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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 LNO, TACP

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| INFO: | CO, 1-501 Inf                                       | (Message Center) |
|       | 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 Bde, 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  
172001H Sep 68 - 182000H 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 cas; Enemy assessment - 11 VC KIA (BC), 4 VC POW, 2 AK-47's, 1 M16, 1 sub MG, 1 M2 carbine, 1 M1 carbine.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn from vic ZD098118 to ZD103115 with 5 men ambushes on line from vic ZD082122 to ZD092105. Co A closed to a PZ vic ZD095117 and at 0824 hrs conducted heliborne movement to FSB SANDY, closed at 0947 hrs and provided security and aided in construction at FSB SANDY. At 1955 hrs vic YD880251 an ambush element received ineffective SA fire from the SE. Arty was fired with unk results.

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(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD834237 with ambushes vic YD827234, YD829237, YD834245, YD834246 and YD835243. At 2030 hrs vic YD834246 ambush element observed 2 VC approx 100 meters to the S. The ambush attempted to halt the VC resulting in 1 VC being captured and 1 being engaged as he fled to the E. A first light check resulted in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK-47. At 0720 hrs Co (-) conducted a combat assault from PZ vic YD834237 to LZ vic YD831206, closed 0742 hrs. Conducted RIF to vic YD835198, then to YD805207. 1 plat Co B and Recon plat conducted RIF opns astride the canal to vic YD8221. At 0825 hrs vic YD831206 engaged 1 enemy resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). In the same area found 5 bodies killed by arty, resulting in 5 VC KIA (BC). At 0840 hrs vic YD834215 found 1 AK-47 and 1 M1 carbine laying in the open. At 0955 hrs vic YD835197 captured 3 VC POW and 1 M2 carbine.

(3) Co C. Occupied night psn at FSB SANDY, ambushed vic YD867261, YD866247, YD883250 and the 3d plat remained vic FSB MONGOOSE. Co (-) closed to PZ vic FSB SANDY and at 0807 hrs Co C conducted heliborne movement to LZ vic ZD095117, closed 1027 hrs. Conducted RIF to vic ZD081127.

(4) Co D. Occupied night psn vic ZD053144 and ambushed vic ZD054147 and ZD056144. Conducted saturation patrols vic ZD0514 and ZD0513.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD822240 and ambushed vic YD823237. At 2040 hrs ambush engaged 1 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 sub MG.

(6) B/2-501 Inf. Provided security for COL CO Beach. At 1038 hrs 2d plat returned to 2-501 Inf control and moved by CH-47 to FSB T-BONE.

(7) B/1-17 Cav. Continued to stage at TAN MY Beach. 1 plat OPCON to B/2-501 Inf and ambushed vic YD866304.

(8) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn TAC CP ZD040122; Co A FSB SANDY; Co B YD828219; Co C ZD081127; Co D ZD055140; Recon Plat YD827218; B/2-501 Inf YD845320; B/1-17 Cav TAN MY Beach.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided security for FSB T-BONE with 1st plat ambushing vic YD628211, YD632211, and 3d plat at LZ SALLY as reaction force for LZ SALLY and AN LO Bridge. 1st plat conducted RIF to vic YD627200, 2d plat conducted RIF to vic YD664203 and returned to FSB T-BONE. 3d plat conducted RIF to vic

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YD614265, to YD620273. At 1332 hrs vic YD622269, 3d plat linked up with 1 PF plat.

(2) Co B. Co (-) OPCON 1-501 Inf. 2d plat returned to 2-501 control and moved by CH-47 from COL CO Beach at 1038 hrs to FSB T-BONE, close 1050 hrs. Then conducted RIF to vic YD640178.

(3) Co C. Occupied night psn vic YD578148 and ambushed vic YD575148, YD571148, YD580150 and YD579151. Conducted RIF opns with Co (-) to vic YD587147, 1st plat to vic YD586156, and 3d plat to vic YD588151. At 0914 hrs vic YD575147 1st plat found 2 graves containing 2 VC (PC).

(4) Co D. Occupied night psn at OP APACHE with 2d plat ambushing vic YD612211, YD615205, and 3d plat ambushing vic YD660260, YD661269. 1st plat conducted RIF from OP APACHE to LZ SALLY, closed 1511 hrs as reaction force. 2d plat conducted RIF to vic YD624235, then to vic YD644243 to secure downed O1 until extraction, then continued to OP APACHE. 3d plat conducted RIF to vic YD621199, then to YD614207.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night psn vic YD665247 and ambushed vic YD675252. Conducted RIF to vic YD651242, then to YD648230.

(6) Remarks. 2-501 Inf provided command control of the insertion of the 1st En 3d Regt (ARVN). The lift began at 0840 hrs from PZ vic YD695205 to an LZ vic YD647155, closed 1010 hrs.

(7) Location of En elements at close of reporting period: En CP FSB T-BONE; Co A FSB T-BONE; Co B OPCON 1-501 Inf; Co C YD590147; Co D YD628223; Recon Plat YD638218.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD676286 and ambushed vic YD672286, YD676288, YD680292 and YD682280. At 2200 hrs vic YD676288 ambush engaged movement with hand grenades. First light check resulted in 1 VC KIA (PC) and 1 M16. Conducted cloverleaf patrolling vic of night locations, then at 1030 hrs moved to road and moved by 2½ ton trucks to AN LO Bridge, closed 1143 hrs.

(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD636311, ambushed vic YD637320, YD645320 and 1st plat occupied fortified OP's along QL 1. Co (-) secured bulldozer clearing opns vic YD635313. At 1800 hrs 1st plat reverted to OPCON Co A.

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(3) Co C. Provided security for FSB MONGOOSE, occupied strong points along POL pipeline, secured POL pumping station and LCU Ramp and provided liaison at the HUE Bridges.

(4) Co D. Provided security for AN LO Bridge and ambushed vic YD616324, and YD622316. At 1145 hrs Co D was released of bridge security mission by Co A, then conducted RIF to vic YD6529 and YD6629.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night psn vic YD694295 and conducted RIF to vic YD715295.

(6) 3/C/2-34 Armor. OPCON Co A effective 1145 hrs from Co D.

(7) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB OMAHA; Co A AN LO Bridge; Co B YD636311; Co C YD788272; Co D YD678301; Recon Plat YD713292; 3/C/2-34 Armor OPCON Co A.

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. 2 platoons provide security and building of FSB SANDY. 1 platoon send 3 reinforced sqd patrols from YD8626 to YD8627, 1 from YD8924 to YD8824, 1 from YD8724 to YD8822. Each patrol will have 3 PF's working with 1 US sqd.

(2) Co B. From night psn vic YD828219 Co (-) RIF and search vic YD825225. 1 plat eagle flight at 0700 hrs from PZ vic YD830214 into LZ vic YD814228 then RIF W.

(3) Co C. From night psn vic ZD081127 continue to RIF and conduct saturation patrols vic ZD0911 and ZD0910.

(4) Co D. From night psn vic ZD055140 continue to conduct saturation patrols and conduct eagle flight vic ZD0514, ZD0513 and ZD0512.

(5) Recon Plat. From night psn vic YD827218 RIF along canal to vic YD825225.

(6) B/1-17 Cav. Continue to stage at TAN MY Beach, with 1 plat providing ambush SE of COL CO Beach.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. 1 plat conduct patrol from YD635193 to YD6217. 1 plat from FSB T-BONE conduct patrol to YD6521, YD6421, YD6320. 1 plat from ambush location vic YD613265 conduct patrol to vic YD6224, YD6323, YD6322 and YD6422.

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(2) Co B. At 0830 hrs 2d plat conduct heliborne movement from PZ vic YD640167 to LZ vic YD584155. At 1000 hrs Co (-) move by CH-47 from COL CO Beach to LZ SALLY. At 1300 hrs Co (-) conduct heliborne movement from LZ SALLY to YD584155.

(3) Co C. Approx 0840 hrs 1 plat conduct heliborne movement from PZ vic YD584155 to COL CO Beach. Approx 1310 hrs Co (-) conducts heliborne movement from same PZ to LZ SALLY, then at 1400 hrs move by CH-47 to COL CO Beach. OPCON 1-501 Inf upon closing.

(4) Co D. 1 plat provide ready reaction force at LZ SALLY and patrol to vic YD6427, YD6328, YD6228, YD6226 and return to LZ SALLY. 1 plat provide security at OP APACHE. 1 plat conduct patrol from YD612208 to vic YD615210, YD622217 and YD617207.

(5) Recon Plat. From night psn vic YD638218 conduct patrol to vic YD641216 and close into FSB T-BONE.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Continue to provide security for AN LO Bridge in cooperation with RF Co.

(2) Co B. From night psn vic YD636311 at 0900 hrs start movement by vehicle to relieve Co C of security at old FSB MONGOOSE, POL pipeline along QL 551, security at the LCU Ramp and liaison at the HUE Bridges.

(3) Co C. Continue to provide security mission until relieved by Company B, then move by vehicle to vicinity YD6531 then RIF N to vicinity YD6534.

(4) Co D. 1 plat provide security for bulldozer clearing ops vic YD6331. 2 platoons conduct patrols vic YD6331, YD6332 and YD6432.

(5) Recon Plat. Conduct patrols from YD713292 to YD7130, YD7231.

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

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

a. Friendly losses: 64 US KHA, 608 US WHA (488 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 599 NVA KIA (RC), 755 VC KIA (RC), 37 NVA POW, 306 VC POW, 29 returnees, 6 Chieu Hoi's.

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(2) Weapons: Indiv weapons 546, crew served weapons 89, 196 SKS's, 41 M16's, 16 carbines, 27 sub MG's, 60 M1 carbines, 23 M2 carbines, 54 AK-47's, 16 RPG-2 launchers, 9 RPG-7 launchers, 4 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 LMG'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, 2 60mm mortar sights, 1 K-47.

(3) Munitions: 29 CHICOM grenades (dest), 65495 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, 127 RPG-2 rds, 57 RPG-7 rds, 5 82mm mortar rds, 152 1 lb block TNT, 2 18 lb satchel charges, 13 M79 rds.

(4) Miscellaneous: 396.3 tons rice, 1 ton salt, 9000 lbs cement, 1 PRC-10, 1 CHICOM 2 watt radio, 1 CHICOM field phone and 1 CHICOM radio (NFI).