## OPERATION STRIKE FORCE AND OPERATION COOK

The early days of September were rest days for most of the 1st Brigade, with two exceptions. The 2-502d participated in Operation STRIKE FORCE, a raid on two enemy prisoner-of-war camps. Although both camps had been moved about two weeks prior to the raid, sixteen Vietnamese were liberated, and the camps were destroyed.

Meanwhile, the 1-327th participated in Operation COOK from 4 to 9 September in the northern portion of the Song Be River Valley. This brief mission resulted in six enemy killed and the capture of two weapons.

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