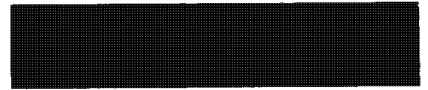


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*South Vietnam: Enemy activity in the Dak To area was again confined to mortar fire against allied positions on 16 November.

Enemy shells caused little damage yesterday; however, on the 15th four separate barrages totaling some 90 rounds inflicted US losses of 20 killed and 22 wounded. In addition, the shelling on the 15th destroyed several million dollars of US materiel. It is possible that Communist units around Dak To--the North Vietnamese 32nd and 66th regiments--may have withdrawn temporarily to group and resupply.

This slackening in the pace of the enemy attack will probably be short lived. The scene of the action may shift soon to an area north of Dak To where South Vietnamese units have encountered heavy fire during the past three days. The North Vietnamese 24th Regiment is believed to be in this area.

On 15 November elements of the US 25th Division in Tay Ninh and Hau Nghia provinces suffered 32 killed in enemy mortar barrages.

There has been a lull in the fighting around the Loc Ninh area since elements of the enemy's 9th Division shifted to areas next to the Cambodian - Binh Long Province border. In adjacent Phuoc Long Province, indications are that the North Vietnamese 88th Regiment has moved into positions around the town of Song Be. It may be getting ready to assault an allied position near Song Be or along Route 14 in hopes of luring an allied reaction force into an ambush. [REDACTED]

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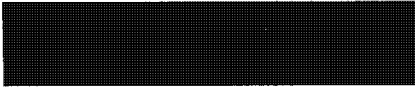
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