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route 14 3.5 kilometers southeast of DAU TIENG (XT509435). The vehicle was destroyed in the blast, and one man was wounded.

Two enemy soldiers were killed at 0945 hours by elements of D Company 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry. The company was searching an area 4.5 kilometers northeast of THANH AN (XT553417) when they engaged the two enemy and took them under fire.

27 November

In the 1st Brigade, elements of the 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry operating in an area 14.5 kilometers northwest of GO DAU HA (XT244297) came under enemy small arms and 75mm recoilless rifle fire at 0830 hours. The enemy fire was returned with organic weapons and with the firepower of helicopter gunships which raced in to assist the infantrymen. Four infantrymen were wounded in the engagement. Enemy losses could not be determined.

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4 mia

Within the 2nd Brigade area action continued to be steady. At 1530 hours C Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry located two enemy bodies and two RPG-2 rocket rounds as it conducted a sweep operation along the Cambodian border (XT316150). An ambush patrol from A Company of the battalion engaged two enemy soldiers who walked into the ambush site located two kilometers from the Cambodian border (XT334151). The two enemy were killed in the ambush which was sprung at 2010 hours.

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4 BC

B Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry working under the operational control of the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor engaged two enemy with M-79 grenade launchers at a position 4.5 kilometers from PRU CUONG (XT765171) at 1500 hours. A search of the target area turned up one dead enemy and one prisoner. Ten minutes later the infantrymen came under fire at this same location. The enemy's fire was returned, and the infantrymen swept forward to locate two enemy bodies.

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3 BC

At 1320 hours six members of the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry were wounded when the truck in which they were riding struck an anti-tank mine on route 6A five kilometers north of TRANG BANG (XT498241). Six additional members of C Company of the battalion were wounded by an anti-tank mine that was detonated as the company conducted a sweep operation two kilometers west of BAU DIEU (XT543174). Throughout the day other elements of the battalion discovered and destroyed two other anti-tank mines during their sweep operations.

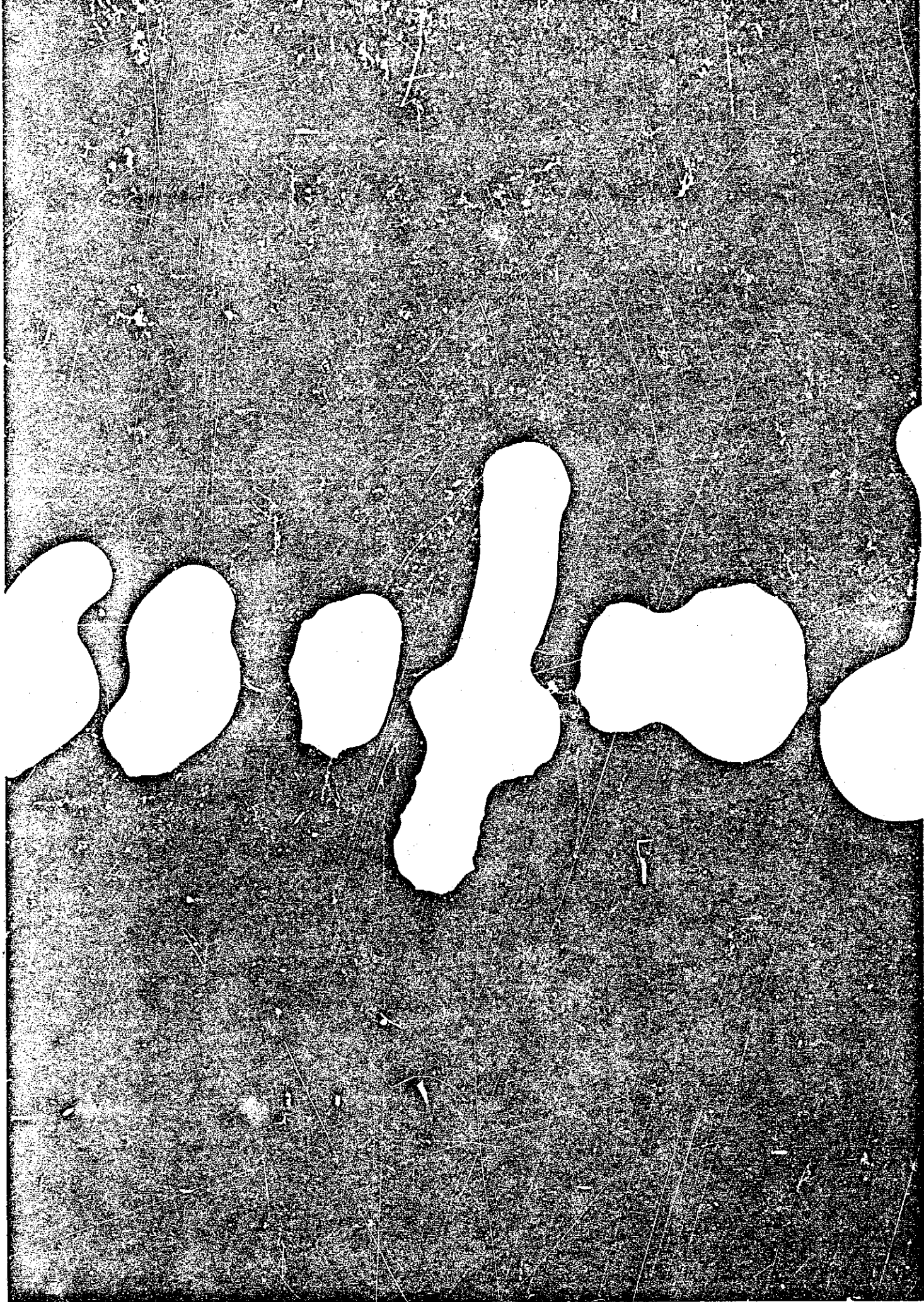
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Troops A and B, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry working in support of the 2nd Brigade experienced two contacts. At 0908 hours Troop B personnel were the target of one RPG round which struck an armored personnel carrier wounding six men riding in the vehicle. This incident took place at a point along the SAIGON River six kilometers northeast of the CU CHI Base Camp (XT695210). Remaining in this area for a search, A Troop uncovered seven hand grenades, one 81mm mortar round and three pounds of enemy documents at 1200 hours.

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In the 3rd Brigade area C Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry sustained three men killed and two wounded at 1300 hours when the unit came under fire during a sweep operation eight kilometers east of DAU TIENG (XT565454). The company returned the enemy fire and called in artillery for support. Pushing into the enemy positions, the infantrymen later located one dead enemy and one AK-47 rifle.

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A major engagement developed at 1350 hours involving A and B Companies of the battalion and A Company, 2nd Battalion, (Mechanized) 22nd Infantry. At a point on the edge of the CAU KHOI Rubber Plantation 6.5 kilometers southeast of TAY NINH (XT302408) these units established contact with an estimated enemy battalion. The battle continued throughout the afternoon and into the evening before the enemy broke contact and withdrew. To support the friendly units' organic firepower, artillery, helicopter gunships and Air Force fighter-bombers were called into hammer the enemy positions. U.S. losses in the engagement were 18 killed and 36 wounded. In addition, one helicopter was destroyed and one damaged. Four armored personnel carriers also sustained damage. A check of the enemy positions the following morning revealed seven dead by body count. However, it was apparent by drag marks and blood trails leading out of the area that enemy losses were much higher.

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A 2-22

7 BC

18 KIA  
36 WIA

Earlier in the day at 0850 hours, B Company, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry had two men wounded and an armored personnel carrier destroyed when the vehicle struck an anti-tank mine while sweeping route 14 south of DAU TIENG. In other actions during the day elements of the mechanized battalion discovered and destroyed four anti-tank mines and captured two SKS rifles, two pounds of documents and two motorcycles.

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2 WIA

The 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry was also active with sweep operations around THANH AN in the TRAPEZOID. At 0200 hours an ambush patrol from C Company received a Hoi Chanh with his AK-47 rifle at the patrol's position in the village (XT538374). Throughout the day, the battalion located and destroyed six anti-personnel mines and one cluster bomb unit in its operations.

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Helicopters from B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry experienced two engagements with the enemy during the day. At 0500 hours eight enemy soldiers were detected and engaged at a point five kilometers east of GO DAU HA (XT445245). The aircraft swept in on the enemy with machine gun and rocket fire killing one. Landing in the contact area after the enemy had withdrawn, the helicopter crewman picked up one prisoner. At 1059 hours another helicopter from the troop engaged one enemy soldier approximately 500 meters from the initial contact site. This enemy was killed in the engagement.

B 3-17

28 November

In the 1st Brigade area two significant engagements occurred during the day. At 0245 hours the night defensive position of C and D Companies, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry located 14 kilometers south of TAY NINH

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(XT244301) came under a heavy ground attack. The infantry repulsed this attack with their organic weapons and the support of artillery, helicopter gunships and Air Force air strikes which were called in. One man was killed and 14 wounded by the enemy's fire. A sweep of the area surrounding the night position at first light revealed four enemy bodies. Also captured were 14 AK-47 rifles, one machine gun, five pounds of medical supplies, seven hand grenades, six rifle grenades, 1,200 rounds of small arms ammunition, one hand grenade and several enemy documents.

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1 KIA  
14 WIA  
4 BC

Helicopters supporting the 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry had the second engagement when at 1450 hours they detected a large enemy force moving approximately six kilometers north of the contact site of the previous night (XT204375). The helicopters attacked this force and accounted for five enemy dead.

Another major engagement was fought within the 2nd Brigade area of operations. At 0130 hours the night position of A Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry located west of the ~~ORIENTAL~~ River two kilometers east of the Cambodian border (XT334151) received a heavy ground attack. The company reacted quickly to this attack with its own weapons and was supported by artillery and helicopter gunship fire. The attack was broken with the loss of three infantrymen killed and six wounded. At first light the infantrymen moved forward from their position to discover 36 enemy bodies, one prisoner, three machine guns, two RPG-2 launchers, 10 AK-47 rifles, seven RPG-7 launchers, one SKS rifle, 55 hand grenades, 22 RPG-7 rounds, and one pound of enemy documents. Later operations in this same area during the day resulted in the capture of one sampan and the killing of one enemy soldier.

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3 KIA  
6 WIA  
36 BC  
1 PW

At 0745 hours one member of B Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry was wounded by an anti-personnel mine as his unit conducted a sweep operation seven kilometers northeast of TRANG BANG (XT519254).

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The Reconnaissance Platoon, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry apprehended 82 detainees for questioning as it swept along route 7A as it passes through THAI MY village (XT514188). This incident occurred at 1200 hours. Other elements of the battalion worked in the TRUNG LAP sector during the day and reported discovering and destroying one booby trapped 105mm round, two booby trapped hand grenades, one anti-tank mine, one 4.2 inch mortar round, four 82mm mortar rounds and seven pounds of TNT.

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In the 3rd Brigade area of operations, D Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry accounted for three enemy kills at 0940 hours when it drew fire during a sweep eight kilometers southeast of DAU TIENG (XT566451). The company bottled up its attackers in a bunker which was engaged with hand grenades. One infantryman was wounded in the fight. Elements of the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry performing road sweeps throughout the brigade area during the day destroyed one anti-tank mine, one booby trapped 105mm round and one 60mm mortar round. Units of the 1st Battalion,

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27th Infantry operating in the vicinity of THANH AN reported destroying two cluster bomb units, one bicycle, two anti-tank mines one R/G-2 round and one hand grenade.

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In the 1st Brigade area of operations D Company, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry conducted a sweep operation through an area 16 kilometers south of TAY NINH and west of the ORIENTAL River (XT239289) where it located the bodies of 21 enemy soldiers. In addition, the unit located 15 RPG-2 rounds, 4 M-72 LAWS and 16 hand grenades. This find took place at 1605 hours. At 2045 hours an ambush patrol from B Company, 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry engaged an estimated enemy company along route 13 seven kilometers northeast of TAY NINH (XT308537). The ambush patrol called in artillery and helicopter gunships to support the contact. The patrol sustained two wounded in this fire fight. Enemy losses could not be determined.

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B4-23

Several significant actions took place within the 2nd Brigade. At 0800 hours one member of the Scout Platoon, 1st Battalion (Mechanized) 5th Infantry was killed when the armored personnel carrier in which he was riding struck an anti-tank mine on route 7A two kilometers north of BAU DIEU (XT575184). Another man was wounded in this blast. A short distance to the south of where this incident occurred (XT572179) the platoon came under small arms and claymore mine fire at 0740 hours. Three patrol members were killed and three wounded by this outburst. The unit returned the enemy fire with unknown results. One man from the mechanized battalion's A Company was wounded when his unit came under fire at 1405 hours as it swept through the area where the Scout Platoon had its contact earlier in the day (XT571175). The infantrymen assaulted into the enemy positions and killed three enemy soldiers. In other actions during the day in this vicinity, elements of the battalion destroyed three anti-tank mines and apprehended eight suspects for questioning by the National Police.

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1 KIA 1 WIA

3 KIA 3 WIA

1 WIA

3 BC

Four personnel stationed at the 3rd Brigade Headquarters at LAU TIENG were wounded at 2320 hours when the base camp was struck by eight rounds of 82mm mortar fire and one 75mm recoilless rifle round. The enemy fire was returned by artillery with unknown results.

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4 WIA

Elsewhere in the brigade area, elements of the 65th Engineer Battalion supporting the brigade destroyed five anti-tank mines and two booby trapped hand grenades along route 14 south of the base camp. In the THANH AN area the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry reported the discovery of two anti-personnel mines, two 105mm rounds one cluster bomb unit, one rifle grenade, one claymore mine and one 81mm mortar round as its unit conducted sweep operations around the village during the day.

Long range reconnaissance teams from F Company, 50th Infantry experienced three contacts with the enemy. At 1345 hours one team killed two enemy as it patrolled along the south bank of the SAIGON River on the

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2 BC

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MUSHROOM (XT564324). A second team searching an area 2.5 kilometers southeast of THANH AN along the river (XT548357) killed one enemy and captured one AK-47 rifle in an engagement at 1415 hours. Remaining in the area of this contact to establish an ambush, the team ambushed 10 enemy soldiers at 1830 hours. Five enemy were killed in the ambush, and the "Lerp" team captured five AK-47 rifles, one sighting device for a mortar and several documents.

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5BC

Helicopters of the 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry were active in the division area during the day. C Troop destroyed three sampans in early morning strikes against enemy river traffic in the southern portion of the TAOI. At 1005 hours B Troop aircraft killed three enemy and destroyed one sampan in a machine gun rocket attack at a point 13 kilometers south of TAY NINH (XT309326). B Troop helicopters also engaged an enemy target in this same area at 1830 hours. This attack resulted in the killing of one enemy soldier and the destruction of three structures and 250 pounds of rice.

30 November

Action was light in the 1st Brigade area of operations with no significant actions being reported.

In the 2nd Brigade area, D Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry engaged two enemy during a sweep operation seven kilometers southwest of TRANG BANG (XT448138). In this action which occurred at 1145 hours the company killed one enemy and captured one PW. At 0900 hours a truck from the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Cavalry was destroyed when it detonated an anti-tank mine on route 1 four kilometers east of TRANG BANG (XT522135). Three members of the battalion's C Company were wounded at 1420 hours when their unit came under fire at a point 1.5 kilometers south of TRANG BANG (XT495175). The enemy's fire was returned with unknown results. Elsewhere in battalion operations, elements of A Company destroyed two booby trapped 60mm mortar rounds at 0112 hours at a point two kilometers south of the city (XT507183).

Troop A, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry working in support of the 2nd Brigade during the day experienced several actions in the vicinity of TRUNG LAP. At 1155 hours an armored personnel carrier struck an anti-tank mine one kilometer northeast of the village resulting in the wounding of two cavalymen riding in the vehicle and the destruction of the APC. In the same location at 1730 hours the troop destroyed four anti-tank mines and one hand grenade. At 2025 hours the troop command and control helicopter came under fire from an enemy position two kilometers south of TRUNG LAP (XT618228). The helicopter was damaged by the fire but was able to return to its base.

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In the 3rd Brigade area of operations, an Air Force forward air controller flying in support of the brigade at 0930 hours detected 10 enemy dead in an area on the edge of the MICHELIN Rubber Plantation

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eight kilometers northeast of DAU TIENG (XT513550). This area had been struck the previous night by artillery in response to radar detection of movement.

An engineer Rome plow working along route 14 2.5 kilometers north of THANH AN (XT526404) at 1420 hours was destroyed and its operator wounded when the vehicle struck an anti-tank mine. The 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry reported the discovery and destruction of two 107mm rockets and two M-72 rounds during its sweep operations for the day.

A Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry swept an area three kilometers east of THANH AN (XT5535-XT5635) during the day and uncovered a cache of 2,100 pounds of rice and a gas engine. In addition, the company apprehended 11 suspects found in the area. At 1540 hours the battalion's C Company which had joined in the exploitation of this cache came under fire from an unknown number of enemy. The company returned the enemy fire and called in supporting artillery, helicopter gunships and Air Force fighter-bombers. Before the fire ceased, six infantrymen had been killed and six wounded. A sweep of the area from which the enemy fire had come revealed the bodies of six enemy soldiers.

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Cache  
C1-27  
6 Rice 6 wood  
6 BC.

Elsewhere in the division area D Troop, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry and F Company, 5th Infantry (LRP) joined forces to evacuate 4,200 pounds of rice that had been discovered by a "Lerp" patrol at a location 12 kilometers south of TRANG BANG (XT5441). At 1802 hours another "Lerp" patrol ambushed three enemy from a position 3.5 kilometers south of THANH AN (XT548347). The three enemy were killed, and the patrol captured two AK-47 rifles and two pounds of documents.

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F 5th LRP

1 December

Action within the 1st Brigade area of operations continued to be light with no significant contacts with the enemy being reported. In the 2nd Brigade area, however, several actions took place.

At 1055 hours the brigade command and control helicopter engaged four enemy detected in the open 1.5 kilometers north of BAU DIEU (XT56-1185). The aircraft's machine gun and rocket attack resulted in two enemy being killed and one AK-47 rifle being captured. The helicopter received light damage from the enemy's return fire, but it was able to return to base under its own power.

Fire Support Base KEENE (XT603015), the field command post for the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry, received 18 rounds of 32mm mortar fire at 1925 hours which resulted in the wounding of one man. Artillery returned the enemy fire with unknown results. Shortly thereafter at 1955 hours, the night location of the battalion's D Company 6.5 kilometers north of BAU TRAI (XT542116) came under automatic weapons fire which wounded one infantryman. Again the enemy's fire was returned with artillery with unknown results.

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Companies B and D, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry, uncovered a large enemy ammunition cache as they conducted a search operation during the day in the northern HO BO Woods, three kilometers south of the MUILHON in the SAIGON River (XT6129). Included in the cache were 128 rounds of 82mm mortar ammunition, 43 cans of mortar fuzes, 30 rounds of RPG-7 ammunition, 76 rounds of RPG-2 ammunition and 54 RPG boosters. In their search of the area the companies also located and destroyed four booby trapped hand grenades, one booby trapped 155mm round and nine booby trapped 105mm rounds. In entering the area, however, a helicopter struck a helicopter trap consisting of an anti-personnel mine hanging from a bamboo pole. This incident resulted in the wounding of two crew members of the helicopter and minor damage to the aircraft.

BD 2-12  
Cache

In the operations of the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry for the day, two men were wounded in an incident at 1346 hours. The men were injured when they detonated a booby trapped hand grenade while their unit swept an area two kilometers southeast of THANH BA G (XT506-176). A member of A Troop, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry was injured when he stepped into a punji pit as his unit pushed through an area three kilometers northeast of TRUNG LAP (XT614234) at 1757 hours.

1-5  
2 wia

Action continued to be relatively heavy in the 3rd Brigade area of operations. At 0801 hours a Rome plow working with the 2nd Battalion, (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry detonated an anti-tank mine at a point three kilometers north of THANH AN (XT530402). One man was wounded in the blast and the vehicle was badly damaged.

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A Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry was conducting a sweep operation in an area two kilometers east of THANH AN (AT555377) where at 1250 hours it came under intense enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire. In returning the enemy fire, the infantrymen called in supporting artillery, helicopter gunships and Air Force air strikes. One infantryman was killed in this fire fight and seven were wounded. Enemy losses could not determined.

A1-27  
1 KIA 7 wia

Earlier in the day the battalion's C Company had searched approximately 600 meters south of where the above contact took place. There it located a cache consisting of 500 pounds of rice, eight RPG-2 rounds, one 45 cal pistol, one bicycle, five hand grenades, eight RPG boosters, 200 small arms rounds, one claymore mine, seven rifle grenades, one M-72 round and several enemy documents.

C-1-27  
Cache

Helicopter gunships of the 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry experienced three significant contacts with the enemy during the day. At 1155 hours a B Troop aircraft detected several enemy at a location 4.5 kilometers northeast of BAO DON (XT461322). The aircraft struck at these enemy and accounted for one killed by body count. A team of C Troop gunships supported a contact by ARVN unit 6.5 kilometers northwest of DUC HOA at 1400 hours. The helicopters were credited with two kills in this action. The third contact of the day occurred at 1621 hours when a B Troop aircraft detected and killed an enemy soldier in an area eight kilometers northwest of TAY NI.H (XT193284).

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2 December

No significant actions were recorded in the quiet 1st Brigade area around RAY NINH during the day.

In the 2nd Brigade area of operations, a major contact developed at 0830 hours when A Company, 2nd Battalion, 14 Infantry encountered a large enemy force during a sweep operation along the ORIENTAL river 7.5 kilometers west of DUC HOA (XS516969). In a fierce fire fight which was supported by artillery and helicopter gunships, the company killed 15 enemy. Sweeping through the enemy positions after the firing ceased, the company captured two prisoners, one AK-47 rifle, two RPG-2 rocket launchers, three 45 cal pistols, one sawing machine, three pounds of medical supplies, 4,250 rounds of small arms ammunition, four field telephones, five claymore mines, four field radios, one pair of binoculars, two machine guns, one BAR, one radio receiver, one M-1 carbine, one 60mm mortar tube, two 75mm recoilless rifle rounds, 10 60mm rounds, 11 RPG-2 rounds, three 82mm mortar rounds, four sampans and three pounds of assorted enemy documents.

A2-14  
15BC

Elsewhere in the brigade area, three infantrymen from B Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry were wounded when they detonated a booby trapped hand grenade as their unit swept an area eight kilometers south of TRANG BANG (XT547109). The incident took place at 1000 hours. Fifteen minutes earlier A Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry accounted for one enemy killed and the capture of one AK-47 rifle and one RPG-7 rocket launcher in a brief skirmish at a location 1.5 kilometers northeast of TRANG BANG (XT497209).

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The final action of the day in the 2nd Brigade area occurred at 1445 hours when an armed helicopter from B Company, 25th Aviation battalion flying a reconnaissance mission along the Cambodian border observed two enemy sampans moving along a canal two kilometers east of the border (XT282047). The helicopter blasted the two boats out of the water with a rocket and machine gun attack. Enemy personnel losses in the attack could not be determined.

In the 3rd Brigade area of operations one member of C Company, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized) 22nd Infantry was killed and another wounded when the armored personnel carrier in which they were riding struck an anti-tank mine buried in route 19 seven kilometers east of SO DAU HA (XT458252). The blast occurred at 1100 hours.

C2-72  
1 kill, 1 wia

A Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry searched through the area of its contact the previous day and located three enemy dead, 1,000 rounds of small arms ammunition and one claymore mine. While conducting this search, the company came under sporadic small arms fire at 1420 hours which resulted in the wounding of three men. The enemy's fire was returned with organic weapons and supporting artillery with unknown results.

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3 wia

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A helicopter from B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry was credited with two kills when it engaged an enemy bunker at a location 14 kilometers northwest of TAY NINH Base Camp (XT047601). This attack took place at 0935 hours.

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In the 1st Brigade area D Company, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry exploited the previous day's helicopter strike at the location 14 kilometers northwest of TAY NINH Base Camp (XT047601) by making a helicopter assault into the area. In sweeping the position the infantrymen located 300 rounds of small arms ammunition, two M-79 rounds, 150 pounds of rice and several enemy documents.

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Cache

Action increased in the 2nd Brigade area of operations during the day. At 1030 hours B Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry discovered the body of one enemy soldier along the bank of the SAIGON River near the PHU CUONG Bridge (XT803140).

B 2-27

A and B Companies continued their search operations in the northern HO BO Woods through an area three kilometers south of the MUSEROOM in the SAIGON River (XT6129-XT6029). At 1230 hours three personnel from B Company were wounded by the detonation of a booby trapped hand grenade. Later the units discovered one 60mm mortar round, one 82mm mortar round, six 62mm mortar fuzes, 100 rounds of small arms ammunition and three hand grenades. In the meantime C Company of the battalion swept an area 1.5 kilometers northwest of TRUNG LAP (XT577277) where at 1230 hours a booby trapped 8" round was detonated killing five infantrymen and wounding eight. Helicopters supporting the battalion's operations around TRUNG LAP detected an unknown number of enemy at a point four kilometers northwest of the village (XT544228). Attacking these enemy at 1430 hours, the helicopters accounted for three enemy dead and the capture of one AK-47 rifle.

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C 2-27  
5 KIA  
8 MIA

The 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry reported several actions as it conducted sweep operation in an area to the southeast of TRIANG BANG. At 1012 hours one member of C Company was wounded when he detonated an anti-tank mine at a point three kilometers southeast of the town (XT502164). A short distance away at 1130 hours another infantryman was wounded by the explosion of a booby trapped hand grenade. A third man was wounded by the detonation of a booby trapped grenade in the same area at 1449 hours. At 1545 hours an anti-tank mine was detonated by a company armored personnel carrier resulting in the destruction of the vehicle and the wounding of one man riding in the track. Throughout the day the company located and destroyed one booby trapped hand grenade and one booby trapped 82mm mortar round in the same area. One AK-47 and one BAR were also captured in the sweep.

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In the 3rd Brigade area D Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry killed five enemy in an encounter at 2000 hours six kilometers northeast of BAO DO. (XT481395). In the fire fight that took place one infantryman was wounded.

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At 1200 hours D Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry was sweeping an area 2.5 kilometers east of THANH AN and engaged and killed one enemy soldier. Throughout the day elements of the battalion apprehended four suspects and located and destroyed one anti-personnel mine in operations in and around the village. At 1735 hours an element of the battalion was searching along the bank of the SAIGON River four kilometers southeast of THANH AN (XT564357) where it discovered 11 sampans hidden in tall grass. The sampans contained 10,000 pounds of rice and 2,000 pounds of salt together with a field radio.

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The Aerorifle Platoon of D Troop, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry was credited with one enemy kill in an operation in the HO BO Woods nine kilometers north of the CU CHI Base Camp. The platoon had been landed to check out a suspected enemy position at 1500 hours and came under heavy enemy fire. The aerorifles struck back at the enemy with their organic weapons and the support of helicopter gunships. One cavalryman was killed and two wounded in the fire fight which took place.

D3-4 Cav  
Aero

Helicopters of B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry patrolling the MUSHROOM in the SAIGON River at 1530 hours detected eight enemy sampans attempting to move along the river. The boats were attacked by the aircraft with rockets and machine gun fire, and all eight were sunk. Two enemy bodies were later located in the water near the contact site.

B3-17 Cav  
8 sampans

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Within the 1st Brigade area of operations 21 suspected enemy were apprehended and turned over to the National Police by C Company, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry which joined in the search of the village of AP PITU NINH four kilometers southwest of the TA. NINH Base Camp (XT115495).

In the 2nd Brigade area during the day, the brigade command and control helicopter flying over an area 1.5 kilometers north of BAO DIU (XT572153) observed and engaged 10 enemy soldiers at 1720 hours. The helicopter's machine gun and rocket attack resulted in the killing of one enemy and the capture of one AK-47 rifle.

At 0810 hours one member of A Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry was wounded when he detonated a booby trapped hand grenade as his unit swept through an area five kilometers north of HUC HOA (XT598015). The company continued its sweep pushing a short distance to the northwest (XT573019) where at 1132 hours it came under fire from an unknown number of enemy. The unit returned the enemy fire, but was unable to determine the casualties sustained by the enemy in the fight. One infantryman was wounded.

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Company D, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry conducted a sweep operation in an area seven kilometers north of BAO TIGAI (XT528114) where at 1218 hours one man was wounded by the explosion of a booby trapped hand grenade. At 1300 hours the Scout Platoon of the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th

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Infantry captured a POW as the unit searched through the village of BAU DIEU (XT5617). Artillery Fire Support Base STUART located one kilometer east of TRANG BANG (XT500194) came under enemy small arms and RPG fire at 2200 hours which resulted in the wounding of one man. The fire base returned the enemy fire with artillery and mortars with unknown results.

B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry spent the day on a sweep through the northern portion of the FILHOI Rubber Plantation immediately north of the CU CHI Base Camp. There it encountered considerable action. At 1115 hours one man was wounded when he detonated a booby trapped hand grenade at a point seven kilometers northeast of the base camp (XT696224). Moving one kilometer to the west of this position, the troop came under heavy fire from an unknown size enemy force. One tank was damaged and four cavalymen were wounded as a result of this fire. Enemy losses in the fire fight could not be determined. While on its sweep, the troop captured two 81mm mortar rounds, two 8" round, three claymore mines, one 4.2" mortar round, one 90mm round, 42 hand grenades, 300 small arms rounds, eight 105mm rounds, two 82mm mortar rounds, one RPG-2 round, eight M-79 rounds, one SKS carbine, one M-1 rifle and one pound of assorted enemy documents.

*B 3-4 Cav*

An ambush patrol from B Troop engaged 10 enemy troops at 2200 hours from a position located five kilometers north of CU CHI Base Camp (XT648-218). The cavalymen moved forward after their attack to locate two enemy dead, two AK-47 rifles, one M-14 rifle and several assorted enemy documents.

A Rome plow was damaged in the 3rd Brigade area of operations during a cutting operation along route 14 five kilometers south of DAU TIENG (XT512420). This incident occurred at 1400 hours. The only other action reported in the brigade area took place at between 0900 and 1100 hours when C Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry searching along the bank of the SAIGON River four kilometers southeast of THANH AN (XT5634-XT5635) discovered and destroyed three sampans.

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No significant actions were reported during the day in the 1st Brigade area. In the 2nd Brigade area of operations C Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry discovered a large cache at 1330 hours during a search of an area seven kilometers southwest of TRANG BANG (XT418168). Contained in the cache were 35 SKS carbines, 10 anti-personnel mines and 10 anti-tank mines.

A Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor saw action at 2015 hours as it moved along route 8A four kilometers west of PHU CUONG (XT767140). The company encountered an unknown size enemy force which it took under fire. Assaulting into the enemy positions, the tankers were unable to locate any enemy casualties. One member of the company was wounded in the fire fight.

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B Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry sustained four men wounded in two separate actions during the day. At 0920 hours two men were wounded when the company entered into a fire fight with an unknown number of enemy

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