

31 OCTOBER

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

The general movement westward continued for the 2/8 Cav. At 0815 hours B company moved from HOMECOMING to Position CON (ZA945175), closing at 1120 hours. A 2/8 was moved from MAGGIE to CON, and D company and Battalion CP moved from DOT.

At CHARGER CITY the 1/12 Cav continued its series of company-sized sweeps with little enemy contact.

In its zone the 2/12 Cav continued sweeping operations. The CP group along with companies B and D and B 2/19 Arty were located at ZA057214. A company was at ZA068159 with one platoon at ZA042139. The platoon engaged a N-V-A force of estimated platoon size at 0710 hours and, with the assistance of a cavalry squadron weapons team inflicted 2 KIA and 1 WIA on the enemy before he broke contact. Before nightfall the battalion CP displaced to ZA075219.

The 1/9 Cav Sqdn continued its first light and last light reconnaissance missions on the brigade's flanks in addition to its recon-by-fire missions throughout the zone of action. The fires by the scout and weapons ships brought numerous air-to-ground engagements. Prior to darkness, two rifle platoons occupied ambush sites on Highway 19. The other rifle platoon established a platoon ambush and patrol base at ZA145173.

2. TASK ORGANIZATION:

1ST BRIGADE
No Change

DIVISION
No Change

3. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY:

The constant harrassment from the air and the sudden and unexpected landing of infantry troops at points throughout the area was causing consternation in the enemy ranks. Elements continued to disintegrate and fragment into small parties or, in some cases, individual stragglers. Many of these, left to fend for themselves, soon fell into the hands of Cavalry units. Contributing to the problems of the 33d was the acute shortage of food and medicines since many units could not reach their pre-stocked supply caches because of the sudden thrusts of the helicopter-borne troopers.

4. ACTIVITIES STATISTICS:

FRIENDLY LOSSES

KIA 1

WIA 0

MLA 0

ENEMY LOSSES

KIA - 2 (BC) 17 (Est)

WIA - 10 (Est)

VCC 1

VCS 0

WPNS - 1 Assault Rifle

1 Carbine

3 hand grenades