was their combined fires that stopped the mortar attacks.

2. TASK ORGANIZATION:

3D BRIGADE
No Change except:

DIVISION
No Change

Attach 2/7 Cav

Detach 1/12 Cav

Detach 2/19 Arty (-)

3. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY:

FIELD FRONT units continued preparations and rehearsals for the scheduled attack on PLEI ME.

There was little or no activity in the area where maneuver elements were operating.

4. ACTIVITIES STATISTICS:

FRIENDLY LOSSES

KIA 7

WIA 23

MIA 0

ENEMY LOSSES

KIA-6(BC) 22(Est)

WIA-No est

VCC- 0

WPNS- 0

EQUIP-100 demolition
charges