

27 OCTOBER

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

The first offensive operations under the expanded concept took place at 1000 hours when the 2/8 Cav air assaulted to a landing zone north of PLEI ME. All commanders breathed easier when the landing was made without opposition. The battalion moved south by land to assault Objective CHERRY (ZA155038) and secured the objective without significant opposition at 1310 hours.

At 0715 B and D companies of 2/12 Cav with the battalion CP air landed on PUNT (ZA183123). C 2/12 landed at HOMECOMING at 0800 and B 2/17 Arty air landed at PUNT at 0800. All units had come from CAMP HOLLOWAY.

Their movement was made possible because the 1/12 Cav had been attached to the 1st Brigade and at 1615 hours closed at CAMP HOLLOWAY from AN KHE and became the brigade's reserve/reaction force for defense of PLEIKU. At 1730 hours, C 1/12 Cav moved by air to position DRAKE (ZA 122122), closing at 1850 hours.

At 1845 B 1/8 Cav arrived at CAMP HOLLOWAY.

The 1/9 Cav Sqdn continued its general screening of the brigade area. It returned A 2/12 Cav to its parent unit and the company closed at HOMECOMING at 1730 hours.

The 1st Brigade forward command post moved to HOMECOMING from CAMP HOLLOWAY, closing before nightfall.

2. TASK ORGANIZATION:

1ST BRIGADE

HHC, 1st Bde
2/8 Cav
1/12 Cav
2/12 Cav
B 1/8 Cav
2/19 Arty
B 2/17 Arty
A 2/20 Arty

1/9 Cav Sqdn (-)
Tm, 10th RRU
Tm, 191 MI-IPW
Tm, 54th Inf Det
Plt, 545 MP Co
F-A-C Tm
A/8th Eng
3d F-S-E
227 AHB (-)
228 ASHB (-)

DIVISION

Fwd D-T-O-C
17th Avn Co

3. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY:

By the 27th, the N-V-A regiment responsible for the seige of PLEI ME was positively identified as the 101B or the 33d, the latter designation used almost exclusively thereafter.

By the end of the day, the lead elements of the 33d had closed on its forward assembly area, the village KRO, while its rear-guard battalion, was just beginning to break contact at the PLEI ME C-I-D-G camp. But KRO was anything but a sanctuary as increasing numbers of helicopters flew overhead.

4. ACTIVITIES STATISTICS:

FRIENDLY LOSSES

KIA 0
WIA 2
MIA 0

ENEMY LOSSES

Still no significant contact, although patrols found small quantities of rice and some bodies.