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

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

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

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
182001H Sep 68 - 192000H 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: 1 US WHA (medevac); Enemy assessment - 7 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC POW, 1 Chieu Hoi, 2 SKS's, 1 RPG-2 launcher, 1 AK-47, 1 M2 carbine.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Co (-) provided security at FSB SANDY and ambushed vic YD830251, YD864269, YD856260, YD868239, YD870235, and 2d plat remained at old FSB MONGOOSE. Ambushes closed FSB SANDY and Co (-) continued construction of FSB SANDY.

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(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD828219 and ambushed vic YD833218, YD836216, YD834220, YD826224 and YD834216. At 0705 hrs CP and 1st plat conducted combat assault from PZ vic

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YD827213 to LZ vic YD796233, closed 0734 hrs, then conducted RIF to vic YD803228 and YD813227. 3d plat at 0705 hrs conducted combat assault from the same PZ to LZ vic YD802223, closed 0734 hrs and conducted RIF to vic YD807225, then to YD813227. 2d plat conducted RIF and search vic YD824216. Recon plat conducted RIF and search vic YD823225. At 1646 hrs 2d plat and Recon plat in response to a FAC sighting conducted combat assault from PZ vic YD822225 to LZ vic YD828275, closed 1716 hrs. The gunship supporting the lift got 2 VC (BC) and the C&C ship got 1 VC (BC) and 1 VC POW. In the general area of the LZ Recon plat accounted for 2 VC (BC), 1 Chieu Hoi, 3 detainees, 1 RPG-2 launcher, 2 SKS's and 1 B-40 rd. 2d plat Co B accounted for 1 VC (BC), 2 detainees, 1 AK-47 and 1 M1 carbine.

(3) Co C. Occupied night psn vic ZD081127 and ambushed vic ZD077127, ZD084119, ZD091109, and ZD098113. Conducted saturation patrolling vic ZD0712, ZD0711, ZD0811 and ZD0911.

(4) Co D. Occupied night psn vic ZD055140 and ambushed vic ZD063127, ZD061133, and ZD059143.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD827218 and ambushed vic YD823224.

(6) B/2-501 Inf. Co (-) provided security for COL CO Beach. At 1049 hrs Co (-) returned to parent unit control at LZ SALLY, having moved by CH-47 from COL CO Beach.

(7) C/2-501 Inf. Closed COL CO Beach at 1447 hrs and reverted to OPCON 1-501 for COL CO Beach security.

(8) B/1-17 Cav. 1 plat ambushed vic YD865305. At 1520 hrs 1 plat moved by Naval Boat from TAN MY Beach. Trp (-) continued to stage for departure on 20 Sep.

(9) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn TAC CP ZD040122; Co A FSB SANDLY; Co B ZD790241; Co C ZD073116; Co D ZD062139; Recon YD823271; C/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 3d plat ambushing vic YD613258, YD612265 and 1st plat ambushing vic YD627194, YD635193. 1st plat conducted RIF to vic YD629181 then to YD630185. Co (-) conducted RIF from FSB

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T-BONE to vic YD630200. 3d plat conducted RIF to vic YD622235.

(2) Co B. Co (-) OPCON to 1-501 Inf until 1049 hrs. At 0957 hrs Co (-) moved by CH-47 to LZ SALLY, closed 1049 hrs. Co (-) conducted a heliborne movement at 1300 hrs from LZ SALLY to LZ vic YD584157, closed 1339 hrs. 2d plat ambushed vic YD645175 and YD642175, then moved to a PZ vic YD642167 and at 0840 hrs conducted a heliborne movement to LZ vic YD584157, closed 0845 hrs, and reverted to OPCON Co C until 1323 hrs. Co B conducted RIF to vic YD595160.

(3) Co C. Occupied night psn vic YD590147 and ambushed vic YD588156, YD582160, YD586150 and YD588151. Conducted RIF to a PZ vic YD584157 and at 0846 hrs 1st plat conducted heliborne movement to COL CO Beach, closed 0901 hrs and reverted to OPCON Co B until 1426 hrs. At 1309 hrs Co (-) conducted heliborne movement to LZ SALLY, closed 1346 hrs. At 1410 hrs moved by CH-47 from LZ SALLY to COL CO Beach, closed 1447 hrs and reverted to OPCON to 1-501 Inf.

(4) Co D. Co (-) occupied night psn at OP APACHE with 3d plat ambushing vic YD612208, YD618212, and 1st plat at LZ SALLY as reaction force for LZ SALLY and AN LO Bridge. 1st plat conducted RIF to vic YD633284 to YD627263 and returned to LZ SALLY. 3d plat conducted RIF to vic YD625213 then to YD614209. 2d plat conducted 2 sqd patrols from OP APACHE to vic YD635222 and YD622232, then returned.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night psn vic YD638218 and ambushed vic YD646213. Conducted RIF to FSB T-BONE, closed 0828 hrs and assumed FSB T-BONE security.

(6) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB T-BONE; Co A YD631199; Co B YD593163; Co C OPCON 1-501 Inf; Co D YD628223; Recon Plat FSB T-BONE.

d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provided security for AN LO Bridge and ambushed vic YD610292, YD614329 and YD633329. 1st plat Co B occupied fortified OP's along QL 1.

(2) Co B. Co (-) occupied night psn vic YD636311 and ambushed vic YD638314 and YD644314. At 1055 hrs released bulldozer clearing opn security to Co D and moved by 2½ ton trucks to relieve Co C of security mission effective 1330 hrs.

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(3) Co C. Occupied night psn at PHU VANG and occupied strong points along QL 1 provided security of POL pumping station and LCU Ramp, and provided liaison at HUE Bridges. At 1330 hrs relieved of security mission by Co B and moved by 2½ ton truck to vic YD638305, then conducted RIF to vic YD6529.

(4) Co D. Occupied night psn vic YD678301 and ambushed vic YD670296, YD670289, YD676296, YD681297 and YD660294. Co (-) provided security for bulldozer clearing opn vic YD635313. 1st plat conducted RIF to vic YD667297. At 1235 hrs vic YD660297 engaged 2 VC with SA, enemy fled E.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night psn vic YD713292. At 2055 hrs vic YD713292 engaged 5 VC with SA. Fired illum and checked the area without further enemy sighting. At 2210 hrs vic YD713292 engaged 1 VC with claymore mine and hand grenade resulting in 1 US MIA (medevac) and 1 VC KIA (EC). Conducted RIF to vic YD726307.

(6) 3/C/2-34 Armor. OPCON Co A.

(7) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB OMAHA; Co A AN LO Bridge; Co B YD788272; Co C YD650290; Co D YD646312; Recon Plat YD728307; 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. Continue to provide security for FSB SANDY and conduct local patrols.

(2) Co B. Co (-) conduct thorough search of area vic YD791237 in an attempt to locate 4 US MIA (Marines). 2d plat and Recon Plat conduct search of village area vic YD815265.

(3) Co C. From night psn vic ZD073116 continue to conduct RIF and saturation patrols in the area bounded by ZD0712, ZD0912, ZD0709, ZD0909.

(4) Co D. From night psn vic ZD062139 Co (-) continue to conduct RIF and saturation patrols in area bounded by ZD0414, ZD0714, ZD0510 and ZD0710. 1 plat conduct local patrol from VINH LOC district hqs vic ZD0412.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co B.

(6) C/2-501 Inf. Provide security for COL CO Beach.

(7) B/1-17 Cav. Trp (-) depart TIN MY Beach by Naval Boat.

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b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night psn vic YD631199 1 plat RIF in rocket belt from YD625187 to YD612138. From night psn vic YD624185 1 plat RIF to vic YD624197. 1 plat from night psn vic YD624223 RIF to vic YD621204, YD615206 and establish an OP in the rocket belt.

(2) Co B. From night psn vic YD593163 RIF in jungle toward the rocket belt from vic YD585155 to vic YD593165.

(3) Co C. OPCON 1-501 Inf for security of COL CO Beach.

(4) Co D. Conduct an airmobile opn in conjunction with PF plat. At 0530 hrs 1st plat departed LZ SALLY and RIF to a blocking psn from vic YD640257 to YD630263. At 0630 hrs 2d plat combat assault from PZ vic YD629223 to LZ vic YD621259 and link up with 1 PF plat. Approx 0645 hrs 3d plat combat assault from PZ vic YD614208 to LZ vic YD637254, then establish blocking psn from vic YD631257 to YD639257. 2d plat and PF plat then sweep E into blocking psn with IPW team, 1 special police and dog team.

(5) Recon Plat. Secure FSB T-BONE.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Continue to provide security for AN LO Bridge in cooperation with the RF Co. Conduct patrol with 1 plat and tank plat to vic YD6028.

(2) Co B. Continue to provide security at the LCU Ramp, occupy strong points along POL pipeline and the POL pumping station, provide liaison at the HUE Bridge.

(3) Co C. From night psn and 10 ambush psns conduct 10 sqd size patrols in the area bounded by YD700320 SW to YD680310 SW to YD670300, YD680280 then along SONG BO to YD700296, YD730290 then YD734310 then to YD705317.

(4) Co D. From night psn vic YD646312 1 plat provide security for bulldozer clearing opn. 2 plats conduct local patrols to YD6433 and YD6231.

(5) Recon Plat. From PZ vic YD7131 at 0730 hrs lift by utility helicopter to vic YD754337 then RIF SW to YD745300.

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

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

a. Friendly losses: 64 US KHA, 609 US WHA (489 medevac).

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b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 599 NVA KIA (BC), 762 VC KIA (BC), 37 NVA POW, 307 VC POW, 29 returnees, 7 Chieu Hoi's.

(2) Weapons: Indiv weapons 550, crew served weapons 90, 198 SKS's, 41 M16's, 16 carbines, 27 sub MG's, 60 M1 carbines, 24 M2 carbines, 55 AK-47's, 17 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 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, 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).

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