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CO, 188th AHC

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34th PI lst Ede, 101st Abn Div (Airmobile), Camp EAGLE, RVN " 3d Bde, 82d Abn Div, Camp EAGLE, RVN 1st Air Cav Div, Camp EVANS, RVN 47th Scout Dog Plat

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Commander's Situation Report 082001H Sep 68 - 092000H Sep 68

# 1. (C) Operations Summary:

a. General: 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div (Airmobile), continued to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation NEV.NDA MAGNE to limit and disrupt attempts made by the enemy to extort the VN rice production throughout the coastal plains area and to seek out and destroy enemy forces and installations in the 2d Bde AO. Contact was light with a total of 4 contacts. Today's statistics: 1 US KHA, 13 US MHA (12 medevac). Enemy assessment - 12 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC FOW, 1 AK-50, 1 AK-47.

# a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD813251 and ambushed vic YD832235 and YD813245. Provided security for bulldozers and conducted local patrolling. At 1909 hrs the 2d Flat conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD818250 to LZ vic YD904230, closed 1915 hrs and reverted to OFCON Co B.

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(2) Co B. Occupied nig t position vic YD873238 and am-Sep 1968 bushed vic YD876234, YD869240, and YD876237; 2d Plat at COL CO Beach. 6

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- (3) Co C. Provided security for FSB MONGCOSE, occupied strong points along FOL pipeline, provided security for LCU Namp, and provided highest Bridges.
  - (4) Co D. Provided security for COL CO Beach and ambushed vic YD865308.
- (5) Recon Plat. OFCON Co B. Occupied night position vic YD865260 and ambushed vic YD862259. At 2030 hrs vic YD865262 received 4 rds 60mm mortar fire, negative casualties. Arty was fired with unknown results. At 0638 hrs vic YD865 260 engaged 3 VC with SA and M79 fire. Enemy fled E. Conducted RIF from vic YD 865260 to YD889239.
- (6) Remarks: At 1959 hrs vic YD898250 the 12th Coastal Group engaged and killed 7 VC in a sampan.
- (7) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CF YD845 320, Co A YD815248, Co B YD902229, Co C FSB MONGOOSE, Co D YD845320, Recon Flat OFCON Co B.

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- (1) Co A. Provided security for FSB T-Bone with 1st Plat ambushing vic YD663256, YD665247, and 2d Plat ambushing vic YD620200, YD617196. At 2054 hrs vic YD665245 observed 5-10 enemy moving 500 meters NW of ambush position. Continued to observe until 2137 hrs, then engaged with arty, unknown results. 1st Plat conducted RIF to vic YD645249 then conducted cloverleaf patrolling. 2d Plat conducted RIF to vic YD645249 then conducted cloverleaf patrolling. 2d Plat conducted RIF to vic YD615195.
- (2) Co B. Occupied night resition vic YD564174 and ambushed vid YD577 171, YD583171, YD564176, YD567173, and YD563171. Co (-) conducted RIF to vid YD565172 and conducted cloverleaf patrolling, the 2d Flat from YD577171 conducted a 2 sqd patrol to vid YD574162 and returned.
- (3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD576145 and ambushed vic YD581 145, YD580142, YD572146 and YD573149. Conducted RIF to vic YD568148.
- (4) Co D. Occupied night position at OP AFACHE with 2d Plat ambushing vic YD604235, YD615235, and 1st Plat ambushing vic YD617268, YD626261, 1st plat established a patrol base vic YD615263 and conducted cloverleaf patrolling. 2d Plat established a patrol base vic YD611239 and conducted cloverleaf patrolling. 3d Plat from OP AFACHE conducted RIF to vic YD628317, YD614228 and returned.
- (5) Recon Plat. Occupied night position vic YD678244 and ambished vic YD683246. Moved to a patrol base vic YD675244 and conducted cloverleaf patrolling.
- (6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB T-Bone; Co A FSB T-Bone, Co B YD564174, Co C YD568149, Co D YD628223, Recon Plat YD657246.

# d. 1-502 Inf.

- (1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD663293 and ambushed vic YD663 295 and YD663285. A first light check of area of contact from ambush engagement 081952H resulted in 1 VC KIA (BC). Co (-) conducted RIF operation to YD654295, YD664285 and YD662299. Let Flat remained at LZ SALLY as reaction force for LZ SALLY and AN LO Bridge. At 1200 hrs vic YD662299 found and destroyed 500 lbs rice.
- (2) Co B. Occupied night position vic YD612335 and ambushed vic YD613 345, YD616335, YD627336 and OP's vic YD600310, YD605310, and YD610312. Co (-) conducted NIF to vic YD605345, YD613345, YD604335, and 2d Plat occupied the fortified OP's along QL'1. At 1955 hrs vic YD602347 engaged 2 VC with SA and M79 fire, resulting in I VC KIA (NC).

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- (3) Co C. Provided security for IN LO Bridge and ambushed vic YD640314, and YD608292. CF and 1st Plat with 1 PF plat conducted RIF to vic YD640320. At 0740 hrs 1 sqd was lifted by utility helicopter to a blocking position vic YD640 325. 1 sqd conducted RIF to vic YD610290.
- (4) Co D. Occupied night position vic YD654354 and ambushed vic YD636334, YD653344 and YD645344. Conducted RIF to vic YD659334 and YD643330.
- (5) Recon Plat. Occupied night position vic YD726326 and ambushed vic YD730327. At 2345 hrs ambush vic YD726326 spotted movement and engaged with hand grenades. I hand grenade exploded within the perimeter resulting in 1 US KHA, 6 US WHA (medevac), and 1 Kit Carson Scout WHA. At 0024 hrs ambush vic YD730327 engaged 3 VC with SA fire, resulting in 2 VC KHA (BC). Conducted RIF to vic YD 726326.
  - (6) 3/C/2-34 Armor. OFCON Co C.
- (7) Remarks: From O815 hrs to 1630 hrs Eagle Flights were conducted by 3 FF plats from UALG DIEW and 1 plat from AN THANH (YD748293) to LZ's vic YD715 333, YD715322, YD721329, YD687300, YD704304, YD705297, YD757320, YD715338, YD757 344, and YD788329, Eagls Flights resulted in 3 VC POW.
- (8) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CF FSB .
  OMAHA, Co A YD668290, Co B YD617342, Co C AN LO Bridge, Co D YD661338, Recon Flat
  YU726327. 3/C/2-3h Armor OFCON Co C.
- e. 2d Bdc HHC Securit; Plat. Secured minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

  2. (C) Plans Surmary:
  - a. 1-501 Inf.
- (1) Co A. Co (-) from night position vic YD815248 provide security for bulldozer clearing operation until approx 1300 hrs, then RIF along both sides of canal to vic YD836244. 2d Flat OPCON Co B.
- (2) Co B. Continue the cordon of village area from vic YD904231 to YD 882248 throughout the night under continuous illumination. During the morning Co (-) conduct a sweep of the village from SE to NW, with 3/B blocking vic YD882251 oriented SE, Recon Plat blocking vic YD882240, oriented NE, and 2/A blocking vic YD896236 oriented NE. 12th Coastal Group supports operation by patrolling the water to the NE of the cordoned village.
- (3) Co C. I plat provide security at FSB MONGOOSE, with Co (-) occupying strong points along POL pipeline providing security for the LCU Ramp and

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Assume security of POL pipeline, along (£ 551, HUE Ramp and liaison at HUE Bridges. l plat move by CH-47 to vic YDS125 and assume bulldozer security mission from Co A 1-501 Inf.

- (4) Go D. From night location via YD661338, 0800 move coordination group to AN LO Bridge. Conduct RIF from night location and assume security of AN LO Bridge prior to 0900 hrs.
- (5) Recon Platoon. From night location vicinity YD726327 at 0730 hrs conduct Eagle Flight by log bird from PZ at YD722325 to IZ YD714294.
- d. 2d Bde HHC Security Plat. Secure minesweep N and S from LZ S LLY.3. (C) Cumulative Results:
  - a. Friendly losses: 63 US KHA, 591 US WHA (463 medevac).
  - b. Enemy assessment:
- (1) Personnel: 547 NVA KIA (BC), 655 VC KIA (BC), 37 NVA POW, 266 VC POW, 29 returnees.
- (2) Weapons: Indiv weapons 450, crew served weapons 81, 159 SKS's, 36 M16's, 14 carbines, 24 sub MG's, 49 M1 carbines, 20 M2 carbines, 130 AK-47's, 15 RPG-2 launchers, 9 RFG-7 launchers, 3 P-38 pistols, 1 flare pistol (dest), 7 Russian rifles, 1 Springfield rifle, 12 BAR's, 4 AK-47's (dest), 14 9mm pistols, 16 AK-50's, 17 IMG's, 7 HMG's, 36 K-44's, 12 M1's, 14 .45 cal pistols, 1 82mm mortar tube, 3 LAM's (dest), 2 M79's, 3 82mm mortars, 2 .30 cal MG's, 3 60mm mortars, 2 shotguns, 1 K-54, 2 12.7 AA weapons (dest).
- (3) Munitions: 29 CHICOM grenades (dest), 645295, rds SA, 300 60rm mortar rds (dest), 331 B-40's (dest), 104 rds 57mm, 1 CHICOM claymore, 20 lbs TNT, 28 81mm mortar rds.
- (4) Miscellaneous: 392.3 tons rice, 1 ton salt, 9000 lbs cement, 1 FRC-10, 1 CHICOM 2 watt radio, 1 CHICOM field phone and 1 CHICOM radio (NFI).

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limison at the HUE Bridges. Approx 1000 hrs the Co (-) will be relieved by Co C (-) 1-502 Inf, then at 1300 hrs Co (-) will move by CH-47 from vic of FSB MONGOOSE to LZ vic YD8725 and conduct local patrols (IZ secured by elements of Co B).

- (4) Co D. Continue to provide security for COL CO Beach until 1000 hrs when relieved by Co B 2-501. One platoon from night ambush location vic YD874303 RIF to vic YD9027 and secure LZ for Co (-) which will move at 1100 hrs by CH-47 from COL CO Beach to LZ vic YD9027. Co D then RIF to vic YD9424.
  - (5) Recon Plat. OFCON Co B.

### b. 2-501 Inf.

- (1) Co A. 1st Plat approx 1215 hrs from PZ vic YD647247 conduct helibornemovement to FSE T-Bone. 2d Plat conduct combat patrol from vic YD626198 to YD634 200 then to YD649207. 3d Plat from FSE T-Bone conduct combat patrol to vic YD640 185,
- (2) Co B. From night position vic YD564177 conduct extraction at 0630 hrs to LZ SALLY. Then at 0830 hrs move by CH-47 to COL CO Beach and assume security mission of COL CO Beach, OPCON 1-501 Inf.
- (3) Co C. From night position vie YD568149 RIF NE to vie YD560163, then S to vie YD560155.
- (4) Co D. 2d Plat conduct combat patrol from YD615235 to YD613254, then to YD640260. 1st Plat at 1200 hrs from PZ vic YD628264 conduct combat assault to LZ vic YD614208, conduct combat patrol to vic YD618202 then return to vic YD614 208. 3d Plat secure OF A ACHE and conduct local patrol vic YD6222.
- (5) Recon Plat. From night position vic YD657246 conduct combat patrol to vic YD6726, YD6626, and YD6426.

# a. 1-502 Inf.

- (1) Co A. From night location vic YD668290 conduct RIF to vic YD667298, YD675310, and YD682297. 1 plat remain at LZ SALLY and provide Ready Reaction Force for LZ SALLY and AN LO Bridge.
- (2) Co B. From night location vic YD617342 conduct saturation patrols in area bounded by YD600350, YD600310, YD630330, and YD630350. 1 plat continue to occupy fortified OP's along Al.
- (3) Co C. Continue to provide security for AN LO Bridge until relieved by Co D. At 0900 hrs move by CH-L7 to FSB MONGOOSE and become OFCON to 1-501.

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