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by two booby trapped hand grenade explosions between 1710 hours and 1730 hours during an operation five kilometers east of the CU CHI Base Camp (XT717157). The first blast wounded one man, and the second injured three.

The final action for the day in the 2nd Brigade area occurred at 1845 hours at Fire Support Base KEENE where the field command post for the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry was struck by 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. One man was wounded by the barrage which was returned by counter mortar artillery fire with unknown results.

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Actions within the 3rd Brigade area of operations continued at a steady pace. At 0130 hours A Company, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry occupying a night position in the BOI LOI woods 4.5 kilometers east of BAO DON (XT482378) came under heavy small arms and RPG rocket fire. The company reacted to this attack quickly with organic weapons and called in supporting artillery fire and an AC-47 Air Force "Spooky" aircraft. The enemy fire was suppressed, and the following morning one dead enemy was located near the night location's perimeter.

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Personnel from D Company, 63th Engineer Battalion assisting the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry with the daily sweep of route 14 between DAU TIENG and THANH AN destroyed several booby traps found on the road at a point five kilometers south of DAU TIENG (XT515420). At 0805 hours a rigged 105mm round was blown, and at 0845 hours a cluster bomb unit was demolished.

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A search operation by A Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry seven kilometers northeast of THANH AN paid dividends at 1025 hours when the unit uncovered a cache containing 250 pounds of rice. Shortly thereafter A Company, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry sweeping around the area of its early morning contact (XT481363) between 1111 hours and 1150 hours discovered one enemy hand grenade, seven rounds of RPG-2 ammunition and 21 pounds of medical supplies.

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Afternoon activity in the area of operation of the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry around THANH AN produced three contacts. At 1255 hours an element of the battalion operating 3.5 kilometers north of the village (XT522414) apprehended one enemy suspect. The battalion night location at Fire Support Base MABONE (XT541371) was hit by 15 rounds of 60mm mortar fire at 1645 hours resulting in three personnel wounded. Finally, at 1810 hours, Companies B and C searching two kilometers south of THANH AN (XT548362) apprehended two detainees for questioning.

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The 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry conducted its normal clearing and security operations of the main supply route between CU CHI and TAY NINH. At 0645 hours an element of B Company, 65th Engineer Battalion working support of the squadron destroyed one booby trapped 105mm round found on route 1 one kilometer northeast of TRANG BANG (XT491196).

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A helicopter from C Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry flying armed aerial reconnaissance in the vicinity of AP CHO (XT70811) drew

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ground fire and received seven rounds of automatic weapons fire. The enemy fire was returned by the aircraft with unknown results. One crew member was wounded in the initial burst of enemy fire.

In air action during the day, 36 fighter-bomber sorties were flown against enemy targets in the division area of operations. Assessment of these strikes discovered four enemy dead.

10 November

Three minor incidents comprised the combat actions within the 1st Brigade area of operations. At 1140 hours C Company, 4th Battalion (Mechanized), 23rd Infantry discovered and destroyed one enemy hand grenade during a sweep operation along the northern base of NUI BA DEN Mountain (XT267515). B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry detected an estimated enemy company in position 3.5 kilometers east of TRUONG MIT at 1405 hours. The armed helicopters struck at the enemy with automatic weapons and rockets accounting for three dead enemy. Three hand grenades were located and destroyed by C Company, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry as it swept through an area 5.5 kilometers west of NUI BA DEN at 1415 hours.

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In the 2nd Brigade area of operations for the day, actions began at 1055 hours when A Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor destroyed a 105mm round 500 meters north of the CU CHI Base Camp (XT674176).

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Heavy afternoon activity started at 1330 hours when personnel from the night location of the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry at fire Support Base PERSHING apprehended a suspect found loitering near the fire base (XT518256). At 1405 hours D Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry reported detaining two suspects as it pushed through an area 7.5 kilometers southwest of TRANG BANG (XT445149). Sweeping two kilometers further to the south (XT445129), the company picked up two confirmed Viet Cong Infrastructure members at 1430 hours. At this same time A Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor sweeping along route 7A three kilometers southwest of TRUNG LAP (XT577184) located and destroyed an anti-tank mine.

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Helicopters from B Company, 25th Aviation Battalion saw action at 1440 hours as they flew patrols along the Cambodian border. Two sampans were observed along a canal 500 meters east of the border and were placed under machine gun and rocket fire. Both boats were sunk in the attack, and three dead enemy were observed in the water.

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At 1723 hours A Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor continuing its sweep of route 7A located and disposed of another anti-tank mine buried in the road. The incident took place three kilometers southwest of TRUNG LAP (XT582196). Seven minutes later B Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry reported the discovery and destruction of an anti-personnel mine at a location five kilometers north of DUC HOA (XT611011).

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The night defensive position of D Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry D 4-9

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9.5 kilometers west of the CU CHI Base Camp (XT554150) came under a light small arms attack at 1905 hours which wounded one infantryman. The enemy's fire was returned with organic weapons and artillery with unknown results.

In the 3rd Brigade area of operations, initial action of the day involved the discovery and destruction of two RPG-2 rounds by A Company, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry during a sweep eight kilometers south of DAU TIENG (XT484373). This incident took place at 0722 hours. The company then proceeded to sweep north from this position. After moving approximately one kilometer (XT485383) the unit uncovered a large enemy cache at 0949 hours. Included in the find were 20 hand grenades, 18 82mm mortar rounds, 72 rounds of 60mm mortar ammunition, 5,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, one AK-47 and 60 pounds of rice.

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Later in the morning at 1110 hours D Company, 65th Engineer Battalion operating in support of the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry destroyed one cluster bomb unit located 4.5 kilometers southeast of DAU TIENG (XT513422) along route 14. The engineers were again called upon at 1710 hours, this time to blow two 81mm mortar rounds detected along route 239 three kilometers west of DAU TIENG (XT462268).

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Combat activity within the brigade area terminated at 1723 hours when a helicopter gunship drew fire from an enemy position 11 kilometers southeast of DAU TIENG (XT548365). The helicopter swept in on the enemy with automatic weapons and rocket fire, but the results of its strike could not be determined. One aircraft crew member was wounded in the action.

Elements of A Troop, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry sweeping route 1 four kilometers southeast of TRANG BANG (XT531183) at 0700 hours detected two anti-tank mines which were blown in place. At 1440 hours armed helicopters from C Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry attacked two sampans on a canal 3.5 kilometers southwest of DUC HOA (XS570944) blowing the boats out of the water.

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Air Force fighter-bomber strikes in support of 25th Infantry Division operations throughout the day numbered 33. These strikes were credited with killing 14 enemy soldiers and destroying one anti aircraft position.

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Combat actions of significance in the 1st Brigade area of operations were limited to a search operation conducted by D Company, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry and an engagement by helicopters of B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry.

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D Company joined the 1st Brigade Reconnaissance and Intelligence Platoon and two Regional Force companies to conduct a search of a village complex two kilometers north of the TAY NINH Base Camp (XT1848). At

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0930 hours the company reported the detention of 10 suspects as a result of the search.

B Troop helicopters were flying armed aerial reconnaissance along the Cambodian border 25 kilometers west of TAY NINH when at 1210 hours they spotted four enemy moving through a clearing several hundred meters east of the border. The aircraft swept in with automatic weapons and rocket fire and accounted for two kills before losing their target.

Action continued to be light and scattered in the 2nd Brigade. Four infantrymen from D Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry were wounded by a booby trapped hand grenade at 1030 hours as this unit conducted a sweep operation 3.5 kilometers northeast of DUC HOA (XS628975). At 1100 hours C Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry discovered a rice cache of 300 pounds of rice hidden along the south bank of the SAIGON River in the upper HO BO Woods area (XT611319).

In the afternoon Company A, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry captured an enemy soldier at 1213 hours at a location 8.5 kilometers northeast of DUC HOA. The prisoner later led the unit to a cache containing two AK-47 rifles, two M-1 rifles, two SKS rifles and six rounds of 60mm mortar ammunition. *A2-14 Cache*

Three infantrymen from C Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry were injured by the detonation of a booby trapped hand grenade at 1300 hours. This incident occurred approximately 700 meters southwest (XT608314) of the location in the upper HO BO Woods where the company had the rice cache earlier in the day. *C2-12*

At 1445 hours B Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry sweeping 2.5 kilometers north of BAU DIEU (XT582172) sustained one man wounded when a booby trapped hand grenade was tripped. *B4-9*

In the evening hours, Fire Support Base KEENE (XT604017), the field command post for the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry was struck by 16 82mm mortar rounds resulting in five men being wounded. The fire base returned the mortar fire with artillery, but the effects of this fire upon the enemy could be determined. The night location of the battalion's D Company situated 3.5 kilometers northeast of DUC HOA (XS628977) also came under fire at 1840 hours. Thirteen rounds of 82mm mortar fire fell on the site wounding one man. *Keene*

The final action of the day within the 2nd Brigade occurred 1.0 kilometers northeast of BAU DIEU (XT574176) at 1945 hours when 10 men were wounded by the explosion of a claymore mine. The men were all from an ambush team of C Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry which was attempting to move to its ambush position for the night.

Action for the day in the 3rd Brigade area of operations began at 0725 hours when the Reconnaissance Platoon, 1st Battalion, 27th *1-27R*

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Infantry detected and killed one enemy soldier as the unit pushed along the bank of the SAIGON River 1.5 kilometers southeast of THANH AN (XT546364). The platoon also captured the enemy soldier's AK-47 rifle. Company B of the battalion moved into the BOI LOI Woods to operate for the day and at 1000 hours found a cache three kilometers east of TRUONG MIT (XT427407) consisting of one SKS carbine, 5,300 rounds of small arms ammunition, 25 pounds of rice, 10 rounds of 82mm mortar ammunition, one M-79 LAW round, one bangalore torpedo, one 90mm round, two hand grenades and one rifle grenade.

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At the same time the 3rd Brigade command and control helicopter flying a short distance to the northwest of B Company (XT424413) located the bodies of two enemy soldiers.

The battalion's C Company was sweeping one kilometer north of THANH AN (XT529390) at 1059 hours when it came into contact with an unknown size enemy force. A fierce fight broke out in which three members of the company were wounded by enemy fire. After the fire ceased and the enemy withdrew, the company was unable to determine the extent of the enemy losses.

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Action shifted to the BOI LOI Woods again at 1340 hours when B Company, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry sweeping near the area three kilometers east of TRUONG MIT (XT421411) where a supply cache had been found earlier in the day discovered a second cache consisting of five 82mm mortar rounds, five RPG-2 rounds and 51 pounds of assorted enemy documents.

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D Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry got into action a 1520 hours as it conducted a search operation two kilometers east of THANH AN (XT555877). Here the company uncovered a bunker containing 500 pounds of rice, one M-60 machine gun TA-1 telephone set. Remaining in the area to continued its search, the company came under small arms and automatic weapons fire at 1615 hours. The company reacted quickly to this fire and struck back with its own organic weapons. One dead enemy soldier was located when the infantrymen assaulted into the enemy firing positions.

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(Shortly before) this company found its fire fight, D Company, 65th Engineer Battalion working in support of the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry along route 14 four kilometers south of DAU TIENG (XT514424) destroyed two anti-tank mines that had been dug out of the road.

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At 1655 hours C Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry operating around a bridge site on route 14 three kilometers north of THANH AN (XT524408) came under enemy fire which killed one man and wounded a second. The enemy fire was returned driving off the attackers, but the enemy losses could not be determined.

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In the early evening at 1806 hours, D Company moved to a position 2.5 kilometers east of THANH AN (XT563382) where it came into contact with

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an enemy force of 30 personnel. The infantryman called in artillery, helicopter gunships and an Air Force AC-47 "Spooky" to hammer the enemy position. Assaulting into these positions after the supporting fires were lifted, the unit discovered the enemy had withdrawn leaving behind three dead. One infantryman was wounded in the contact.

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B Company continued to work in the BOI LOI three kilometers east of TRDONG MIT (XT427406) in the early evening, and at 1900 hours the company reported that it located one dead enemy with an AK-47 rifle and two RPG boosters. At 2200 hours elements of D Company, 65th Engineer Battalion, supporting B Company in the BOI LOI came under fire at a position three kilometers east of THANH AN (XT504378). The engineers reacted to the enemy fire and killed one enemy soldier in the fight that followed.

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Air Force fighter-bombers active over the division area throughout the day flew 33 close ground support sorties against enemy targets and were credited with two kills and the destruction of six bicycles.

12 November

In the 1st Brigade area of operations, B Company, 4th Battalion (Mechanized), 23rd Infantry apprehended 43 detainees for questioning by National Police as the company joined in an early morning cordon and search of the village of PHU KHONG located on route 13 12 kilometers northeast of TAY NINH (XT334577).

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Within the 2nd Brigade area of operation, one member of A Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry was wounded by a booby trapped hand grenade as his unit swept an area 10 kilometers north of DUC HOA (XT607064) at 1940 hours. Remaining in the area, A Company uncovered a bunker holding one 45 cal pistol, one AK-47 rifle and one carbine.

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Fifteen minutes later Company B, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry came under fire from an unknown number of enemy at a point 2.5 kilometers north of TRANG BANG (XT480216). The company returned the enemy fire with organic weapons driving off the enemy, but not before two infantrymen had been wounded.

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Company C, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry joined in the continuing search and destroy operation around the village of BAU DIEU, and at 1210 hours the company located a ammunition cache 1.5 kilometers from the village (XT578178). The cache included 76 Bangalore torpedoes, eight hand grenades, 15 rounds of 82mm mortar ammunition and 2,034 rounds of small arms ammunition. Remaining in the area of the cache, however, two members of the company were wounded by an anti-personnel mine at 1345 hours.

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At 1330 hours D Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry sweeping through an area 11.5 kilometers northeast of TRANG BANG (XT577268) captured one Viet Cong Infrastructure member. Continuing its search in this area the unit later captured two enemy soldiers with a carbine rifle

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and apprehended three suspects for questioning.

Action commenced early in the day in the 3rd Brigade area of operation. At 0416 hours the night defensive position of D Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry located three kilometers southeast of THANH AN (XT561360) came under automatic weapons and RPG rocket attack. The company repulsed the enemy attack with organic weapons and 81mm mortar fire. When the unit swept around its perimeter at first light, it discovered four enemy dead. Four infantrymen were wounded in this fight.

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A Company, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry mounted an early sweep through an area of the BOI LOI Woods 4.5 kilometers east of BAO DON (XT4836). During the day the company uncovered three RPG rounds, three hand grenades, 50 pounds of rice and several enemy documents.

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Elements of the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry conducted a search operation two kilometers southeast of THANH AN, and at 1204 hours the battalion reported having apprehended 47 detainees for questioning by local authorities. The battalion sustained two men wounded when a truck detonated an anti-tank mine on route 14 five kilometers south of DAU TIENG (XT517418). The incident occurred at 1304 hours. At 1445 hours B Company uncovered 2,800 pounds of rice at a point three kilometers southeast of THANH AN (XT562369).

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A "Lerp" team from F Company, 50th Infantry (LRP) came into contact with an unknown number of enemy in the BOI LOI Woods seven kilometers southeast of BAO DON (XT509326) at 1540 hours. The team was supported by armed helicopters, and the enemy withdrew leaving behind two dead, one AK-47 rifle and one gas mask.

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Armed helicopters also saw action at 0745 hours when ships from C Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry detected a group of six enemy at a location 10 kilometers north of DUC HOA (XT606062). One enemy soldier was killed in this attack, and one M-16 rifle and one SKS carbine were captured.

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Air Force fighter-bombers were active in support of the division flying 25 close air sorties during the day. Assessment of these air strikes credited the pilots with seven enemy dead, four sampans destroyed and an estimated 200 pounds of supplies destroyed.

13 November

The 1st Brigade area of operations was extremely quiet during the day with no significant actions being reported.

Action was also relatively light in the 2nd Brigade area. The 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry continuing its operations around BAO DIEU reported one morning incident. At 0930 hours C Company came under fire as it moved

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through an area two kilometers north of the village (XT564187). The company returned the enemy's fire and called in artillery and helicopter gunship support. Enemy losses in the fire could not be determined. One infantryman was wounded.

The 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry operating north of DUC HOA was the only other brigade unit to have a significant action. The night defensive position of C and D Companies came under heavy small arms fire at 2213 hours killing one infantryman and wounding 10. The companies returned the enemy fire with organic weapons and called for artillery support. Enemy losses in the encounter could not be determined.

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Action in the 3rd Brigade was somewhat heavier. The Reconnaissance Platoon, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry experienced the initial encounter at 0900 hours when it located four bicycles hidden in the brush while searching through an area of the MICHELIN Rubber Plantation eight kilometers northeast of DAU TIENG (XT568505). Remaining in this general area for the remainder of the day, the platoon uncovered three bangalore torpedoes, 11 60mm mortar fuzes, one 60mm mortar round and one notebook. The unit also apprehended seven suspects for questioning.

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In the meantime A Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry was sweeping route 14 between DAU TIENG and THANH AN. At 1050 hours the company located and destroyed three anti-tank mines buried in the road four kilometers south of DAU TIENG. The battalion's C Company was active in a search operation through the BOI LOI Woods. At 1430 hours the unit reported the discovery of a small cache in a wooded area 6.4 kilometers northeast of BAO DON (XT461415). The cache consisted of three RPG-7 rounds, 10 pounds of medical supplies, 200 small arms rounds and one pound of documents.

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The final action for the day in the area took place at 1735 hours when A Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry engaged an estimated 15 enemy in the MICHELIN Rubber Plantation 8.5 kilometers east of DAU TIENG. artillery was called in to batter the enemy positions, and after these fires were lifted the infantrymen moved forward to discover two dead enemy and two AK-47 rifles.

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The only other action in the division area for the day involved helicopters of C Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry which attacked an unknown size enemy force detected moving four kilometers west of BAO TRAI (XT480058). The helicopters accounted for eight enemy dead in the engagement.

Eleven enemy soldiers were killed throughout the division area by 38 fighter-bomber sorties which struck hard against enemy targets.

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In the 1st Brigade area of operations, three infantrymen from B

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Company, 4th Battalion (Mechanized), 23rd Infantry were wounded at 1130 hours when the armored personnel carrier in which they were riding detonated an anti-tank mine. The incident occurred on route 22 at a point 23 kilometers north of TAY NINH as the company operated in War Zone "C". An element of the company moving back to TAY NINH later in the day at 1645 hours received a Hoi Chanh at a point 5.5 kilometers northeast of the city (XT300538).

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At 1745 hours helicopters of B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry engaged an enemy bunker observed 11 kilometers east of TAY NINH (XT361485). The aircraft attacked the bunker accounting for one enemy dead.

2nd Brigade action for the day began at 0830 hours when Companies B and D, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry swept into an area four kilometers northwest of BAO TRAI (XT4906-XT4805) believed to be the location of an enemy base camp. In searching the area the companies discovered the bodies of six enemy soldiers killed by an air strike which had been placed on the area earlier in the day. Also discovered were seven AK-47 rifles, 25 hand grenades, 630 rounds of small arms ammunition, 20 pounds of rice four RPG-2 rounds, one 82mm mortar round, four anti-personnel mines, one 60mm mortar round, one wallet and numerous assorted documents including a diary.

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Seven personnel of C Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry were wounded by the detonation of two anti-personnel mines at 0850 hours. The company was searching through the THAI MY village six kilometers southeast of TRANG BANG (XT534449) at the time of the blast.

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The 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry was active during the day with search operations through an area six kilometers northeast of CU CHI Base Camp. At 1145 hours A Company discovered 1,500 pounds of rice, one AK-47 rifle and one wallet. Pressing the search of the area, the company later captured 17,750 pounds of rice, 2.5 pounds of medical supplies, one M-14 rifle, two SKS rifles, 2,500 pounds of salt and numerous documents.

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The significant actions within the 3rd Brigade commenced at 0620 hours when elements of A Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry sweeping through the MICHELIN Rubber Plantation 8.5 kilometers east of DAU TIENG (XT528445) encountered a small number of enemy soldiers. The infantrymen called in artillery on the enemy positions and then pushed forward to discover three enemy bodies, two 9mm pistols and three pounds of documents.

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Elements of A Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry sweeping south from DAU TIENG on route 14 at 1003 hours sustained five men killed and two wounded when a booby trapped claymore mine was detonated (XT520415).

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The 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry concentrated its

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activities again in and around the BOI LOI Woods. At 1005 hours B Company located a small cache at a point along route 26 8.5 kilometers east of TAY NINH (XT350440). The cache consisted of two hand grenades, two AK-47 rifle and 25 rounds of small arms ammunition.

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The only other significant action to occur within the 3rd Brigade during the day took place when B Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry came under fire during a sweep 6.5 kilometers southeast of DAU TIENG (XT54422). The company hit back with organic weapons and called in helicopter gunships for support. The enemy broke contact quickly and withdrew leaving behind no indications of his losses. One infantryman was wounded in the engagement.

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Helicopters from C Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry flying armed aerial reconnaissance in the southern portion of the division area had two engagements during the day. At 0905 hours two sampans were detected and sunk along a canal 12 kilometers southeast of BAO TRAI and west of the ORIENTAL River (XS428980). Two other sampans were detected at 1037 hours attempting to slip along a canal three kilometers southwest of DUC HOA (XS568945). These boats were blown out of the water by a rocket attack.

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Air Force fighter-bomber activity in the 25th Infantry Division area for the day consisted of 26 sorties. These strikes were credited with killing three enemy soldiers.

15 November

Actions continued to be extremely light in the 1st Brigade area of operations. At 0855 hours helicopters of B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry flying from their base at DI AN to the 1st Brigade area of operations received ground fire from a point 13 kilometers east of DAU TIENG. The helicopters returned the enemy fire and called in artillery on the enemy positions. One helicopter crewman was wounded in the fight. Enemy losses could not be determined.

In the 2nd Brigade area of operations action was light and scattered throughout the day. C Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry searching an area 10.5 kilometers north of TRANG BANG (XT509295) at 0930 hours discovered an enemy food cache consisting of 2,500 pounds of rice. Another element of the company working six kilometers northeast of the city (XT522248) took two detainees into custody at 1000 hours. At 1001 hours personnel of the battalion's A Company operating at the rice cache site located approximately 1/2 pound of assorted enemy documents.

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The final action of the day by the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry occurred at 2300 hours 5.5 kilometers north of TRANG BANG. Here elements of D Company captured one member of a local Viet Cong Infrastructure cell.

The 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry saw considerable action in the

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DUC HOA-BAO TRAI sector. At 1455 hours B Company smashed into a small enemy base camp 4.5 kilometers west of BAO TRAI (XT488053) and captured three prisoners, one suspect, one AK-47 rifle, one M-16 rifle and one M-79 grenade launcher. At the same time the battalion command and control helicopter flying nearby (XT482049) engaged one enemy soldier attempting to flee the area. The enemy was killed by the helicopter's fire, and aircraft landed to capture one machine gun that the enemy soldier had been carrying.

B Company continued its operation in the general vicinity of the enemy base camp, and at 1700 hours the company engaged three enemy who attempted to move into the area. In a brief fire fight that took place the three enemy were killed and the company captured one RPG-7 rocket launcher, one SKS carbine and two rounds of RPG-7 ammunition.

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Moving one kilometer west of the contact site (XT472051) at 1738 hours, B Company came under fire from an unknown number of enemy. One infantryman was wounded by this fire. The company returned the enemy fire and attacked into his position where it located one dead enemy soldier and one AK-47 rifle.

In the meantime, Company A searching 500 meters to the south of this contact (XT473046) at 1730 hours located and destroyed one 60mm mortar round.

The 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry operating around the village of BAU DIEU experienced two contacts during the day. At 0820 hours C Company apprehended one detainee at a point two kilometers north of the village (XT577185). A Company moving one kilometer northeast of BAU DIEU (XT573-177) at 1940 hours sustained two wounded when it came under fire. The company fought back with organic weapons to suppress the enemy fire. However, a search of the contact area failed to reveal any losses.

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One incident was reported during the day by the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor. The battalion's A Company was sweeping route 7A one kilometer south of TRUNG LAP (XT586200) at 1448 hours when it detected an anti-tank mine in the road. The mine was destroyed in place.

Within the 3rd Brigade area of operations action continued to be scattered. The 3rd Brigade Combined Reconnaissance and Intelligence Platoon conducted a search operation around THANH AN during the day. At 1000 hours the unit detained three suspects at a point two kilometers southwest of the village (XT524366). At 1305 hours two additional detainees were picked up at a location one kilometer west of THANH AN (XT525377).

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The 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry and the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry moved their operations into the BOI LOI Woods. At 1105 hours C Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry was sweeping through an area four kilometers southwest of DAU TIENG (XT470429) where it apprehended one detainee for questioning. The battalion's A

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Company at the same time was discovering 45 pounds of rice and five pounds of medical supplies at a location five kilometers northeast of TRUONG MIT (IT439430). C Company, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry searching an area 4.5 kilometers north of TRUONG MIT (IT397448) located and destroyed a booby trapped cluster bomb unit. C2-22

A Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry moved into the MICHELIN Rubber Plantation to conduct a search operation. At 1045 hours the company located 300 pounds of rice in a bunker located 13 kilometers east of the DAU TIENG Base Camp (IT618435). Near the rice find, the company also located two bicycles hidden in the brush. At 2110 hours the battalion's D Company was completing a sweep operation three kilometers northwest of THANH AN (IT521411) where it located six enemy bodies and apprehended one suspect found hiding in the vicinity. A1-27 D1-27

Division elements sweeping the main supply route around CU CHI and TAY NINH during the day reported several incidents. At 0645 hours one member of C Troop, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry was wounded when an anti-tank mine was detonated on route 22 six kilometers northeast of SO DAU HA (IT362314). Personnel of A Company, 65th Engineer Battalion sweeping route 22 19 kilometers northwest of TAY NINH (IT115698) at 1150 hours detonated an anti-tank mine planted in the road. The blast resulted in one man being wounded. At 1228 hours C Troop discovered and destroyed an anti-tank mine buried along route 1 one kilometer from BAU DIEU village (IT568164).

Air Force fighter-bomber pilots operating over the division tactical area of operational interest during the day were credited with killing seven enemy in 39 sorties that were flown against enemy targets.

16 November

Action within the 1st Brigade area of operations was restricted for the day to the immediate TAY NINH area. At 1245 hours A Company 4th Battalion (Mechanized), 23rd Infantry apprehended six detainees as the unit searched through a village area one kilometer east of TAY NINH (IT258501). The enemy made one of his recently infrequent strikes at the TAY NINH Base Camp at 2245 hours when two rounds of 107mm rocket fire and five rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle were directed at the camp. This brief flurry of incoming fire wounded three men on the base camp. The enemy's fire was returned by artillery and the fire of armed helicopters with unknown results. A4-23

In the 2nd Brigade for the day action was relatively light. Company A, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry sweeping eight kilometers northeast of DUC HOA (IT632033) located and destroyed one booby trapped hand grenade at 0940 hours. At 1000 hours another element of the company operating at a point seven kilometers north of DUC HOA (IT603035) apprehended five detainees for questioning.

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The 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry continuing its activities around TRANG BANG reported two incidents for the day. At 0915 hours D Company picked up two detainees during a sweep 5.5 kilometers north of the town. B Company concentrated its attention to an area two kilometers north of TRANG BANG (XT5020) where at 1200 hours it located a small bunker complex. Three detainees were picked up in the area for questioning and 1/2 pound of assorted documents and 1/2 pound of medical supplies were gathered up from the bunker.

A Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry sustained four men wounded at 0830 hours when a booby trapped hand grenade was trapped during a search operation 1.5 kilometers northeast of BAU DIEU (XT576172). At 1940 hours the battalion's C Company was the target of several RPG rocket rounds and an unknown number of small arms rounds as the unit moved two kilometers northeast of BAU DIEU (XT575185). One infantryman was wounded by the enemy fire which was returned with organic weapons and supporting artillery.

In the 3rd Brigade area of operations A Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry enjoyed a successful day's operation in the BOI LOI Woods. Sweeping 4.5 kilometers south of BAO DON (XT445408) at 1205 hours, the company located a cache of 3,800 pounds of rice. Extending its search in this general area for the remainder of the day, the company located 21 bicycles, 20 pounds of salt, 745 pounds of additional rice, 11 60mm mortar rounds, seven M-79 rounds, 20 artillery fuzes, one claymore mine, 259 small arms rounds, two hand grenades and one medical kit.

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In the meantime, the Scout Platoon, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry was searching through an area seven kilometers east of GO DAU HA (XT464242) where at 1210 hours it discovered 500 small arms rounds, one hand grenade and three pounds of assorted enemy documents.

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The 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry encountered several contacts as it operated around THANH AN. At approximately 1100 hours A Company was sweeping one kilometer east of the village (XT554379) when it located a small enemy cache consisting of four bicycles, six anti-tank mines and one pound of assorted documents. From this the company moved two kilometers to the east (XT562379), and at 1658 hours came under heavy RPG and small arms fire. This fire was returned with organic weapons and with the aid of armed helicopters. The enemy fire was suppressed, but the infantrymen were unable to determine the enemy losses after assaulting into the positions he had occupied. The company suffered eight men wounded in the exchange of fire.

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Along the MUSHROOM in the SAIGON River north of CU CHI, a long range reconnaissance team from F Company, 50th Infantry (LRP) came across a large rice cache hidden along the bank of the river (XT564326). The discovery was made at 1050 hours, and before the day was over the "Lerp" had evacuated 7,00 pounds of rice.

F50 cache

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Armed helicopters from C Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry experienced three encounters with the enemy throughout the day. At 0931 hours a helicopter detected and engaged one enemy soldier at a location five kilometers west of BAO TRAI (XT479050). Sweeping in with machine gun and rocket fire, the aircraft and its crew were credited with one kill. At 1400 hours, however, three members of the troop were killed when their OH-6A helicopter was shot down by ground fire as it flew two kilometers west of BAO DIEU (XT565183). C3-17  
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Other helicopters from the squadron that moved into the general area where the aircraft went down were successful in detecting an estimated 20 enemy soldiers in an area eight kilometers west of the CU CHI Base (XT6007). Beginning a series of attacks on this enemy force at 1615 hours, the cavalrymen accounted for 15 enemy dead before the target was lost.

Air Force pilots and fighter-bomber crew flew 32 sorties against enemy targets in the division tactical area of interest throughout the day. Assessment of these strikes credited the tactical fighters with two kills by body count.

17 November

Two incidents were the only actions reported in the 1st Brigade area of operations. At 0910 hours an armored personnel carrier from B Company, 4th Battalion (Mechanized), 23rd Infantry detonated an anti-tank mine as it operated on a sweep two kilometers south of TAY NINH Base Camp (XT167489). Four infantrymen riding in the vehicle were wounded by the blast. Elements of the battalion working later in the day along route 13 northeast of TAY NINH (XT310540) received one Hoi Chanh. This man rallied at 1810 hours.

Action was unusually light in the 2nd Brigade area of operations during the day. The lone incident reported by the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry occurred at 1030 hours when A Company apprehended one detainee while it swept an area six kilometers northeast of BAO TRAI (XT621027).

The 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry was the busiest unit in the 2nd Brigade throughout the day. At 0920 hours D Company uncovered a bunker two kilometers north of TRUNG LAP (XT585234) which contained one M-1 carbine, one medical book and 500 rounds of small arms ammunition. B Company sweeping 2.5 kilometers northeast of TRANG BANG (XT516205) detained two suspects for questioning. D Company moving to a position one kilometer west of TRUNG LAP (XT605215) came across a small base camp where it captured four prisoners-of-war and one suspect at 1255 hours. Remaining in the area, the unit picked up three additional detainees that walked into the base area at 1355 hours. 2-12

The only other incident in the brigade was reported by the 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry. At 1100 hours the battalion's B Company apprehended two detainees for questioning as the company conducted a sweep operation two kilometers north of BAO DIEU (XT564186). 4-9

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Elements of the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry under the operational control of the 3rd Brigade experienced the heaviest action of the day. At 0704 hours Company A operating in the BOI LOI Woods seven kilometers northeast of BAO DON (XT501370) came under small arms fire from an unknown number of enemy. The company returned the enemy fire with organic weapons and assaulted into the enemy positions. After the fighting ceased, the company located five enemy bodies, two prisoner-of-war, six AK-47 rifles, one 9mm pistol and one field radio. A1-27

Meanwhile in the vicinity of THANH AN, the battalion's Scout Platoon apprehended two detainees at 0704 hours with a search through the village. Company A sweeping 3.5 kilometers southeast of the village (XT564368) located one enemy body and one AK-47 rifle at 1000 hours. Pushing 800 meters to the west of this position (XT556370), the company came under intense small arms and RPG fire which killed one man and wounded eight others. The company called artillery fire in on the entrenched enemy. After the fire ceased, infantrymen moved into the enemy positions but were unable to locate any enemy casualties.

Later in the day 1530 hours, C Company reported discovering four hand grenades during a sweep one kilometer southeast of THANH AN (XT543373). At 1815 hours personnel of B Company protecting a bridge on route 14 three kilometers north of the village (XT525418) engaged three enemy soldiers. The enemy withdrew under this fire but abandoned one dead soldier and an M-1 rifle. C1-27

The only other action reported by the 3rd Brigade involved C Company 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry which captured one RPG-7 round and five pounds of rice from a bunker. This find took place as the company swept through the BOI LOI Woods 4.5 kilometers west of BAO DON (XT486365) at 0830 hours. C2-22

A total of 35 fighter-bomber sorties were flown against enemy targets within the division tactical area of operations during the day. One enemy dead was credited to these strikes on the basis of bomb damage assessment conducted following each strike.

18 November

The long lull in enemy activity in the 1st Brigade area of operations around TAY NINH continued. Only two incidents were reported during the day and these both involved the apprehension of detainees for questioning. At 1645 hours A Company, 4th Battalion (Mechanized), 23rd Infantry picked up three suspects during a sweep along route 13 eight kilometers northeast of the city (XT313544). Elements of the 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry apprehended five detainees found loitering two kilometers west of the TAY NINH Base Camp (XT1350) at 2035 hours. A4-23  
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Activity was fairly heavy within the 2nd Battalion, 14 Infantry portion of the 2nd Brigade area of operations. Company D sustained three