

20 NOVEMBER

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

The 3d Brigade moved its combat elements to Landing Zones CROOKS and GOLF, which fitted in with the scheme of maneuver of the 2d Brigade, which was assuming control of combat elements in the battle zone. After turning over control of units in the field, the 3d Brigade began movement back to AN KHE base with the 1/7 Cav and other attached and organic elements. For the 3d Forward Support Element, it was the first relief since the campaign had started on 23 October.

The 2d Brigade planned to use DUC CO Special Forces Camp (YA840252) as an operating base for its forward CP, and closed during the afternoon. The 1/5 Cav conducted patrolling from L-Z GOLF, and 2/5 Cav patrolled from L-Z CROOKS.

1/9 Cav Sqdn screened the entire brigade sector after moving to and establishing a base at 19th HOLE.

The 2/12 moved by truck convoy from AN KHE to STADIUM, marking the second time this battalion was committed during the campaign. During the night some 60mm mortar rounds fell on STADIUM but there were no casualties.

Division artillery units at GOLF and CROOKS continued to give fire support to A-R-V-N airborne forces to the west. Most noteworthy was the fires delivered in support of the 3d and 6th battalions of the airborne brigade when they struck an estimated battalion of the 32d Regiment, N-V-A.

The division artillery units were credited by the airborne brigade commander with having been responsible for 127 KIA by body count during the time the artillery supported the A-R-V-N.

2. TASK ORGANIZATION:

2D BRIGADE

1/5 Cav (201200)  
2/5 Cav (201200)  
2/12 Cav  
1/8 Cav (201400)  
1/77 Arty  
1/21 Arty (201200)  
2/17 Arty (201200)  
B 2/20 Arty ARA  
B 8 Eng  
2d FSE  
2d Plat, 545 MP Co  
Sig Spt Tm, 13th Sig  
Tm, 10th RRU  
IPW/CI Tm, 191 MI Det  
TM, 54th Inf Det  
1/9 Cav Sqdn (-)

3D BRIGADE

No Change except:

Detach: 1/5 Cav  
2/5 Cav  
1/21 Arty  
2/17 Arty  
6/14 Arty  
3/18 Arty

DIVISION

No Change except:

Add: 6/14 Arty(-)  
3/18 Arty(-)

3. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY:

Artillery support continued to pound at positions of the 32d N-V-A Regiment north of the IA DRANG, while all other units pressed for the Cambodian border.

4. ACTIVITIES STATISTICS:

FRIENDLY LOSSES

KIA 1  
WIA 0  
MIA 0

ENEMY LOSSES

KIA - 5(BC)  
WIA - 7 (Est)