

28 OCTOBER

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

The brigade elements began spreading swiftly to the west of PLEI ME. The 1/12 Cav moved from CAMP HOLLOWAY and from Position DRAKE and made airmobile assaults on positions vicinity PLEI LOUNG YA RANG (ZA 960240) and began search and destroy operations in that area. Movement began at 0805 and all elements closed in their positions by 1300 hours.

2/12 Cav continued to secure PUNT and HOMECOMING until 1440 hours, when combat elements began search and destroy operations in the vicinity of PLEI KUENH XOM (ZA111142). All elements were closed by 1740 hours.

The 2/8 secured Objective CHERRY and the PLEI ME Camp until late in the afternoon. At 1500 hours the battalion minus moved by air to PUNT with B company going to HOMECOMING, and assumed the artillery security missions at both locations.

The 1/9 Cav Sqdn continued aggressive aerial reconnaissance and surveillance in the areas west and south of the PLEI ME camp. It was beginning to make fleeting contacts with enemy elements west of the camp and brought fire on targets of opportunity. The squadron's rifle platoons each established night ambushes from a patrol base.

The 1st Brigade command post moved from HOMECOMING to STADIUM (ZA 202341) at 1025 hours, a position in which it would remain until relieved by the 3d Brigade on 9 November.

2. TASK ORGANIZATION:

1ST BRIGADE

No Change

DIVISION

No Change

3. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY:

For the 33d Regiment, the continued pressure from armed helicopters near its advance base at the village KRO (ZAO80030) was becoming more and more uncomfortable. The fear of detection had begun to split the units and now many individuals had separated from their organizations and were straggling.

The 32d Regiment had nearly closed its base on the north bank of the IA DRANG, although the exact route it took in its withdrawal from the ambush site still remains a mystery.

4. ACTIVITIES STATISTICS:

FRIENDLY LOSSES:

KIA 0

WIA 0

MIA 0

ENEMY LOSSES

KIA Unk

WIA Unk

VCC 0

VCS 0

WPNS-3 hand grenades

EQUIP-Misc field gear