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

CG, lOlst Abn Div (Airmobile) Camp EAGLE, RVN INTERNAL: CO, DCO, S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, Avn O, Sig, Hq Comdt, Surg, Cahp, Arty INO, TACP

INFO: 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, C/lolst AHB
2d FASCP, 501st Sig
2d Plat, 265th RRC
47th Scout Dog Plat
Thm 2, 101st MI Det
34th PI
1st Bde, 101st Abn Div (Airmobile), Camp EAGLE, RVN
3d Bde, 101st Abn Div (Airmobile), Camp EAGLE, RVN
1st Cav Div (Airmobile), Camp EAGLE, RVN

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SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report 182001H Oct 68 - 192000H Oct 68

1. (C) Operations Summary:

a. General: 2d Bde, lolst 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 WN rice production throughout the coastal plains area and to seek out and destroy enemy forces and installations in the 2d Bde area of operations. There was no contact during the reporting period.

Today's statistics: Negative friendly casualties; Enemy assessment - 1 Italian .25 cal pistol, 100 rds AK-47 ammo.

b. 1-501 Inf.

(1) Co A. Occupied night position vicinity ZD076129 and ambushed at ZD075134, ZD077123 and ZD081113. At 2250 hrs, 2d Plat conduted roving patrols from ZD081119 to ZD079127, ZD087118 to 19 2000 ZD089111 and returned, both patrols closed night position at 0005 Oct 1968 hrs. At 0608 hrs, Co (-) moved from night position to PZ vicinity 1 5 ZD074128. 2d Plat moved to PZ ZD075126. At 0737 hrs conducted CA

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from PZ's vicinity ZD074128 and ZD075126 to LZ's vicinity YD933258 and YD913274,
closed LZ's at 0810 hrs and 0814 hrs respectively. At 0944 hrs vicinity
YD926258 found 100 rds AK-47 ammo. 1st Plat working with 36 PF's continued to
conduct RIF operations in VINH LOC AO.

- (2) Co B. Occupied night position at YD826257 and ambushed at YD860262, YD856255, YD805251, YD803247 and YD805247. At 0810 hrs Co (-) conducted CA from PZ YD863257 to LZ YD898285, closed LZ at 0340 hrs, and to LZ YD898299, closed LZ at 0846 hrs. At 0848 hrs from a PZ vicinity YD863247, 19 NPFF were lifted into LZ's YD933257, YD912170, closed LZ's at 0841 hrs and assisted in screening and interrogation of local populace. 3d Plat from psn vicinity YD805251 conducted patrols vicinity YD805251, YD797246, YD799247, YD802247, YD807247 and YD811247. All patrols closed vicinity YD805251 at 1406 hrs.
- (3) Co C. OPCON 2-17. At 1510 hrs from PZ YD835167 was lifted into LZ COL CO Beach, closed LZ at 1910 hrs and relieved elements of Co D in blocking position vicinity YD8630.
- (4) Co D. Provided security for COL CO Beach and ambushed at YD868306. Ist Plat provided security for FSB SANDY. Co (-) continued to provide security for COL CO Beach. At 0256 hrs, 1st Plat sighted wounded individual outside the defensive wire at FSB SANDY, was detained, given medical aid and medevaced in the morning. At 0646 hrs elements of 1st Plat moved into blocking psn vicinity YD881254. 2d Plat and CAP team at 0707 hrs closed blocking position from YD863303 to YD866307. At 1040 hrs CAP team returned to COL CO Beach.
- (5) Recon Plat. Occupied night position at YD884249 and ambushed at YD878240. At 0700 hrs with 17 PF's, closed blocking position from YD868259 to YD858257.

(6) Remarks.

- (a) At 1145 hrs vicinity YD947244, an element of 54th ARVN Regt engaged and killed 1 VC and captured 1 .45 cal pistol.
- (b) At 1400 hrs vicinity YD947246, an element of 54th ARVN Regt engaged and killed 1 VC with carbine.

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- (7) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB SANDY; Co A YD923260; Co B YD887287; Co C YD845320; Co D YD845320; Recon Plat YD866256.
 - c. 2-501 Inf.
 - (1) Bn (-) OPCON 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div.
 - (2) Co B OPCON 1-502 Inf.
 - d. 1-502 Inf.
- (1) Co A. Co (-) occupied night position at PHU VANG. Co (-) occupied strong points along QL 551, POL pipeline, POL pumping station, security at LCU Ramp and liaison at HUE Bridges. 3d Plat OPCON B/2-501 Inf.
- (2) Co B. Provided security for AN LO Bridge with 3d Plat occupying fortified OP's along QL l. Provided bridge security and conducted minesweep.
- (3) Co C. Occupied night position at YD696297 and ambushed at YD696728, YD687293, YD700297, YD721295 and YD716295. Conducted platoon sized RIF vicinity night position. At 1355 hrs vicinity YD721295, found 1 Italian .25 cal pistol.
- (4) Co D. Occupied night position at YD651297 and ambushed at YD656293, YD661302, YD663309 and YD667303. 3d Plat RRF for LZ SALLY. Co (-) conducted squad sized saturation patrol vicinity YD651297.
- (5) Recon Plat. Occupied night position at YD632249 and ambushed at YD649241, YD643251 and YD639239. Conducted squad sized saturation patrolling with 1 PF platoon vicinity YD632249.
 - (6) 3/C/2-34 Armor. OPCON Co C.
- (7) B/2-501 Inf. OPCON 1-502. Co B (-) with 3/A/1-502 provided security for FSB T-BONE. Conducted local patrol vicinity FSB T-BONE. 2d Plat occupied OP APACHE. Conducted local patrols. 3d Plat occupied night position vicinity YD632211. Conducted plat sized RIF vicinity YD632211.
 - (8) 1-3 ARVN:
- (a) 1st Co occupied night position at YD619338. Conducted local search operations.
- (b) 2d Co occupied night position at YD613333. Conducted local search operations.
- (c) 3d Co occupied night position at YD650286. Conducted local search operations.

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- (9) Remarks.
- (a) At 1039 hrs, 3d Co 4-3 ARVN Regt conducted CA from PZ at YD694198 to LZ vicinity YD659130, closed LZ at 1100 hrs.
- (b) At 1107 hrs, Recon 3d ARVN Regt extracted from PZ at YD647155 to LZ at YD694198, closed LZ at 1122 hrs.
- (10) Location of Bn elements at close of reporting period: Bn CP FSB OMAHA; Co A YD782269; Co B AN LO; Co C YD723309; Co D YD661304; Recon Plat YD664257; B/2-501 FSB T-BONE; 1-3 ARVN 1st Co YD633337, 2d Co YD612339, 3d Co YD648287; 1-54 ARVN CP YD956219, 2d Co YD943248, 3d Co YD962208; 3-54 ARVN CP YD921206, 1st Co YD908238, 2d Co YD893223.
 - 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. Co (-) continue to RIF and conduct detailed search in grids YD9027, YD9126, YD9225. I plateon continue operations with the RF & PF plateons vicinity ZD0712.
- (2) Co B. Co (-) continue to RIF and conduct detailed search in grids YD8928, YD8729. I platoon operate with PF vicinity YD8024 and YD8224.
 - (3) Co C. At 0730 hrs assume security of COL CO Beach.
- (4) Co D. At 0730 hrs Co (-) conduct combat assault from PZ at COL CO Beach into 2 LZ's at YD8623 and YD8422. Establish block from YD858241 to YD845228. Bn (-) 2-54 ARVN RIF into block from vicinity YD888228. 1 platoon secure FSB SANDY.
 - (5) Recon Plat. Conduct RIF from YD855252 to YD865261.
 - b. 2-501 Inf.
 - (1) Bn (-) OPCON 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div.
 - (2) Co B OPCON 1-502 Inf.
 - c. 1-502 Inf.
- (1) Co A. Co (-) continue to occupy strong points along QL 551, POL pipeline and pumping station, provide security at the LCU Ramp and liaison at the HUE Bridges. 3d Plat OPCON B/2-501 providing security at FSB T-BONE.
- (2) Co B. In cooperation with the RF Co provide security at the AN LO Bridge.

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- (3) Co C. From night location, 2d Plat conduct RIF vicinity YD6929, YD6931, and YD7020. l platoon with 3 boats operate vicinity YD6829.
- (4) Co D. Co (-) from night location conduct squad size saturation patrols. At 1400 hrs 1 platoon move by UH-1D into LZ SALLY for marshalling and 1 platoon from LZ SALLY will conduct eagle flights into targets of opportunity.
- (5) Recon Plat. From night location vicinity YD664257, continue to RIF with an RF and PF plateon vicinity YD6424, YD6624 and YD6525.
 - (6) 3/C/2-34 Armor. OPCON Co C.
- (7) B/2-501. OPCON 1-502 with 3d platoon A/1-502 OPCON, provide security at FSB T-BONE. 1 platoon provide security at OP APACHE and conduct local patrols, 1 platoon from ambush location in the rocket belt RIF to YD6222.
 - d. 2d Bde HHC Security Plat. Secure minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.
- 3. (C) Cumulative Results:
 - a. Friendly losses: 68 US KHA, 527 US WHA (504 medevac).
 - b. Enemy assessment:
- (1) Personnel: 452 NVA KIA (BC), 864 VC KIA (BC), 37 NVA POW, 489 VC POW's, 67 returnees.
 - (2) Weapons: Individual weapons 713, crew served 91.
- (3) Munitions: 78835 SA rds, 194 57mm rds, 326 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, 1 CHICOM radio (NFI), 1 sampan (dest).

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