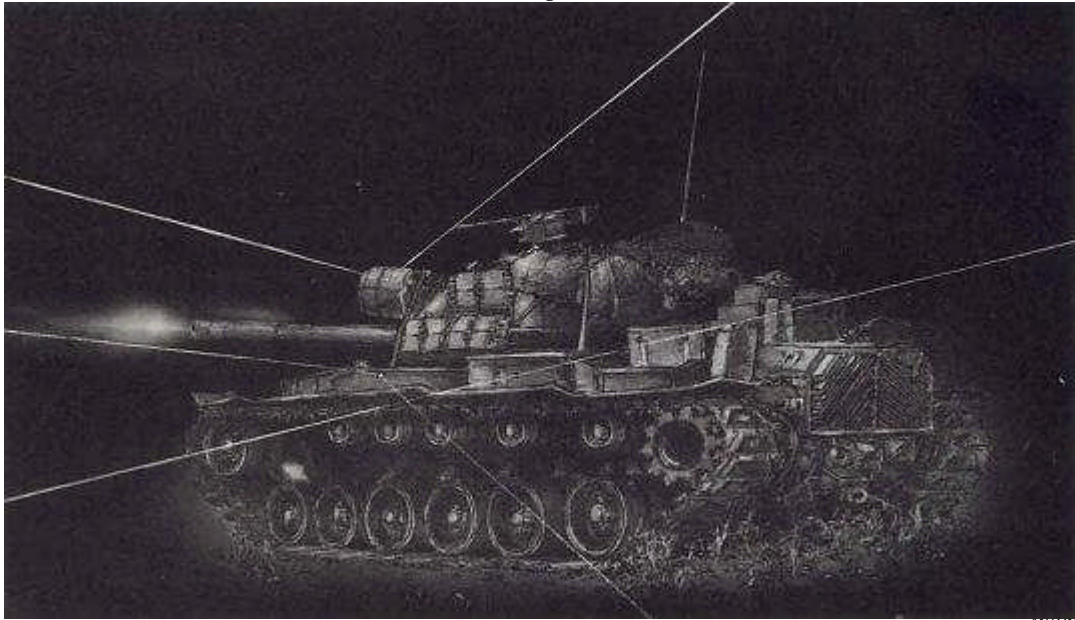


to assist in plunging fire at enemy attack positions. An Air Force flareship, "Spooky", arrived shortly thereafter to help illuminate the smoke-hazed battlefield. Troop A's mortar illumination was exhausted and all but one tank searchlight were destroyed.

from Troop B and C were directed to move toward the battle area. The platoon from Troop C, being closest, approached the perimeter from the south and broke through enemy forces, as they attempted to establish an ambush among the ruins of Ap Bau Bang.

Their weapons spewing flame in all directions, the platoon penetrated the enemy lines and resecured the perimeter.



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