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A rear position of Co. C, 4-3 Inf. behind the cordon received eight 82mm mortar rounds at midnight Wednesday, and U.S. casualties were described as light. A nearby refugee holding center, not the CHIC, received 10 rounds of 60mm mortar fire and small arms fire. There were no casualties.

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 * MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT *
 * SATURDAY *
 * Tomorrow's forecast: *
 * Fair to partly cloudy. *
 * Winds variable from the *
 * southeast at 5-10 knots. *
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Co. A, 3-21 Inf. killed six VC in three encounters 11-12 miles west-northwest of Tam Ky. At 1015, Co. A engaged four VC and killed three and, at 1400, engaged and killed one. At 1300, a recoilless rifle team on an observation post killed two VC seen moving near the OP.

Co. D killed two VC in separate incidents at 1030 and 1115 hours 12½ miles west of Tam Ky, and Co. C killed a VC nearby at noon.

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Co. G, 1-46 Inf. ran into an unknown-size enemy force 15 miles west of Tam Ky in the morning and killed three and captured an M-1 carbine.

Co. B, 4-31 Inf. patrolling 28 miles west of Tam Ky, found an abandoned enemy base camp and destroyed 15 fighting positions.

One Americal Division soldier was killed, and 16 were wounded and evacuated for medical treatment, according to an initial report.

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