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PREFACE

The 1st Battalion (Ambl), 502d Infantry was operating in the vicinity of FSB T-Bone and An Lo at the beginning of the year. The mission of the battalion was to provide bridge and minesweep security at An Lo and conduct reconnaissance in force and search and clear operations in the area of operations. This was part of Operation NEVADA EAGLE, which was being conducted by the 2d Brigade.

On 25 January the battalion began Operation SHERMAN PEAK, which was in support of Operation NEVADA EAGLE. The battalion's mission was to conduct reconnaissance in force operations in the vicinity of FSB Veghel to locate and destroy enemy forces and installations, prevent enemy infiltration along highways 547 and 547A, and provide protection for engineer reconnaissance teams along highways 547 and 547A. This mission was conducted in conjunction with the 3d ARVN Regiment. This was primarily a spoiling operation to prevent an enemy buildup in preparation for an attack on Hue. During the period of the operation no significant contact was made nor were there signs of recent enemy activity. However, many caches were found, some of which were believed to be remaining from the Tet offensive of 1968. The caches consisted primarily of ammunition and explosives. Operation SHERMAN PEAK ended on 9 Feb and the battalion continued to participate in Operation NEVADA EAGLE with the 2d Brigade. During Operation NEVADA EAGLE the 1-502d Inf conducted training and joint operation with the RF/PF's in Quang Dien District. This proved to be quite successful and as forces proficiency increased the 1-502d Inf was able to occupy a larger area of operations. Operation NEVADA EAGLE ended on 28 Feb 69.

On 1 March the battalion began Operation MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER in Nam Hoa District and Quan Thuong District. The mission of the battalion in this operation was to conduct combat assaults on FSB Veghel and conduct reconnaissance in force operations and detailed search, to locate and destroy enemy forces and caches. The battalion was to prepare to continue operations south-east, astride highway 614 in Quang Nam Province. MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER was an extremely successful operation. It resulted in 115 NVA/VC KIA and 3 POW's. The most significant part of the operation was the caches discovered along the "Yellow Brick Road", a supply and infiltration route which runs from Laos east toward Da Nang. The equipment was unearthed approximately 45 miles west of Da Nang. Among the equipment found were 13 Soviet and chicom trucks, 1 Soviet scout car, 2 bulldozers and 1 ambulance. Other finds were large quantities of ammunition and weapons, including 632 SKS rifles packed in their original containers. Also found were large quantities of medical supplies and a large number of field phones, radios, and other electronic equipment. There were enough signal supplies to equip and maintain a NVA Division for one year. Operation MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER ended on 8 May.

The Battalion's next operation was Operation LAMAR PLAINS, with the battalion OPCON to the Americal Division. The operation began on 15 May and was conducted in Quang Nam Province. The mission of the 1-502d was: with one company providing security for 1st Brigade FSSE, conduct combat assaults to the west of FSB Professional, conduct reconnaissance in force and detailed search operation to locate and destroy enemy forces. During the operation the battalion made two notable discoveries in the mountains southwest of Tam Ky. On the 1st of July a weapons cache was found containing 111 individual weapons, 33 crew served weapons, 3 tons of ammunition and 17 bicycles. The other find was a 15 building hospital complex. The buildings were new and had been recently used, however most of the medical equipment had been removed prior to the discovery of the complex. Operation LAMAR PLAINS came to an end on 14 August.

On 14 August the 1-502d Infantry began Operation CLAIBORNE CHUTE, a reconnaissance in force and multiple ambush patrol operation. The battalion's mission was to conduct refresher training and then to conduct an airmobile assault into the assigned area of operations, to locate and destroy enemy elements, installations, and caches. Conduct an air move from field locations to FSB Birmingham and assume security of FSB Birmingham, FSB Arsenal, FSB Arrow and Pohl Bridge. The battalion was to provide liaison teams at Nam Hoa District and Huong Thuy District. Enemy contact during this operation was very light. Enemy forces that were spotted were in small groups of 5 or less. The NVA and VC did not operate extensively in the area of operations. The battalion did a considerable amount of work in improving fortifications and operations at FSB Birmingham and Pohl Bridge. During this operation elements from the battalion trained and went on joint operations with RF/PF's. Operation CLAIBORNE CHUTE was concluded on 28 September.

On 29 September the 1-502d Infantry began Operation REPUBLIC SQUARE, a reconnaissance in force and multiple ambush patrol operation. The mission of the battalion was to provide security for FSB Birmingham, FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge, maintain one rifle company in the rocket belt, provide continuous liaison with Nam Hoa District and assist GVN forces in securing resettlement areas in the vicinity of Nam Hoa. Monitor woodcutter operations in the assigned area of operations and be prepared to insert and maintain squad size reconnaissance teams in the patrol and surveillance zones. The battalion

accomplished its mission very successfully. There was very little activity in the area of operations. The resettlement hamlets in the vicinity of Nam Hoa remained secure. There were a few incidents of 1-3 NVA/VC trying to obtain rice. The rocket belt area remained quiet. The battalion continued to train and operate with the RF/PF's in the Nam Hoa area. Operation REPUBLIC SQUARE ended on 7 December.

On 9 December the battalion began Operation RANDOLPH GLEN. The battalion remained at FSB Birmingham, FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. Elements of the battalion continued to work with RF/PF's. The elements providing security at Pohl Bridge also conducted boat patrols on the river. At the end of the year the 1-502d Infantry was still conducting Operation RANDOLPH GLEN.

During most of the year the battalion rear was located at LZ Sally. However, during operation LAMAR PLAINS the majority of the battalion rear moved to Tam Ky. Also, during this time the battalion S4 developed a numerical reordering system that decreased radio time when ordering supplies. The system also increased the security in that if the radio traffic was monitored, it would be difficult to know what items were being ordered and what items were in short supply.

Throughout the year, 1969, the 1-502d Infantry Battalion accomplished its missions with a high degree of efficiency and success. The battalion has compiled a record that all First Strike Troopers can be proud of.

NARRATIVE

1 Jan - The 1/502d Infantry started out the year as a participant in Operation NEVADA EAGLE. Co A provided bridge and mine security at An Lo. Co B conducted operations vic YD585398. C Co conducted operations vic YD610177, YD615192 and YD619190. At YD615192 D Co, 3d platoon, found one 30 cal carbine and 16 bunkers. D Co provided security at FSB T-Bone and Recon Platoon conducted operations vic YD641316, YD640326 and YD640320.

2 Jan - A Co provided bridge and mine sweep security at An Lo. A Co, 1st and 2d platoons, conducted RIF operations vic An Lo. 2d platoon lifted to LZ Sally assumed duties as Brigade RRF. B Co conducted search and clear operations vic YD599394. At YD582400 B Co 2d platoon found approximately 1 ton of rice and destroyed it. B Co, 3d platoon found 1 bandoleer of M-16 ammunition and 1 bandoleer of M-79 ammunition at YD576383. B Co, 1st platoon found a homemade booby trap at YD585394. At YD603384 1st platoon found approximately 100 pounds of rice and gave it to the PF's. B Co, 2d platoon found a small cache of medicine at YD595384. C Co conducted RIF operations vic YD618190. At YD611192, C Co, 3d platoon found 5 bunkers showing signs of recent use. They also found a fresh latrine, 1 AK magazine, and some food. D Co established NDP at FSB T-Bone. D Co 1st platoon conducted RIF operations in the vicinity. Recon platoon conducted RIF operations from vic YD6829 to vic YD7131. The Bn Surgeon conducted Medcap at YD736297; 45 Vietnamese attended.

3 Jan - A Co conducted bridge and minesweep security at An Lo. B Co conducted search and clear operations vic YD597383 with 2 platoons of PF. At YD600377, B Co, 1st platoon and PF's spotted 5 VC and called in artillery. A check at first light produced negative results. At YD595383, B Co, 2d platoon found approximately 300 pounds of spoiled rice and destroyed it. B Co, 3d platoon found an antipersonnel mine at YD617389 and destroyed it. C Co conducted a RIF operation and day and night ambushes in vic YD618201. At 0933 hours at YD605187, C Co, 2d platoon engaged 4 VC. VC moved to the west with unknown enemy casualties. At 1045 hours, at the same location, C Co, 2d platoon engaged 1 VC resulting in 1 VC WIA. Platoon followed blood trails to the south. At 1158 hours at YD611197, C Co, 3d(?2d) platoon engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC WIA and 1 AK47 captured, and found a rucksack with documents. At 1250 hours at YD611137 D Co, 2d platoon engaged an 8 man NVA patrol, wearing new uniforms, rucksacks and carrying AK47's. The patrol moved out to the northeast. There were unknown enemy casualties and negative US casualties. At 1437 hours at YD612187, C Co, 2d platoon reported 1 wounded VC Chieu Hoi. D Co provided security for FSB T-Bone. 1st and 2d platoons conducted RIF operations vic FSB T-Bone. Recon platoon conducted RIF operations vic YD733333.

4 Jan - A Co provided bridge and mine sweep security at An Lo. B Co conducted search and clear operations and day and night ambushes vic YD597383 with 2 platoons of PF's. AT YD602388 B Co, 1st platoon found 1 Chicom booby trap and destroyed it in place. AT YD584395 B Co, 3d platoon found 20 sandbags full of rice and footprints leading to the north. C Co conducted RIF operations vic YD618186. At YD 604195 C Co, 2d platoon found 3 hooches, 1 M79 grenade launcher, 4 chicom grenades, ammunition, NVA clothing, fresh food, and medicine. At 1535 hours at the same location, 2d platoon engaged 1 VC, resulting in the capture of 1 VC WIA, 1 AK47 and documents. D Co provided security for FSB T-Bone and 3d platoon conducted RIF operations. Recon platoon conducted RIF operations vic YD732338.

5 Jan - A Co located at An Lo provided bridge and minesweep security. 1st platoon acted as Bde RRF. B Co conducted search and clear operations with 2 platoons of PF's vic YD5939. C Co conducted RIF operations vic YD6118. D Co provided security for FSB T-Bone. Recon platoon conducted RIF operations vic YD6736.

6 Jan - A Co continued to provide bridge and mine sweep security at An Lo. 1st platoon conducted RIF operations to the south of An Lo. B Co conducted RIF operations vic YD6736. C Co conducted RIF operations from vic YD6120 to LZ Sally. D Co continued to provide security for FSB T-Bone. Recon platoon conducted search and clear operation vic YD6537.

7 Jan - A Co provided bridge and minesweep security at An Lo. The company also conducted RIF operations and saturation patrols in the vic. The company moved to LZ Sally. B Co conducted RIF operations from vic YD6736 to Omaha. They made a truck move from Omaha to LZ Sally. C Co moved by trucks from LZ Sally to An Lo. 1st platoon conducted RIF operations vic YD6432. D Co provided security for FSB T-Bone. Recon platoon conducted search and clear operations.

8 Jan - B Co departed LZ Sally and conducted RIF operations to FSB T-Bone where they assumed the security of FSB T-Bone. C Co provided bridge and mine-sweep security at An Lo. D Co departed T-Bone and conducted RIF operations. D Co 2d platoon found 1 bouncing betty mine at YD671228 and destroyed it in place. 1 man from Recon platoon was wounded by an unknown type booby trap at YD613386.

9 Jan - The battalion conducted RIF operations, with B Co providing security at An Lo and Recon platoon at LZ Sally for a standdown.

10 Jan - The battalion continued with RIF operations. B Co provided security at An Lo.

11 Jan - A Co conducted a C/A from PZ 653245 to LZ 588155. At 1955 hours at YD646226 A Co, 2d platoon received automatic weapons fire from 2 VC. 2d platoon returned the fire. The engagement resulted in unknown enemy casualties and 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA. D Co conducted a C/A from PZ YD635245 to FSB Strike. Recon platoon and mortars were lifted by CH47 from LZ Sally to FSB Strike.

12 Jan - A Co conducted saturation patrols vic YD5814. B Co provided security for FSB T-Bone. C Co provided bridge and minesweep security at An Lo. Recon platoon provided security for FSB Strike.

13 Jan - A Co conducted saturation patrols vic YD5914. At YD600140 A Co, 1st platoon found 8 old foxholes and an old trail. B Co conducted RIF operations vic FSB T-Bone. C Co continued with its mission at An Lo. At 1000 hrs at YD607256, C Co, 2d platoon reported 9 male and 13 female detainees, who were sent to LZ Sally, classified as IC and released.

14 Jan - A Co conducted saturation patrols vic YD5815. At YD585 2d platoon found a campfire 4 to 5 hours old. They checked the area with negative results. B Co provided security for FSB T-Bone and conducted RIF operations in the area. C Co continued with its mission of bridge and minesweep security at An Lo. At FSB Strike. Recon platoon sighted through field glasses 11 VC at vic YD573175. The VC were engaged with 81mm mortars with negative results.

15 Jan - The battalion continued its mission of providing security for An Lo, FSB T-Bone and FSB Strike. RIF operations were also conducted.

16 Jan - A Co conducted saturation patrols vic YD6015. B Co provided security at FSB T-Bone with 3d platoon conducting RIF operations in the vicinity. C Co provided bridge and minesweep security at An Lo. D Co conducted saturation patrols vic YD5516. D Co 1st platoon found 1 dud 750lb bomb at YD561158. It was later destroyed in place by an EOD team.

17 Jan - A Co moved to FSB Strike and then lifted to FSB T-Bone. A Co began providing security for FSB T-Bone. AT YD586174 A Co found an old hooch containing 1 SKS, 1 AK47, 1 M1 carbine and some ammunition. B Co was lifted from FSB T-Bone to FSB Strike. D Co moved to FSB Strike and was then lifted to LZ Sally. Recon platoon departed FSB Strike and conducted RIF operations.

18 Jan - A Co provided security for FSB T-Bone. 1st platoon conducted RIF operations from FSB T-Bone to vic YD6529. B Co conducted saturation patrols in vic YD5817. C Co provided security for bridge and minesweep team at An Lo. 1st platoon conducted RIF operations to LZ Sally. C Co was moved by trucks from An Lo to LZ Sally. D Co conducted a maintenance standdown at LZ Sally. They conducted a C/A from LZ Sally to LZ YD688318, LZ YD688304, and LZ YD673305. After completion of the C/A, D Co conducted search and clear operations in vic YD6831, YD6830, and YD6730. E Co (-) established fire support for FSB Strike. Co (-) was lifted from FSB Strike to LZ Sally and FSB T-Bone. Recon platoon conducted saturation patrols in vic YD5816 and YD5817. Psyops operations were conducted in the central area of Quang Dien District.

19 Jan - A Co provided security for FSB T-Bone. They also sent out a platoon sized ambush and platoon sized operations. B Co conducted saturation patrols in vic YD5816. At YD588153 B Co, 1st platoon found fresh Ho Chi Minh sandal[sic] tracks leading to the north. The tracks were followed with negative results. C Co OPCON to 2/501 was lifted from LZ Sally to FSB Birmingham. D Co conducted saturation patrols in vic YD6830. At YD705310 D Co, 1st platoon picked up 2 detainees, evacuated to Quang Dien district headquarters, classified as IC and released. At YD718319 2d platoon found 1 M26 hand grenade booby trapped. It was destroyed in place. Recon platoon conducted saturation patrols under OPCON Co B.

20 Jan - A Co continued to provide security for FSB T-Bone. 3d platoon conducted operations in vic YD6421. B Co conducted saturation patrols in vic YD5917. At YD592182 B Co 3d platoon found fresh footprints, 2 sampans and a well used trail running from north to south. At YD588184 3d platoon found a dirt stairway cut into a hillside. At YD588183 3d platoon found three 2 man bunkers and destroyed them. D Co (-) conducted saturation patrols vic YD7131. 3d platoon was

located at LZ Sally as Bde RRF. Recon platoon under OPCON B Co conducted saturation patrols. At YD580182 Recon platoon found a sampan landing area and a tunnel, neither of which showed signs of recent use.

21 Jan A Co provided security for FSB T-Bone. At 1700 hours, while on a RIF operation, 1st platoon detonated 1 60mm mortar round boobytrap at YD652223. It resulted in 1 US WIA. B Co, with Recon platoon OPCON, conducted RIF operations. At YD594186, Recon platoon received a satchel charge and 9mm pistol fire resulting in 1 US KIA. At YD592189 2d platoon found 4 old platoon size hootches which had been recently used and 1 Chicom grenade. At YD593186 2d platoon found 1 reinforced bunker and some ammunition. At YD596187 Recon platoon found and destroyed 2 security bunkers and 16 55 gal drums of kerosine C Co remained OPCON to 2/501. D Co (-) conducted saturation patrols in vic YD7131. 3d platoon detained 6 male Vietnamese at YD728330. Detainees were sent from district headquarters to Hue as draft dodgers, and the other four were forwarded to the national police for interrogation.

22 Jan - A Co continued to provide security for FSB T-Bone. A Co, 1st platoon conducted saturation patrols in vic YD640220. B Co conducted saturation patrols in vic YD5919. At YD593199 2d platoon found a hole and small bunker and destroyed them. D Co (-) conducted saturation patrols in vic YD7132. 2d platoon was located at LZ Sally as Bde RRF.

23 Jan - A Co continued to provide security for FSB T-Bone and conducted RIF operations in the area. B Co conducted saturation patrols in vic YD5919. C Co moved via CH47 from FSB Birmingham to FSB T-Bone, was released from OPCON 2/501. D Co conducted saturation patrols in vic YD7123 and YD7229. Recon platoon was lifted to LZ Sally and released from OPCON B Co.

24 Jan - A Co (-) lifted from FSB T-Bone to LZ Sally. 1st platoon conducted RIF operation to LZ Sally. B Co lifted from PZ YD596202 to LZ Sally. C Co provided security for FSB T-Bone. D Co was marshalled at LZ Sally along with Recon platoon.

25 Jan - The battalion began operation SHERMAN PEAK in support of Operation NEVADA EAGLE. A Co remained at LZ Sally as Bde RRF. B Co conducted a C/A from LZ Sally to FSB Veghel. Upon approaching FSB Veghel they received small arms fire. At 1445 hours B Co captured 1 VC in a bunker at FSB Veghel. The POW was evacuated to FSB Geronimo for interrogation. C Co moved by CH47 from FSB T-Bone to LZ Sally. D Co moved from LZ Sally to FSB Veghel and then departed FSB Veghel to conduct RIF operations vic YD545030. Departing FSB Veghel D Co received friendly fire from FSB Veghel at 1538 hours, resulting in 1 US WIA. Bn TOC CP moved by truck from Omaha to LZ Sally and then moved by CH47 to FSB Veghel. D1-501, OPCON to 1-502d, conducted a C/A from FSB Birmingham to FSB Bastogne.

26 Jan - A Co conducted a C/A from LZ Sally to FSB Zon. The company found various amounts of US ammunition on FSB Zon and destroyed it. B Co provided security on FSB Veghel. A man was spotted outside the perimeter and engaged with negative results. C Co was lifted from LZ Sally to FSB Veghel by CH47. They then conducted RIF operations to vic YD555126. D Co conducted RIF operations from YD545030 to vic YD533038. Vic YD534026 D Co found three 4 man bunkers, 1 60mm mortar round, and 200 AK47 rounds. At YD531035 they found approximately 5000 12.8mm rounds. At YD533038 D Co found a tunnel complex containing 3 cases of TNT, 800 rounds 12.7 ammunition and wheels for a 50 cal gun carriage. Recon platoon was OPCON to A Co. At YD465003 Recon found 5 small security bunkers and destroyed them. In vic YD470998 Recon platoon found 10 bunkers, and 6 spider holes with hootches over the holes. They appeared to be 2-4 weeks old. D Co 1-501 continued to provide security for FSB Bastogne and conducted local patrols around Bastogne.

27 Jan - A Co conducted a RIF operation from YD465003 to YD455992. At vic YD465003 A Co, 1st platoon found 1 8mm French Bolt action carbine. Vic YD470998 A Co found 43 bunkers, 3 kitchens (2 of which were underground) 1 latrine, 1 pick and 1 shovel. 5 bunkers were newly constructed with 4 old fire ashes in the kitchen. B Co continued to provide security for FSB Veghel. C Co conducted RIF operations. At YD559028 C Co found fresh tracks of 3 persons. A search of the area produced negative results. D Co conducted RIF operations from YD533038 to YD527037. At YD533038 the company found 1000 AK47 rounds, 350 lbs TNT, blasting caps, 100 Mauser rounds, and a M60 MG in bad shape. At YD531038 they found 123 boxes of 12.7mm rounds. D-1-501 was located at FSB Bastogne. The company minus conducted a RIF operation with an engineer party to YD800059 and returned to Bastogne.

28 Jan - A Co conducted a RIF from YD470990 to YD456991. B Co provided security at FSB Veghel. 2d platoon conducted a RIF with engineers along RF 547 and returned to FSB Veghel. At YD561045 B Co, 2d platoon found 9 85mm rounds, 200 12.7 mm rounds and 100 lbs TNT. At YD559044 2d platoon found 6 old bunkers, 7 destroyed enemy trucks (3/4 ton size) and the remains of a downed helicopter. C Co conducted a RIF operation from YD555037 to YD530046. At YD550035 the company found footprints and followed them with negative results. D Co conducted RIF operations from

YD527037 to YD517045. At YD517045, the company found 4 hooches, 1 kitchen, 1 classroom with signs that read "Training Center" and "Attack Enemy", 3 small bunkers, 1 latrine and 1 lookout tower. D-1-501 provided security at FSB Bastogne. At 2230 the company received automatic weapons fire from SW of Bastogne from an estimated enemy force of 10. They also received 4 RPG rounds. D Co returned fire with small arms and artillery. There were no friendly casualties.

29 Jan - A Co conducted RIF operations in vic YD4599. B Co conducted RIF operations in the vic of FSB Veghel. In vic YD529036 2d platoon found an old bunker complex with comms wire running throughout it. At YD554046 1st platoon found an abandoned ammunition cache containing 240 7.62mm rounds, one 75mm HE round, 500 rounds of 25mm AA-ammunition, 12 60mm mortar fuses, three 75mm fuses, 400 empty Russian rocket boxes, 300 60mm cases, 300 82mm cases, 50 82mm fuse cans, 15 aiming posts, 25 55 gal fuel drums. Also they found 50 heavy bunkers, 150 fighting bunkers, tracks from wheeled and tracked vehicles, a strip of corduroy road, and 10 ammo dumps. Companies C and D conducted RIF operations. D-1/501 continued to provide security for FSB Bastogne.

30 Jan - A Co conducted a RIF from YD457995 to YD460002. At YD460000 3d platoon found 9 old bunkers, at YD458002 they found 17 old bunkers and at YD458997 found 6 old bunkers. At vic YD458997 1st platoon found 2 small bunkers and vic YD450002 3d platoon found 2 bunkers with 101 lbs TNT and 200 electric blasting caps. B Co provided security for FSB Veghel and conducted RIF operations in the vicinity. At YD554047 1st platoon found 2-75mm rounds in box and metal canister. Vic YD531041 3d platoon found 3 bunkers containing 10 sealed cases of 12.7mm ammunition. C Co conducted RIF operations. Vic YD536061 the company found 3 60mm rounds. At YD542067 the company found old bunkers and 2 82mm rounds. D Co conducted RIF operations in the vic of YD5006. Recon platoon was OPCON A Co. At YD462008 Recon found 18 small foxholes, 1 bunker, 1 pick and 2 NVA shovels. D-1-501 continued to provide security for FSB Bastogne and conducted squad size patrols around Bastogne.

31 Jan - A Co continued with RIF operations. At YD456016 2d platoon found bombed out AA gun position containing 4 12.7mm rounds. B Co provided security at FSB Veghel. 2d platoon and 3d platoon conducted RIF operations Vic YD545048 2d platoon found 600 rds M60 ammunition, 2 60mm rounds and 1 CS gas grenade. Companies C and D conducted RIF operations with negative results. Recon platoon was OPCON A Co. Recon found three 55 gal drums of gasoline with Russian lettering. D-1-501 continued to provide security for FSB Bastogne and conducted a minesweep to FSB Birmingham.

1 Feb - A Co conducted a saturation patrol. In vic YD483025 2d platoon found 1 complete truck engine, 2 engine blocks and 1 footlocker of uniforms without insignia (buttons had Chinese writing on them). B Co continued to provide security for FSB Veghel. 2d and 3d platoons conducted RIF operations in the vicinity of FSB Veghel. C Co conducted RIF operations from YD532088 to YD524095. D Co conducted RIF operations near YD502094, found four 2-man hooches and remains of fires. D-1/501 continued to provide security for FSB Bastogne.

2 Feb - Battalion continued RIF operations at YD498091. 3d platoon, D Co found an old 3-4 man sleeping area, 1 pair rubber sandals, 1 fishnet, and cooking utensils. D-1/501 continued to provide security for FSB Bastogne and minesweep to FSB Birmingham.

3 Feb - A Co moved to FSB Bastogne and assumed security of Bastogne. D Co and Recon platoon moved to LZ Sally. D-1/501 was released from OPCON 1/502.

4 Feb - No change from previous day.

5 Feb - D Co moved from LZ Sally to FSB T-Bone. A-1/501 became OPCON 1/502d. A Co conducted RIF from T-Bone to YD642187. At 1420 hours vic YD644191 the pointman was attacked by a tiger. There were negative US casualties and the tiger was wounded.

6 Feb - C Co conducted a RIF to FSB Bastogne and then moved by truck to Sally. The rest of the battalion continued its security missions and conducted RIF operations and saturation patrols.

7 Feb - The battalion continued securing FSB Bastogne, Veghel and T-Bone. A-1/501 conducted RIF operations to LZ Sally and was released OPCON.

8 Feb - B Co moved from FSB Veghel to LZ Sally. Battalion headquarters and TAC CP conducted a move from FSB Veghel to Omaha and Sally.

9 Feb - A Co moved from FSB Bastogne to Sally. Companies C and D and Recon platoon conducted saturation patrols. Operation SHERMAN PEAK ended. The battalion continued to participate in Operation NEVADA EAGLE.

10 Feb - B Co moved from LZ Sally to YD-6240?1 and conducted a RIF at ??00 at YD626172 the company found 72 old bunkers. C Co moved to Sally and then conducted a C/A to 4 ambush positions. D Co was established at FSB T-Bone. At 2040 in vic YD658219 3d platoon sprung an ambush on VC moving along a trail from west to east. The VC were engaged with claymores and small arms. There were negative results. Recon platoon moved to LZ Sally.

11 Feb - A Co conducted a C/A from LZ Sally to YD589155 and then conducted RIF operation. B Co conducted saturation patrols and established ambush positions. At YD631167 1st platoon found 6 new bunkers, 70 lbs fresh rice, 700 AK47 rounds, 2 hooches and some tools. Co conducted saturation patrols in vic YD6929. D Co continued to provide security for FSB T-Bone. Recon platoon conducted a C/A from LZ Sally to YD589155 and conducted a RIF operation

12 Feb - The battalion continued with patrols and ambushes. At 1635 at YD582154 Recon platoon initiated contact on an estimated 10 NVA moving on a trail. The action resulted in 1 US WIA, 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK47, 4 rucksacks, 1 radio and 1 surgical kit captured.

13 Feb - The battalion continued with patrols and ambushes. at 1100 at YD628166 B Co, 1st platoon made contact with an enemy force. The results were 5 US WIA and 1 US KIA. There was negative assessment of enemy casualties. At 0930 at YD578154 Recon platoon made contact resulting in 1 US wounded.

14 Feb - A Co received fire from an unknown element resulting in 1 US WIA. C Co moved to FSB T-Bone and assumed the security at T-Bone. D Co moved off of FSB T-Bone and conducted patrols and established ambushes.

15 Feb - Today A Co, 2d platoon engaged 2 VC at YD578148 resulting in 1 US WIA, 1 VC KIA and 1 AK47 captured. B Co, 2d platoon at YD628165 engaged 2 NVA resulting in 1 NVA KIA, 1 NVA WIA, 1 AK47 and 1 RPG launcher captured. There were negative US casualties. The rest of the battalion continued conducting patrols and establishing ambushes, with C Co providing security on FSB T-Bone.

16 Feb - The battalion continued to conduct patrols and ambushes. AT YD624166 B Co, 2d platoon engaged 1 NVA with small arms resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 SKS captured. Later in the day the 2d platoon engaged another NVA at the same location resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 AK47 captured. AT YD694306 D Co, 2d platoon engaged 3 sampans and sunk one of them.

17 Feb - The battalion assumed a primarily defensive posture as today was the start of the Tet ceasefire. The only activity was the sending out of security patrols.

18 Feb - The battalion carried out patrols and ambushes. In the vic of YD6316 Recon platoon found several bunkers that were recently used, a bunker complex, and several burned out hooches.

19 Feb - The battalion continued to conduct RIF operations and established ambushes. The radar at FSB T-Bone reported movement of 2-3 persons in vic YD648209. 81mm mortars fired but a first light check showed negative results.

20 Feb - At YD579147 A Co, 3d platoon spotted 1 VC on a trail. He (was killed?) by a VC hand grenade booby trap resulting 1 VC KIA and 1 AK47 captured. The rest of the battalion conducted RIF operations and ambushes with C Co continuing to provide security for FSB T-Bone.

21 Feb - The only contact made today was by B Co 1st platoon at YD624206. They engaged 6 VC with small arms. Results were 1 VC KIA and 1 AK47 captured.

22 Feb - There was no contact made today. The battalion continued with its normal operations. D Co moved to LZ Sally and then moved via CH47 to YD ?????? B Co, 1st platoon found a diary belonging to the VC killed yesterday. The diary contained much information about trails in the area.

23 Feb - A Co (-) moved to FSB T-Bone and assumed the responsibility of providing security for T-Bone. C Co moved from FSB T-Bone to LZ Sally. Recon platoon also moved to LZ Sally, 2d Bde intelligence reported on this day, that the NVA and VC plan to launch attacks on major cities and military installations on 22 or 23 Feb.

24 Feb - A Continued to provide security at FSB T-Bone. B Co conducted a RIF operation to Omaha and set out ambushes. D Co sent out patrols and ambushes also. C Co and Recon platoon remained at LZ Sally.

25 Feb - Companies B and C were OPCON 1/501. Recon platoon moved from Sally to Omaha and conducted a RIF operation with 1 platoon of PF. A Co remained at FSB T-Bone and company D conducted a RIF.

26 - 27 Feb - The battalion conducted normal operations with negative results. B and C Co remained OPCON 1/501.

28 Feb - C Co was released OPCON 1/501 and returned to LZ Sally. At YD595174 D Co, 2d platoon found 4 hooches, 1 60mm mortar, various tools, and some ammunition. Recon platoon continued to operate with a platoon of PF. Operation NEVADA EAGLE ended.

1 Mar - 7 Mar - On 1 Mar the battalion began operation MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER. During the period 1-4 Mar the battalion operated with 1 company in the field in the vicinity of Quan Dien District, one company providing security for FSB T-Bone, one company OPCON to 1-501 and one company OPCON 2-501. On 4 Mar the OPCON companies were returned to Battalion control and on 5 Mar security of FSB T-Bone was assumed by elements of the 3d Bde. The entire battalion moved to LZ Sally to marshal and begin preparations to deploy into the area of operations, vicinity of the A Shau Valley. During this period the battalion was marshalled at LZ Sally, elements provided the 2d Bde reaction force and conducted night ambushes in the vicinity of LZ Sally. Due to inclement weather, the air assault of the battalion was delayed and on 8 Mar the battalion assumed an AO south of LZ Sally and conducted RIF operations.

8 Mar - At vic YD639209 C Co discovered 1 VC KIA in a grave 7 days old.

9 Mar - C Co discovered a small, abandoned enemy base area vic YD633205. At 1813 vic YD618205, C Co, 2d platoon was engaged by an estimated enemy squad, resulting in 1 US WIA.

10 Mar - At 0915 hours vic YD619200 C Co, 3d platoon was engaged by an estimated NVA squad. The platoon returned fire with organic weapons and artillery resulting in 2 NVA KIA, 1 NVA and 2 IWC.

11 Mar - The battalion returned to LZ Sally and D Co moved by truck from LZ Sally to FSB Birmingham to secure the artillery at that location.

12 Mar - At 1635 hours C Co conducted a C/A from LZ Sally to unoccupied FSB Veghel. The company came under heavy fire from an estimated NVA company as the last lift touched down on the LZ. C Co deployed and maneuvered against the company and sporadic contact continued until 2400. The results were: 2 US WIA, 2 US KIA, 8 NVA KIA and 4 NVA KBAA. Due to inclement weather the battalion (-) was unable to reinforce C Co.

13 Mar - The Battalion (-) moved by air from LZ Sally to FSB Birmingham and then to FSB Veghel. A, B, and C companies conducted RIF operations in the vicinity. At 1200 2d platoon, C Co at vic YD543025 engaged an estimated NVA platoon in bunkers. Results were 4 NVA KIA and 1 US WIA. At 1215 hours vic YD543030 C Co, 3d platoon engaged an estimated NVA company on a densely vegetated hill. Results: 3 US WIA, 2 US KIA, 4 NVA KIA.

14 Mar - A Co continued a RIF to the southwest and discovered several NVA bunkers, 6 NVA KIA within the past 24 hours, and 2 CSWC. C Co sustained 1 US WIA from a 60mm mortar round booby trap. D Co continued to secure FSB Bastogne and Recon platoon continued to RIF with negative enemy activity. TAC CP and Co E (-) moved to FSB Veghel.

15 Mar - The battalion continued RIF and security missions with negative enemy activity.

16 Mar - A and B companies continued RIF operations to the southwest with negative enemy activity. C Co secured FSB Veghel and sustained 1 US KIA from 1 60 mm mortar round BBT with a pressure type firing device and destroyed 1 US claymore with a pressure firing device. D Co and Recon platoon cited negative enemy activity.

17 Mar - Elements continued RIF operations and security operations with B Co discovering a recently used NVA base area. C Co destroyed enemy bunkers and a quantity of ammunition vicinity of FSB Veghel.

18 Mar - On 18 Mar units continued RIF and security operations. At 1320 A Co vic YD512992 engaged 1 enemy and received return fire. Result was 1 US WIA. At 1409 A Co vic YC500986 engaged 2 enemy with negative assessment. B Co discovered a recently used NVA base area and a quantity of ammunition. At 1110 vic YD500009 B Co discovered 1 NVA KBA 36 hours old. C Co secured FSB Veghel and destroyed enemy bunkers in local vicinity. At 1640 FSB Veghel C Co sustained 3 US WIA from 60mm mortar round BBT.

19 Mar - A Co continued to the southwest and at 1210 vic YC490978 engaged estimated NVA platoon (-) with 1 US WIA, 3 NVA KIA, 3 IWC. At 1423 vic YD491978 A Co made contact with an estimated NVA company in bunkers. Results: 9 NVA KIA, 6 US WIA 2 US KIA. B Co continued RIF to the southwest and discovered a recently used NVA base area consisting of bamboo huts and bunkers with overhead cover. C Co secured FSB Veghel and 2d platoon conducted a RIF to the southeast to assist Recon platoon. D Co (-) became OPCON 1-506 and 3d platoon moved by CH47 from FSB Bastogne to FSB Veghel and became OPCON C Co. Recon platoon vic YD549008 engaged 2 NVA in a bunker resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 IWC. Vic YD553013 Recon made contact with estimated NVA platoon. Results: 3 US WIA, 2 US KIA, 1 NVA KIA, 2 NVA KBAA, 1 IWC and a quantity of ammunition.

20 Mar - A and B companies established LZ and company control bases on Dong A Tay and conducted local patrols. Vic YC491978 A Co made contact with an estimated NVA company in bunkers resulting in 5 US WIA and negative enemy assessment. At 1525 A Co; 2d platoon engaged an estimated NVA platoon at YC497975. Results were 2 US WIA, 4 NVA KIA, 1 IWC and 1 CSWC. At 1000 B Co vic YC491978 engaged an estimated NVA platoon (-) and suffered 5 US WIA. At 1800 elements of B Co engaged an enemy sniper with organic weapons, resulting in 1 US KIA, 1 NVA KIA, and 1 IWC. C Co (-) conducted a C/A from FSB Veghel to YD548027 and moved to reinforce Recon platoon and C Co 2d platoon. D Co (-) moved by CH47 from FSB Bastogne to FSB Veghel and assumed security. Recon became OPCON C Co.

21 Mar - A Co and B Co occupied the LZ at Dong A Tay and searched the surrounding area. A Co captured 1 IW and B Co discovered a bunker and tunnel complex vic YC500977. The base area appeared large enough to accommodate a Bn (-) and contained a quantity of documents identifying the 816 Bn, 5th NVA Regt. At 1230 the security element of B Co at the LZ engaged and killed 1 NVA sniper. At 1310 vic YC502975 B Co encountered an estimated NVA Co in bunkers on a narrow, thickly vegetated ridge. Contact continued until 1810 and resulted in 4 US KIA, 9 US WIA. C Co and Recon conducted RIF to FSB Veghel and assisted D Co in security.

22 Mar - A Co and B Co remained on Dong A Tay. A Co had 1 US WIA as a result of contact with a sniper at the LZ. Co B conducted RIF to YC504973 and found 2 NVA KIA. At 1454 B Co vic YC504973 established contact with an estimated reinforced NVA Co. Contact continued for 2 1/2 hours and resulted in 3 US KIA, 5 US WIA and 6 NVA KIA. C Co and Recon remained at Veghel and at 1655 D Co conducted a C/A from Veghel to YC539983 and conducted a RIF to the southwest.

23 Mar - A and B Co remained in the vicinity of the LZ with no contact. A Co prepared for a night attack. C Co secured Veghel, D Co continued to RIF to the southwest and Recon conducted patrols around FSB Veghel.

24 Mar - At 0550 A Co seized an enemy bunker complex vic YC504976 with negative enemy contact. Search of the area of B Co previous contact revealed 6 NVA KIA, large quantities of NVA clothing and equipment. A Co moved back to the LZ. B Co conducted a RIF to the southeast. C Co secured FSB Veghel, D Co continued to RIF southwest and Recon moved by air to Dong A Tay and became OPCON A Co.

25 Mar - A Co conducted patrols vic of Dong A Tay and discovered 2 NVA KIA and a quantity of equipment. B Co continued to RIF east and at 1320 vic YC503971 B Co, 1st platoon made contact with an estimated NVA squad. Contact lasted for 5 hours resulting in 7 US KIA, 3 US WIA. C Co remained at FSB Veghel and D Co conducted RIF to the northwest.

26 Mar - A Co with Recon OPCON continued to patrol the area of Dong A Tay and found 2 NVA KIA, and a quantity of equipment. B Co moved by air to FSB Veghel and exchanged missions with C Co which moved to Dong A Tay and conducted a RIF to the southeast. D Co conducted a RIF to the northwest and discovered a large quantity of NVA ammunition and equipment in an abandoned base area.

27 Mar - A Co and Recon continued to search Dong A Tay and B Co secured FSB Veghel. C Co conducted a search vic YC500965. At 1105 C Co, 1st platoon made contact with an estimated NVA squad, vic YC494972, resulting in 5 US WIA, 1 NVA KIA, 1 WC. At 1605 vic YC501969 C Co discovered a hospital complex containing a quantity of medical supplies. D Co conducted a RIF to unoccupied FSB Zon, and sustained 2 US WIA from unknown type BBT at that location.

28 Mar - A Co, C Co and Recon conducted RIF operations to the south with Recon finding 1 NVA KBA in a fresh grave and a quantity of equipment. B Co secured Veghel and at 1730 the firebase received 10-15 60mm and 82mm mortar rounds resulting in 7 US WIA. D Co continued to RIF to the northwest.

29 Mar - A Co, C Co and Recon conducted RIF to the south; at 0835 C Co made contact with an estimated NVA squad in bunkers. Results 6 US WIA, 2 US KIA, 1 NVA KIA, 1 IWC. B Co secured Veghel and D Co conducted a RIF to the east to a PZ at YD487028 and at 1655 conducted a C/A to YC520942 and conducted a RIF to the southwest.

30 Mar - A Co, C Co and Recon continued to RIF to the south. A Co had 1 US WIA from D Co's contact. B Co secured Veghel and D Co conducted a RIF to the west. At 1215 D Co made contact with an estimated NVA squad; sporadic contact continued until 1845 as D Co moved to the west. Results: 10 US WIA, 1 VN WIA.

31 Mar - A Co, C Co and Recon conducted a RIF to the south to reinforce D Co. B Co remained at FSB Veghel. D Co conducted a RIF to the west and at 0830 3d platoon made contact with an estimated reinforced NVA squad. Sporadic contact continued until 1800 when the enemy fled. Results: 2 US KIA, 1 VN KIA, 6 US WIA, 11 NVA KIA, 3 IWC, 3 CSCW [sic].

1 Apr - A Co, D Co and Recon conducted a RIF to the west. A Co found a large quantity of NVA ammunition and 5 IWC. At 1800 A Co made a point contact with an estimated NVA squad resulting in 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA. Recon discovered a cache containing 6 CSW, 20 IW and a large quantity of ammunition. C Co patrolled in the vicinity of YC503945 and B Co secured FSB Veghel.

2 Apr - A Co, D Co and Recon established a LZ vic YC493945 and conducted a detailed search of the surrounding area resulting in a large amount of ammunition captured and 3 IWC. B Co moved by air from FSB Veghel to YC493945, C Co discovered 1 CSW vic of the NDP and continued RIF to YC493945, then moved by air to LZ Sally to marshall.

3 Apr - The battalion (-) continued to search the vicinity of the LZ with B Co accounting for 1 IWC and D Co made contact with an estimated NVA squad resulting in 2 US WIA, C Co remained at LZ Sally.

4 Apr - AT 0435 A Co was engaged at the NDP by an estimated NVA squad, resulting in 1 US WIA, 7 NVA KIA, 3 IWC, 1 CSWC. At 0924 A Co moved by air to LZ Sally to marshal. B Co, D Co and Recon conducted a RIF to the west. C Co conducted a move from LZ Sally to Veghel and C/A from Veghel to unoccupied FSB Zon and secured Zon. C Co sustained 3 US WIA from BBTs on FSB Zon.

5 Apr - A Co remained at Sally. B Co, D Co and Recon conducted patrols vic YC481948 and C Co secured FSB Zon.

6 Apr - A Co conducted move by air from Sally to YC481948 conducted a RIF to the east with B Co and D Co and Recon. At 1115 vic YC492945 D Co made contact with an estimated NVA squad, sporadic contact continued for 3 hours. Results: 10 US WIA, 1 NVA KIA, 1 IWC and 1 CSWC. C Co remained at FSB Zon.

7 Apr - A Co and B Co and Recon platoon patrolled vic YC493945. At 0500 A Co was engaged at the NDP by an estimated NVA squad. A Co returned fire. Results: 1 US KIA, 6 NVA KIA, 3 IWC and 2 CSWC. C Co was relieved of security of FSB Zon, and conducted a RIF to the northeast. At 0815 D Co and Recon conducted a move by air from YC493945 to LZ Sally to marshall.

8 Apr - A Co and B Co conducted saturation patrols vic YC493945 and discovered a quantity of equipment. C Co conducted A RIF to the northeast and D Co and Recon remained at Sally.

9 Apr - A Co searched vic YC493945 and found 1 NVA KBA. B Co moved by air from YC493945 to LZ Sally and marshalled. C Co conducted a RIF to the southeast, D Co moved by air from Sally to YC493945 and Recon moved by air from Sally to YD492018, became OPCON C Co.

10 Apr - A and D Co continued to search vic YC495946. C Co and Recon conducted RIF operations to the south. B Co remained at LZ Sally.

11 Apr - A Co conducted a RIF to the north and at 1430 A Co, 2d platoon engaged an NVA sniper. Results: 1 NVA KIA, 1 IWC and discovered 1 NVA KIA in a fresh grave. B Co moved by air from Sally to FSB Veghel and conducted a C/A to YC529931 and RIF to the north. C Co and Recon continued to RIF to the south, D Co searched vic YC494946.

12 Apr - A Co conducted saturation patrols vic YC498952. D Co conducted a RIF to the north, C Co and Recon conducted a search vic YC989987 and D Co moved to the north to join Co A.

13 Apr - A Co made contact with an estimated NVA squad and suffered 2 US KIA and 2 US WIA. At 1435 C Co and Recon made contact with an estimated NVA squad, resulting in 7 US WIA. D Co conducted RIF to the north and at 0800 vic YC502953 D Co, 1st platoon made contact with an estimated NVA squad employing claymores, RPG and S/A resulting in 2 US KIA and 3 US WIA. At 1630 vic YC501957 D Co received S/A fire from the rear and returned fire with organic weapons. Results: 2 NVA KIA, 2 IWC.

14 Apr - A Co RIF to the north and at 0730 vic YC501959 3d platoon engaged 3 NVA with claymores. Results: 1 NVA KIA. A Co later found 1 NVA KIA in a fresh grave. B Co continued to RIF to the northeast and C Co and Recon RIF to the south. C Co found 1 NVA KIA in a fresh grave. D Co continued to RIF to the north.

15 Apr - All units conducted RIF operations to the north, in preparation for extraction.

16 Apr - A Co RIF to FSB Blaze (YD531022). B Co, C Co, and D Co and Recon moved by air to FSB Blaze. At 1115 the battalion moved by air to FSB Birmingham to marshall and prepare for further operations.

17 Apr - D Co led the battalion in the air assault on FSB Lash vic YC673668. The lift was complete at 1326. D Co established the firebase and secured the TAC CP. A Co and Recon platoon conducted RIF to the west; B Co and c Co conducted RIF to the southeast.

18 Apr - The operation continued with C Co at 1729 vic YC588647 engaging an estimated 7-10 enemy. Results: 2 VC KIA, 2 VC POW, 10 IWC and assorted equipment.

19-21 Apr - The battalion continued RIF operations discovering old enemy positions and equipment. On 21 Apr C Co discovered a large cache vic YC698658 consisting of 532 IWC, 7 CSWC and several tons of medical and signal equipment.

22-25 Apr - The battalion continued RIF and detailed search operations. The equipment from the cache discovered by C Co was evacuated by air to the 101st Airborne Division and Camp Eagle Hue RVN at 1310. C Co moved by CH47 from YC706661 to Eagle Beach and became OPCON to the 3d Bde.

26-28 Apr - Battalion continued RIF operations on 27 Apr. B Co assumed security of FSB Lash and D Co conducted a RIF to the northwest. Recon conducted extraction from YC673692 to FSB Lash and aided in the security. On 28 Apr A Co assumed security of FSB Lash and B Co conducted a RIF to the northwest.

29 Apr - RIF operations continued with Recon platoon conducting a RIF from FSB Lash to the northwest at 0920 vic YC644692. D Co engaged 2-3 enemy trail watchers with negative assessment and at 1539 vic YC640695, D Co engaged estimated 2 NVA armed with AK47's Results: 2 CSWC.

30Apr - The battalion continued operation with all units discovering enemy weapons and equipment.

1 May - Operations continued with B Co establishing contact with an estimated enemy squad at 1008 hrs vic YC306920. The element employed organic weapons, ARA and Arty. Results: 1 US WIA.

2-3 May - Battalion continued RIF operations and on 3 May conducted three air moves. A Co moved by CH47 from FSB Lash to Eagle Beach and C Co returned Eagle Beach to FSB Lash and assumed security of the firebase. The Recon platoon was extracted from YC650681 to FSB Lash.

4-5 May - There was a negative change in operations. On 5 May at 0850 B Co was extracted from YC645653 to FSB Lash and assumed security of FSB Lash. At 0953 C Co and Recon conducted a combat air assault from FSB Lash. The LZ was green and the elements conducted RIF to the south.

6 May - Operations continued and at 0900 - 0910 moved by CH47 to Eagle Beach and A Co returned to FSB Lash and secured the firebase. C Co, continued RIF to the south and west, made a point contact with 2-3 enemy. Contact was broken after 7 minutes. Results: 3 US WIA.

7 May - The battalion continued operations and experienced sporadic contact. C Co suffered 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA from enemy sniper fire and trail watchers. A Co had 2 US WIA by enemy trail watchers.

8 May - C Co established contact with 2 enemy snipers resulting in 1 US KIA. At 1200 operation MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER closed and 1-502d Inf became OPCON the 1st Bde 101st Abn Div.

9 May - A CO (-) provided security for FSB Lash and B Co remained OPCON to 3d Bde. At 1233 at YC661615 C Co received fire from an unknown enemy sized force. C Co, 1st and 2d Platoons maneuvered against the enemy force. The enemy broke contact during a heavy thunderstorm. The results were 2 US KIA and 7 US WIA with negative enemy assessment.

10 May - The battalion continued its normal operations. The only contact occurred when the C+C helicopter received small arms fire at YC660615 resulting in 4 US WIA. The area was engaged with artillery and ARA. There were negative enemy results.

11 May - A Company conducted a C/A from FSB Lash to D Co's location at YD645655 and D Co moved to FSB Lash and assumed the mission of providing security for Lash. At 835 hours A Co was hit by friendly artillery during a recon by fire, resulting in 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA.

12 May - The battalion conducted RIF operations with D Co providing security for FSB Lash. At 0935 at YC645615 the point man of C Co, 3d platoon spotted 3-4 VC and opened fire. The results were 1 US WIA and 1 VC KIA. At 1141 at YC647618 C Co 2d platoon received fire from 3-4 VC, resulting in 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA.

13 May - The battalion continued to conduct RIF operations. At YC654626 A Co, 3d platoon found what appeared to be a village. It contained 19 hooches, 2 SKS's some ammunition, 200 lbs of rice, and medical supplies. B Co was released from OPCON 3d Bde.

14 May - The battalion continued to operate normally. At 0951 A Co, 3d platoon made contact with 1-2 VC at YC655628. The results were 1 US WIA. B Co 3d platoon at YC689651 found 6 bunkers, M-1 carbine, 1 French submachinegun.

15 May - At 0055 hours the 1-502d Inf received a warning order to be prepared to extract all units and combat trains to Camp Eagle and move by air to Tam Ky to become OPCON to the Americal Division. The new mission was to reinforce US forces in the vicinity of Tam Ky. The entire battalion closed Eagle by 2000 hours.

16 May - At 0630 hours the battalion crossed the IP by truck convoy and moved to the Hue Phu Bai Airfield. The battalion moved by C-130 to Tam Ky Airfield. The first lift was airborne at 0945 hours and the battalion closed Tam Ky airfield at 1920 hours. The battalion CP and all units except C Co established positions at Tam Ky and provided security for the airfield. C Co moved by truck convoy from the air field to the 1st Bde FSSE, vic BT290230, and provided security for the Bde forward element. At 2210 hours the battalion came under 60mm attack receiving seven to ten rounds. Results: A Co had 2 US WIA.

17-18 May - The battalion (-) r???? at Tam Ky and conducted local platoon size operations to familiarize the ground units with the weather and terrain while the commanders and staff conducted aerial reconnaissance and liaison with US Units, MACV Advisor detachments, Special Forces, CIDG and RF/PF hqs.

19 May The battalion CP moved by UH1H from Tam Ky to Hau Duc District headquarters. B Co and D Co moved by UH1H and CH47 from Tam Ky to an LZ located vic BT070065. The companies began to RIF to the east, supported by two RF/PF Co's. A Co, Recon and the 1st 81mm mortar platoon conducted a C/A from Tam Ky to vic BT057065. During the initial assault the helicopters received S/A fire from the northeast. ARA, Arty and S/A were employed with negative results. The

mortar platoon was later extracted and moved back to Tam Ky. A Co and Recon conducted operations to the east. The battalion detained and evacuated 17 VN for interrogation and relocation.

20-21 May - The battalion continued to move to the east. The units detained and evacuated 22 VN. At 211900 hours 1st platoon, B Co, while moving to a night ambush location vic BT146063, engaged 2 enemy with organic weapons at a range of 20 meters. Results: 2 NVA KIA, 1 IWC.

22 May - A Co accounted for 5 detainees. At vic BT141062 B Co made contact with estimated enemy platoon in bunkers. Results were 1 US KIA, 1 VN WIA, 5 NVA KIA. Recon platoon captured 1 VC POW hiding in a trench vic BT128068 and at BT126065 captured three VC. At 2018 hours vic BT131068, Recon engaged three enemy with S/A, killing 2 NVA.

23 May - On 23 May the battalion continued operations west of FSB Professional BT173077. D Co discovered and destroyed an unoccupied enemy base area containing a quantity of food and clothing. The Recon platoon, operating vic BT125054, detained 48 VN, captured one NVA POW and one VCS; a search of the area revealed 600 pounds of rice. All were evacuated to the 1st Bde at Tam Ky. Interrogation of the NVA POW revealed that he was a member of the 208th NVA Regt.

24 May - Enemy contact was made by the Recon platoon at 0520 hours. The Recon platoon observed moving lights approximately 1800 meters to the north of their NDP. The target, vic BT128065, was engaged with 300 rounds of Arty. A first light check revealed 5 VC KBA. At 0830 hours, vic BT380069, ARA engaged three VC in a small hut and bunker complex, resulting in 3 VC KBA.

25 May - A Co captured one VC POW vic BT118078. The POW was slightly wounded and was carrying an NVA rucksack. In the vic of BT128068 A Co apprehended 18 VN. All detainees and the POW were evacuated to Tam Ky. B Co, located vic BT132068 detained and evacuated four VN. At 1909 hours, vic BT137049, the Recon platoon engaged one enemy moving on a trail from south to north at an estimated range of 100 meters. Results: 1 VC KIA.

26 May - The RF/PF from Hau Duc moved by foot to vic BT069066 and secured an LZ for the insertion of the 81mm Mortar platoon. The mortar platoon was moved by UHIH from the 1st Bde FSSE to the LZ. B Co and D Co conducted an attack on a known enemy location vic BT1408. During the operation B Co accounted for 43 detainees and 3 NVA KIA. The detainees were evacuated to Tam Ky. At 0617 hours, D Co sustained two (2) US WIA as a result of friendly artillery. At 0808 hours D Co vic BR140080 [sic], engaged an estimated 50 enemy concealed positions. The enemy employed S/A, A/W, 60mm mortar and RPG fire D Co engaged with organic weapons, ARA, Arty, and airstrikes. Sporadic contact continued until 1220 hours when enemy withdrew. Results: 10 US WIA, 5 NVA KIA 2 IWC and 27 VN detained.

27 May - The battalion continued to operate to the northwest of FSB Professional. B Co sustained 3 US WIA as a result of friendly fires. D Co apprehended 26 VN detainees and sustained 1 US WIA from a stray S/A round. The Recon platoon accounted for 27 VN detainees. All detainees were evacuated to Tam Ky. The 81 mm mortar platoon was extracted from a PZ vic BT069066 at 1120 hours and returned to the battalion rear at FSSE.

28 May - A Co vic BT127090 observed 25 enemy with rucksacks moving from north to south, proximity 900 meters. The company employed Arty with negative assessment. The Recon platoon apprehended 6 VN; the detainees were evacuated to Tam Ky. At 1300 approximately 100 meters to the north of vic BT119087, Recon platoon observed one NVA crossing a river. Element engaged with S/A, resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 IWC.

29 May - Recon platoon accounted for 10 VN detainees. The battalion had no enemy contact.

30 May - C Co moved by UHIH from FSSE to an LZ secured by D Co vic BT134101. D Co moved from the LZ to FSSE to assume the security mission of the 1st Bde FSSE. C Co conducted RIF to the northeast. Recon platoon detained and evacuated 3 VN. At 0913 hours, vic BT134092 Recon engaged 1 enemy with S/A at a range of 250 meters, resulting in 1 captured rucksack. At 0917 hours the 81mm mortar platoon moved by UHIH from FSSE to an LZ secured by B Co, vic BT141095. The mortar platoon provided indirect fire support for the ground units.

31 May - No enemy contact was encountered and at 1323 hours the 81mm mortar platoon and Recon platoon were extracted by UHIH to the FSSE.

1 Jun - The Battalion security platoon moved by CH-47 from the FSSE to Hau Duc headquarters to assist in providing security. A, B, and C Co's conducted a C/A vic BT165005, and then conducted a reconnaissance in force operation along 3 axes to the east. D Co and Recon platoon remained at the FSSE. The battalion(-) discovered and destroyed several huts and bunker complexes but no enemy activity was encountered.

2 Jun - The battalion continued to RIF to the east. A Co, vic BT18009, engaged an estimated 5 enemy with organic weapons. Results: 1 VC KIA, a quantity of medical supplies captured. B Co vic BS183996 captured 1 NVA POW and 1 IWC. The POW stated that he was from the 16th Co, 31st Regt, 2d NVA Division. C Co discovered 2 fresh graves vic BT181001 containing 2 VC KBA.

3 Jun - A Co continued to RIF to the east discovering and destroying several huts. At 1816 hours, 1st platoon, A Co moving to an ambush site, vic BT210029 detonated an unknown type boobytrap. Results: 2 US WIA. B Co encountered no enemy activity. Recon platoon conducted a combat assault from FSSE to vic BT208032. The move was complete at 1001 hours. The battalion security platoon moved by CH47 from Hau Duc to FSSE. The lift was completed at 1155 hours.

4-5 Jun - The battalion encountered no enemy activity.

6 Jun -The battalion TAC CP displaced from Hau Duc to FSB Professional. A Co vic BT223050 engaged 2 enemy with organic weapons. Results: 1 NVA KIA, 1 NVA POW. A Co also apprehended 4 detainees in the same general area. B Co moved from PZ vic BT223006 to FSSE and assumed security mission. C Co discovered a small food cache vic BT234048 containing 1300 lbs of rice in 90 lb sacks. D Co conducted a C/A from FSSE to LZ vic BT259049 and then conducted a RIF to the north. At 1550 hours vic BT259069 D Co engaged 2 enemy moving to the north at a range of 200 meters. Results: 1 NVA KIA, 1 rucksack captured. Recon platoon apprehended 18 VN vic BT213047.

7 Jun - The battalion continued normal operations. D Co detained 7 VN. D Co vic BT263075 engaged 2 enemy with negative assessment.

8 Jun - At 1030 hours vic BT263074 D Co received ineffective sniper fire. At 1230 hours 3d platoon, D Co observed 6 enemy moving at range of 500 meters. Engaged with M60 and ARA with negative results. Recon platoon conducted surveillance on a village vic BT272075. 1 squad captured 1 VCS and 2 VN.

9 Jun - B Co was moved by CH-47 from FSSE to FSB Professional with the mission of securing the Artillery. C Co vic BT222085 apprehended 28 VN. D Co conducting a search of a tunnel vic BT273070, tossed frag grenades into the tunnel. Results: 1 NVA KIA, 1 IWC, a quantity of food, clothing and equipment was captured. The recon platoon engaged 3 enemy with S/A fire at a range of 150 meters. The enemy fled to the east with negative assessment. In the vic of BT271075 Recon accounted for 7 detainees.

10 Jun - A Co detained and evacuated 25 VN. B Co, OPCON to the 1-46 Inf at FSB Professional, came under recoilless rifle fire at 1851 hours. Arty, ARA and mortars were employed against the enemy. Results: 7 US WIA. Recon platoon killed 3 VC vic BT272071. At 1545 hours Recon platoon was extracted by UHHH from a PZ vic BT226075 to FSSE.

11 Jun - A co was extracted by UHHH from a PZ vic BT213007 to FSSE for a standdown. C Co vic BT226087 detained and evacuated 30 VN to Tam Ky. At 1545 hours, vic BT225092, C Co engaged an estimated 3 enemy with negative assessment.

12 Jun - B Co conducted a RIF to the east and vic BT206080 apprehended 13 VN. Vic BT211069, B Co sustained 2 US WIA from an unknown type booby trap. Thebattalion security platoon and 1st 81mm mortar platoon were moved by CH47 from FSSE to Hau Duc District Headquarters to establish and secure a sitefor a firebase and the battalion TAC CP.

13 Jun - A Co killed k [sic,] NVA, captured 1 NVA and 10 detainees, and found a rice cache, documents and 1 IW which were evacuated. D Co evacuated 10 detainees and B Co uncovered a large medical cache and bunker complex vic BT153003 at 1730 hours.

14 Jun - A Co evacuated 13 detainees. 2d platoon B Co vic BT143005 made contact with 10-15 NVA, resulting in 1 NVA KIA and numerous blood trails. 1st platoon A Co discovered a bunker complex containing 2 IW and numerous documents and papers. The bunkers were destroyed.

15 Jun - D Co accounted for 21 detainees. B Co uncovered a large ammo cache Vic BT128033, 3d platoon, D Co detained 12 VN and at 1835 hours was engaged with S/A by an unknown size enemy force. Enemy was engaged with organic weapons, Arty and ARA resulting in 2 VC KIA and 2 IWC.

16 Jun - 1st platoon, D Co pointman was wounded by AK-47 fire proximity 15 to 30 meters. A Co continued to RIF east and at vic BT121004 discovered a bunker complex and engaged an estimated five (5) NVA with organic weapons resulting in 1 NVA KIA, 1 IWC and assorted documents. AT 1935 hours, 3d platoon, B Co engaged 2 NVA with S/A resulting in 1 NVA KIA.

17 Jun - The battalion conducted normal operations with no enemy contact.

18 Jun - A Co RIF vic BT118003 and secured a 5 ship PZ. B Co RIF south. C Co engaged 5 NVA with organic weapons resulting in 1 US WIA. Vic BT173028 3d platoon, B Co engaged 2 VC in the open. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 IWC and a quantity of documents captured. Recon platoon remained at FSSE at battalion reserve.

19 Jun A Co made a C/A from PZ BT127998 to LZ BT069018 to attack objective at BT064014. B Co had C/A from PZ BS131993 to LZ BT052007 to attack objective vic BT059016. C Co was extracted from the field and returned to FSSE for standdown. D Co RIF east at vic BT185025 found a small cache of radio parts. Recon platoon moved by CH47 from FSSE to Hau Duc and then made a C/A vic BT067006.

20 Jun - A, B, D Co and Recon platoon continued RIF and C Co remained at FSSE.

21 Jun - While conducting RIF to the east, Recon platoon engaged 2 NVA moving on a trail vic BT085019. Results: 1 IWC. Vic BT042018, A Co pointman engaged 5 NVA 50 meters to his front. Results: 1 NVA KIA. A Co also accounted for 3 detainees vic BT039019.

22 Jun - A Co discovered a bunker complex vic BT048003 and detained 36 VN. B Co found and destroyed 30 82mm mortar rounds vic BT054019. D Co found a dud 500 lb bomb vic BS086997. Bomb was destroyed by EOD team. D Co found a hospital complex vic BT087003. It consisted of 10 huts, 10 sleeping positions, 2 kitchen areas and 10 graves. Structures and bunkers were later destroyed by fire and artillery.

23 Jun - A Co received automatic weapons fire from 6 to 8 individuals vic BS031987 with negative friendly casualties. C Co uncovered a two-day-old grave vic BT152007 containing 1 NVA KIA by S/A. Recon platoon accounted for 33 detainees all of whom were evacuated to Hau Duc. D Co extracted from PZ BT080017 to FSSE for standdown.

24 Jun - A and B companies and Recon platoon continued RIF. A Co vic BS020977 received S/A fire resulting in negative friendly casualties. Element maneuvered with negative contact.

25 Jun - A Co engaged an undetermined number of enemy vic BS017970 with negative results. B Co captured 1 ?? vic BS047976 and vic BS041968 captured 1 VC C Co accounted for 20 detainees vic BT139008, who stated that 11 VC armed with AK-47's and carbines were operating in the area. The mortar platoon joined A Co at old Hau Duc to provide close indirect fire support.

26 Jun - A Co, vic BS002973 received sporadic S/A fire from 4 enemy and engaged them with negative assessment. Results: 1 scout dog KIA. Recon platoon accounted for 7 detainees vic BT086020. One of the detainees gave names of 3 VC in the area.

27 Jun - A Co conducted RIF to west vic BS982952. B Co received fire from a hut adjacent to a trail vic BS040961 and returned the fire. Results: 1 NVA KIA. C Co made a C/A from PZ BT118025 to LZ AS936983 and conducted RIF to the west. At 1145 hours C Co found a dispensary complex vic AS928983 containing medical supplies, rice caches and documents. At 0815 hours D Co was moved by CH-47 to Hau Duc and then made a C/A to LZ AS956951. D Co found grave vic BS953953 containing 1 VC KIA.

28 Jun - C Co and D Co conducted assessment of B-52 bomb strike damage vic AS925975. D Co discovered 17 bicycles, 2 boxes containing a total of 6 AK-47's and 6 82mm mortar rounds. Vic AS934956 D Co was engaged by undetermined size

enemy force. Results: 1 US WIA, 1 VN Scout KIA. Recon platoon engaged an undetermined number of NVA with result of 1 NVA KIA.

29 Jun - Vic BS025969 B Co engaged and killed 1 NVA. D Co made contact with a NVA platoon in bunkers vic AS926955 and employed Arty, ARA, tactical air support and organic weapons. Results: 5 NVA KIA, 2 IWC, 2 US KIA, 7 US WIA.

30 Jun - A Co was extracted to Chu Lai Beach for standdown. B Co continued security of Arty at old Hau Duc and secured PZ for A Co. C Co RIF to east along stream bed and vic AS981160 received small arms fire resulting in 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA. D Co engaged 2 NVA in stream vic AS931966 resulting in 1 NVA KIA. At 1930 hours Recon platoon discovered a hut on a main trail vic AS934953 containing 37 122mm rockets and heard voices further down the trail indicating a large enemy force. Because of the time, Recon set up an ambush 200 meters east to await first light for detailed search.

1 Jul - While on a RIF to the west, C Co engaged 1 NVA resulting in 1 NVA officer POW, 2 IWC. POW indicated that he desired to surrender because "American Forces are everywhere." At 1810 hours vic BS975971 C Co discovered an ammunition cache containing 200 82mm mortar rounds and 78 B40 rockets. Vic AS934955 Recon platoon found a cache containing 111 IW, 33 CSW, and 3 tons of ammunition.

2 Jul - A Co continued with FSSE security mission and B Co continued with Arty security at old Hau Duc. While searching vic AS976971 C Co found an ammunition cache with indications that water buffalo were the means of transportation. D Co RIF to the west and assisted Recon platoon in maintaining security and evacuation of all weapons and samples from the ammunition cache.

3 Jul - C Co was engaged by one enemy sniper vic AS979968 resulting in 1 US WIA. C Co engaged 2 NVA vic AS993961 resulting in 1 NVA KIA, 2 IWC. D Co engaged 2 snipers vic AS947954 resulting in 1 US WIA.

4 Jul - A Co extracted from FSSE to LZ secured by 1st platoon, C Co at BS0399?? and then RIF to south along river. B Co and Recon platoon extracted by CH47 to Chu Lai Beach for standdown. C Co relieved B Co of Arty security at old Hau Duc.

5 Jul - A Co located an enemy POW camp vic BS029954 reported by a Chieu Hoi on 4 July. The camp had been abandoned for twelve hours. 2d platoon, A Co engaged 3 VC vic BS029950 resulting in 1 VC POW, 1 IWC. C Co engaged 5 NVA vic BS035980 at 1017 hours with negative assessment.

6 Jul - A Co encountered 1 VC moving on trail vic BS038948 resulting in 1 VC KIA, 1 IWC. Documents indicated he was an officer with the 430th Regiment. A Co accounted for 1 VC KIA vic BS041963. Recon platoon and B Co extracted from Chu Lai Beach to FSSE for security mission.

7 Jul - A Co RIF to west. B Co and recon platoon remained at FSSE. C Co continued Arty security at old Hau Duc. D Co RIF to east.

8 Jul - While conducting RIF to the north, A Co encountered an ambush of a company size enemy force vic BT044000. Enemy employed S/A and RPG resulting in 3 US KIA, 5 US WIA. The lead element was separated resulting in thirteen MIA. Contact was broken at 1949 hours. B Co made a C/A from FSSE to BT047008. D Co continued Arty security at old Hau Duc, and 3d platoon RIF to vic BS031988 to secure medevac PZ for A Co.

9 Jul - Four of A Co's MIA were found unharmed, 6 KIA and 2 WIA. A Co and B Co continued to search the area. Results: 6 NVA KIA by S/A, 4 IWC, 1 CSWC. D Co continued security at old Hau Duc.

10 Jul - A Co found 1 MIA KIA from 8 July vic BS042999. B Co employed organic weapons, Arty, and ARA against an unknown size enemy element vic BT049003 with negative assessment. 1st Platoon B Co accounted for 1 NVA POW vic BT049003. D Co made contact with an enemy element which employed S/A, grenades and 60mm mortar resulting in 1 US KIA, 5 US WIA.

11 Jul - A Co RIF west and found 1 NVA KIA and 1 rocket launcher vic BS042994. B Co RIF same general area and D Co RIF west accounting for 10 detainees vic BT042002.

12 Jul - A Co, B Co and C Co continued to RIF with no significant action.

13 Jul - A Co maintained blocking positions and conducted local patrols vic BT066011. B Co conducted local patrols from a base vic BT056021. C Co made a C/A from FSSE to LZ BT088023 and RIF west. D Co maintained a patrol base vic BT051014. Recon platoon made a C/A from FSSE to LZ BT088023 and RIF to west. At 2052 hours Recon observed 5 to 10 enemy approaching NDP and engaged the enemy with S/A and grenades. Negative assessment.

14 Jul - A Co maintained a blocking position vic BT066011. B Co maintained a blocking position BT062021. C Co maintained a blocking position vic BT054017. D Co was extracted from the field to FSSE for standdown. Recon platoon RIF to east and vic BT077021 engaged 2 VC resulting in 2 VC KIA.

15 Jul - A Co RIF to the northeast and engaged 1 NVA with small arms fire. Results: 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 rucksack with 1 set of khakis and 1 NVA poncho and 1 canteen captures. At 1705, vic BT81014, A Co found 7 detainees, 3 women and 4 children. Detainees stated that 3 VC fled south. A Co employed Arty with negative assessment. NDP established at this location. B Co RIF east vic BT071020 and established a NDP. D Co remained at FSSE. Recon platoon RIF west to vic BT071020 and established NDP with B Co. C Co RIF east to vic BT071020 and established NDP.

16 Jul - A Co RIF to the east, established a patrol base vic BT082014, conducted local patrols, then moved to vic BT081014 and established NDP. Prior to moving to ambush position, the 2d platoon engaged three 93) NVA with S/A fire. Results: 1 NVA KIA and medical supplies, documents, rucksacks and a map captured. B Co extracted from PZ vic BT074018 at 0900 hours to FSB Professional, OPCON to 1-46 Inf. C Co RIF to vic BT056053 and established NDP. D Co conducted training and standdown FSSE. Recon platoon RIFvic BT071014 and established NDP with A Co.

17 Jul - A Co was extracted from PZ BT080016 to FSSE for training and security. B Co OPCON 1-46, FSB Professional. C Co extracted at 0815 hours from PZ new Hau Duc BT073063 to FSB Hustler vic BT298030 OPCON 1-501 Inf. D Co was extracted from FSSE at 1003 hours to Chu Lai Beach for standdown. Recon platoon extracted from PZ vic BT080016 with A Co to FSSE for training and security.

18 Jul - The battalion began a rotation of companies from OPCON to the FSSE, FSSE to Chu Lai Beach and from Chu Lai to being OPCON. The company located at FSSE received training in subjects ranging from the use of ARA to proper field sanitation. One company conducted a standdown at Chu Lai Beach with the other 2 companies OPCON, one to 1-501 and one to 1-46. A Co was located at FSSE for training and security. B Co OPCON to 1-46 Inf, FSB Professional. C Co OPCON 1-501 Inf, FSB Hustler. D Co standdown Chu Lai Beach. Recon platoon conducted training and security of FSSE.

19-21 Jul - The battalion continued to rotate the companies with no enemy contact.

22 Jul - The battalion received FRAGO 9-69 to OPORD 4-69 (LAMAR PLAINS) effective 231200H Jul 69. The mission was to conduct C/A with minimum of 2 companies vic Hill 376 (BT206128) on 24 July, then RIF area vic Hill 376 and Hill 270 maintaining 1 company on thirty minute alert to reinforce. The company OPCON to 1-501 was returned effective 231200H Jul. The battalion began closing out the CP at Hau Duc to relocate at FSSE Tam Ky, NLT 231800H Jul 69. The company locations remained the same.

23 Jul - The TOC at Tam Ky became operational. D Co extracted from FSB Hustler to FSB Professional, OPCON 1-46. C Co was extracted from FSB Professional to the FSSE at Tam Ky. Status of companies A and B plus the Recon platoon remained the same. A battalion frag order for the C/A 240930H July was issued to commanding officers company A, B, and C. A Co and B Co would C/A 240930H July and C Co would remain on 30 minute alert to reinforce. A Battalion commo relay station located at FSB Professional became operational.

24 Jul - At 0930 hours A Co followed by B Co C/A Hill 376 vic BT205125. LZ was green. Maintaining physical contact, A Co RIF SE vic 206120 and B Co RIF to the south. C Co was on 30 minute standby. During RIF operations numerous bunkers, tunnels, fighting positions and trenches were discovered. B Co uncovered 5 graves containing NVA bodies and engaged 3 VC killing 2 (both female). Bunkers, tunnels, fighting positions and trenches were destroyed and all confiscated goods were extracted.

25 Jul - A Co RIF to vic BT197114, uncovered 2 graves, both containing male bodies dressed in VC attire, dead approximately 2 weeks. Cause of death was determined to be from Air Strike ordnance. B Co established a patrol base vic BT203118 and conducted platoon size patrols to the southeast.

26 Jul - C Co extracted from FSSE to Chu Lai Beach. A Co discovered a bunker complex large enough to house a battalion and well dug in. Engineers were requested to destroy this complex. B Co RIF north vic BT202123. During operations B Co uncovered 1 VC grave and three NVA graves, all containing recently killed bodies, 3 to 4 days old. Cause of death was determined to be artillery fire. Log bird supplying B Co received fire from vic BT202124. Results: 1 US WIA, 1 Scout Dog KIA. B Co engaged 1 VC male vic BT207109 with S/A. Results: 1 VC KIA.

27 Jul - Recon platoon C/A vic BT205125, OPCON to A Co. LZ was green. Engineer squad was inserted to end extracted from A Co position. Results: All bunkers destroyed. B Co RIF SE and established a NDP vic BT212121. C Co remained at Chu Lai Beach and D Co remained OPCON to 1-46 Inf.

28 Jul - A Co conducted search operations vic BT197116, apprehended 2 female detainees: negative results. B Co uncovered and destroyed a larger bunker complex. Accidental discharge of a shotgun resulted in 1 US soldier medevac. Results: DOA. Recon RIF NE to vic BT207127.

29 Jul - Recon discovered 2 graves approximately 6 months old; only bones remained. Recon found hut and bunker complex with 200 lbs unpolished rice inside. Results: Rice and complex destroyed. A Co RIF to NE and B Co RIF to E.

30 Jul - C Co C/A into battalion AO at 0930 hours vic BT205125, moved to the FSSE at Tam Ky. Both the C Co LZ and the B Co PZ were green. Recon platoon engaged 1 VC with S/A; negative results. Recon spotted 10 individuals with rucksacks vic BT215125 and engaged them with S/A, Arty and ARA. Results: 1 NVA KIA. C Co spotted 3 individuals along a dike and employed artillery with negative results.

31 Jul - B Co moved to Chu Lai Beach for a company standdown. C Co apprehended 2 detainees, 1 male and 1 female, found in hut. Recon apprehended 3 detainees, 1 male age 29 and 2 boys ages 5 and 10 along with 1500 lbs of rock salt. Results: 5 detainees, 1 a confirmed VC. All huts and rock salt destroyed.

1 Aug - C Co had a total of 27 detainees, all extracted to Bde, and destroyed a number of bunkers and items found in the bunkers. Recon engaged a number of bunkers and a VC was attacked by a scout dog. Results: 1 scout dog WIA. Recon also engaged a VC trying to flee. Results: 1 VC KIA. A Co RIF vic BT209134, B Co remained on standdown, and D Co remained OPCON 1-46 Inf, FSB Professional. The battalion received FRAGO 10-69 to OPORD 4-69 (LAMAR PLAINS) effective 020600H Aug. This began Phase V. The mission was to C/A, secure and prepare FSB Boxer vic BS311197 on D Day. On D+1, C/A 2 companies vic BS0495 and RIF to east in zone, and C/A 2 companies to establish blocking positions vic BS1492.

2 Aug - D Co was returned to Battalion control and A Co 1-501 Inf was OPCON to 1-502 for security of FSB Boxer. The building of FSB Boxer began under the supervision of the Bn XO. The Battalion TOC was displaced from Tam Ky to FSB Boxer and became operational at 2005 hours. A Co remained on standdown and D Co on FSB Professional. At 1500 hours the Bn Commander issued the operations order. On D+1 all 4 companies would stage at New Hau Duc and C/A from there into the Battalion OZ. Companies B and D were to establish blocking positions and companies A and C were to RIF to the east. Recon was to move to FSB Boxer by CH47 and provide security.

3 Aug - All companies staged at New Hau Duc and then conducted C/A's into Battalion OZ. B Co engaged 1 NVA with S/A resulting in 1 NVA KIA. B Co also engaged 3 NVA with A/W with negative results because of weapons malfunction. A Co found an enemy cache of batteries, rucksacks, and assorted medical supplies. All were extracted. Recon closed FSB Boxer 1320 hours. A Co 1-501 Inf provided security at FSB Boxer.

4 Aug - At 0915 hours B Co engaged 1 NVA. Results: 1 NVA KIA. NVA was freshly equipped with 1 AK-47, ammo and clothes. Weapon and ammo were extracted. D Co, enroute to position, discovered and destroyed 2 huts, 20 bushels of corn and 5 lbs of tobacco. At 1800 hours A Co spotted 10 NVA moving E to W with Chicom MG. They employed artillery with negative results. D Co picked up NVA transmissions on their internal and monitored them for the rest of the day. Content of messages concerned movement of NVA elements and equipment, but no direction or locations were given. Recon conducted patrols around FSB Boxer.

5 Aug - Recon discovered and destroyed 2 huts and a bunker-tunnel complex vic BS118970. B Co engaged 1 NVA vic BS092920. Results 1 NVA KIA. Vic BS085934 A Co found a small base camp consisting of 11 huts with bunkers, a mess hall and classrooms. 2d platoon A Co vic BS084933 found 13 huts also consisting of a classroom, a mess hall and several more huts under construction.

6 Aug - Vic BS090922 B Co engaged 1 NVA resulting in 1 NVA KIA. Vic BS107979 Recon element discovered a NVA hospital with 12 beds and capable of accommodating 50 people. A Co found and destroyed 5 bunkers vic BS091929. At the same time the 1st platoon engaged 1 NVA vic BS072971 with S/A, killing him. At 1700 hours C Co engaged 1 NVA vic BS072941 with negative assessment. Vic BS093952 C Co discovered 2 huts and 2 bunkers with 100 lbs rice, 50 lbs corn, and a list of 27 names of VC. The list was extracted and everything else destroyed.

7 Aug - A Co vic BS095950 killed 2 NVA. 1 AK-47, personal belongings and documents were extracted. All other companies conducted daytime patrols and ambushes with negative results.

8 Aug - B Co 1-501 entered the battalion OZ and became OPCON. C Co engaged and killed 2 NVA vic BS12394? at 1745 hours B Co 1-501 drew heavy S/A fire vic BS126968. ARA was employed with negative assessment. B Co found a large hospital complex and a large quantity of medical supplies vic BS011924. All medical items were extracted and Arty and airstrikes were employed on 9 Aug with negative assessment.

9 Aug - Vic BS120971 B Co 1-501 discovered 64 bunkers and 72 fighting positions plus numerous articles. Articles were extracted and Arty and A/S were employed on 10 Aug with negative assessment. Vic BS116981 Recon discovered and destroyed 8 huts with bunkers, 5 log tables, 2 pigs, and 4 fire places. A Co found 7 bunkers and several documents vic BS106947. Results: Bunkers destroyed and documents extracted. The Battalion was notified to return to Tam Ky on 11 Aug and prepare to return to LZ Sally on 14 Aug.

10 Aug - B Co 1-501 returned to control of 1-501. A Co 1-501 also returned to control of 1-501. Vic BS105939 and BS107947 B Co discovered a number of huts and bunkers, many of which were only partially completed, and various documents. Vic BS106947 A Co found 1 NVA grave containing 1 NVA with green fatigues, dead approximately 2 weeks. Bunkers were destroyed and documents extracted.

11 Aug - A and B Co's were extracted from Battalion OZ to FSB Professional, OPCON 1-46 Inf. D Co was extracted from Battalion OZ to Tam Ky. The battalion TOC was extracted and closed Tam Ky. C Co was then extracted from FSB Boxer and returned to Tam Ky.

12 Aug - C Co, D Co and Recon and Battalion Headquarters remained at Tam Ky. A Co and B Co remained OPCON 1-46.

13 Aug - A Co and B Co returned to the control of 1-502d Inf. The entire battalion remained at Tam Ky preparing to move to LZ Sally.

14 Aug - At 0800 Camp Pereira was closed and at 0900 hours the first elements of 1-502d Inf departed Tam Ky airfield by C-130 for Camp Evans. The trail party closed LZ Sally at 1840 hours. The battalion returned to OPCON of the 2d Bde upon arrival at Camp Evans.

15 Aug - The battalion conducted refresher training at LZ Sally in preparation for operation CLAIBORNE CHUTE. B Co 1/501 Inf was OPCON to 1-502d Inf to provide security at Eagle Beach.

26 Aug - D Co conducted a C/A from LZ Sally to YD555148. The company then conducted a RIF to YD552137. B Co conducted a C/A from LZ Sally to FSB Rakkasan, later joined by the battalion CP. C Co conducted a C/A from LZ Sally to YD521118. The company conducted RIF operations with negative results. D Co conducted a C/A from LZ Sally to YD488245 and then conducted RIF operations.

27 Aug - A Co conducted a RIF to YD555164 with negative results. B Co continued to provide security at FSB Rakkasan with 2 squad size ambush patrols at YD486196. C Co conducted a RIF to YD486196. C Co conducted a RIF to YD539121 with negative results. D Co conducted a RIF to the SW with negative results. Recon platoon conducted a C/A from Sally to YD561175 and then conducted a RIF west to YD553177 with negative results.

28 Aug - A Co conducted a C/A from a PZ at YD557167 to YD460217. The company then conducted local patrols with negative results. B Co continued to provide security for FSB Rakkasan. C Co conducted local patrols and round 2 81mm rounds at YD455221. D Co conducted local patrols to YD485285 with negative results. Recon platoon conducted search operations vic YD582177 for drowning victim from A Co with negative results.

29 Aug - The battalion CP was moved from FSB Rakkasan to FSB O'Reilly. A Co conducted a C/A from YD459218 to YD884256 and then conducted a RIF to YD384244 with negative results. B Co (-) conducted a C/A from FSB Rakkasan to YD385283. The 2d platoon conducted a C/A from FSB Rakkasan to FSB O'Reilly to YD385283. C Co conducted a C/A from YD539121 to YD393265, and then conducted a RIF to YD390270 with negative results. D Co conducted C/A from YD484296 to YD402232 and conducted a RIF to YD402236. Recon platoon found the drowning victim they were searching for and then conducted a C/A to FSB O'Reilly to provide security.

30 Aug - At YD395236 A Co found 5 bunkers that showed no signs of recent use. B Co conducted local patrols with negative results. C Co also conducted local patrols with negative results. At 1815 hours D Co spotted 1 NVA moving east to west and engaged with sniper fire. Results: 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK47, 3 loaded AK47 magazines. Recon platoon provided security for the CP at FSB O'Reilly.

31 Aug - A Co established a patrol base at YD383244 and conducted local patrols to YD380244 with negative results. Vic YD361277 1st platoon B Co spotted 2 NVA at 1730 hours crossing the river. Enemy were engaged with negative results. C Co conducted local patrols with negative results. D Co at YD407254 found an old bunker that appeared to have been slept in by individuals recently. Recon platoon continued to provide security at FSB O'Reilly for the Battalion CP.

1 Sep - A,B,C and D companies conducted local patrols and constructed PZ's for a battalion extraction. The battalion was to move to FSB Birmingham on 2 Sep.

2 Sep - Due to the proximity of typhoon Doris all elements remained in their night locations.

3 Sep - The battalion moved to FSB Birmingham and assumed the AO from 2-501. A Co conducted a C/A from FSB Birmingham to YD803057. B Co conducted a C/A from FSB Birmingham to YD764084. C Co (-) moved to FSB Arsenal. The 2d platoon moved to Pohl Bridge and the 1st platoon moved to FSB Arrow. D Co moved to FSB Birmingham.

4 Sep - A Co conducted SRRP and RIF operations. 1st platoon found 8 60mm mortar fuses and a firing position for a mortar. B Co conducted SRRP and RIF operations to YD763074 with negative results. C Co continued to provide security for Pohl Bridge and FSB Arsenal, and closing operations at FSB Arrow. D Co continued to secure FSB Birmingham. Recon platoon moved to FSB Birmingham. C Co, 3/5 Cavalry escorted a convoy between FSB Birmingham to FSB Blaze and also occupied security positions along QL547.

5 Sep - A Co conducted SRRP and RIF operations to YD760083 with negative results. B Co conducted SRRP and RIF operations to YD763084. C Co continued to provide security at FSB Arsenal, FSB Arrow, and Pohl Bridge. D Co continued to provide security for FSB Birmingham. Recon platoon conducted a SRRP to YD606073 with negative results.

6 Sep - A Co conducted a SRRP to YD752078. B Co conducted SRRP's to YD777045. C Co and D Co continued with their security missions. Recon platoon conducted a SRRP to YD605078.

7 Sep - A Co conducted SRRP to YD740074. At YD757074 they found numerous cross trails along the river that had been used in the last 48 hours. C Co conducted a C/A to YD790122 and YD794105 to establish blocking positions in conjunction with Nam Hoa District forces. D Co conducted a C/A to YD800092 and YD820118 to establish blocking positions in conjunction with Nam Hoa District. Recon platoon established a patrol base at YD606076 with negative results.

8 Sep - A Co conducted SRRP and RIF operations with negative results. B Co conducted SRRP's to YD797061 and YD777055. 1 NVA was spotted with negative results. C Co and D Co continued with their security missions. C 3/5 escorted 2 convoys with negative incidents.

9 Sep - The battalion continued its normal operations with negative incidents.

10 Sep - A Co was extracted from a PZ at YD755074 to FSB Birmingham and assumed security. B Co conducted SRRP and RIF operations with negative results. C Co continued with its security mission at FSB Arsenal, FSB Arrow and Pohl Bridge. D Co remained at FSB Birmingham. Recon platoon moved to FSB Birmingham and conducted a C/A from Birmingham to YD784163. 1st platoon C 2/34 Armor became OPCON 1-502d for road security on QL547. HHC, 2d Bde security platoon became OPCON 1-502d for use during joint cordon operations on 11 Sep.

11 Sep - A Co conducted an air move from FSB Birmingham to YD769191 and established squad size blocking positions in conjunction with negative findings. C Co continued its security missions. D Co conducted an air move from FSB Birmingham to YD790188. D Co with HHC 2d Bde security platoon occupied squad size blocking positions.

12 Sep - A Co was returned to FSB Birmingham for security. B Co continued to conduct patrols with negative findings. D Co continued to occupy squad size blocking positions and then moved to FSB Birmingham. Later D Co conducted a C/A to YD759102. Recon platoon conducted a C/A to YD769102. C 3/5 cavalry and 1st platoon 2/34 Armor occupied 4 security positions and escorted 1 convoy. HHC, 2d Bde security platoon was released from OPCON 1-502d Inf.

13 Sep - A Co continued to secure FSB Birmingham. B Co conducted an extraction and went to FSB Arsenal, FSB Arrow, and Pohl Bridge. C Co conducted an air move from FSB Arsenal, FSB Arrow and Pohl Bridge to YD807034. D Co conducted RIF operations to YD767078 with negative results. Recon platoon conducted RIF operations to YD775107.

14 Sep - A Co continued to provide security for FSB Birmingham. C Co conducted a C/A from YD794056 and YD810048 to YD783117. B Co conducted RIF and SRRP's in a show of force vicinity the 3 resettlement hamlets in Nam Hoa District. D Co conducted RIF and SRRP to YD775086 and YD773087 with negative results. Recon platoon conducted a C/A from YD786094 to YD794063.

15 Sep - A Co continued to secure FSB Birmingham. B Co continued security of FSB Arsenal, FSB Arrow and Pohl Bridge. C Co conducted RIF operations in vic YD773083. Recon platoon conducted sensor installation vic YD791049.

16 Sep - A Co continued its security mission. 1st platoon of B Co was extracted from FSB Arrow to FSB Arsenal. FSB Arrow was closed out today. C Co conducted MAP's and security of resettlement hamlets in Nam Hoa District. Recon platoon conducted SRRP's, RIF operations and MAP's to YD796057. D Co conducted SRRP's and RIF operations vic YD755075 with negative results.

17 Sep - A Co continued the security of FSB Birmingham along with RIF operations in that vicinity. B Co continued to provide security for FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. C Co conducted RIF operations to the west and southwest to YD750110 and YD756109. C Co worked in conjunction with Nam Hoa District's 177 RF Co. D Co conducted a RIF to YD767076. Recon platoon conducted patrols in the general area of YD790056.

18 Sep - A Co acted on information received from a Chieu Hoi on his former unit's location. ARA and artillery were employed into the area vic YD772055. The results were 2 NVA KBAA, 1 AK47, 1 RPG launcher and 3 RPG rounds captured. The rest of the battalion conducted normal operations with negative contact.

19 Sep - 1st and 3d platoons of A Co conducted RIF operations in the general vic of YD778068 and YD769004 and they conducted a RIF to YD767076. 1 Chieu Hoi turned himself into the 3d platoon with 1 AK47. At YD766074 1st platoon found what was believed to be a mass grave. B Co continued to secure FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. C Co conducted RIF operations with the 177 RF company, Nam Hoa District. D Co conducted RIF, SRRP, and MAP operations vic YD765075. Recon platoon conducted RIF operations.

20 Sep - The battalion continued its normal operations with negative contact. Recon platoon was extracted to FSB Birmingham and then moved to LZ Sally for a 1 day standdown. C Troop 3/5 Cavalry and 3d platoon C 2/34 Armor conducted 1 road operation and established 5 security positions along QL547. A/3/5 Cavalry assumed C Troop mission.

21 Sep - A Co and B Co continued with their security missions. C Co continued working with the 177th RF company. D Co conducted a RIF to YD760076 and YD766073. C Troop 3/5 Cavalry released OPCON 1/502d Inf.

22 Sep - A Co and B Co continued their missions. C Co conducted RIF operations to YD753113 and YD777107. D Co provided security at grave site vic YD766074 for extraction of remains by Nam Hoa District personnel. Recon platoon was trucked from LZ Sally to FSB Birmingham, and then conducted a C/A to YD725089. B Co 2/501 established security at FSB Bastogne and became OPCON 1/502d.

23 Sep - A Co continued to provide security at FSB Birmingham. B Co provided security at Pohl Bridge and FSB Arsenal. C Co conducted RIF operations with negative results. D Co assisted Nam Hoa District with security of the grave area. Recon platoon conducted RIF operations with negative results.

24 Sep - A Co moved by air from FSB Birmingham to locations at YD765114, YD753118, and YD778102. Platoon patrol bases were established and SRRP's conducted with negative results. C Co moved by air to FSB Birmingham and provided security at that location. D Co conducted MAP's in the area of YD7607. Recon platoon conducted a RIF to YD734074 with negative results.

25 Sep - A Co conducted SRRP and MAP's during daylight hours and occupied squad size ambush locations. B Co conducted an air move from FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge to YD764083. C Co remained at FSB Birmingham. D Co made an air move from YD763083 to FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge with 1 platoon going to Eagle Beach for a 3 day standdown. Recon platoon conducted a RIF to YD740066 and established night ambushes in the area.

26 Sep - A Co conducted SRRP, MAP's and RIF operations in the area of YD753114, YD773117 and YD777100 with negative results. B Co conducted SRRP's and MAP's vic YD754073, YD789079 and YD760070. C Co provided security at FSB Birmingham. D Co maintained security at FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. Recon platoon constructed an LZ at YD738067.

27 Sep - A Co continued to conduct MAP's and SRRP's. 2d platoon was moved to Eagle Beach for a 3 day standdown. B Co conducted SRRP's, MAP's and RIF operations in the area of YD753064. Recon platoon conducted a C/A from YD740065 to YD807034 and conducted SRRP's and MAP's in the area of the LZ with negative results. A Troop 3/5 cavalry and 3d platoon C 2/34 Armor occupied 6 security positions along QL547 and provided security for convoys between FSB Birmingham and FSB Blaze.

28 Sep - A Co conducted SRRP's and MAP's in the area of YD752108. B Co conducted SRRP's, MAP's and RIF operations with negative results. C Co provided security at FSB Birmingham and D Co provided security for FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. Recon platoon conducted LZ construction, SRRP's and MAP's vic YD789029 and YD799023.

29 Sep - A Co conducted SRRP, MAP's and RIF operations with negative results. B Co also conducted SRRP, MAP's and RIF operations with negative results. C Co provided security at FSB Birmingham. D Co secured FSB Arsenal with the 1st platoon at Pohl Bridge. At 1610 hours the 3d platoon RIF to YD808066 with negative results. Recon platoon conducted RIF operations to YD797026 with negative results.

30 Sep - A Co, B Co and Recon platoon all conducted SRRP, MAP's and RIF operations with negative results. C Co remained at FSB Birmingham to provide security. D Co provided security at FSB Arsenal with the 1st platoon at Pohl Bridge and 3d platoon RIF to YD805067 with negative results.

1 Oct - A Co, B Co and Recon platoon conducted MAP's in the vicinity of their night locations. C Co secured FSB Birmingham and D Co continued to secure FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge with the 3d platoon conducting RIF operations to YD814065 with negative results.

2 Oct - A Co established MAP's with 1 platoon of 1st RF Co from Nam Hoa District B Co conducted MAP's with negative results. C Co continued to secure FSB Birmingham. D Co secured FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge with the 3d platoon RIF to YD824068 and YD829074. Recon platoon conducted RIF and MAP operations to YD795034 with negative results.

3 Oct - D Co and 3d platoon A Co conducted cordon operation vic YD788095. Then D Co and B Co 3d platoon conducted cordon operation vic YD795085. D Co provided security at FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge with the 2d platoon at 0947 hours moving to YD795067 from FSB Arsenal. At 0920 hours ARA drew ground fire from approximately 3 locations while conducting preparation fires for the insertion of D Co, 2d platoon. A sweep of the area was conducted with negative results. Recon platoon conducted a RIF to the north to YD804049 with negative results.

4 Oct - All elements of the battalion continued with their mission with the 2d and 3d platoons of D Co changing locations.

5 Oct - A Co conducted SRRP, MAP's and RIF operations with 1 platoon from the 221st RF company from Nam Hoa District. B Co (-) conducted MAP's and at 0930 the 3d platoon moved by truck to Camp Sally. C Co and D Co each continued to provide FSB security. Recon platoon conducted MAP's vic YD799058 with negative results.

6 Oct - A Co conducted SRRP, MAP's with 1 platoon from the 221st RF Co. B Co conducted SRRP's and MAP's until 1600 hours and then was air lifted to FSB Birmingham. C Co secured FSB Birmingham until 1613 hours when they were air lifted

to YD759077 and YD773068. D Co (-) continued to secure FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge with the 2d platoon conducting MAP's vic YD798091. Recon platoon conducted MAP's vic YD799058 with negative results.

7 Oct - A Co established MAP's with negative results. B Co provided security at FSB Birmingham. D Co (-) continued to provide security at FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge with the 2d platoon conducting MAP's vic YD799091 with negative results. C Co conducted MAP's vic YD766078 and YD779060 with negative results. Recon platoon established MAP's vic YD799058 with negative results.

8 Oct - A Co (-) conducted an air move to FSB Arsenal with the 3d platoon moving by air to Pohl Bridge. B Co provided security at FSB Birmingham. C Co continued to conduct MAP's with negative results. At 2125 hours the 3d platoon D Co had a trip flare go off in front of 1st squad's ambush position vic YD770110. Element engaged with claymores and hand grenades resulting in 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK47, 2 magazines, 3 bottles of beer and 40 lbs of rice. Recon platoon conducted MAP's vic YD799058 until 1226 hours when they conducted an air move to LZ Sally for a standdown.

9 Oct - A Co continued to provide security at Pohl Bridge and FSB Arsenal. B Co remained at FSB Birmingham and provided security for that location. C Co conducted MAP's and RIF operations to YD754073 and YD754076. 3d platoon moved to Eagle Beach for a standdown. D Co conducted MAP's with negative results. Recon platoon remained at LZ Sally on a standdown.

10 Oct A Co and B Co continued in their security missions at FSB Arsenal, Pohl Bridge and FSB Birmingham. C Co established MAP's vic YD757068, YD777056 and YD753065. Third platoon remained at Eagle Beach. D Co conducted SRRP's, MAP's and training with 1 platoon from the 221st RF Company from Nam Hoa District Headquarters. Recon platoon remained at Camp Sally on standdown.

11 Oct - A Co continued to secure FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. B Co remained at FSB Birmingham to provide security. C Co conducted RIF operations with negative results. D Co conducted SRRP's and MAP's from platoon patrol bases and at 1344 hours the 1st platoon moved by air to Eagle Beach for a standdown. Recon platoon moved by air to YD784108 and established MAP's in the vicinity and became OPCON to D Co.

12 Oct - A Co and B Co continued to secure FSB Arsenal, Pohl Bridge and FSB Birmingham. C Co conducted RIF operations from YD773074 to YD771082 and returned with the 1st platoon, 3d platoon remained OPCON to B Co at FSB Birmingham. D Co (-) conducted SRRP's, MAP's and training with 1 platoon from the 221st RF Co from Nam Hoa District Headquarters. 1st platoon remained at Eagle Beach on standdown. Recon platoon remained OPCON D Co and conducted a RIF to YD788090 with negative results.

13 Oct - A Co provided security at FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. B Co with 3d platoon of C Co OPCON remained at FSB Birmingham and provided security. C Co conducted SRRP's and MAP's with negative results. D Co (-) conducted SRRP's, MAP's and training with 1 RF platoon until 1705 hours when the 1st platoon moved by air to YD783109 from standdown at Eagle Beach. Recon platoon C/A from YD783109 to YD787089 - LZ Green. Platoon established MAP's in the same vicinity.

14 Oct - A Co and B Co continued to conduct security at FSB Arsenal, Pohl Bridge and FSB Birmingham. C Co (-) conducted MAP's and RIF operations with negative results. D Co conducted SRRP's, MAP's and training in conjunction with 1 platoon of the 221st RF company to vic YD752111 and YD783107. Recon platoon RIF to YD794081 with negative results.

15 Oct - All elements continued to conduct their same missions with negative results. A C/A was conducted with 2 platoons from the 177 RF Co from Nam Hoa District. The platoons went into 2 LZ's at YD790113 and YD802117. Both LZ's were green and the sweep operation had negative results.

16 Oct - A Co provided security at FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. B Co continued to provide security at FSB Birmingham. C Co RIF with negative results. D Co continued to conduct SRRP's, MAP's, training and RIF operations with 1 platoon from the 221st RF Co. Recon platoon conducted MAP's vic YD796075.

17 Oct - All 4 companies continued with their same missions. Recon platoon conducted MAP's vic YD795886 until 1055 hours when they were extracted to LZ Sally and then moved by truck to Eagle Beach for a standdown.

18-19 Oct - All elements maintained their same configuration until 1614 hours when Recon platoon moved by truck to FSB Birmingham on 19 Oct. At 1800 hours Recon platoon C/A to YD685125 and then established MAP's vic YD686132.

20 Oct - A Co continued to secure FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge while B Co secured FSB Birmingham. C Co conducted C/A to sensor string #35 and conducted a search in the same vicinity. D Co conducted joint squad size patrols and night ambushes with 1 platoon from the 221st RF Co. Recon platoon conducted a blocking action for the 3d company, 2d battalion, 3d ARVN Regiment and the rec platoon of the same element. Recon was extracted at 1740 hours to FSB Birmingham and became OPCON to B Co.

21 Oct - A Co and B Co continued to provide security for FSB Birmingham, FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. C Co conducted squad patrols and night ambushes with negative results. D Co worked in conjunction with 1st platoon of the 221st RF Co in squad patrols, night ambushes and training. The RF platoon was released at 0930 hours to Nam Hoa District in preparation for exchanging platoons. Recon platoon remained at FSB Birmingham OPCON to B Co.

22 Oct - A Co continued to secure FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. B Co conducted an air move from FSB Birmingham to 3 different LZ's and conducted MAP's and SRRP's in the area of their LZ's. C Co conducted MAP's with negative results. D Co moved to FSB Birmingham to provide security at that location. Recon platoon conducted rappelling training and artillery fire adjustment at FSB Birmingham. The platoon became OPCON to D Co at 0900 hours.

23 Oct - A Co provided security at FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge with 1 joint squad size ambush at YD757145. B Co established night ambushes, squad patrols and conducted training with 1 platoon from the 177th RF Co. C Co conducted MAP's and RIF operations vic YD770073. D Co conducted 2 Lifesaver missions until 1534 hours when they closed FSB Birmingham and conducted platoon training at that location.

24 Oct - A Co secured FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. B Co conducted squad ambush training and night ambushes with 1 platoon of the 177th RF Co. C Co conducted MAP's and RIF operations to YD780089. D Co secured FSB Birmingham with recon platoon OPCON and conducting training at that location.

25 Oct - All elements remained in their same configuration as the previous day.

26 Oct - A Co conducted a C/A from FSB Arsenal to YD774050 and YD766049. 2d platoon combined with elements of 221st RF Co and established a night ambush at YD766144. B Co conducted squad ambushes and training with 1 platoon of the 177th RF Co. C Co conducted an air move at 1405 hours to Pohl Bridge and FSB Arsenal to provide security at those locations. D Co and Recon platoon remained at FSB Birmingham and provided security.

27-30 Oct - The battalion continued to maintain its elements in their same configuration. At 1300 hours on 28 Oct Recon platoon walked off FSB Birmingham to YD714115 and established night ambushes.

31 Oct - A Co conducted RIF and MAP operations with negative results. B Co conducted MAP's with negative results. C Co secured FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. D Co remained at FSB Birmingham to provide security. Recon platoon conducted MAP's with negative results. Recon then moved to FSB Birmingham and became OPCON to D Co.

1-3 Nov - There were no significant moves or actions within the battalion.

4 Nov - All companies remained in their same configuration with the Recon platoon establishing team locations at YD838047 and YD839049. At 2130 hours team 1 spotted 2 sets of lights vic YD705021 and engaged them with artillery with unknown results.

5 Nov - PSDF from Nam Hoa District killed 2 NVA/VC and captured 1 vic YD7581. A Co conducted squad size patrols and night ambushes vic YD767015. B Co conducted training and MAP's with 1 platoon from the 177 RF Co. C Co secured FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge with the 3d platoon conducting squad patrols and night ambushes vic YD790046. D Co remained at FSB Birmingham and provided security. Recon platoon remained in its team locations at YD705023, YD713016 and YD703034.

6 Nov - A Co and B Co conducted squad patrols and night ambushes with negative results. C Co and D Co continued security at FSB Arsenal, Pohl Bridge and FSB Birmingham. Recon platoon was extracted at 1400 hours by air to FSB Birmingham and became OPCON to D Co.

7 Nov - All 4 companies maintained their previous day's configuration. Recon platoon conducted a C/A from FSB Birmingham to YD688065 and conducted squad patrols and night ambushes in the area.

8 Nov - There were no changes in the battalion's configuration.

9 Nov - A Co conducted squad patrols and night ambushes. CP and platoon were extracted to FSB Birmingham. C Co provided security at FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge with 3d platoon conducting squad patrols and night ambushes. D Co remained at FSB Birmingham until 1604 hours when they conducted a C/A to YD755075 and YD763073. Recon platoon conducted squad patrols and night ambushes vic YD685051.

10 Nov - A Co's 2d platoon was extracted to FSB Birmingham. B Co conducted an air move with 1st platoon going to Pohl Bridge and Co(-) to FSB Arsenal. 2d platoon moved to Eagle Beach for a standdown. C Co C/A with the 1st platoon to YD784104, 2d platoon to YD753107 and Co(-) to YD768099. D Co conducted squad patrols and night ambushes. Recon platoon established MAP's vic YD685046.

11 Nov - A Co secured FSB Birmingham. B Co (-) secured FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge and the 2d platoon remained at Eagle Beach on standdown. C Co conducted squad patrols and night ambushes. Recon platoon and D Co conducted squad patrols and night ambushes with negative results.

12 Nov - A Co secured FSB Birmingham. B Co secured FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. Second platoon moved by truck to FSB Arsenal and closed at 1720 hours from Eagle Beach. C Co conducted patrols, night ambushes and training with 1 platoon from the 177th RF Co. D Co also conducted squad patrols and night ambushes with negative results. Recon platoon was moved to Camp Sally for a standdown.

13-14 Nov - All elements of the battalion remained in their same configuration. Squad patrols and night ambushes were conducted with negative results.

15 Nov - A Co and B Co continued to provide security for FSB Birmingham, FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. C Co conducted squad patrols and night ambushes with 1 platoon of the 177th RF Co. D Co also conducted squad patrols and night ambushes with negative results. Recon platoon moved from Camp Sally to FSB Birmingham and then conducted a C/A to vic YD787988 at 1407 hours. MAP's and SRRP's were conducted in the LZ area.

16 Nov - A Co secured FSB Birmingham and B Co secured FSB Arsenal with the 1st platoon at Pohl Bridge. C Co conducted squad patrols and night ambushes. One platoon of the 177th RF company trained and conducted squad patrols and night ambushes vic 798050, 744032 and 754043. All company results were negative. Recon platoon discovered a pool of blood on a trail vic 782983. A thorough search of the area was made but results were negative. Recon continued to patrols and ambush with negative results.

17 Nov - A and B Co continued their same security missions. C Co conducted squad patrols and night ambushes in conjunction with 1 platoon of the 177th RF Co. An element of the 2d platoon while on night ambush spotted 3-5 VC/NVA vic 733102 at approximately 2100. The enemy was engaged with small arms. Results were negative. D Co also conducted squad patrols and night ambushes with negative results. Recon platoon at 1705 hours conducted a false extraction vic YC767996. At 1920 the platoon discovered 2 hooches and fired at 1 NVA with negative results.

18 Nov - The battalion remained in the same configuration. Recon platoon found vic YC769994 a small cache consisting of 7 AK47's. The area around the cache showed few fresh signs and the weapons were in a rusted condition.

19 Nov - A Co (-) secured FSB Birmingham. 2d platoon C/A to vic YD727093 at approximately 1028. Results were negative and platoon returned to FSB Birmingham. B Co secured FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. C Co continued squad patrols and night ambushes with the 1st platoon of the 177th RF Co. D Co also continued squad patrols and night ambushes. All results were negative. Vic 769995 Recon platoon found 2 hooches containing a rusty B-40 rocket, 2 AK47 maga-zines

and also a grave containing the body of a 15-20 year old man. The last recent signs of activity appear to have been from 1-3 months.

20 Nov - All company locations and configurations remained approximately the same. The recon platoon was extracted vic YD787988 to Birmingham at 1520 hours.

21 Nov - A Co and B Co remained in their security mission of FSB Birmingham and Arsenal respectively. 1st platoon secured Pohl Bridge. C Co continued SRRP's and night ambushes with 1 platoon of the 177th RF Company vic 785104. D Co conducted RIF operations and night ambushes vic 801031. All results were negative. Recon platoon conducted a C/A to vic YD686126 at 1304 hours. MAP's were conducted with negative results.

22 Nov - The battalion configuration remained the same - C Co, D Co and Recon platoon moved to PZ sites in preparation for 23 Nov extraction. All results were negative.

23 Nov - A Co was extracted from FSB Birmingham and inserted into 3 LZ's vic (YD)776085, 734096 and 785105. C Co moved to FSB Birmingham and assumed security mission. D Co was extracted and moved to FSB Arsenal with the 3d platoon moving to Pohl Bridge. B Co was air lifted to FSB Birmingham and was unable to conduct C/A because of the weather. A Co conducted squad patrols and night ambushes with negative results. Recon platoon conducted MAP's with negative results.

24 Nov - A Co conducted squad patrols and night ambushes. B Co conducted C/A to vic (YD)728088, 738101 and 747098. The company then conducted squad patrols and night ambushes. C Co secured FSB Birmingham. D Co secured FSB Arsenal, Pohl Bridge and conducted squad patrols and night ambushes vic 799067 and 756144. Recon platoon conducted MAP's and SRRP's. All results were negative.

25 Nov - The configuration of the battalion remained the same. A Co and B Co conducted squad patrols and night ambushes at the same vic of the previous day. C Co and D Co provided security for Birmingham, Arsenal and Pohl Bridge.

26 Nov - The battalion conducted normal operations with negative results.

27 Nov - A Co was located vic YD766090 and received a Thanksgiving dinner at approximately 1130. The platoons separated and in conjunction with 1 platoon of the 177th RF Co conducted squad patrols and night ambushes. B Co was logged a Thanksgiving dinner in two locations and then continued with squad patrols and night ambushes in same vic. C Co secured FSB Birmingham and D Co secured FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. Recon platoon received a Thanksgiving meal vic 684117 and then conducted MAP's vic 684117 and 682121. All results were negative.

28 Nov - C Co and Recon platoon MBV from FSB Birmingham to Camp Sally to conduct refresher training. A Co and B Co were unable to move to Sally because of the weather. D Co also remained in their same location providing the security of FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. At 1100 hours A Co, B Co and D Co became OPCON to the 2/506 Inf.

29 Nov - The battalion configuration remained the same. Co's A, B, and D remained under the operational control of 2/506 while C Co and recon conducted preparatory training at Camp Sally.

30 Nov - A, B and D Co's moved to Camp Sally and returned to the operational control of the 1/502d Inf. Recon and C Co continued preparatory training at Camp Sally.

1 Dec - All companies and Recon platoon pulled maintenance, re-outfitted and generally prepared for training which started on 2 Dec.

2-8 Dec - The 1-502d Inf conducted battalion refresher training at Camp Sally. Lesson plans and training schedules were published by the battalion operations section to insure conformity of instruction and material covered. Periods of instruction were constantly monitored for compliance with outlined procedures.

9 Dec - Operation RANDOLPH GLEN began. A Co moved from Sally to Pohl Bridge with the 2d and 3d platoons continuing on the way to FSB Arsenal. B Co moved to FSB Birmingham to provide security at that location. C Co conducted platoon size C/A's to YD778073, YD774050 and YD708034. From these locations the platoons conducted saturation patrols and

night ambushes. D Co conducted S/A to YD754114, YD761098 and YD770095. The platoons then conducted saturation patrols and night ambushes. Recon platoon moved by vehicle to FSB Birmingham and conducted a C/A to YD738033 and conducted patrols and night ambushes.

10 Dec - A Co provided security for Pohl Bridge and FSB Arsenal. B Co provided security for FSB Birmingham. The rest of the battalion continued to patrol and conduct night ambushes. At 1155 at YD779065 the 1st platoon of C Co found 2 hooches and 1 new pair of Vietnamese sneakers. There were no signs of recent use or trails.

11 Dec - A Co continued providing security at FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. B Co provided security at FSB Birmingham. C Co conducted patrols and ambushes. D Co conducted similar operations and Recon platoon conducted patrols and night ambushes. All results were negative.

12 Dec - A and B Co continued their security missions. C Co conducted patrols vic YD785040 and vicinity. 3d platoon C Co found at YD705074 1 NVA/ VC explosive device and 1 chicom field phone on a trail. The trail showed no signs of recent use. Recon platoon found at YD823054 a Ho Chi Minh type sandal print 3 to 5 days old, 1 piece of a Vietnamese poncho, and possible sleeping positions for 3 to 5 persons.

13 Dec - A Co provided security at FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. B Co secured FSB Birmingham. C Co conducted patrols vic YD785040. The 1st platoon found a tunnel complex at YD794070. C Co completed a LZ at YD783078. D Co conducted patrols vic YD752116 and YD779108 in conjunction with the 221 RF platoon.

14 Dec - A Co and B Co continued with their mission of providing security. A Co 1st platoon found 2 sleeping positions with fresh leaves on them at YD752145. They also found 2 fighting positions in the same area that showed no signs of recent use. They searched the area with negative results. C and D Co and Recon platoon conducted patrols and night ambushes with negative results.

15 Dec - The battalion continued to conduct normal operations with negative contact.

16 Dec - A Co continued to provide security at FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. B Co continued to provide security at FSB Birmingham. 3d platoon found 2 tunnels inside of stream bank vic YD807093. There were negative signs of recent use. D Co conducted patrols vic YD794063 and YD810048. D Co conducted patrols. 3d platoon returned from a standdown at Eagle Beach and conducted a C/A from FSB Birmingham to YD784105. Recon platoon conducted MAP's to vic YD786008 and YD778998. All results were negative.

17 Dec - A Co continued to secure FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge. B Co provided security for FSB Birmingham. C Co conducted patrols. D Co 1st platoon conducted training and joint operations with 110 and 111 PF platoons. The rest of the company conducted patrols. Recon platoon also conducted patrols, vic YD768997 and YD795010. At YD775995 Recon found 1 NVA body 150 meters from the site of Recon contact approximately 1 month ago. The cause of death was small arms fire and documents were on the body.

18 Dec - The battalion continued to conduct patrols and night ambushes with negative contact. A Co provided security at FSB Arsenal and Pohl Bridge and B Co provided security at FSB Arsenal.

19 Dec - A Co and B Co continued their security missions. C Co conducted patrols and night ambushes vic YD789179. D Co continued to conduct training and operations with the RF/PF's. Recon platoon was extracted to FSB Birmingham.

20 Dec - A Co provided security at Pohl Bridge and FSB Arsenal. B Co provided security at FSB Birmingham. C Co conducted patrols and night ambushes. D Co conducted training and joint operations with the 110 and 111 PF platoons and the 221st RF Co. Recon platoon was at Eagle Beach for a standdown.

21 Dec - A Co continued to secure FSB Arsenal. The company removed the 1st platoon from Pohl Bridge and it conducted a C/A to YD801055. B Co continued to secure FSB Birmingham. C Co continued to conduct patrols and ambushes. D Co continued to train and operate with RF/PF's. The company also assumed the security of Pohl Bridge.

22 Dec - A Co provided security at FSB Arsenal with 2 platoons conducting patrols and night ambushes. A Co 1st platoon found dried blood spots, a trench, and boot prints on a trail at YD812048. They followed the blood and found fresh blood

YD811049. At YD813049 they found a spider hole that they believed to be a tunnel entrance. After checking the hole the platoon reported negative findings. The rest of the battalion conducted normal operations with negative contact.

23 Dec - The battalion continued normal operations with all units conducting patrols and night ambushes with the exception of those elements providing security.

24 Dec - The battalion continued normal operations. At 1700 hours a cease fire went into effect.

25 Dec - The cease fire ended at 1800 hours. The battalion continued to conduct patrol and night ambush operations.

26 Dec - A Co continued to provide security at FSB Arsenal with 2 platoons conducting patrols. 3d platoon found 4 sleeping positions at YD775048 that were 1-2 days old with bare footprints going to the north. B Co continued to provide security at FSB Birmingham. C Co moved to FSB Arsenal and assumed the responsibility for providing security at that location. D Co secured Pohl Bridge, conducted training a operations with the RF/PF. Recon platoon helped secure FSB Birmingham.

27 Dec - A Co conducted patrols and ambushes. B Co continued security at FSB Birmingham. C Co continued security at FSB Arsenal. 1st platoon conducted patrols and night ambushes with the 3d platoon 221st RF Co. D Co continued to provide security at Pohl Bridge with 2 platoons conducting patrols at YD782106. Recon platoon conducted a C/A to YD821031 and conducted patrols vic YD822025. At YD824026 Recon found sleeping positions for 4-5 persons and fighting positions.

28 Dec - A Co conducted patrols and night ambushes vic YD785040. B Co continued to provide security at FSB Birmingham with 1 platoon patrolling vic YD700132. C Co continued to provide security at FSB Arsenal with 1 platoon patrolling vic YD804049. D Co provided security at Pohl Bridge and conducted patrols at YD782106. Recon platoon helped provide security at FSB Birmingham and conducted patrols vic YD826026.

29 Dec - The battalion continued to conduct normal operations with negative contact.

30 Dec - a Co conducted patrols. A boobytrapped RPG round was found and blown in place at YD776035. B Co continued to provide security at FSB Birmingham, with a platoon conducting patrols at YD767048. C Co provided security at FSB Arsenal with a platoon patrolling vic YD809043. D Co continued security at Pohl Bridge with patrols. Recon platoon conducted patrols and night ambushes vic YD712068.

31 Dec - A Co conducted patrols with negative results. B Co continued to provide security for FSB Birmingham. C Co provided security at FSB Arsenal, with 1 platoon at YD760078. D Co provided security at Pohl Bridge with 2 platoons at YD753117. Recon platoon operated vic YD768027. At 1700 hours a 24 hour cease fire began.

SUMMARY

The battalion assisted in many civic action projects in the AO. These activities were successful in hindering the enemy's attempts to influence the Vietnamese civilians.

Throughout the year the battalion conducted training in a number of military subjects. The thorough training received by the troops paid off in the battalion's operations.

The results of the battalion's operations for the year were 256 NVA/VC KIA and 20 POW. The battalion lost 82 KIA. For a large part of the year the 1-502d Inf Bn had little contact with enemy forces.

Many individuals in the battalion were recognized by presentation of combat decorations. The following decorations have been approved by the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) Headquarters:

- Distinguished Service Cross - 1
- Silver Star - 37
- Distinguished Flying Cross - 2
- Bronze Star with V Device - 122
- Army Commendation Medal with V Device - 57
- Purple Heart - 295

CREST OF THE COAT OF ARMS, 502ND INFANTRY

BLAZON

CREST: On a wreath or an azure, an eagle's feather palewise tennet behind two bayonets saltirewise of the first hilted sable garnished gold surmounted by a gunstone bearing a four-bastioned fort argent charged with an ermine spot of the fourth.

The bayonets refer to the capture of Carentan, Normandy, by bayonet charge. They are two in number in reference to the Regiment's two Distinguished Unit Citations and its two assault landings in World War II. The eagle's feather stands for the unit's airborne function; orange, the national color of the Netherlands, refers to the liberation of Best, Holland. The white four-bastioned fort encircled by a black background represents Bastogne, Belgium, surrounded by the German salient in the Battle of the Bulge. The ermine spot on the white fort refers to the snow which blanketed the Battle's terrain.

SHIELD: The field of blue is representative of the Infantry. The grasping eagle's claw is representative of the airborne functions of the unit. *

MOTTO: FIRST STRIKE This motto is expressive of the power of the organization.

*The description given in the original approval is as stated above. However, the unit now operates under the airmobile concept and the airborne need only be replaced by airmobile to express the capabilities of this battalion today.