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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
092001H Oct 68 - 102000H 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. There were no contacts during the reporting period. Today's statistics: No friendly casualties. Enemy assessment - 4 VC KIA (BC), 1 SKS, 2 60mm mortars, 1 122mm rocket warhead, 21.5 tons rice.

b. 1-501 Inf. At 0800 hrs terminated combined US/GVN cordon operation, center of mass vic YD8022 and covering approx 28 square kilometers. During the operation which was initiated on 27 Sept, the Allied Forces accounted for 306 enemy, which includes (BC), Chieu Hoi's and POW's.

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| (1) Co A. Co (-) conducting operations with 1 RF Plat and | 10 | 2000 |
| 1 PF plat occupied night position vic ZD083120 and ambushed vic ZD | Oct | 1968 |
| 071141, ZD074126, and ZD093123. Conducted plat RIF from ZD071141 | 1 | 6 |

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to ZD083120. 3d Plat secured a MEDCAP vic ZD093123 which treated 40 personnel. 2d Plat conducting operations with 922 RF Co (-) occupied night position vic YD 977187 and ambushed vic YD997172. Conducted RIF to vic YD984198.

(2) Co B. Co (-) with OPCON Recon Plat provided security for COL CO Beach. Recon Plat ambushed vic YD854307. At 0430 hrs Recon Plat moved by 3 boats of the 12th Coastal Group from vic of ambush location to YD898274 where they disembarked at 0628 hrs. Conducted RIF NW towards a blocking position established by CAC 3-3 extending from YD870306 to YD868298. At 0720 hrs vic YD888286 found and destroyed 1 M72 LAW and 2 60mm mortar rds. Recon linked up with CAC 3-3 at 0900 hrs then Recon closed to COL CO Beach at 0930 hrs. 1st Plat Co B marshalled at LZ SALLY until 1630 hrs, when it moved by CH-47 to COL CO Beach, closing at 1640 hrs.

(3) Co C. Maintained blocking position from vic YD792245 to YD812246 until 0450 hrs when it closed to PZ vic YD823243. At 0528 hrs Co (-) conducted a Night Combat Assault to LZ's vic YD824273 and YD809274. Conducted plat RIF and search operations from LZ's through village area to link up point vic YD811262. At 0606 hrs vic YD812244 found 3000 lbs rice. At 0910 hrs vic YD816264 found 2 tons rice, and at 1059 hrs vic YD815265 found 18 tons of rice. From 0528 hrs to 1440 hrs 3d Plat was OPCON to Co D and maintained a portion of the blocking position established to the S of Co C (-) operation.

(4) Co D. Co (-) with OPCON 1/B/1-502 maintained blocking position from vic YD792245 to YD812246. At 0528 hrs received OPCON of 3/C and then established a blocking position from vic YD805275 to YD828268 in support of Co C. The block was terminated at 1145 hrs and Co D (-) conducted RIF to vic YD826246. At 1434 hrs released OPCON of 1/B/1-502 and at 1440 hrs released OPCON of 3/C. 2d Plat provided security at FB SANDY and ambushed vic YD870256. 3d sqd/1st Plat and 1 PF plat ambushed vic YD880251 then conducted RIF to vic YD855250, and YD869258.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co B.

(6) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB SANDY, Co A ZD083120, Co B YD845320, Co C YD815265, Co D YD826246, Recon Plat OPCON Co D.

c. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vic YD623144 with 3d Plat ambushing

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YD631149, YD631146, and 1st Plat ambushing vic YD638143. Conducted RIF operations with Co (-) to vic YD623145, and the 1st and 3d Plat to vic YD631148 where a PZ was secured for Recon Plat. 3d Plat at 1313 hrs vic YD631150 destroyed 15 huts and found 1 SKS and 1 122mm rocket warhead.

(2) Co B. Provided security for FSB T-Bone with 1st Plat ambushing vic YD625180, YD629180 and 2d Plat ambushing vic YD612201, YD609199. 1st Plat conducted cloverleaf patrolling. 2d Plat conducted RIF to vic YD605200 and conducted cloverleaf patrolling. 3d Plat conducted RIF to vic YD659184, then returned to FSB T-Bone.

(3) Co C. Occupied night position vic OP APACHE with 3d Plat and 1 PF plat ambushing vic YD667253, YD665254, YD666262 and YD662267. 1st Plat provided RRF at LZ SALLY and secured minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY and N from HUE. 2d Plat conducted RIF to vic YD648231 to YD637240 and returned to OP APACHE. 3d Plat conducted RIF to YD660268, then to YD660258.

(4) Co D. Co (-) returned to 2-501 OPCON at 0825 hrs. Co (-) moved by truck from YD786203 to LZ SALLY, closed 0925 hrs and linked up with 1st Plat. At 1456 hrs conducted RIF to vic YD649252, then Co (-) continued to vic YD650226 and 2d Plat continued to vic YD660237.

(5) Recon Plat. Ambushed vic YD637143. Conducted RIF to PZ vic YD631148. Recon Plat was extracted by utility helicopter beginning at 1403 hrs to FSB T-Bone, closed 1503 hrs.

(6) Recon Co, 1st ARVN Div. Occupied night position vic YD617161. Conducted RIF to vic YD610164.

(7) Locations of Bh elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB T-Bone, Co A YD623144, Co B FSB T-Bone, Co C YD628233, Co D YD651235, Recon Plat FSB T-Bone.

d. 1-502 Inf. Terminated combined US/GVN cordon operation in NW PHU VANG (D). The allied forces accounted for 6 VC POW during the operation.

(1) Co A. Maintained blocking position from vic YD765275 to YD780270. At 0650 hrs 3d Plat conducted a heliborne movement from PZ vic YD756286 to AN LO Bridge, closed 0700 hrs and reverted to OPCON Co C. Co (-) assumed security mission from Co D at 1015 hrs.

(2) Co B. Co (-) occupied night position vic YD692274 and ambushed vic

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YD687277, YD669305 and YD665302. Conducted plat RIF operations vic of night locations. At 1019 hrs 2d Plat moved by utility helicopter from PZ vic YD670300 to LZ vic YD694297; closed 1043 hrs. At 1425 hrs 1st Plat conducted combat assault from PZ vic YD813252 to LZ vic YD677283, closed 1434 hrs and returned to OPCON of 1-502 Inf.

(3) Co C. Provided security for AN LO Bridge and 2d Plat occupied fortified OP's along QL 1. Conducted sqd patrol to vic YD610280.

(4) Co D. Co (-) occupied night position at PHU VANG and occupied strong points along QL 551, provided security at POL pumping station and LCU Ramp and provided liaison at HUE Bridges. At 1015 hrs Co D released security mission to Co A. Moved by truck from PHU VANG to vic YD651311. Conducted sqd saturation patrolling vic YD6529, YD6629, YD6530 and YD6630.

(5) Recon Plat. Occupied night position vic YD753337 and ambushed vic YD756326 and YD764335. Conducted river and canal operations with four pneumatic boats from vic YD752308 to YD754337 and to YD769328.

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

(7) Remarks:

(a) 1-3 ARVN Regt. 1-502 Inf provided command and control for 1st Co combat assault at 0800 hrs from vic YD756286 to LZ vic YD608347, closed 0851 hrs and conducted local search operations. 2d Co occupied night position vic YD633327, and conducted RIF to vic YD629343. 3d Co occupied night position vic YD657334 and conducted RIF to vic YD629343. During the day in an area bounded by YD615346, YD627345, and YD614334 elements found the following items: 26 SKS's, 1 K-44, 40 60mm mortar rds, 10 B-40 rockets, 40 B-41 rockets, 18,200 rds SA ammo, 2 M26 grenades and 7 tons rice.

(b) At 1020 hrs vic YD615335 elements of 1-3 ARVN Regt found 4 VC bodies in graves approx 1-2 weeks old. 4 VC KIA (BC) was credited to B/1-502 for operations in that area.

(8) Locations of Bn elements at close of reporting period. Bn CP FSB OMAHA, Co A YD782269, Co B YD686293, Co C AN LO Bridge, Co D YD663286, Recon Plat YD753337, 3/C/2-34 Armor OPCON Co C.

e. Remarks:

(1) 2d Bde Asst S3 provided command and control of the move of the 2-54th

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ARVN Regt by CH-47 at 0813 hrs from PZ vic YD800240 to LZ vic YD998132. Lift complete at 1005 hrs.

(2) 2d Bde Fwd CP located at THUA THIEN Sector closed effective 1300 hrs.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night location vic ZD080120 continue to conduct RIF vic ZD0812, ZD0811 with 2 plats and 1 RF and 1 PF plat. 1 plat operate with 922 RF Co vic YD9718.

(3) Co B. With Recon Plat OPCON continue to provide security at COL CO Beach.

(3) Co C. From night location vic YD815265 continue to search area vic YD8026, YD8027.

(4) Co D. From night location vic YD826246 continue to search from YD 8224 to YD825228. 1 sqd from FB SANDY continue to operate with 35 PF vic YD8627.

(5) Recon Plat. OPCON Co B.

b. 2-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. From night location vic YD623144 continue to RIF vic YD6214, YD6314.

(2) Co B. 1 plat provide security for FSB T-Bone and patrol to YD6520, YD6319, YD6419. 1 plat from YD6218 RIF to YD6220. 1 plat from YD6020 RIF to YD 6018.

(3) Co C. 1 plat provide security for OP APACHE and patrol to YD6325, YD6226, YD6224, and return. 1 plat RIF from YD6525 to YD6626. 1 plat provide RRF for LZ SALLY and AN LO Bridge and provide security for minesweep along QL 1.

(4) Co D. From night location vic YD651235 conduct RIF to vic of LZ SALLY. At 1145 hrs from a PZ vic of LZ SALLY conduct a combat assault to YD587 156. Conduct RIF to 6 objectives: 1 - YD585146, 2 - YD592134, 3 - YD600120, 4 - YD581120, 5 - YD578134, 6 - YD580140.

(5) Recon Plat. Conduct marshalling at FSB T-Bone.

c. 1-502 Inf.

(1) Co A. Co (-) occupy strong points along QL 551, POL pipeline, POL pumping station, security at LCU Ramp and liaison at HUE Bridges. 1 plat OPCON Co C.

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- (2) Co B. From night location YD686293 conduct RIF to YD7031, YD7131, YD7231.
- (3) Co C. With 1 plat Co D OPCON continue to provide security at the AN LO Bridge in cooperation with the RF Co.
- (4) Co D. From night location vic YD663286 continue to conduct sqd size saturation patrols in areas YD6630, YD6628, YD6931, YD6928.
- (5) Recon Plat. From night location vic YD753337 conduct patrol and search of villages located vic YD734326 and YD715330.

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

a. Friendly losses: 66 US KHA, 527 US WHA (504 medevac).

b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 452 NVA KIA (BC), 846 VC KIA (BC), 37 NVA POW, 497 VC POW's, 50 returnees.

(2) Weapons: Indiv weapons 696, crew served 94, 220 SKS's, 44 M16's, 16 carbines, 29 sub MG's, 67 M1 carbines, 26 M2 carbines, 63 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, 13 BAR's, 5 AK-47's, (dest), 16 9mm pistols, 16 AK-50's, 18 IMG's, 7 HMG's, 41 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, 8 60mm mortars, 2 shotguns, 1 K-54, 2 12.7 AA weapons (dest), 2 CHICOM pistols, 1 K-50, 2 60mm mortar sights, 1 K-47.

(3) Munitions: 78,735 rds SA, 194 57mm rds, 300 60mm mortar rds, 28 81mm mortar rds, 5 82mm mortar rds, 1 122mm rocket, 3 122mm rocket warheads, 488 RPG-2 rds, 57 RPG-7 rds, 29 grenades, 9 CHICOM claymores, 13 M79 rds, 213 lbs TNT.

(4) Miscellaneous: 422.5 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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