

7 NOVEMBER

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

The 1st Brigade commenced a movement designed to squeeze the enemy into a nutcracker. 2/8 moved to and occupied Position A (ZAO28060) to (ZAO29071); 2/12 Cav moved to and occupied blocking Position B (ZA061067) to (ZAO61058); and the 1/12 Cav attacked to seize Objective MAPLE (ZAO40075).

2/8 Cav was in position at 1100 hours with B and C companies. Both units remained in position until just before dark at which time they moved to Position WING (ZAO31061) where they remained for the night. A company remained on FALCON, along with D company and the CP.

2/12 Cav moved by helicopter to Position B, closing at 1255 hours. Companies A and C occupied their positions until 1515 hours when both units began shifting to the south to keep the blocking position on the east flank of the attacking battalion.

The 1/12 Cav conducted an attack toward MAPLE at 0805 with B and C companies. The battalion was then directed to move through MAPLE and pass between 2/8 and 2/12 Cav and pursue the withdrawing enemy. Boundaries were adjusted accordingly. Retreating small N-V-A units were hit during the movement.

At 1430 hours A 1/12 was airlifted to an L-Z at ZAO28088, and B and C companies continued movement south toward Position WING where they remained overnight. D company and the CP did not move.

The 1/8 Cav, meanwhile, had no action at its position and after the main action was completed to the west, began moving from RED to the AN KHE base. The move was not completed until the following day.

2. TASK ORGANIZATION:

1ST BRIGADE
No Change

DIVISION
No Change

3. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY:

In the CHU PONG sanctuary the depleted 33d Regiment licked its wounds and waited for its stragglers to come in. The remainder of FIELD FRONT forces were quiet.

In the battle area there was diminishing activity. One N-V-A soldier surrendered with a safe-conduct pass.

4. ACTIVITIES STATISTICS:

FRIENDLY LOSSES

KIA 0

WIA 2

MIA 0

ENEMY LOSSES

KIA-9(BC) 19 (Est)

WIA-48 (Est)

VCC-12

EQUIP-None

WPNS-8 automatic rifles

5 carbines

1 heavy machine gun

1 light machine gun

AMMO-55 hand grenades

4 Claymore mines