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CO, 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div (Airmobile)  
LZ SALLY, RVN

CG, 101st Abn Div (Airmobile)  
Camp EAGLE, RVN

INTERNAL: CO, DCO,  
S1, S2, S3, S4, S5,  
Avn O; Sig O, Hq  
Comdt, Surg, Chap,  
Arty INO, TACP

INFO: CO, 1-501 Inf  
~~CO, 2-501 Inf~~  
 CO, 1-502 Inf  
 CO, 1-321 Arty  
 CO, C/326 Engr  
 CO, B/326 Med  
 CO, C/801 Maint  
 CO, 188th AHC  
 2d FASCP, 501st Sig  
 2d Plat, 101st MP Co  
 2d Plat, 265th RRC  
 Tm 2, 101st MI Det  
 34th PI  
 1st Dde, 101st Abn Div (Airmobile), Camp EAGLE, RVN  
 3d Bde, 82d Abn Div, Camp EAGLE, RVN  
 1st Cav Div (Airmobile), Camp EVANS, RVN  
 47th Scout Dog Plat

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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report  
142001H Sep 68 - 152000H Sep 68

1. (C) Operations Summary:

a. General: 2d Bde, 101st Abn Div (Airmobile) continued to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation NEVADA EAGLE 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 during the reporting period. Today's Statistics: No friendly casualties. Enemy assessment - 4 VC KIA (BC), 2 Chieu Hoi's, 3 AK-47's, 1 M16, 1 SKS, 2 M1 carbines, 1 RPG-2 launcher.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co's A, B, and D continued to conduct RIF operations and saturation patrolling of the SE portion of VINH LOC (D). The 1-501 elements accounted for 2 VC (BC), 2 Chieu Hoi's, 2 AK-47's, 1 SKS, and 2 M1 carbines. The ARVN TF continued operations in the NW portion of VINH LOC (D), accounting for 10 VC (BC), 10 Chieu Hoi's, and 31 IWC.

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(2) Co A. Occupied night position vic ZD085127 and

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ambushed vic ZD080127, ZD082125, ZD084120, and ZD088118. Conducted saturation patrols vic ZD0813 and ZD0812. Co A accounted for 1 Chieu Hoi and 2 AK-47's.

(3) Co B. Occupied night position vic ZD072105 and ambushed vic ZD076102, ZD067113, and ZD053108. Conducted saturation patrolling vic ZD0611, ZD0710,, and ZD0711. Co B accounted for 1 Chieu Hoi and 2 M1 carbines.

(4) Co G. Occupied night position vic YD877248 and ambushed vic YD867239, YD874259, and YD890245. Conducted 3 patrols consisting of 1 sqd and 15 FF's each. 1 patrol from vic YD890245 to YD896237 to YD877247. 1 patrol from vic YD875258 to YD856256 to YD877247, and 1 patrol from vic YD875238 to a blocking position vic YD867237 oriented SW then continued to YD877247.

(5) Co D. Occupied night position vic ZD066140 and ambushed vic ZD064146, ZD059143, ZD054140, ZD052144, and ZD051155. Conducted saturation patrols vic ZD0513, ZD0514, and ZD0414. At 1455 hrs conducted a combat assault from a PZ vic ZD050154 to an LZ vic ZD019169, closed 1527 hrs. During the day Co D accounted for 1 VC KIA (BC).

(6) Recon Plat. Occupied night position vic YD852227. At 2155 hrs vic YD844227 ambush received 3-4 rds SA fire and engaged 3-4 VC approx 300 meters E, the enemy fled with unknown results. Conducted RIF to vic YD852221, then NE to blocking position vic YD867237, then continued to vic YD862232. At 1905 hrs vic YD865236 engaged 1 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 M16. At 1925 hrs in the same area engaged 2 VC with SA and M79 fire resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

(7) B/2-501 Inf. Provided security for COL CO Beach.

(8) C/1-502 Inf. Provided security for FSB MONGOOSE, occupied strong points along POL pipeline, security of POL pumping station and LCU Ramp and liaison at the HUE Bridges.

(9) B/1-17 Cav. Remained TAN MY Beach.

(10) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn TAC CP ZD040122, Co A ZD090109, Co B ZD071112, Co C YD878247, Co D ZD033152, Recon Plat YD862232, B/2-501 YD845320, C/1-502 FSB MONGOOSE, B/2-17 TAN MY Beach.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided security for FSB T-Bone, with 2d Plat ambushing vic YD625196, YD625196, YD635204, and 3d Plat ambushing vic YD662242, YD675245. 2d Plat established patrol base vic YD629199 and conducted cloverleaf patrolling. 3d Plat conducted RIF to vic YD648243 and YD651231.

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- (2) Co B. OPCON 1-501 Inf.
  - (3) Co C. Occupied night position vic YD587159 and ambushed vic YD593162, YD595164, YD586163 and YD589162. Conducted RIF operations with Co (-) to vic YD584155, 1st Plat to vic YD584163, and 2d Plat to vic YD593157.
  - (4) Co D. Occupied night position vic OP APACHE with 1st Plat ambushing vic YD607211, YD601219 and 2d Plat ambushing vic YD620247, YD611240. 1st Plat conducted RIF to vic YD614200, then to YD606214. 2d Plat conducted RIF to vic YD617249, then to YD632253.
  - (5) Recon Plat. Occupied night position vic YD653250 and ambushed vic YD663256. Conducted RIF to vic YD674253 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 OPCON 1-501, Co C YD589161, Co D YD628223, Recon Plat YD674244.
- d. 1-502 Inf.
- (1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD654192 and ambushed vic YD673307, YD675311, and the 2d Plat OPCON Co B. Co (-) conducted RIF to vic YD667303 YD674311, YD663307 and YD660303. At 0950 hrs 2d Plat returned to Co A's control and conducted RIF to vic YD650310. At 1125 hrs Co (-) moved by 2½ ton trucks to LZ SALLY from YD650310, closed 1220 hrs. 1st Plat remained vic YD655307, then established night ambushes.
  - (2) Co B. Co (-) with 2 Plat Co A. Occupied blocking positions in cordon of objective area vic YD632321. 3d Plat occupied fortified OP's along QL 1 vic YD600310, YD605310, and YD610312. At 2255 hrs vic YD632321 NE portion of cordon received SA fire, negative casualties. Returned SA fire with unknown results. At 0850 hrs Co (-) received 2 bulldozers and provided security for the bulldozers to raze the wooded area of cordon. At 0950 hrs vic YD632322 uncovered 1 RFG-2 launcher. At 1245 hrs vic YD632322 bulldozer uncovered 1 AK-47 in a bunker. At 1600 hrs an air strike was put into the area to collapse any tunnel network.
  - (3) Co C. OPCON Co D.
  - (4) Co D. Provided security for AN LO Bridge and ambushed vic YD654306. 2d Plat secured 2 bulldozers moving to Co B's location vic YD632322, then returned to AN LO Bridge. 3d Plat conducted RIF to vic YD632322 and assisted in security of bulldozers.

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(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night position at LZ SALLY as reaction force for LZ SALLY and AN LO Bridge. At 1635 hrs moved by utility helicopter from LZ SALLY to vic YD689287, closed 1650 hrs.

(6) 3/C/2-34 Armor. CFCO Co D.

(7) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB OMAHA, Co A LZ SALLY, Co B HD632321, Co C OPCON 1-501, Co D AN LO Bridge, Recon Plat YD686286.

e. 2d Bde HHC Security Plat. Secured minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night location vic ZD090109 continue to RIF and conduct saturation patrols in Co AO bounded by ZD080130, ZD100120, ZD099090 and ZD089093.

(2) Co B. From night location vic ZD071112 continue to RIF and conduct saturation patrols in Co AO bounded by ZD078130, ZD065145, ZD050100 and ZD088093.

(3) Co C. From night location vic YD878247 1 plat continue security for FSB SANDY. 1 sqd with 15 PF patrol from YD882250 to AO boundary and return. 1 sqd with 15 PF patrol from YD771250 to YD8627 then to YD8525. 1 sqd with 15 PF from vic YD871251 RIF to AO boundary and return. 1 plat conduct local patrols vic FSB SANDY.

(4) Co D. From night location vic ZD033152 conduct RIF vic ZD0314.

(5) Recon Plat. From night location vic YD862232 move to PZ vic YD8623 and at 0300 hrs conduct Eagle Flight into LZ vic YD804232. Then recon S along the stream.

(6) B/2-501 Inf. OPCON 1-501. Provide security at COL CO Beach.

(7) C/1-502 Inf. OPCON 1-501. Continue to provide security for the closing of FSB MONGOOSE, occupy the strong points along QL 551, and then FOL pumping station, provide security at the LCU Ramp and liaison at HUE Bridges.

(10) Remarks: 1-501 provides command and control of combat assault for 352 RF Co at 0745 hrs from PZ vic YD902186 to LZ vic YD961127 and for Recon Co, 1st ARVN Div at 0830 hrs from PZ vic YD902186 to LZ vic YD973132.

b. 2-501 Inf. 2-501 is designated as Ready Reaction Force for 1st Bde, 101st Abn. Be prepared to provide 1 Co on 2 hour notice and Bn (-) on 4 hours notice.

(2) Co A. 1 plat provide security for FSB T-Bone and conduct local patrols. 2d Plat continues search operations vic YD6220. 3d Plat conduct opn

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with Recon Plat.

(2) Co B. OPCON 1-501 Inf.

(3) Co C. From night location vic YD589161 continue to RIF S to vic YD 5812.

(4) Co D. 1 plat provide security for OP APACHE and conduct local patrols. 1 plat conduct patrol from vic YD614208 to vic YD624208 and return. 2d Plat conduct operation with Recon Plat.

(5) Recon Plat, 3d Plat Co A and 2d Plat Co D. At 0500 hrs 3/A from night position vic YD643228 establish a blocking position oriented N from vic YD 652238 to YD662235. Recon Plat from night position vic YD674244 cross LD vic YD 671249 at 0530 hrs, then secure objective 1 vic YD659239. 2/D at 0600 hrs from night position vic YD641258 move SE to secure objective A vic YD650247. 3/A from original blocking position establishes blocking position vic YD645243 to YD652243 by 0630 hrs. 2/D from objective A moves to vic YD660264, then secures objective B vic YD665260. Recon Plat from objective 1 secures objective 2 vic YD660248, then establishes block oriented N vic YD665258 in support of 2/D.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Co (-) from LZ SALLY link with 2 FF plats from HUONG TRA District at 0800 hrs vic YD685274. One plat and one FF plat patrol N on the west bank of the SONG BO to vic YD682288. 1 plat with 1 FF plat RIF west to YD673275 then move N and block vic YD670280 NE to YD680290. 1 plat picked up by log bird from YD654309 into LZ YD685293 will block and link with Co A.

(2) Co B. Co (-) from night location vic YD632321 one plat search vic YD623322. One plat provide security for bulldozers vic YD637322. One plat occupy strong point along QL 1.

(3) Co C. OPCON 1-501 Inf.

(2) Co D. Provide security at AN LO Bridge and repair defenses damaged by recent flooding.

(5) Recon Plat. From night location vic YD686286 provide blocking force vic YD684280 to YD685285 in support of Co A. Then RIF to E to vic YD687294.

d. 2d Bde HHC Security Plat. Secure minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

a. Friendly losses: 64 US KHA, 603 US WHA (483 medevac);

b. Enemy assessment:

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(1) Personnel: 559 NVA KIA (BC), 729 VC KIA (BC), 37 NVA POW, 302 VC POW, 29 returnees, 4 Chieu Hoi's.

(2) Weapons: Indiv weapons 517, crew served weapons 89, 180 SKS's, 40 M16's, 16 carbines, 24 sub MG's, 59 M1 carbines, 20 M2 carbines, 51 AK-47's, 16 RPG-2 launchers, 9 ~~RPG~~ 7 launchers, 3 P-38 pistols, 1 flare pistol (dest), 7 Russian rifles, 1 Springfield rifle, 12 BAR's, 4 AK-47's (dest), 15 9mm pistols, 16 AK-50's, 17 IMG's, 7 HMG's, 38 K-44's, 13 M1's, 16 .45 cal pistols, 1 82mm mortar tube, 3 LAW'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), and 2 CHICOM pistols, 1 K-50, 1 60mm mortar.

(3) Munitions: 29 CHICOM grenades (dest), 64,295 rds SA, 300 60mm mortar rds (dest), 331 B-40's (dest), 104 rds 57mm, 1 CHICOM claymore, 20 lbs TNT, 28 81mm mortar rds, 117 RPG-2 rds, 57 RPG-7 rds, 5 82mm mortar rds, 152 1 lb block TNT, 2 18 lb satchel charges.

(4) Miscellaneous: 396.3 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).