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of medical supplies in a hut. An ambush patrol from C Company located three kilometers east of the village (XT563389) engaged four enemy with claymore mines at 1945 hours. The patrol moved forward to locate three enemy dead from the blast. C1-27

Air Force close air support for the day consisted of 26 fighter-bomber sorties against enemy positions. Bomb damage assessment following these air strikes revealed nine enemy dead by body count.

3 November

Action in an around TAY BINH was extremely light as 1st Brigade unit failed to register a single contact with the enemy despite wide ranging sweep and search operations.

The 2nd Brigade recorded numerous small contacts, however, as it conducted similar operations in the southern half of the division tactical area of operational interest.

Activities commenced at 0020 hours when an ambush patrol from C Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry engaged six enemy from a position eight kilometers east of the CU CHI Base Camp (XT733146). The patrol hit the enemy with small arms, automatic weapons, M-79 and 81mm mortar fire. Artillery was also called in. A sweep of the location after the firing ceased revealed two enemy dead and two AK-47 rifles. C2-27

Later in the morning at 0748 hours, an infantryman from A Company 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry was wounded by a booby trapped hand grenade that he tripped as his unit moved on a sweep through an area eight kilometers southeast of BAO TRAI (XT606025).

At 0845 A Company, 2nd Battalion, Infantry located three enemy bodies as it searched five kilometers west of PHU CUONG (XT757152). An anti-personnel mine wounded one man from G Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry as that unit pushed through an area 12 kilometers northeast of TRANG BANG (XT577280). The blast occurred at 0935 hours. 2-12

At 1030 hours personnel from B Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry operating in a area eight kilometers east of the CU CHI Base Camp (XT742164) discovered a tunnel. The tunnel was engaged with a hand grenade and two enemy dead were located within the hole. A short time later at 1035 hours, B Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry reported that it had detained an enemy suspect two kilometers northeast of TRUNG LAP (XT604229). B2-27 B2-12

A Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry continued its search operation seven kilometers east of BAO TRAI (XT599052), and at 1050 hours apprehended an enemy suspect for questioning. Two additional suspects were detained at 1110 hours by A Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry it swept through an area 4.5 kilometers northeast of TRUNG LAP (XT630239). A Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry picked up still another detainee at 1130 hours as it pushed its search operation for the day to a point 8.5 kilometers A2-12

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east of BAO TRAI (XT608035).

The 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry recorded its first action of the day at 1231 hours as the unit's Company D swept through the northern HO BO Woods in the vicinity of the MUSHROOM in the SAIGON River. D Company uncovered an enemy food cache containing 5,000 pounds of rice (XT565323).

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A tank from A Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor was damaged and one crew member was wounded at 1415 hours when the vehicle detonated an anti-tank mine while moving along route 7A one kilometer north of BAO DIEU (XT56172). An hour and a half later, A Company, 2nd Battalion 14th Infantry reported that it had discovered a cache, 240 RPG rounds, at a location seven kilometers east of BAO TRAI (XT594031).

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A Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor assisted by B Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry continued its search in the area north of BAO DIEU where one of the armor battalion tanks had struck a mine earlier in the afternoon. At 1615 hours this combined force received small arms fire which wounded one man. The enemy fire was immediately returned and helicopter gunships rushed to the scene as the enemy was driven off. No results of the return fire could be determined.

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B-2-12

C Company 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry added to its early capture of rice as it swept through the northern HO BO Woods. At 1825 hours the company uncovered 4,700 pounds of rice southeast of the MUSHROOM (XT617309). A short time later at 1845 hours the battalion's B Company operating with other forces immediately to the north of BAO DIEU (XT56172) apprehended two suspected enemy. Company D which had made the first rice find earlier in the day left a stay behind ambush patrol as it departed the area for its night location (XT560324). At 2005 hours this ambush engaged an enemy soldier who moved into the ambush kill zone. The enemy was killed and a .32 pistol was removed from his body.

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An ambush patrol, from the 25th Infantry Division's Lighting Combat Leaders Course at CU CHI Base Camp found its practical exercise ambush operation develop into the real thing at 2030 hours. The patrol came under enemy fire which wounded one of its members. The attack occurred two kilometers south of the CU CHI Base Camp (XT663113) as the patrol moved into position for the night. The enemy's fire was returned by the patrol, and artillery fire from the base camp was called in to support the contact.

Combat Leader  
Ambushed

The final action within 2nd Brigade for the day took place at 2245 hours at the point one kilometer north of BAO DIEU (XT56172). One infantryman was wounded when the C Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry night location received five rounds of 60mm mortar fire.

C 2-12

The 3rd Brigade area of operations was relatively quiet for the day with the exception of several incidents in the TRAPEZOID south of DAU TIENG.

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D Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry captured a prisoner of war at 0907 hours as it moved out of THANH AN village on its way to a sweep area. A few minutes later at 0940 hours A Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry reported that it had located a booby trapped cluster bomb unit along the side of route 14 five kilometers south of DAU TIENG. The trap was destroyed in place. The Company's road sweep, however, failed to detect an anti-tank mine a few kilometers from where the cluster bomb was found, and at 1030 hours the mine was detonated by traffic on the road wounding six personnel.

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B Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry found itself in a fierce fire fight with an unknown number of enemy as the company attempted to sweep a wooded area eight kilometers east of THANH AN (XT610390). In the fight that began at 1040 hours and lasted into the afternoon, three men from B Company were killed and two were wounded. The enemy losses to B Company's fire could not be determined.

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3 KIA 2 WIA

The Battalion's C Company moved into the area to reinforce B Company At 1920 hours C Company found an unknown number of enemy in position (XT603394) and attacked with organic weapons and artillery. After the supporting artillery fire lifted, the company assaulted into the enemy position to locate three dead. Two C Company personnel were wounded in this contact.

C1-27  
2 WIA

The 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry conducting road clearing and security operations along the main supply route between CU CHI and TAY NINH experienced two small actions during the day. At 1135 hours D Troop apprehended three suspected enemy at a point five kilometers southeast of TRANG BANG. An enemy RPG launcher was discovered by B Troop at 1600 hours in a position along route 1 300 meters west of the town limits of TRANG BANG.

3-4 Cav

Troop C, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry sustained the loss of one light observation helicopter and one crewman wounded when an OH6A received heavy fire as it flew over the TRAPEZOID two kilometers north of the SAIGON River (XT613358). The incident took place at 0820 hours. At 1035 hours a C Troop gunship located and destroyed an enemy sampan on the SAIGON River at a point seven kilometers north of the CU CHI Base Camp (XT692222).

C3-17 Cav  
lost 1 OH6A  
Trapezoid

Two enemy kills were recorded by Air Force fighter-bomber pilots as 19 close air support sorties were flown over the division tactical area of operational interest.

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The 1st Brigade continued to find little contact with the enemy in spite of extensive search operations in the general vicinity of TAY NINH. The 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Air Mobile) with one squadron, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry began to relocate at TAY NINH Base Camp from its previous location in I Corps to prepare for the forthcoming operations in War Zone "C".

1 Bgd 1st Cav Reloc  
1-7 Cav  
relocate Tay Ninh

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At 1100 hours a forward air observer from the 7th Battalion, 11th Artillery located two enemy dead at a position approximately three kilometers west of the TAY HINH Base Camp (XT121519). This area had been struck by artillery fire from the base camp at 2130 hours the previous night when movement was detected. At 1100 hours, the 1st Brigade Combined Reconnaissance and Intelligence Platoon apprehended three suspected enemy while searching through a village complex three kilometers south of the Base Camp (XT190490).

Armed helicopters of B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry at 1331 hours detected four enemy at a location 12 kilometers west of DAU TIENG (XT603494). The helicopters engaged the enemy with automatic weapons and rocket fire and accounted for two kills. The aircraft were flying between TAY HINH and their base at DI AN when they observed the enemy.

B 3-17

Action in the 2nd Brigade area continued light and scattered. The brigade Combined Reconnaissance and Intelligence Platoon sweeping 5.5 kilometers northeast of BOA TRAI (XT545096) made contact with an unknown number of enemy and accounted for two enemy killed in a brief fire fight.

A Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry on a sweep operation 8.5 kilometers east of BOA TRAI (XT614051) apprehended nine suspected enemy at 0645 hours. At 0930 hours personnel from C Company, 65th Engineer Battalion located and destroyed an 81mm mortar round as they operated in BAU DIEU village (XT566169). Working north from BAU DIEU on route 7A, the engineers located and destroyed one booby trapped 155mm round and one booby trapped 90mm round. These actions took place at 1200 hours one kilometers north of the village (XT570173). A half hour later, a C Company Road plow cutting through this same area detonated an anti-personnel mine which resulted in the wounding of one man.

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One kilometer north of BAU DIEU (XT574170) two members of B Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry were wounded when they tripped a booby trapped grenade. The incident occurred at 1215 hours.

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Later in the afternoon at 1445 hours, B Company, 2nd Battalion 14th Infantry apprehended four enemy suspects during a sweep five kilometers north of DUC HOA (XT604017). The final significant action in the brigade area occurred at 2325 hours when an ambush patrol from C Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry engaged five enemy along route 8A 3.5 kilometer west of PHU CUONG (XT761140). The patrol hit the enemy and killed four. A search of the area following the ambush also turned up four AK-47 rifles.

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C 2-27 Amb.  
ABC

The TRAPEZOID area south of DAU TIENG again was the key area of contact with the enemy in the 3rd Brigade area of operations.

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The initial action of the day, however, involved the 3rd Brigade Combined Reconnaissance and Intelligence Platoon as it swept through the area surrounding the BEN CUI Rubber Plantation air strip 4.5 kilometer west of DAU TIENG (XT450452) at 0840 hours. Here the platoon capture two enemy personnel and took three suspects into custody for questioning.

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A sweep team from D Company, 65th Engineer Battalion assisting in the clearing of Route 14 from DAU TIENG to THANH AN discovered and destroyed a booby trapped hand grenade along the road three kilometers south of DAU TIENG (XT506437). This took place at 0855 hours.

Shortly thereafter at 0924 hours, the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry operating along Route 26 as it passes through the CAU KHOI Rubber Plantation eight kilometer east of TAY BINH (XT343451) reported that an armed personnel carrier had struck an anti-tank mine on the road. One infantryman was wounded by the explosion and the vehicle was destroyed.

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Back along route 14 south of DAU TIENG, two members of B Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry were wounded by a booby trapped hand grenade. This incident took place at 1020 hours eight kilometers south of DAU TIENG.

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2 WIA 14

C Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry saw significant action during the day with a search along the bank of the SAIGON River two kilometers southeast of THANH AN (XT545363). At 1220 hours the company uncovered a sampan docking site and a cache site. Exploiting the find throughout the afternoon, the infantrymen captured two bicycles, six sampan outboard motors, 2,035 gallons of gasoline, and two sampans. At 1925 hours as the Company was preparing to leave the area, an unknown number of enemy were observed approaching the site. The Company established a hasty ambush and engaged the enemy with organic weapons and artillery killing four and capturing four AK-47 rifles and 100 rounds of small arms ammunitions.

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4 BC

D Troop, the Air Cavalry Troop of the 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry encountered difficulty at 1835 hours as it landed its Aerofiles Platoon to check out a suspected enemy position two kilometers west of the Route 1 village of BAU DIEU (XT543163). As the helicopters touched down they came under heavy small arms fire which resulted in four cavalrymen killed and 12 wounded. Two UH1D helicopters were shot down and destroyed and two others were damaged. Enemy losses in the fierce fight could not be determined.

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4 KIA 12 WIA  
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Earlier in the day at 1136 hours, a long range reconnaissance patrol from F Company, 50th Infantry (LRP) ambushed one sampan on a canal in the HO BO Woods north of the CU CHI Base Camp (XT648300). Checking out the area after the ambush, the "Lerps" located four enemy dead and a destroyed sampan.

F50 (LRP)  
4 BC

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Thirty-four fighter-bomber air strikes were flown by Air Force pilots in support of the 25th Infantry Division. Bomb damage assessment of the strikes credited the strikes with three enemy killed in action.

5 November

The 1st Brigade area of operations remained quiet throughout the day with the only significant action involving B Company, 4th Battalion (Mechanized), 23rd Infantry. This unit joined force with the 161st and 638 Regional Force Companies, the 1st Brigade Combined Reconnaissance and Intelligence Platoon and Vietnamese National Police to clear and search the village of HAU DUOC located on Route 22 18 kilometers north of the TAY NINH Base Camp (IT125655). At 1050 hours the company reported the detention of 42 suspects for questioning. At 1145 hours elements of A Company, 65th Engineer Battalion operating in support of the 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry destroyed two 105mm rounds 1.5 kilometers north of the TAY NINH Base Camp. Helicopters of B Troop, 3rd Squadron 17th Cavalry en route to their home base at DI AN at 1555 hours spotted an unknown number of enemy in the TRAPEZOID area 3.5 kilometers east of THANH AN (IT 57382). The helicopters swept in on the enemy with automatic weapons and rocket fire and accounted for two kills.

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161-638. Reg F Co  
CRIP  
Nat Pol.  
Clear Hau Duoc

B3-17 Cav

Actions within the 2nd Brigade continued at its steady pace. Activities began at 0720 hours when C Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry detected and destroyed three enemy claymore mines emplaced 6.5 kilometers north of TRANG BANG. At 1200 hours the battalion's D Company apprehended two detainees as it swept through an area 10 kilometers north of TRANG BANG (IT550275). Thirty minutes later and approximately one kilometer to the northeast (IT55920), the company located a bunker containing approximately 12 pounds of assorted enemy documents.

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Also at noon A Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry reported detaining two suspected enemy at a location seven kilometers west of DUC HOA (IT622028). Five minutes later C Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry sweeping seven kilometers northwest of PHU CUONG (IT742165) picked up three detainees.

A Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry continued its operation to a point 6.5 kilometers north of DUC HOA (IT607032) and detained another suspect at 1225 hours.

Helicopter gunships supporting an operation of D Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry seven kilometers north of TRANG BANG (IT472268) observed and engaged two enemy. One was killed by the automatic weapons and rocket attack. The ground troops moved into the contact area to capture the other enemy soldier.

The next report of action within the 2nd Brigade was at 1507 hours when D Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry captured 150 rounds of small arms ammunition and 1/2 pound of documents in an abandoned enemy

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bunker two kilometers west of the Route 1 village of AP CHO (XT678093).

A Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry continued its sweep operation north of DUC HOA. At 1640 hours the company reported apprehending four detainees 4.5 kilometers northeast of the town (XT635990), and at 1730 hours the company picked up an additional two suspects and one confirmed Viet Cong Infrastructure member 9.5 kilometers north of DUC HOA. Also at 1730 hours the battalion's D Company apprehended three detainees near the location where A Company made its 1640 hours detentions (XT630990).

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In the meantime the battalion command and control helicopter supporting Company A 6.5 kilometers north of DUC HOA (XT609058) engaged one enemy soldier accounting for one killed. This action occurred at 1730 hours. Fifteen minutes later as the helicopter was circling the location to evaluate its fire, two additional enemy were observed and taken under fire resulting in two more enemy kills.

helo  
TBC

Night ambush patrols were active in the brigade area of operation. At 1912 hours a patrol from C Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry encountered an unknown number of enemy at a location four kilometers west of PHU CUONG (XT762145). The patrol exchanged fire with the enemy sustaining three wounded. The enemy broke contact and withdrew and his losses could not be determined. An ambush team from C Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry engaged and killed one enemy soldier five kilometers north of TRANG BANG (XT500246) at 2005 hours. In checking the area after the fire fight, the patrol located one AK-47 rifle.

C 2-27  
3 wia

C 2-12

Action in the 3rd Brigade area of operation for the day was confined to the activities of the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry in the TRAPEZOID.

C Company commenced the battalion's busy day at 0705 hours when it located and destroyed an enemy samp-n during a search of the bank of the SAIGON River three kilometers south of THANH AN (XT548353). At 0940 hours helicopter gunships flying in support of the battalion engaged four enemy with automatic and rocket fire at a location nine kilometers south of DAU TIENG in the upper TRAPEZOID (XT575440).

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Flying over the site following the attack, the aircraft pilots observed one dead enemy soldier.

D Company was involved in a brief fire fight against an unknown number of enemy at 1245 hours as it conducted a sweep operation 10 kilometers east of DAU TIENG (XT591449). Enemy losses could not be determined. One infantryman was wounded by enemy fire at 1445 hours as the company again came under fire a short distance from its initial contact site (XT597447). The company returned the enemy fire with organic weapons and supporting artillery and assaulted into the enemy position. There it located seven enemy dead, one AK-47 rifle and 200 rounds of small arms ammunition.

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One long range patrol from F Company, 50th Infantry (LRP) came under

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fire at 1845 hours at this position in the upper HO BO Woods 13 kilometers north of the CU CHI Base Camp (XT642292). The patrol returned the enemy fire and was extracted by helicopter without casualties.

In the air war over the division tactical area of operational interest Air Force fighter-bombers made 42 strikes against enemy positions in close air support activity. Assessment of these strikes determined enemy losses to be 20 enemy killed, 1,500 pounds of rice destroyed and one AK-47 rifle and one RPG rocket launcher destroyed.

6 November

Light action continued to characterize the results of sweep and search operations by units within the 1st Brigade as C Company, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry was the only unit to realize any success. At 0830 hours the unit destroyed two enemy hand grenades during a sweep five kilometers north of TAY NINH Base Camp (XT227565). Turning towards NUI BA DEN Mountain later in the morning, the company destroyed one 175mm round at a point one kilometer west of the mountain's base (XT245575).

In the 2nd Brigade area of operation at 0200 hours, the CU CHI Base Camp (XT6515) was struck by 13 rounds of 82mm mortar fire wounding six personnel. The enemy's fire was returned by the camp's artillery with unknown results.

CU CHI  
13 rds 82  
6 WIA

The major action in the division area occurred at 0237 hours when enemy sappers destroyed 50 feet of the PHU CUONG Bridge over the SAIGON River (XT802141). At 0200 hours elements of A Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor and A Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry guarding the bridge heard noises in the water which they engaged with hand grenades. The 0237 explosion occurred 15 feet below the water line and collapsed one span on the south side of the bridge. A tank located on the bridge fell into the water with the span and was declared a combat loss. One man was killed by the blast and eight were wounded. The following morning one enemy sapper in scuba diving gear was found dead a short distance from the site.

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Phu Cuong Bridge  
1 BC sapper at  
B.C. dead + tank

At 0935 hours C Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry conducting a sweep operation 4.5 kilometers north of DUC HOA (XT644990) apprehended one enemy suspect. Twenty minutes later D Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry reported the discovery of two enemy bodies at a location four kilometers west of PHU CUONG.

The 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry centering its extensive operations in the CITADEL and HO BO Woods reported several minor ammunition finds in the early afternoon. At 1215 hours D Company discovered and destroyed two 82mm mortar rounds during a sweep through the northern HO BO Woods 14 kilometers north of the CU CHI Base Camp (XT640304). C Company conducting similar operations in the CITADEL 6.5 kilometers north of

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TRANG BANG (XT506258) located and destroyed two RPG-2 rocket rounds. At 1235 hours D Company continuing its sweep through the northern HJ BU Woods located and destroyed one 250 pound bomb in the vicinity of XT637299.

The Scout Platoon, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor searching west of the route 1 village AP CHO discovered two significant ammunition caches during the afternoon. At 1445 hours the platoon uncovered and destroyed 38 60mm mortar rounds and 11 RPG-2 rocket rounds three kilometer west of the town (XT67092). An hour later the unit moved one kilometer to the east (XT682090) where it located and destroyed 152 hand grenades, 9 RPG-2 rounds, 50 pounds of TNT and 87 rounds of 82mm mortar ammunition.

Sc. Pit. 2-34  
cache

The 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry switched its search operations to the FILBOL Rubber Plantation immediately north of CU CHI Base Camp and experienced one find in the early evening. At 1820 hours a bunker was uncovered which contained one SKS carbine and four pounds of enemy documents. The bunker was located 4.5 kilometers northeast of CU CHI.

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cache

Action for the day within the 2nd Brigade area ended at 2130 hours when a element of A Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry was the target for a single hand grenade as the unit moved six kilometers north of TRANG BANG (XT500250). One infantryman was wounded when the grenade exploded. The unit's return fire failed to account for any enemy losses.

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The 3rd Brigade area of operations was also relatively quiet throughout the day. At 0845 hours B Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry sweeping one kilometer north of THANH AN (XT531390) located and destroyed two anti-tank mines. The 3rd Brigade Combined Reconnaissance and Intelligence Platoon and an element from the 25th Military Intelligence Detachment moved into an area 1.5 kilometers northwest of the DAU TIENG Base Camp where one enemy suspect was detained for questioning at 0900 hours.

Company B, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry sweeping route 14 between DAU TIENG and THANH AN uncovered two anti-tank mines in the road five kilometers south of DAU TIENG (XT515420). These mines were removed and destroyed. Sure!

The final action within the brigade for the day occurred at 1400 hours when D Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry located and destroyed five blasting caps and one bicycle 2.5 kilometers west of THANH AN (XT561379).

B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry worked in the area surrounding BAU DIEU during the day and experienced two contacts. At 0920 hours a cavalryman uncovered a bunker two kilometer west of the village (XT592161) which contained three RPG-7 rockets, two 105mm rounds and three 60mm mortar rounds. At 2050 hours an element of the troop moving through the

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village (XT561168) came under fire from an unknown number of enemy. Two cavalrymen were wounded by fire, but the unit returned the fire with organic weapons and later located one dead enemy soldier.

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A long range reconnaissance patrol from F Company, 50th Infantry (Lu-) came under enemy fire in its position along the SAIGON river 12 kilometers north of CU CHI (XT662288). The firing commenced at 1555 hours, and shortly thereafter the patrol was extracted by helicopter without casualties.

F 50 LRP

C troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry flying armed aerial reconnaissance over the 2nd Brigade area of operations had two engagements during the day. At 0950 hours a helicopter observed a sampan along a canal 500 meters south of TRANG BANG (XT481185). The boat was carrying several armed enemy. The helicopter rolled in with machine gun and rocket fire destroying the sampan. Casualties among the enemy personnel in the boat could not be determined. Another helicopter flying over the FILHOL Rubber Plantation at 1330 hours received fire from a position four kilometers north of the CU CHI Base Camp. Turning on its attackers the helicopter returned fire with automatic weapons and rockets. A low level check of the area after the fire ceased revealed four enemy dead.

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relat

4 BC

Air activity over the division during the day saw Air Force fighter-bomber pounding enemy positions with 40 air strikes. The results of these strikes could not be determined.

7 November

The lull in combat activity in the 1st Brigade area of operations around TAY NINH continued on 7 November. C Company, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry conducted a sweep north of TAY NINH Base Camp, and at 0915 hours located and destroyed a 105mm round three kilometers from the base (AT200563). Continuing their search one kilometer more to the north (XT19357), the infantrymen recovered one enemy hand grenade at 1000 hours. An element of A Company, 65th Engineer working far to the northwest of TAY NINH in War Zone "C" destroyed two cluster bomb units at 1325 hours 2.5 kilometers southeast of the village of LOC NINH (AT27604). At 1957 hours an armored personnel carrier moving along route 26 as it passes through the CAU KHOI Rubber Plantation eight kilometers southeast of TAY NINH detonated an anti-tank mine which wounded two personnel and damaged the vehicle.

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APC dest.  
Cam Phai

Action again was light and scattered within the 2nd Brigade area. Helicopter gunships flying in support of the 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry engaged one enemy six kilometers northeast of TRANG BANG (AT461249) at 0810 hours. The enemy soldier was killed by the automatic weapons and rocket fire.

Three members of C Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry were wounded by a booby trapped hand grenade as their unit pushed through an area one kilometer northeast of BAO DIEU (XT573122) at 0850 hours.

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Early in the afternoon at 1230 hours, D Company, 2nd Battalion,

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12th Infantry sweeping six kilometers northeast of TRANG BANG (XT462253) discovered a bunker holding five pounds of medical supplies. Checking this area more in detail, the infantrymen uncovered several additional hiding places capturing four enemy soldiers, one confirmed Viet Cong Infrastructure member, two suspects, one M-1 rifle, one SKS carbine, two rounds of documents, 48 additional pounds of medical supplies and three RPG rocket rounds.

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Cache  
4 PW

In the meantime, the 2nd Brigade Combined Reconnaissance and Intelligence Platoon was searching along the east bank of the ORIENTAL River nine kilometers southwest of TRANG BANG (XT412133). Here at 1445 hours the unit engaged an unknown number of enemy. Fighting with organic weapons and calling in artillery, the platoon drove off the enemy and swept into his position to discover one dead, one RPG-2 rocket launcher, one M-1 carbine, one AK-47 rifle, eight rounds of RPG-2 ammunition and four 60mm mortar rounds.

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Later in the afternoon at 1520 hours, C Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry sustained one wounded to a booby trapped hand grenade. The company was continuing its search of BAU DIEU village at the time and the explosion occurred 300 meters west (XT570122) of the position of a similar blast earlier in the day. The final 2nd Brigade action occurred at 1935 hours four kilometers west of DUC HOA. An ambush patrol from B Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry engaged an estimated 15 enemy capturing one AK-47 rifle and four hand grenades after the enemy withdrew. One patrol member was wounded in the fire fight which took place.

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amb.  
1 WIA

Moderate action for the day in the 3rd Brigade area commenced at 0745 hours as A Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry destroyed one enemy hand grenade at a position one kilometer east of THANH AN (XT545361). The company pushed 700 meter south of this position (XT545374) where it uncovered 400 rounds of small arms ammunition at 1000 hours.

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Two minutes later B Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry reported the destruction of an anti-tank mine on route 14 five kilometers south of DAU TIENG as the company cleared that road to THANH AN. At 1042 hours, however, an armored personnel carrier from the company moving along the road a short distance to the south (XT520414) detonated another anti-tank mine. The blast killed two infantrymen inside the track and wounded three. The vehicles was destroyed.

B1-5 mine  
APC dest -  
on 14: 2 KIA  
3 WIA

The mechanized battalion's A and C Companies in the meantime were sweeping the BEN CUI Rubber Plantation to the west of DAU TIENG. At 1140 hours C Company uncovered a small enemy ammunition cache containing three hand grenade and 500 small arms rounds at a point two kilometers northwest of the base camp. A Company moving 4.5 kilometers west of the camp (XT455449) located and destroyed two RPG rounds at 1335 hours.

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Cache

The 3rd Brigade Combined Reconnaissance and Intelligence Platoon spent the day searching through the MICHELIN Rubber Plantation east of DAU TIENG. At 1410 hours the unit apprehended one detainee at a point

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8.5 kilometers northeast of the camp (XT568504). D Company, 1st Battalion 27th Infantry joined the platoon at this location and at 1420 hours uncovered 20 hand grenades and two bicycles.

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A bridge site on route 14 6.5 kilometers south of DAU TIENG was the scene of a brief fire fight at 1540 hours. Personnel from B Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry were the target of an RPG round which wounded two personnel. The unit returned this fire with organic weapons, but the results of the fire could not be determined. Company B concluded the day's action a short distance up the road (XT514421) where at 1920 hours an anti-tank mine was located and destroyed in place.

B1-5  
RPG  
bridge

Air Force fighter-bomber operations in support of the division for the day consisted of 37 sorties against enemy targets. Low level air and ground reconnaissance of target area revealed four enemy killed by these strikes.

8 November

Only three incidents were reported in the quiet 1st Brigade area of operations. At 1120 hours personnel from A Company, 65th Engineer Battalion destroyed a booby trapped hand grenade located 1.5 kilometers east of TAY INH Base Camp (XT193508). The 1st Brigade Combined Reconnaissance and Intelligence Platoon searching through a village seven kilometers south of the base camp (XT193450) took four detainees into custody for questioning. This took place at 1245 hours. Demolitions experts from A Company, 65th Engineer Battalion again were called into service at 1300 hours to destroy one 105mm round and one 155mm round located by C Company, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry at a point along route 4 6.5 kilometers north of TAY NINE.

The 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Air Mobile) moved into its new area of operations in War Zone "C" and experienced its first action since moving from I Corps. A Troop, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry sweeping around its new base at Fire Support Base ST BARBARA at BAU CO located and destroyed one 57mm recoilless rifle round and one 82mm mortar round. This find took place one kilometer north of the village (XT282691) at 1140 hours.

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At 1453 hours B Troop, 1st Squadron, 8th Cavalry engaged six enemy during a push through an area two kilometers south of KATUM (XT383835). The cavalrymen killed two of the enemy and captured 190 rounds of small arms ammunition and one 51 cal machine gun. One cavalryman was wounded in the brief fire fight.

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Actions in the 2nd Brigade area of operations began at 0730 hours when one man from D Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry was wounded by a booby trapped hand grenade as the company was sweeping two kilometers south of SAU DIEU (XT557150).

C Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry came across a small cache at 0805 hours as it searched an area eight kilometers north of TRANG

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BANG (IT509260). Located here were nine pounds of RPG-2 ammunition. C Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry sustained two wounded to a booby trapped hand grenade at 0915 hours as its operated five kilometers west of PHU CUONG (IT751152).

C Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry exploiting its ammunition cache found earlier in the morning reported at 1030 hours that it had uncovered additional munitions consisting of 105 pounds of C-4 explosive, three RPG-7 rounds, nine bangalore torpedoes, one 75mm round, four hand grenades, two anti-personnel mines and one round of 60mm mortar ammunition.

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2nd Brigade activity for the day terminated with the wounding of seven members of B Company, 12th Battalion, 12th Infantry by a booby trapped claymore mine at 1900 hours. The explosion took place as the company moved one kilometer north of TRANG BANG (IT494198).

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Five incidents comprised combat actions in the 3rd Brigade area of operations. At 0755 hours, elements of D Company, 65th Engineer Battalion supporting the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry destroyed one 105mm round near a bridge site route 14 6.5 kilometers south of DAU TIENG (IT524408).

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B Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry searching 10 kilometers east of DAU TIENG (IT594449) located and destroyed two enemy hand grenades at 0943 hours. The company pushed 700 meters to the south of this position (IT594442) where it found a bunker holding eight additional hand grenades at 1150 hours.

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At this same time A Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry was sweeping along route 239 eight kilometers west of DAU TIENG (IT417443) where it found seven 60mm mortar rounds near the road.

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The largest single action within the division occurred in the BOI LOI Woods 5.5 kilometers east of BAO DON (IT486367). Here at 1455 hours A Company, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry after landing at the location in helicopters came into contact with an unknown size enemy force. The unit called in artillery, helicopter gunships and Air Force fighter-bomber strikes before assaulting into the enemy positions. After the supporting fires were lifted, the infantrymen over ran the enemy position discovering 15 dead. The unit lost four men killed and four wounded in the operation.

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Troop C, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry flying in support of the division inserted its Aerorifle Platoon at a location six kilometers east of BAO DON (IT367362) at 1600 hours to check out a reported enemy rice cache. The platoon located and evacuated 3,500 pounds of rice.

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Four minor actions occurred in the 1st Brigade area of operation

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on 9 November. At 0900 hours Company D, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry sweeping along route 4 as it skirts the northern base of NUI BA DEN Mountain (XT280616) located and destroyed an anti-tank mine. The battalion's D Company conducted a search and destroy operation in an area 13 kilometers northwest of the TAY NINH Base Camp (XTC41569) where it captured a  $\frac{1}{4}$  horse power generator and 1,625 rounds of small arms ammunition. D 3 - 22

Closer to the base camp itself, the 1st Brigade Combined Reconnaissance and Intelligence Platoon searched the BINH LUONG village complex 2.5 kilometers north of the camp (XT156556) where it took two detainees into custody for questioning. A Company, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry also operating in the area north of the camp detained one suspect at 1430 hours at a point 4.5 kilometers from the camp.

Action in the 2nd Brigade area in the southern portion of the division tactical area of operational interest commenced at 0835 hours when elements of C Company, 65th Engineer Battalion located and destroyed an anti-tank mine on route 7A near the BA BEP bridge three kilometers west of PHU CUONG (XT788132). The engineers were assisting in early morning sweep of the highway between CU CHI and PHU CUONG when the discovery occurred.

A Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry sweeping eight kilometers northeast of DUC HOA (XT622035) at 0930 hours captured an enemy soldier found hiding in a bunker. The enemy surrendered an AK-47 rifle. 2-14

Later in the morning at 1130 hours D Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry assigned the mission of searching the THAI MY village complex seven kilometers southeast of TRANG BANG (XT546152) apprehended one suspect. Fifteen minutes later elements of the company a short distance away (XT542148) came under small arms fire which was returned with organic fire and the aid of helicopters and artillery. Enemy losses in this exchange could not be determined. The company continued to search the village throughout the day and at 1400 hours took into custody another suspect for questioning. D 4 - 9

Other elements of this battalion also operating in the general vicinity of TRANG BANG and saw light action. At 1423 hours A Company engaged and killed one enemy with small arms fire at a point 1.5 kilometers north of BAO DIEU (XT569182). C Company personnel patrolling route 7A two kilometers south of BAO DIEU (XT555153) at 1510 hours detonated an anti-personnel mine which wounded six infantrymen.

Armed helicopters from B Company, 25th Aviation Battalion flying armed aerial reconnaissance along the SAIGON River at 1640 hours detected two sampans at a point 10 kilometers north of the CU CHI Base Camp (XT672262). The aircraft attacked with automatic weapons and rocket fire to destroy and sink the boats.

D Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry sustained four men wounded D 2 - 27