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

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

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Comdt, Surg, Chap,
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- 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 "
 - Trn 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 EAGLE, RVN "
 - 47th Scout Dog Plat "

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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
012001H Oct 68 - 022000H Oct 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 - 6 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC POW, 2 Chieu Hoi's, 4 AK-47's, 3 SKS's, 1 M16, 1 9mm pistol, 3 tons rice.

b. 1-501 Inf. Continued combined US/GVN opn with all elements in blocking roles continuing to block and conducting local searches. The 2-54th ARVN Regt continued to search within the cordoned area accounting for 10 VC KIA (BC), 18 IWC, and 3 CSWC. 2-17 Cav White teams in support of the opn accounted for 3 VC KBAA (BC), 2 VC POW and 6 VCS detained.

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(1) Co A. Co (-) maintained blocking psn from vic YD825240 to YD826221 and ambushed vic YD862255. At 2010 hrs vic YD826255 ambush element moving to psn engaged an unk number of enemy moving NW. The element maneuvered into the area and a search resulted in 6 VCS being detained and 1 AK-47, 2 M26 grenades, and some SA ammo captured. At 0740 hrs vic YD822245 while making a search of the area of contact were led to an M16 rifle by one of the VCS. At 1010 hrs vic YD828247 received 2 Chieu Hoi's, one with an AK-47. At 1030 hrs in the same area detained an additional 19 personnel. The 1st plat continued to provide security at FB SANDY and ambushed vic YD878248.

(2) Co B. Co (-) maintained blocking psn from vic YD790245 to YD810246. At 2035 hrs vic YD795244 engaged 2 VC with SA fire resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). 1st plat provided RRF at LZ SALLY.

(3) Co C. Maintained blocking psn from vic YD810247 to YD825239. At 1330 hrs vic YD825243 found 3 tons of loose rice in a house.

(4) Co D. Co (-) operating with 13 PF's occupied night psn vic ZD085107 and ambushed vic ZD090116, ZD092112 and ZD091109. Conducted plat RIF opns to vic YD0712 and YD0812. 2d plat continued search opns in conjunction with 922 RF Co vic YD9718.

(5) Recon Plat. Plat (-) provided security at FB SANDY. 1 sqd conducting opns with 1 PF plat ambushed vic YD879242 and YD868254. Conducted search opns vic YD8724 and YD8625. At 1245 hrs vic YD875247 engaged 2 VC in a bunker resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC POW (WIA), 1 AK-47 and 1 9mm pistol.

(6) A/2-501 Inf. Provided security for COL CO Beach and ambushed vic YD868303.

(7) Remarks:

(a) 352 RF Co, 54th ARVN Regt Recon Co and 3-7 Cav (ARVN) maintained blocking psn from vic YD833217 to YD830200.

(b) A (-)/2-17 Cav, B/2-501 and 80 PF's maintained blocking psn from YD786203 to YD828197.

(c) 360, 742 and 128 RF Co's maintained blocking psn from vic YD790245 to YD785208.

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(8) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FB SANDY; Co A YD837233; Co B YD797247; Co C YD818246; Co D ZD074124; Recon Plat FB SANDY; A/2-501 YD845320.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. OPCON 1-501 Inf.

(2) Co B. OPCON 2-17 Cav.

(3) Co C. Occupied night psn at OP APACHE with 1st plat ambushing vic YD685246, YD684250, and 2d plat at LZ SALLY as RRF. 1st plat conducted RIF to blocking psn from vic YD665244 to YD670251. 2d plat established blocking psn from vic YD657251 to YD662257, then continued to vic YD660260. 1st plat conducted sweep into 2d plat block, then continued to vic YD670240.

(4) Co D. Provided security at FSB T-BONE with 2d plat ambushing vic YD626207, YD631211, and 3d plat ambushing vic YD616205, YD612210. 1st plat conducted RIF to vic YD644218, then returned to FSB T-BONE. 2d plat conducted RIF to vic YD609213. 3d plat conducted RIF to vic YD629201.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night psn vic YD625171 and ambushed vic YD628165. Conducted RIF to vic YD637168 to YD639162, then to YD636160. At 0910 hrs vic YD625173 engaged 3 VC with SA/AW and M79 fire, resulting in 2 VC KIA, 1 AK-47 and 1 SKS. 1 VC returned SA fire and fled. At 1150 hrs vic YD632168 engaged 1 VC who returned SA fire and fled SE. Recon continued to maneuver and at 1520 hrs vic YD633165 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 SKS. In the same area while checking the body, Recon received SA/AW, hand grenades and 2 RPG rounds from an estimated enemy squad to the S. Recon returned fire, maneuvered and was supported by arty and gunships. While searching the area engaged 4-5 enemy fleeing S resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). Enemy returned SA/AW fire and fled. Recon plat pursued but was unable to re-establish contact.

(6) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB T-BONE; Co A OPCON 1-501 Inf; Co B OPCON 2-17 Cav; Co C YD628223; Co D FSB T-BONE; Recon Plat YD633159.

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d. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night psn vic YD655292 and ambushed vic YD682297, YD672294, YD697298, YD689284, YD687277, YD668299 and YD675311. Conducted sqd saturation patrols vic of night locations. At 1740 hrs 1 sqd conducted eagle flight by utility helicopter from YD671294 to YD660330.

(2) Co B. Occupied night psn vic YD602347 and ambushed vic YD625317, YD628328, YD660333 and YD645341. Conducted plat RIF opns vic of night locations. At 1746 hrs vic YD619333 apprehended 1 detainee.

(3) Co C. Provided security for AN LO Bridge and ambushed vic YD608295, YD604293 and YD610282. 3d plat Co D occupied fortified OP's along QL 1. Conducted sqd patrol to vic YD608288.

(4) Co D. Co (-) occupied night psn at PHU VANG and occupied strong points along QL 551, provided security of POL pumping station and LCU Ramp and provided liaison at HUE Bridges. 3d plat OPCON Co C.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night psn vic YD715317. Conducted sqd patrols to vic YD714315, YD718310, YD725310 and YD716327. At 0900 hrs vic YD714315 found 1 SKS in a bunker.

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

(7) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB OMAHA; Co A YD676294; Co B YD635340; Co C AN LO Bridge; Co D YD782269; Recon Plat YD718310.

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 occupy blocking psn in cordoned area. Area of responsibility will increase to YD820243 to YD826221. At 0800 hrs receive OPCON of one platoon of Co B/2-501.

(2) Co B. Co (-) at 0730 hrs move by CH47 from PZ at YD805255 to COL CO Beach. Assume responsibility for security COL CO Beach and receive OPCON Recon plat approx 1640 hrs. 1 plat RRF at LZ SALLY.

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(3) Co C. Continue to occupy blocking psns in cordon area extending from YD820240 to YD790242.

(4) Co D. Continue to conduct saturation patrols in VINH LOC area with 2 plats and 1 PF plat. 1 plat operate with the 922 RF Co vic YD9718.

(5) Recon Plat. Provide security at FB SANDY with 3d sqd ambushing with PF plat vic FB SANDY. 3d sqd close to FB SANDY and at 1630 hrs move by CH47 from FB SANDY to COL CO Beach.

(6) A/2-501 Inf. Provide security at COL CO Beach until 0830 hrs, then begin moving by CH47 to LZ SALLY and return to 2-501 Inf. control.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Provide security for COL CO Beach until 0830 hrs then move by CH47 to LZ SALLY. At 1200 hrs conduct combat assault from LZ SALLY into LZ vic YD586156 and recon in force to secure objs A (YD598143), then obj B (YD606137), then obj C (YD614137).

(2) Co B. Co (-) OPCON 2-17 Cav. 1 plat move by CH47 at 0745 hrs from PZ vic YD800198 to LZ vic YD835227 and revert to OPCON A/1-501 Inf.

(3) Co C. 1 plat provide security for OP APACHE, conduct RIF to YD650231 and return to OP APACHE. 1 plat with 1 RF plat conduct RIF from YD664256 to YD6725, YD6726 and YD6527. 1 plat with 1 RF plat conduct RIF from YD675244 to YD6823, YD6825 and YD6625.

(4) Co D. 1 plat provide security for FB T-BONE, conduct patrol to YD646205, YD644202 and return. 1 plat RIF in rocket belt from YD613209 to YD610213, YD617217 and YD614207. 1 plat RIF in rocket belt from YD626206 to YD625194.

(5) Recon Plat. Continue to search vic area of contact and RIF to YD628153 and YD629163 to exploit recent contacts.

(6) At 1000 hrs 2-501 Inf provide command and control for combat assault of Recon Co, 1st ARVN Div from PZ at FB GERONIMO to LZ vic YD660128. Recon Co then RIF to secure objs 1 (YD652130) then obj 2 (YD638127) then obj 3 (YD626138), then obj 4 (YD623144).

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c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night psn and 7 ambushes continue saturation patrols until 1500 hrs then take 3 day supply log and return to area of operation vic YD6530, YD6528, YD6828 and YD6830.

(2) Co B. From night psn vic YD635340 and 5 ambushes conduct reinforced squad patrols vic YD6134, YD6334, YD6130, YD6033, YD6330 with 2 plats. 1 plat move from vic YD632322 by CH47 at 0800 hrs to vic YD815247 and become OPCON to C/1-501 Inf. Occupy blocking psn vic YD7924.

(3) Co C. Continue to provide security for AN LO Bridge in cooperation with RF Co. 1 plat conduct RIF to YD6028 and return to AN LO. 3d plat Co D occupy fortified OP's along QL 1.

(4) Co D. Continue to occupy strong points along QL 551 and POL pipeline, POL pumping station, provide security at LCU Ramp and liaison at HUE Bridges. 1 plat OPCON to Co C.

(5) Recon Plat. From night psn vic YD718310 at 0800 hrs lift by utility helicopter to LZ SALLY for 1 day of marshalling.

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

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

a. Friendly losses: 66 US KHA, 518 US WHA (495 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 444 NVA KIA (BC), 819 VC KIA (BC), 37 NVA POW, 357 VC POW's, 50 returnees.

(2) Weapons: Indiv weapons 671, crew served 90, 205 SKS's, 43 M16's, 16 carbines, 29 sub MG's, 65 M1 carbines, 24 M2 carbines, 61 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, 5 AK-47's (dest), 16 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), 2 CHICOM pistols, 1 K-50, 1 60mm mortar, 2 60mm mortar sights, 1 K-47.

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(3) Munitions: 29 CHICOM grenades (dest), 73429 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 blocks TNT, 2 18 lb satchel charges, 13 M79 rds.

(4) Miscellaneous: 399.3 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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