1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

The 1st Brigade continued search and destroy operations in its sector while preparing for relief by the 3d Brigade. This included movement of maneuver elements out of the battle area while still maintaining presssure on the enemy.

1/12 Cav began operations with C company moving southwest from WING to ZA993051. A company moved by helicopter to an L-Z in the vicinity of ZA980053. Several small unit contacts were made by both companies during the day. At 0700, B company left one platoon to secure WING and moved to FALCON. 1/12 units closed into FALCON where they remained for the night.

2/12 Cav commenced movement toward FALCON at 0700 hours, closing at 1125 hours, where the entire battalion remained overnight.

1/8 Cav completed its movement from RED to AN KHE.

2/8 Cav moved from FALCON to STADIUM and assumed the mission of defending the Brigade forward CP.

B Troop 1/9 Cav continued to screen and recon-by-fire to the flanks of the brigade, with particular emphasis on the area to the west and south of FALCON.

2. TASK ORGANIZATION:

1ST BRIGADE
No Change

DIVISION
No Change

3. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY:

Only fragmented units and stragglers remained east of the CHU PONG - IA DRANG complex as the 33d Regiment began to assess its losses.

Friendly intelligence at this point still was not really sure that the entire 33d Regiment withdrew to the west. One prisoner taken at PLEI ME stated positively that after the battle his unit was to walk for two nights south and east. In addition, there was strong suspicion that elements of the 32d Regiment may have slipped off to the east after the ambush. By this time Field Force Vietnam had asked the division to consider moving its operations east of PLEI ME if it appeared that was no further contact iminent in the west.

4. ACTIVITIES STATISTICS:

FRIENDLY LOSSES
KIA   0

WIA   5

MIA   0

ENEMY LOSSES
KIA-2(BC) 10(Est)

WIA-23 (Est)

VCC- 7

WPNS-1 light machine gun
1 carbine
2 assault rifles
1 rocket launcher

AMMO-2 hand grenades