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

INTERNAL: CO, DCO,  
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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, <del>2-501</del> Inf	"
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CO, B/326 Med	"
CO, C/801 Maint	"
CO, 188th AHC	"
2d FASCP, 501st Sig	"
2d Plat, 101st MP Co	"
2d Plat, 265th RRC	"
47th Scout Dog Plat	"
Tm 2, 101st MI Det	"
34th PI	"
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1st Cav Div (Airmobile), Camp EVANS, RVN	"

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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report  
102001H Oct 68 - 112000H 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 area of operations. Contact was light during the reporting period. Today's statistics: No friendly casualties. Enemy assessment: 1 NVA KIA (BC), 1 .45 caliber pistol, 1 Chieu Hoi.

b. 1-501 Infantry.

(1) Company A. Company (-) conducting operations with 1 Regional Forces Platoon and 1 Popular Forces Platoon occupied night position vicinity ZD085120, and ambushed vicinity ZD063140, ZD079126, and ZD082121. Third Platoon conducted MEDCAP vicinity ZD063140. Second Platoon occupied night position YD982198 and ambushed YD988182. Second Platoon conducting operations with one Popular Force Platoon conducted Reconnaissance in Force to vicinity YD990190.

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- (2) Company B. Provided security for COL CO Beach and ambushed YD868301.
- (3) Company G. Occupied night position YD815265 and ambushed YD807272, YD810274, YD821273, YD835279. Continued to search villages vic YD807272, YD815265.
- (4) Company D. Occupied night position YD826246 and ambushed YD821245, YD827240, YD833238. Conducted Reconnaissance in Force to vic YD828238, then along canal to YD827225. At 1115 hours vicinity YD832228 received one Chieu Hoi. Second Platoon provided security for Fire Support Base SANDY, ambushed YD879252. One squad and 1 Popular Force Platoon ambushed vicinity YD870256 then conducted local patrols.
- (5) Reconnaissance Platoon. Operational Control to Company B.
- (6) Locations of Battalion elements at close of reporting period. Battalion Command Post Fire Support Base SANDY (YD876249), Company A ZD081127, Company B YD845320, Company C YD815266, Company D YD837232, Reconnaissance Platoon YD865303.
- c. 2-501 Infantry.

(1) Company A. Occupied night position YD623144 with First Platoon ambushing YD633147, YD631145, and Third Platoon ambushing YD630150, YD627149. Conducted Reconnaissance in Force operations with Company (-) to vicinity YD629140, First Platoon to vicinity YD625145 and Third Platoon to vicinity YD631145.

(2) Company B. Provided security for Fire Support Base T-Bone with First Platoon ambushing YD622184 and YD625186, and Second Platoon ambushing YD609204, and YD611201. First Platoon conducted Reconnaissance in Force to vic YD623192 and conducted cloverleaf patrolling. Second Platoon conducted Reconnaissance in Force to vic YD608209 and conducted cloverleaf patrolling. Third Platoon conducted Reconnaissance in Force to YD641195 and returned to Fire Support Base T-Bone.

(3) Company C. Company (-) occupied night position at Observation Post APACHE. At 0218 hours Observation Post APACHE received 2 RPG rounds from the west. Returned fire with M79 and fired illumination with no enemy sightings. First Platoon provided Ready Reaction Force at Landing Zone SALLY and secured minesweep north and south from Landing Zone SALLY and north from HUE. Second Platoon conducted Reconnaissance in Force to YD623253, YD638260 and returned to Observation Post APACHE. Third Platoon (conducting operations with one Popular Force Platoon until 1100 hours) ambushed YD657253, YD663253 then conducted Reconnaissance in Force to Landing Zone SALLY.

(4) Company D. Occupied night position YD651235. First Platoon ambushed

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YD658223, YD648222. Second Platoon ambushed YD676242, YD665235. Company D conducted Reconnaissance in Force to Landing Zone SALLY. At 1251 hours Company D conducted Combat Assault from Landing Zone SALLY to Landing Zone YD587156, Landing Zone closed at 1336 hours then conducted Reconnaissance in Force to YD588147.

(5) Reconnaissance Platoon. Provided security for Fire Support Base T-Bone.

(6) Locations of Battalion elements at close of reporting period. Battalion Command Post Fire Support Base T-Bone (YD653203), Company A YD623144, Company B Fire Support Base T-Bone, Company C YD628223, Company D YD586146, Reconnaissance Platoon Fire Support Base T-Bone, ARVN Reconnaissance Company YD611162.

d. 1-502 Infantry.

(1) Company A. Company (-) occupied night position at PHU VANG. Company (-) occupied strong points along QL 551, POL pipeline, POL pumping station, security at LCU Ramp and liaison at HUE Bridges. Third Platoon Operational Control of Company C.

(2) Company B. Occupied night position YD686293 and ambushed YD686293, YD725299, YD684287, YD675286, YD686277 and YD688292. Company B conducted platoon sized Reconnaissance in Force in vicinity of night locations.

(3) Company C. Provided security for AN LO Bridge and ambushed YD610284, YD607290, YD606293, and Second Platoon occupied fortified Observation Post's along QL 1. Third Platoon Company A Operation Control provided bridge security and security for mine sweep.

(4) Company D. Occupied night position YD663286 and ambushed YD667278, YD660294, YD657286, YD652295, YD658306, YD664308, YD664315. Conducted squad sized saturation patrolling vicinity night location. At 1013 hours YD657286 squad sized element engaged 1 NVA in bunker resulting in 1 NVA KIA (BC), 1 .45 caliber pistol captured. 1215 hours the same element in the same area captured 1 VC suspect.

(5) Reconnaissance Platoon. Occupied night position YD753337, and ambushed YD740330 and YD756326. Conducted canal and river patrols to vicinity YD726337.

(6) 3/C/2-34 Armor. Operational Control of Company C.

(7) Remarks: First Battalion, Third ARVN Regiment, First Company occupied night position vicinity YD600347 and conducted local search operations. Second Company occupied night position vicinity YD613335 and conducted local search

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operations. Third Company occupied night position vicinity YD629343 and conducted local search operations. 1720 hours YD627343 found 2½ tons rice in cache, also at YD625344 found 3000 rounds 7.62 ammo, 200 rounds AK-47 ammo, 20 BAR magazines, 50 pounds plastic explosives, 100 M-16 ammo, 2 M26 hand grenades, 30 M2 carbine magazines.

(8) Locations of Battalion elements at close of reporting period. Battalion Command Post Fire Support Base OMAHA (YD687342), Company A YD782269, Company B YD703298, Company C AN LO Bridge, Company D YD657290, Reconnaissance Platoon YD726338.

2. (C) Plans Summary:

a. 1-501 Infantry.

(1) Company A. From night location vicinity ZD081127 continue to conduct reconnaissance in force with two platoons and one Regional Force platoon and one Popular Force platoon vicinity ZD0812 and ZD0811. One platoon operate with one Popular Force platoon vicinity YD9919.

(2) Company B. At 0900 hours one platoon move by CH-47 to vicinity YD815235. Link with an Regional Force platoon and Reconnaissance in Force to YD810250 and YD820240. At 1330 hours B (-) conduct combat assault from COL CO Beach to YD799229 and YD801226, then conduct Reconnaissance in Force to YD8022, YD8122.

(3) Company C. From night location vicinity YD815266 at 0900 hours one platoon move by CH-47 from Pickup Zone vicinity YD815252 into Fire Support Base SANDY. Company (-) conduct Reconnaissance in Force along both sides of canal to vicinity YD8124, YD8224, YD835230.

(4) Company D. From night location vicinity YD837232 at approximately 0930 hours Company (-) move by CH-47 from Pickup Zone vicinity YD835224 to COL CO Beach. At approximately 0900 hours Second Platoon move by CH-47 from Fire Support Base SANDY to COL CO Beach.

(5) Reconnaissance Platoon. At approximately 0920 hours move from COL CO Beach by CH-47 to Fire Support Base SANDY and link with Popular Forces and conduct search and clear vicinity YD8725, YD8625, YD8626.

b. 2-501 Infantry.

(1) Company A. From night location continue to Reconnaissance in Force vicinity hill 246, YD6114, YD6214, YD6313.

(2) Company B. One platoon from ambush location YD6120 conduct Reconnaissance

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sance in Force to Observation Post APACHE. One platoon provide security for Fire Support Base T-Bone and conduct Reconnaissance in Force to YD6319. One platoon Reconnaissance in Force from YD6219 to YD6117.

(3) Company C. From night location close Landing Zone SALLY and at 0900 hours conduct combat assault into Landing Zone vicinity YD558148. Reconnaissance in Force to YD570138 and YD570128.

(4) Company D. From night location vicinity YD583146 conduct Reconnaissance in Force to YD592134 and YD600120.

(5) Reconnaissance Platoon. Continue to marshall and conduct training at Fire Support Base T-Bone.

c. 1-502 Infantry.

(1) Company A. Company (-) will continue to occupy strong points along QL 551, POL pipeline, and pumping station, provide security at LCU Ramp and liaison at HUE Bridges. One Platoon Operational Control of Company C.

(2) Company B. First Platoon from night position vicinity YD680291 receive 1 Popular Force squad approx 0830 hours, then conduct search vicinity YD683290. 3d Platoon from night position vicinity YD705298 and 2 Regional Force Platoons from YD715275, link up vicinity YD699290, then conduct search from YD686285, to YD693295. Company (-) search objective area vicinity YD689294 in conjunction with two Popular Force Platoons from QUANG DIEN, lifted by utility helicopter to Landing Zone vicinity YD685299 approximately 0800 hours.

(3) Company C. With 1 platoon Company A Operational Control continue to provide security at AN LO Bridge and occupy fortified Observation Post's along QL 1. Third Platoon Company A conducts Reconnaissance in Force operation to vicinity YD6325 to YD6525.

(4) Company D. From night location YD657290 and 6 ambushes continue to conduct squad size saturation patrols vicinity YD6531, YD6528, YD6831, YD6829.

(5) Recon Platoon. From night location vicinity YD726338 one squad remain vicinity YD756326, Platoon (-) Reconnaissance in Force to YD733327.

d. Second Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company Security Platoon. Secure minesweep north and south from Landing Zone SALLY and north from HUE.

3. (C) Cumulative Results:

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

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b. Enemy assessment:

(1) Personnel: 453 NVA KIA (BC), 846 VC KIA (BC), 37 NVA POW, 497 VC POW's, 50 returnees.

(2) Weapons: Individual weapons 697, 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 (destroyed), 7 Russian rifles, 1 Springfield rifle, 13 BAR's, 5 AK-47's (destroyed), 16 9mm pistols, 16 AK-50's, 18 light machine guns, 7 heavy machine guns, 41 K-44's, 13 M1's, 17 .45 caliber pistols, 1 82mm mortar tube, 3 LAW's (destroyed), 2 M79's, 3 82mm mortars, 2 .30 caliber machine guns, 8 60mm mortars, 2 shotguns, 1 K-54, 2 12.7 anti-aircraft weapons (destroyed), 2 Chinese Communist pistols, 1 K-50, 2 60mm mortar sights, 1 K-47.

(3) Munitions: 78,735 rounds small arms, 194 57mm rounds, 300 60mm mortar rounds, 28 81mm mortar rounds, 5 82mm mortar rounds, 1 122mm rocket, 3 122mm rocket warheads, 488 RPG-2 rounds, 57 RPG-7 rounds, 29 grenades, 9 Chinese Communist claymores, 13 M79 rounds, 213 pounds TNT.

(4) Miscellaneous: 422.5 tons rice, 1 ton salt, 9000 pounds cement, 1 PRC-10, 1 Chinese Communist 2 watt radio, 1 Chinese Communist field phone and 1 Chinese Communist radio (NFT).

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