

24 OCTOBER

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

The 1st Brigade began completing its mission of supplying artillery support to the Armored Task Force. B 2/12 led an air assault on Objective FIELD GOAL (ZA238255) at 0812 hours, followed by Companies C, D and the Battalion command group. B 2/17 Arty landed as soon as the L-Z was secure.

Late that afternoon, the 2/12 and B 2/17 Arty moved by road and air to Objective FIELD GOAL SOUTH (ZA202207) where artillery fired support for the A-T-F, then located about 9 kilometers south of FIED GOAL SOUTH.

At 1600 hours, 2/8 Cav made an airmobile assault and seized without opposition L-Z SOUTH (ZA209123) with A and C companies, followed by B 2/19 Arty, which also began firing support for the task force.

B Troop 1/9 Cav Sqdn conducted reconaissance and screening missions in the brigade's zone of operations.

All Cavalry units were closed into night positions by 1900 hours. The A-R-V-N relief column, meanwhile, had moved its main force north along the road to the trains defensive perimeter, where casualties were then evacuated.

To try to get the column moving on the 24th the 1st Brigade placed an artillery liaison party with the armored column, thus guaranteeing US artillery fire support for the task force. However, the task force commander elected to remain in that position for the night while sending back to PLEIKU for additional supplies. The artillery liasion party came into the task force on one of the incoming medical evacuation choppers late on the afternoon of the 24th.

2. TASK ORGANIZATION:

<u>1ST BRIGADE</u>		<u>DIVISION</u>
HHC, 1st Bde	Tm, 10th RRU	Div Cmd Pers
2/8 Cav	Plt, 545 MP Co	17th Avn Co
2/12 Cav	F-A-C Tms, Air Force	
2/19 Arty (-)	3d F-S-E	
B 2/17 Arty	C 227th AHB	
A 2/20 Arty (ARA)	B 228th ASHB	
A/8 Eng		

3. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY:

After the initial engagement of A-R-V-N forces the presence of the N-V-A 32d Regiment became known. Although the enemy has struck a heavy blow at the armored task force, it failed in its mission of complete fragmentation and destruction.

The enemy force still holding PLEI ME under seige had not yet been identified, but the belief was growing that it was a newly-infiltrated unit getting its "baptism by fire".

All in all, however, the intelligence picture still was hazy and full of conjecture.

4. ACTIVITIES STATISTICS:

FRIENDLY LOSSES

KIA	0
WIA	0
MIA	0

ENEMY LOSSES

No infantry contact and no estimates on artillery-caused casualties.