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## Brief History of the 501<sup>st</sup>, 502<sup>nd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade (101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV)

The 502<sup>nd</sup>, or "five-oh-deuce", was activated July 1, 1941 at Fort Benning, Georgia as the 502<sup>nd</sup> parachute infantry battalion, as an experimental unit formed to test the doctrine and tactics of parachute assaults. The 502<sup>nd</sup> entered combat in World War II on June 6, 1944, by jumping into NORMANDY, with allied forces landing on D-Day and the Battle of NORMANDY. Between 1945 and 1964. A major reorganization took place on 3 February 1964, when the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne was activated at Fort Campbell, replacing the 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Battle Group, 501<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment. The reorganization from the battle groups to brigades and battalions placed two battalions of the 502<sup>nd</sup> in different brigades of the 101<sup>st</sup>.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 502<sup>nd</sup> Infantry was in the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade with 1-327<sup>th</sup> and 2-327<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Which deployed to Vietnam and arrived at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam on 29 July 1965, they were commanded by the most notable commander LTC Hank "The Gunfighter" Emerson.



The new 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade's original organic battalions were the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2d Battalions, 501<sup>st</sup> Infantry, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 502<sup>nd</sup> Infantry. December 1967 the 501<sup>st</sup>, 502<sup>nd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade deployed by C-141 aircraft and arrived at Bien Hoa Airbase on 13 December 1967. Over the next five years, Soldiers of the "Ready to Go" Brigade participated in twelve campaigns, compiling of a distinguished combat record as well as an enviable reputation for success in the rehabilitation of a war-torn nation. The Brigade redeployed to Fort Campbell in April 1972.



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**During this week, in the span of 8 years since the 501<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment, 502<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division deployed in support of the Vietnam War the following are from After Action Reports, Staff Duty Logs, and Personal Accounts. (\* All items have been reproduced from the Unclassified / Declassified Holdings of the National Archives.)**

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24 June – 15 July 1966

**Operation BEAUREGARD** begins. It's a border surveillance effort by the 1-327 IN BN and 2-502 IN BN of the 1BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV around the Special Forces camps of DAK TO, DAK SUT, DAK PEK and MANG BUK and following operation HAWTHORNE.

24 June 1967

**Operation MALHEUR:** One light contact by the 2-502 IN BN resulted in 1 VC KIA (C). (HQ, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; Combat Operations After Action Report, Operation MALHEUR; 02 September 1967)

24 – 25 June 1968

**Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** 2BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV continued to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation NEVADA EAGLE to limit and disrupt attempts made by the enemy to extort the VN rice production throughout the coastal plains area and to seek out and destroy enemy forces and installations in the 2BDE AO. Contact was light with a total of 4 contacts. Today's statistics: Negative friendly casualties; Enemy assessment – 2 VC KIA (BC), 20 VC POW, 3 M-16's, 5 M1 Carbines, 1 M1, 1 SKS, 1 LMG and 300 lbs. rice.

#### **1-501 IN BN**

A/1-501 IN, C/1-501 IN and Recon platoon conducted a joint operation with forces of PHU BANG District, HUONG THUY District and 39<sup>th</sup> Range Battalion. During the night Companies established blocking positions with A/1-501 IN from vicinity YD828245 to YD840229, Recon platoon (OPCON to A/1-501 IN) from vicinity YD821249 to YD828245, C/1-501 IN from vicinity YD831228 to vicinity YD827218. Blocking positions were also occupied by: 360<sup>th</sup> RF CO and a PRU platoon from vicinity YD790241 to YD802245; 1 PF platoon and 1 Intelligence platoon from YD790240 to YD789234. At 0600H the 39<sup>th</sup> Ranger BN (-) attacked from vicinity YD780225 to YD805228. One (1) Company attacked from vicinity YD782212 to YD802214 and YD798223. To the SE of the 39<sup>th</sup> Range BN, 3 CAC platoons began moving at 0500H from vicinity YD833190 North to YD835215. 917<sup>th</sup> RF CO attacked from vicinity YD848189 to YD843200. During the day A/1-501 IN, C/1-501 IN and Recon platoon conducted search vicinity of their blocking positions and moved S and E towards the 39<sup>th</sup> Ranger BN. Positions occupied at 2000H were A/1-501 IN from vicinity YD835235 to YD827237, Recon platoon from vicinity YD821243 to YD827237 and C/1-501 IN from vicinity YD827226 to YD826223. At 0917H vicinity YD835235 A/1-501 IN found 2 M1 Carbines. From 0935H to 1530H, A/1-501 IN picked up a total of 20 detainees' vicinity YD8223 and YD8124. At 1515H vicinity YD816243, Recon platoon found 2 M16's and picked up 2 detainees. At 1417H vicinity YD824215, C/1-501 IN found 2 M1 Carbines and 1 SKS. At 0944H vicinity YD835217 picked up 4 detainees. At 1047H vicinity YD835217 engaged 2 VC resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1126H vicinity YD828223 found 3400lbs rice. At 1417H vicinity YD824215 found 2 M1 Carbines and 1 SKS. At 1315H C/1-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon conducted a combat assault to an LZ vicinity YD862203. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD866200 and YD862197. At 1809H moved to PZ vicinity YD862203 and moved by UH-1 to LZ vicinity YD827228 and joined C/1-501 IN (-). The combined operations resulted in the elements of 1-501 IN BN assessing 2 VC KIA (BC), 20 VC POW, 2 M16's, 4 M1 Carbines, 1 SKS and 3400lbs rice. GVN forces in the operation had the following enemy assessment: 10 VC KIA (BC), 18 VC POW, 16 individual weapons and 1 crew-served weapon.

B/1-501 IN provided security for COCO Beach, ambushed vicinity YD868305 and occupied strong points vicinity YD817305 and YD803331. Conducted classes on mines and booby traps.

D/1-501 IN provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupied strong points at POL pumping station vicinity YD775250 and bridges along highway 551 and POL pipeline from vicinity YD787273 to YD795285. Ambushed vicinity YD801285.

C/2-501 IN (-) occupied night positions vicinity YD809186 and YD838176. Ambushed vicinity YD828178, YD789200, YD796195, YD812188 and YD817184. C/2-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon maintained liaison with the 741<sup>st</sup> RF CO with 1 squad at bridge vicinity YD750210, 1 squad at bridge vicinity YD781209 and platoon (-) at LCU Ramp vicinity YD772223.

#### **2-501 IN BN**

A/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD642187 and ambushed vicinity YD644192. Company CP and A/2-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon established a blocking position from vicinity YD636188 to YD638193. A/2-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon and A/2-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon established a blocking position from vicinity YD641190 to YD645200. Blocking positions were established in support of joint operation conducted with A/2-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon and 2 CO's of the 1-54<sup>th</sup> (ARVN) IN. At 0629H the CO's of the 1-54<sup>th</sup> conducted a combat assault from PZ vicinity YD696197 to an LZ vicinity YD623210. Closed LZ at 0652H and conducted RIF operations towards A/2-501 IN, linking up vicinity YD641190 at 1345H. A/2-501 IN and elements of the 1-54<sup>th</sup> ARVN IN continued to vicinity YD641187 and established night position and local ambushes. At 0855H vicinity YD632202 found 1 60mm mortar base plate.

B/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD614207 and ambushed vicinity YD604220 and YD613209. B/2-501 IN (-) conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD606213 and linked up with B/2-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon; 1<sup>st</sup> platoon then conducted RIF



operation to vicinity YD611223 and returned. B/2-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD600219 and returned.

C/2-501 IN OPCON 1-501 IN BN

D/2-501 IN (-) provided security for OP/FSB T-BONE. D/2-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon ambushed vicinity YD650216 and D/2-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon vicinity YD643205. D/2-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD660200, then to a blocking position oriented W from vicinity YD670196 to YD671188. (Blocking position was in support of A/2-501 IN and elements of 1-54<sup>th</sup> IN).

Recon platoon occupied night position vicinity YD628202 and conducted early morning move to vicinity YD623210. Following completion of securing LZ vicinity YD623210 for combat assault of elements of 1-54<sup>th</sup> IN, Recon platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD632214, YD638318, YD635225 and YD628224.

### 1-502 IN BN

A/1-502 IN occupied night positions providing security for floating raft and bulldozer vicinity YD695300, a bulldozer vicinity YD694304 and bulldozer vicinity YD717299. A/1-502 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon provided escort security for 3 bulldozers from vicinity YD717299 to YD695300. 1<sup>st</sup> ARVN DIV Mobile TNG Team presented classes to A/1-502 IN (-) on "VC Ambush and Counter-ambush Techniques", "Sapper and Counter-sapper Techniques", and "VC Tactic – Its Strengths and Weaknesses." At 1915H vicinity YD695300 received 7 60mm mortar round from vicinity YD689294. Negative casualties. Returned SA fire vicinity YD700305 where 7 VC were observed, and artillery supported and suspected mortar position. Negative enemy assessment.

B/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD717299 providing security for stuck bulldozer and ambushed vicinity YD718308. Two (2) platoon provided escort security for 2 bulldozers from vicinity YD725295 to YD717299. B/1-502 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon with 1 PF squad conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD720295. At 1450H vicinity YD720295 found hidden in a bunker 1 M16, 1 M1, 1 M1 Carbine and 1 LMG. At 1830H vicinity YD717299, B/1-502 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon was moved by UH-1 to vicinity YD698313 in preparation for establishing early morning blocking position.

C/1-502 IN provided security for AN LO Bridge and occupied strong points vicinity YD600310, YD605311, YD611312 and YD608308. AT 2145H vicinity YD605311 engaged 15 enemy with SA and artillery supported. Negative enemy assessment. Improved defensive positions and secured minesweep NW to vicinity YD598309. 1<sup>st</sup> ARVN DIV Mobile TNG Team presented classes to C/1-502 IN (-) on "VC Ambush and Counter-ambush Techniques", Sapper and Counter-sapper Techniques" and VC Tactics-Its Strengths and Weaknesses." At 1740H vicinity AN LO Bridge received 5 60mm mortar rounds from vicinity YD614298. Negative casualties. Artillery was fired with negative enemy assessment.

D/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD767309 and ambushed vicinity YD761321 and YD756314. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD756313.

Recon platoon OPCON to C/1-502 IN until 1800H. Established strong points along QL-1 from AN LO Bridge NW to AO boundary.

C/2-34 AR, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon OPCON C/1-502 IN.

### 2BDE

Security platoon secure minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

(Commanders Situation Report; 242001H June – 252000H June 1968; James J Waldeck, MAJ, IN., Kayo 3)

- 24 June 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** 1-502 IN BN continued search and clear operations with light contact. Enemy is becoming very evasive. Results: Enemy: 1 VC KIA, 5 tons of rice seized.
- 24 June 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** 2BDE paratroopers from B/1-502 IN and C/1-501 IN seized 8400 pounds of rice after a brief engagement in which they killed 2 BC while operating northwest of HUE. (Rendezvous with Destiny (Volume 1, Number 3); Fall 1968)
- 24 June 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** Enemy contact was again light in the AO as the 1-501 IN BN conducted a CA into a highly suspect area and the other battalions continued aggressive RIF operations in their respective areas. At 0901H, elements of the 1-501 IN BN began landing, vicinity BT257083, as the battalion conducted a CA with two companies and the reconnaissance platoon; the LZ was cold and all elements commenced RIF operations in the area. At 1045H, A/1-501 IN, vicinity BT257083, engaged one enemy with small arms and hand grenades; accounting for 1 NVA KIA. At 1130H, A/1-501 IN, vicinity BT257083 detained 23 VN civilians for evacuation and further interrogation; subsequent questioning confirmed that one detainee was a VC. At 1750H, A/1-46 IN vicinity BT139057, engaged and killed 1 NVA. At 1905H, Brigade LOH reconnaissance team vicinity BT203121, engaged two enemy in the open with M-60 machinegun and Miniguns fire, killing both enemy. (HQ, 1BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)
- 24 June 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** A/1-502 IN, B/1-502 IN and Recon platoon continued RIF. A/1-502 IN vicinity BS020977 received S/A fire resulting in negative friendly casualties. Element maneuvered with negative contact.



24 June 1970

**Operation TEXAS STAR:** A/1-502 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon (-) while setting up and NDP spotted three to four VC/NVA. They engaged the enemy with S/A and artillery fire. A sweep under illumination produced negative results.

25 – 28 June 1967

**Operation MALHEUR II:** This phase of operation ended with the 2-502 IN BN accounting for 55 VC/NVA KHA, 18 weapons, 37 VC/NVA POW's, and a large amount of medical and signal equipment. Captured documents revealed that enemy elements in the area belonged to the 40<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> Battalions of the 1<sup>st</sup> VC Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> NVA Division; and several smaller, local units from QUANG NGAI Province.

On 25 June the 2-502 IN BN oriented to the west and focused its attention on the SONG NE Valley. Operation MALHEUR II continued until 28 July, with several more important engagements, before the STRIKE FORCE returned to Carentan Base Camp, having spent 51 days in the field.

The presence of large enemy units and a stepped-up rate of contact in the DUC PHO area necessitated some change in the STRIKE FORCE's method of operation. More use was of supporting fires, both Artillery and Tactical Air, and the companies kept platoons within easy supporting distance of each other instead of separating over wide distances. Night movement was extensively employed, as it was difficult to cross the many open areas in the AO during the daylight without risking enemy observation. IN the area of logistics, ammunition resupply and casualty evacuation put a heavier burden on helicopter capability than in the past.

As this period drew to a close, the 2-502 IN BN, under Colonel Buckley, continued to experiment with new tactics and techniques that would make the STRIKE FORCE ever more capable of finding and destroying the enemy under whatever type of conditions the mission would require.

25 June 1967

**Operation MALHEUR II:** 2-502 IN BN commenced search and destroy operations to the southwest in ZON AO. Seven light contacts resulted in 7 VC KIA (C), 1 detainee and capture of 1 individual weapon and 20 tons of salt. (HQ, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; Combat Operations After Action Report, Operation MALHEUR; 02 September 1967)

25 – 26 June 1968

**Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** 2BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV continued to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation NEVADA EAGLE to limit and disrupt attempts made by the enemy to extort the VN rice production throughout the coastal plains area and to seek out and destroy enemy forces and installations in the 2BDE AO. Contact was light with a total of 6 contacts. Today's statistics: 2 US WHA (medevac); Enemy assessment: 8 VC KIA (BC) 1 NVA KIA (BC), 8 VC POW, 1 CHIEU HOI, 2 AK-47's, 1 9mm pistol, 1 .45 cal. pistol and 14.7 tons rice.

#### **1-501 IN BN**

A/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD823235 and ambushed vicinity YD830235. In support of combined operation with GVN forces 1<sup>st</sup> platoon and CP conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD808247 and YD085257. A/1-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon conducted RIF operations to vicinity YD833238 and YD818248. A/1-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD825243. At 1206H vicinity YD825245 found and evacuated 8,400lbs rice, an unknown amount remains to be evacuated on 27 June.

B/1-501 IN provided security for COCO Beach and ambushed vicinity YD867302, YD802331 and YD818305. Conducted training on "Care and Cleaning of M15 Rifle."

C/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD829229 and local LP's. Remained in a blocking position in support of combined operation with GVN forces until 1400H. At 1600H vicinity YD829229 found and evacuated 10 tons of rice.

D/1-501 IN provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupied strong points at POL pumping station vicinity YD775250 and bridges along highway 551 and POL pipelined from vicinity YD787273 to yD795285. Ambushed vicinity YD802284.

Recon platoon OPCON A/1-501 IN until 0719H. Occupied night position vicinity YD815247 and conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD818248, YD805257 in support combined operations. AT 0631H vicinity YD815239 picked up a total of 23 detainees. (6 VC POW, 17 IC).

C/2-501 IN (-) occupied night positions vicinity YD809186 and YD838176. Ambushed vicinity YD830178, YD805192, YD800193, YD812188 and YD815185. C/2-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon maintained liaison with the 741<sup>st</sup> RF Company with 1 squad at bridge vicinity YD750210, 1 squad at bridge vicinity YD781209 and a platoon (-) at LCU Ramp vicinity YD772223.

Note: The combined operation that A/1-501 IN, C/1-501 IN and Recon platoon participated in since 25 June terminated at 1400H.

#### **2-501 IN BN**

A/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD641187 and ambushed vicinity YD637187 and YD635184. IN conjunction with HQ's elements 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Companies of the 1-54<sup>th</sup> ARVN IN conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD658193 and YD673185. At 1245H joint operations terminated and A/2-501 IN moved to vicinity YD662189.

B/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD607211 and ambushed vicinity YD604220 and YD591213. Conducted RIF operations to vicinity YD604215, YD599211, YD595213 and YD596207.

C/2-501 IN OPCON 1-501 IN BN.



D/2-501 IN provided security for FSB T-BONE and ambushed vicinity YD668188 and YD648215. D/2-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon conducted RIF operation to a blocking position vicinity YD673187 in support of joint operation conducted by A/2-501 IN and elements of 1-54<sup>th</sup> ARVN IN.

Recon platoon occupied night position vicinity YD629223 and ambushed vicinity YD642229. Conducted RIF operations to vicinity YD640228, YD653230, YD672224 and YD664220.

### 1-502 IN BN

A/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD695300. At 2158H vicinity YD695300 received SA fire from 3 enemy and 8 60mm mortar rounds from vicinity YD700305. Returned SA fire and artillery supported. Results: 2 US WHA (medevaced the following morning); Negative enemy assessment. Provided security for bulldozer clearing operation vicinity YD695300. A/1-502 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon and 1 PF platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD700304. A/1-502 IN (-) received training on mines and booby traps. At 0940H vicinity YD699303 found 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 .45cal pistol believed to be from engagement at 2158H the previous night. At 1018H vicinity YD710304 found 1 VC KIA (BC) in a bunker, dead approximately 7 days. At 1100H a detainee showed B/1-502 IN to rice cache of 1000lbs vicinity YD698301.

B/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD718305 and ambushed vicinity YD703322. Conducted a pre-dawn move and established blocking positions vicinity YD715327, YD713323 and YD715328. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD710388. Pre-dawn blocking resulted in 6 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC POW, 1 VC WIA POW, 1 AK-47 and 1 detainee. The search of the village area vicinity TD710388 resulted in 1 NVA KIA (BC) (Believed to be BN CMDR of K-8 BN), 1 NVA POW, 1 9mm pistol and 1 AK-47. At 1400H vicinity YD715322 had 1 CHIEU HOI give himself up to B/1-502 IN.

C/1-502 IN provided security for AN LO Bridge and improved defensive positions. Secured minesweep NW to vicinity YD596307. C/1-502 IN (-) received training from 1<sup>st</sup> ARVN DIV Training Team, also received training on mines and booby traps.

D/1-502 IN occupied night positions vicinity YD753316. Conducted pre-dawn raid on village vicinity YD715322, supported by B/1-502 IN in blocking positions (A Feint attack was made on village vicinity YD735327).

Recon platoon occupied strong points vicinity YD600310, YD605311 and YD611312. 1<sup>st</sup> squad conducted training with C/1-502 IN at AN LO Bridge.

### 2BDE

Security platoon secured minesweep N and S from LZ Sally.

(Commanders Situation Report; 252001H June – 262000H June 1968; James J Waldeck, MAJ, IN., Kayo 3)

- 25 June 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** An allied fighting force made up of paratroopers from the 1-501 IN BN and 39<sup>th</sup> ARVN Ranger Battalion teamed up to kill 12 enemy and take 38 prisoners. In addition, 24 weapons and 3460 pounds of rice were captured in the village sweep conducted 5km east of HUE. (Rendezvous with Destiny (Volume 1, Number 3); Fall 1968)
- 25 June 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** 1-502 IN BN had very light contact. A/1-502 IN was proved on ground and mortared. Results: Friendly: 2 WIA; Enemy: 3 VC POW; 2 HOI CHANH'S POW.
- 25 June 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** FSB STRIKE was officially closed at 1414H.
- 25 June – 04 August 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** Phase II was conducted. 2-502 IN BN inserted into FSB BIRMINGHAM and prepared to move into AO to the south and west of BIRMINGHAM south of Highway 547. A large base camp was suspected in this area. B/2-502 IN and D/2-502 IN initially led the assault and preparation of FSB NORMANDY (YD686044).
- 25 June 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** The enemy continued to avoid contact as all elements conducted extensive RIF operations in the AO. At 0910H, B/1-502 IN vicinity BT047976, found 1 SKS hidden in a hut complex. At 1210H, B/1-502 IN vicinity BT041961, detained two VN civilians in the area, and upon interrogation one was determined to be a VC. (HQ, 1BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)
- 25 June 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** A/1-502 IN engaged an undetermined number of enemy vicinity BS017970 with negative results. B/1-502 IN captured VC vicinity BS047976 and vicinity BS041968 captured 1 VC. C/1-502 IN accounted for 20 detainee's vicinity BT139008, who stated that 11 VC armed with AK-47's and carbines were operating in the area. The mortar platoon joined A/1-502 IN at old HAU DUC to provide close indirect fire support.
- 25 June 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** A/1-502 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon, 1<sup>st</sup> squad at location 73044 found a campsite used in the last 48hours. It was used by approximately five persons. Within 100 meters they also located three bunkers and a trail showing signs of usage in the last 24 hours. A/1-502 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon reported sniper fire by approximately four NVA/VC, one NVA/VC KIA. B/1-502 IN located a trail and sleeping position used by NVA/VC elements in last four days. Recon found a small wooden Buddha hanging from a tree limb at 690126.
- 25 June 1970 3BDE Task Force was withdrawn from the northwestern portion of the division AO. A/2-502 IN and B/1-501 IN returned to parent unit control. (HQ, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; Operational Report; Period ending 31 July 1970; 15 August 1970)



26 June 1967

**Operation MALHEUR:** Four light contacts by the 2-502 IN BN resulted in 2 US WHA, 3 VC KIA (C), 4 individual weapons and 40 tons of salt captured. (HQ, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; Combat Operations After Action Report, Operation MALHEUR; 02 September 1967)

26 – 27 June 1968

**Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** 2BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV continued to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation NEVADA EAGLE to limit and disrupt attempts made by the enemy to extort the VN rice production throughout the coastal plains area and to seek out and destroy enemy forces and installations in the 2BDE AO. Contact was light with a total of 2 contacts. Today's statistics: 3 US WHA (2 medevac); Enemy assessment 2 VC POW, 2 CHIEU HOI, 3 K-44's, 1 M-16, 5 PRG-2rds, 1 US claymore mine, 300rds SA and 15.4 tons rice.

### 1-501 IN BN

A/1-501 IN occupied night positions vicinity YD829245, YD824245 and YD817248. At 0720H A/1-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon conducted a heliborne movement from PZ vicinity YD818253 to COCO Beach, closing at 0752H. A/1-501 IN (-) remained vicinity YD829245 and provided security for rice extraction. At 1400H, A/1-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon moved by UH-1 to positions along the road from YD795250 to YD818247, providing security for PF platoon evacuating 800lbs rice. At 1125H vicinity YD825245 found approximately 8 tons of rice. At 1515H vicinity YD813252 A/1-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon received sniper fire with negative casualties. Fire was returned with negative results. At 1556H vicinity YD825245 evacuated 30,000lbs rice by 4 sorties of CH-47. At 1703H, A/1-501 IN (-) conducted heliborne movement from PZ's vicinity YD825243 and YD806254 to COCO Beach, closing at 1800H and assumed mission of providing security for COCO Beach.

B/1-501 IN provided security for COCO beach and ambushed vicinity YD867306, YD802331 and YD817305. At 1302H conducted a combat assault from COCO Beach to LZ vicinity YD877185 closing LZ at 1358H. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD851196.

C/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD828225 and ambushed vicinity YD618220 and YD839232. At 2105H vicinity YD828225 received SA fire from 3 enemy. Engaged with SA and artillery supported. One (1) US WHA (slight), negative enemy assessment. C/1-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon conducted RIF operation vicinity YD883237, YD880245 and YD825244 and linked up with Recon platoon. C/1-501 IN (-) remained vicinity YD828225. At 0815H vicinity YD828225 picked up 3 detainees (2 VC POW, 1 IC) and found 1 M-16. C/1-501 IN (-) remained vicinity night positions and bagged loose rice found in cache in 26 June. At 1815H vicinity YD825244 received SA fire from 2 individuals. Returned fire with SA. Negative casualties; Negative enemy assessment. An unknown amount of rice remains to be extracted on 28 June.

D/1-501 IN provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupied strong points at POL pumping station vicinity YD775250 and bridges along highway 551 and POL pipeline from vicinity YD787273 and YD795250. Ambushed vicinity YD799285.

Recon platoon occupied night position vicinity YD794248 and YD796248. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD809254, YD825244 and linked up with C/1-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon. At 1650H, Recon platoon went OPCON to C/1-501 IN.

C/2-501 IN (-) occupied night positions vicinity YD809186 and YD838176. Ambushed vicinity YD797195, YD810190, YD804192, YD786202, YD782206, YD828178 and YD826179. C/2-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon maintained liaison with 741<sup>st</sup> RF Company with 1 squad at bridge vicinity YD750210, 1 squad at bridge YD781209 and platoon (-) at LCU Ramp vicinity YD772223.

### 2-501 IN BN

A/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD662189 and ambushed vicinity YD644189 and YD664183. A/2-501 IN (-) conducted RIF operation vicinity YD651185, YD647179 and YD642177. A/2-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon conducted RIF operation from vicinity YD637186 to YD642177 and linked up with A/2-501 IN (-).

B/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD596206 and ambushed vicinity YD593208. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD601209, YD608213 and YD617214.

C/2-501 IN OPCON 1-501 IN BN.

D/2-501 IN provided security for FSB T-BONE and ambushed vicinity YD666202 and YD644207. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD648200, YD644203 and YD628193.

Recon platoon occupied night position vicinity YD665220 and ambushed vicinity YD655218. Moved to FSB T-BONE and assumed mission of providing security for FSB T-BONE.

### 1-502 IN BN

A/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD695300 providing security for bulldozer and floating raft. Provided security for bulldozer clearing operation vicinity YD698300.

B/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD718305. Conducted RIF operation with 1 PF squad to vicinity YD718295. At 1409H vicinity YD717295 sustained 2 US WHA (medevac) from BBT grenade. At 1808H vicinity YD716295 captured 3 CHIEU HOI who led B/1-502 IN to a bunker vicinity YD703302 which contained 3 K-44's, 5 RPG-2 rds., 1 US claymore mine.

C/1-502 IN provided security for AN LO Bridge and secured minesweep teams NW to AO boundary and HC to vicinity YD669324. C/1-502 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon with 1 PF platoon and 2 OPCON tanks provided security for engineers repairing road



from AN LO Bridge to YD651314. RF Company secured the road from YD651341 to YD669324 for the engineer road repair.

D/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD693319 and ambushed vicinity YD681317, YD684310 and YD705315. Conducted IRF operation with 2 squads PF's to vicinity YD700304. At 0943H vicinity YD701307 found 300rds SA.

Recon platoon occupied strong points along QL-1. Improved defensive positions and conducted training on mines and booby traps.

E/1-502 IN (-) mortar platoon and sections conducted mortar training.

### **2BDE**

Security platoon secured minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

(Commanders Situation Report; 262001H June – 272000H June 1968; James J Waldeck, MAJ, IN., Kayo 3)

- 26 June 1968 A/1-502 IN and B/1-502 IN conducted joint operations and B/1-502 IN blocking vicinity YD7132 and A/1-502 IN sweeping from south towards their blocking positions. Results: Enemy: 8 VC KIA, 3 VC POW and Several Weapons.
- 26 June 1968 Rice denial efforts of Operation NEVADA EAGLE continued to meet with success. 2BDE troopers added an additional 18 tons to the captured rice total for the operations. Airborne forces from the 1BDE, while operating north of FSB VEGHEL captured two ammunitions caches containing one RPG-2 launcher, one 122mm rocket warhead with fuse, two 122mm rockets, 108 75mm rounds, 95 82mm mortar rounds, 600 pounds of C-3, 140 pounds of TNT, 50 blasting caps and 42 RPG fuses. (Rendezvous with Destiny; Volume 1, Number 3; Fall 1968)
- 26 June 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** A/1-502 IN vicinity 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 detainee's vicinity BT086020. One of the detainees gave names of 3 BC in the area.
- 26 June 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** Camp EAGLE took incoming rounds early this morning. A mechanical ambush went off accidentally wounding one US. He was medevaced to the 85<sup>th</sup> Evac. Hospital. B/1-502 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon found one warhead at 723025. It is believed to be part of a 155mm round. C/1-502 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon located a sleeping position one to two days old.
- 26 June 1970 The Division aviation assets were provided for the assault of the 4-5 Regiment (ARVN) into the area vicinity FSB BRICK. The battalion CP collocated with the 2-501 IN BN to facilitate coordinated operations against elements of the 29<sup>th</sup> NVA Regiment in area LZ XRAY. (HQ, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; Operational Report; Period ending 31 July 1970; 15 August 1970)
- 27 June 1967 **Operation MALHEUR:** 2-502 IN BN had three light contacts resulting in 4 US WHA, 1 VC KIA (C) and capture of 1 detainee and 1 individual weapon. The Battalion also had four more light contacts resulting in 1 US WHA, 2 VC KIA (C), 2 detainees and capture of 1 individual weapon, 10 tons of salt and 2 tons of rice. (HQ, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; Combat Operations After Action Report, Operation MALHEUR; 02 September 1967)
- 27 – 28 June 1968 **OPERATION NEVADA EAGLE:** 2BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV continued to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation NEVADA EAGLE to limit and disrupt attempts made by the enemy to extort the VN rice production throughout the coastal plains area and to seek out and destroy enemy forces and installations in the 2BDE AO. Contact was light with a total of 4 contacts. Today's statistics: 1 US KHA, 1 US WHA (medevac); Enemy assessment – 14 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK-47, 1 CHICOM carbine, 3 RPG-2rds and 20.8 tons rice.

### **1-501 IN BN**

A/1-501 IN provided security for COCO Beach and ambushed vicinity YD852316, YD817308 and YD803331.

B/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD851126. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD837208, YD844213 and YD828225.

C/1-501 IN (-) occupied night position vicinity YD828225, C/1-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon and Recon platoon occupied night position vicinity YD824245. At 0132H, C/1-501 IN (-) received SA fire from approximately 2 enemy. Negative casualties. Artillery was fired with unknown results. During the day elements bagged rice that was found in rice cache on 26 June. 16,000lbs were evacuated by truck from vicinity YD824245. 2,5690lbs were evacuated by 7 sorties CH-47. A PF platoon assisted in the rice evacuation from YD824245. At 1750H, B/1-501 IN assumed security of rice cache area. C/1-501 IN (-) began moving N to YD839229. At 1825H vicinity YD841231 sustained 1 US WHA (medevac) from AP mine.

D/1-501 IN provided security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupied strong points at POL pumping station vicinity YD775250 and bridges along highway 551 and POL pipeline from vicinity YD787273 to YD795285. Ambush vicinity YD802284.

Recon platoon OPCON C/1-501 IN.

C/2-501 IN (-) occupied positions vicinity YD809186 and YD838176. Ambushed vicinity YD783204, YD862203, YD800174, YD803193 and YD812188.



## 2-501 IN BN

A/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD643176 and ambushed vicinity YD644177 and YD642176. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD647173. A/2-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon then conducted patrol vicinity YD643173 and returned to Company at YD647173. A/2-501 IN (-) conducted marksmanship training.

B/2-501 IN occupied night positions vicinity YD620213 and ambushed vicinity YD626208. Conducted RIF operation to YD629209, YD6400205 and closed FSB T-BONE at 1325H. Assumed mission of providing security for FSB T-BONE and establishing local ambushes.

C/2-501 IN OPCON 1-501 IN BN.

D/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD629188. D/2-501 IN (-) conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD627188. D/2-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon conducted combat patrol to vicinity YD631189. At 630188 found 3 RPG-2 rds. D/2-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD628190 finding 1 AK-47 and 1 CHICOM carbine.

Recon platoon provided security for FSB T-BONE until relieved by B/2-501 IN.

## 1-502 IN BN

A/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD695300. Provided security for bulldozer river crossing on floating raft vicinity YD695300, moving from S to N. Provided security for bulldozer clearing operation during the afternoon vicinity YD697303. From 1330H to 1720H A/1-502 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon and A/1-502 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon provided blocking position from vicinity YD704306 to YD704313 for PF's conducting Eagle Flights vicinity YD707307. At 1530H vicinity YD695302 bulldozer uncovered 1 VC KIA (BC), approximately 1 day old.

B/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD718.05 and ambushed vicinity YD718294 and YD722294. From 0725H to 1045H established blocking positions vicinity YD720318, YD710318 and YD708214. This combined with 2 PF platoons resulted in 4 VC KIA (BC). Conducted RIF operation to YD705296, YD696302 and assumed mission of providing security for bulldozer clearing operations at 1807H. At 0857H vicinity YD717324 received SA fire. Returned fire with SA. Negative casualties; Enemy assessment – 4 VC KA. At 0857H vicinity YD719319 engaged 2 VC resulting in 2 VC KIA.

C/1-502 IN provided security for AN LO Bridge and secured minesweep teams NW to AO boundary and NE to vicinity YD669324. C/1-502 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon with 1 PF platoon and 2 OPCON Tanks provided security for engineers repairing road from AN LO Bridge NE to YD651314. (RF Company secure the road from YD651314 to YD669324 for the road repair). At 1800H C/1-502 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon relieved Recon platoon from strong points along QL-1 vicinity YD605311, YD600310 and YD611312.

D/1-502 IN occupied night position from vicinity YD693307 to YD703309. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD686306, YD683298, YD678298 and YD667285. At 0730H vicinity YD682297 sustained 1 US KHA (SP4 Edward M. Heiser) and 3 US WHA (medevac) from a BBT grenade resulting in a secondary explosion of a 105mm round. At 1745H vicinity YD667285 received AW fire and 2 RPG rounds from vicinity YD668289. Returned SA fire and Artillery supported. Results: 1 US WHA (Medevac); Negative enemy assessment.

Recon platoon occupied strong points vicinity YD605311, YD600310 and YD611312 along QL-1 from AN LO Bridge NW to AO boundary. From 1825H to 1850H conducted heliborne movement to YD678352.

C/2-34 AR, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon OPCON C/1-502 IN.

Remarks: At 0835H vicinity YD712318 utility helicopter engaged 3 VC resulting in 3 VC KBAA (BC). Throughout the day the QUANG DIEN RF/PF operating with 1-502 IN BN reported the following additional results: 3 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC POW, 4 Individual Weapons captured.

## 2BDE

Security platoon secure minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

(Commanders Situation Report; 272001H June – 282000H June 1968; James J Waldeck, MAJ, IN., Kayo 3)

- 27 June 1968 1-502 IN BN conducted defense of AN LO, RP security, and search and clear operations with very light contact. US captured 2 VC. PF's received 6 HOI CHANH. They said all their leaders had been killed by airborne. Friendly Casualties: 2 US WIA from BBT.
- 27 June 1968 Activity remained light throughout the AO as 1-502 IN BN conducted multiple combat assaults into the area of the B-52 strikes conducted on 26 June. At 1100H, C/1-502 IN conducted a CA into an LZ vicinity AS955951 with negative enemy contact. At 1400H, D/1-502 IN conducted a CA into an LZ vicinity BS017970 with negative contact. At 1510H, D/1-502 IN vicinity AS953933, found one grave containing the remains of 1 VC KIA. At 1835H, B/1-502 IN vicinity BS0300961, received small arms fire from a hut; the element returned fire, registering 1 NVA KIA.
- 27 June 1968 Light enemy contact was prevalent in both I and II Corps area of operation. The rice hungry airborne forces from the 2BDE continued to limit the enemy rice flow. In today's search operations, troopers from the 1-501 IN BN captured 34 tons of rice in three caches, raising the operational total to 232 tons. (Rendezvous with Destiny; Volume 1, Number 3; Fall 1968)





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- 27 June 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** A/1-502 IN conducted RIF to west vicinity BS982952. B/1-502 IN received fire from a hut adjacent to a trail vicinity BS040961 and returned fire. Results: 1 NVA KIA. C/1-502 IN made a C/A from PZ BT118025 to LZ AS936983 and conducted RIF to the west. At 1145H, C/1-502 IN found a dispensary complex vicinity AS928983 containing medical supplies, rice caches and documents. At 0815H, D/1-502 IN was moved by CH-47 to HAU DUC and then made a C/A to LZ AS956951. D/1-502 IN found a grave vicinity BS95395. Containing 1 VC KIA.
- 27 June 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** Recon found tracks which appeared to be about 12 hours old at YD732059. They were made by one or two persons. A/1-502 IN heard movement outside their NDP. They employed artillery and will sweep the area in the morning.
- 28 June 1967 **Operation MALHEUR:** 2-502 IN BN had four light contacts resulting in 3 US WHA, 3 VC KIA (C). (HQ, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; Combat Operations After Action Report, Operation MALHEUR; 02 September 1967)
- 28 – 29 June 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** 2BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV continued to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation NEVADA EAGLE to limit and disrupt attempts made by the enemy to extort the VN rice production throughout the coastal plains area and to seek out and destroy enemy forces and installations in the 2BDE AO. Contact was light with a total of 2 contacts. Today's statistics: No friendly casualties; Enemy assessment – 1 VC KIA (BC) (killed by artillery), 11.3 tons rice.

### 1-501 IN BN

A/1-501 IN provided security for COCO Beach and ambushed vicinity YD816307 and YD803331. During the day conducted training on ambush tactics and maintenance of weapons.

B/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD828226 providing security for rice cache. At 2245H received 1 grenade with negative casualties. During the day continued to bag rice and 12,500lbs were extracted by 3 CH-47 sorties. At 1015H, 25 PF's were lifted in by utility helicopter to B/1-501 IN location, PF remained to conducted operations with B/1-501 IN.

C/1-501 IN (-) occupied night position vicinity YD842234; C/1-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon and Recon platoon at YD824243. C/1-501 (-) conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD824243 and linked up with C/1-501 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon, then continued to YD781249. Then shuttled to FSB MONGOOSE by truck. At 0810H 6,200lbs of rice were extracted from vicinity YD824243. At 1115H, C/1-501 IN assumed D/1-501 IN mission of providing security for FSB MONGOOSE and occupying strong points along bridges and pipeline paralleling Highway 551.

D/1-501 IN provided security for FSB MONGOOSE, occupied strong points along POL pipeline and bridges from vicinity YD787273 and YD795285, and ambushed vicinity YD799285. At 1115H when released of security mission by C/1-501 IN, conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD799249 and YD792248.

Recon platoon OPCON to C/1-501 IN unit 0750H. At 0830H conducted heliborne movement from PZ vicinity YD834245 to an LZ vicinity YD835277, closing at 0909H. Conducted search of graveyard vicinity YD833275, the conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD828270 and YD815258. At 1830H vicinity YD828270 received sniper fire from 4-5 enemy located vicinity YD833274. Negative casualties. Artillery was fired with unknown results.

C/2-501 IN (-) occupied strong points vicinity YD808186, bridge site vicinity YD838176 with 1 PF platoon at bridge site and ambushed vicinity YD823179, YD825178, YD828179, YD782205, YD789201, YD796196, YD808189 and YD812188. C/2-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon maintained liaison with 741<sup>st</sup> RF CO with 1 squad at bridge vicinity YD750210, 1 squad at bridge vicinity YD781209 and platoon (-) at LCU Ramp vicinity YD772223.

### 2-501 IN BN

A/2-501 IN occupied position vicinity YD643176 and ambushed vicinity YD644177 and YD642176. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD649168 and YD647167, where A/2-501 IN (-) remained. A/2-501 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon continued to vicinity YD642167 and then returned to Company CP.

B/2-501 IN provided security for FSB T-BONE (YD653203) and ambushed vicinity YD626208. B/2-501 IN, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD642219, YD644228, Y655212 and YD650223.

C/2-501 IN OPCON 1-501 IN BN.

D/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD629188. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD623184, YD618184 and YD616181.

Recon platoon provided security for FSB T-BONE, OPCON to B/2-501 IN.



## 1-502 IN BN

A/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD698313 and ambushed vicinity YD703313, YD703322 and YD697315. Conducted RIF operation with 7 PF's to vicinity YD715318, YD715313. Reinforcement platoon remained vicinity YD714323 and A/1-502 IN (-) established night position vicinity YD715338. At 1000H vicinity YD703323 the PF's captured 1 VC POW and 1 SKS. At 1500H vicinity YD715331 found 4000lbs rice and 1 VC killed by artillery, approximately 2 days prior.

B/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD695302 on both sides of the river providing security for bulldozers and floating raft. Provided security for bulldozer clearing operation vicinity YD696304.

C/1-502 IN provided security for AN LO Bridge and occupied strong points vicinity YD600310, YD605311 and YD611312. Secured minesweep from AN LO Bridge NW to YD669324 and NE to YD596308. At 0931H conducted combat assault from vicinity AN LO Bridge to LZ vicinity YD753326, closed LZ at 1024H. Conducted RIF operation with 10 PF's (lifted in by utility helicopter approximately 1030H) to YD756326 and YD753313 and YD747307. Reinforcement platoon remained vicinity YD753337 to establish ambushes. C/1-502 IN (-) continued to vicinity YD754337 and to night position vicinity YD766344.

D/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD664285. Conducted RIF operation to AN LO Bridge and assumed security mission of AN LO Bridge at 0825H from C/1-502 IN. D/1-502 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon, 4 OPCON tanks and 1 PF platoon secured road repair operation at 0720H (relieved C/1-502 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon) from YD634309 to YD653313. (206<sup>th</sup> RF CO provided security along road from YD653313 to YD669324). At 1800H vicinity AN LO Bridge received 6 60mm mortar rounds from vicinity YD628299. Negative casualties; Artillery was fire with unknow results.

Recon platoon occupied ambush position vicinity YD673348 and YD680347. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD688350 and YD669324. At 1615H assumed mission of providing security for engineer equipment and operators vicinity PHO LAI Bridge (YD669324).

C/2-34 AR, 1<sup>st</sup> platoon OPCON C/1-502 IN until 0720H, then reverted to OPCON D/1-502 IN.

Remarks: Eagle Flights were conducted at 0900H to LZ's vicinity YD698358 and YD715338 by 16 PF's and 1 US, to question suspicious groups of personnel. Negative results.

## 2BDE

Security platoon provided security for minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

(Commanders Situation Report; 282001H June – 292000H June 1968; James J Waldeck, MAJ, IN., Kayo 3)

28 June 1968

B/1-502 IN set up blocking positions while PF's conducted eagle flight. B/1-502 IN resulted in killing 6 VC. PF's killed 4 VC, captured 3 VC. D/1-502 IN had 1 KIA and 6 WIA as results of BBT.

28 June 1969

**Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** The tempo of enemy activity increased as the 1-502 IN BN began to encounter small groups of enemy forces in sporadic contact throughout the day; 1-501 IN BN recovered to HOI CHANH and several Vietnamese who had recently escaped from the VC. At 0748H, D/1-502 IN, vicinity AS937952, found 6 AK47 rifles wrapped in cosmoline and paper. At 0900H, Recon/1-502 IN, vicinity BT061011, engaged 4-5 enemy and captured 1 AK-47. At 0925H, B/1-501 IN vicinity BT219068, detained 13 Vietnamese in the area; upon questioning it was determined that two were HOI CHANH and the remaining 11 had recently escaped from the VC. At 1147H, D/1-502 IN, vicinity AS934956, received small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force, resulting in 1 "Kit Carson" scout KIA and 1 US WIA; the enemy returned fire with negative assessment. At 1238H, Recon/1-502 IN, vicinity BT060010, engaged a small enemy force, accounting for 1 NVA KIA. At 1620H, the Command and Control aircraft for 1-502 IN BN, vicinity LZ PROFESSIONAL, received small arms fire, forcing the aircraft to land at LZ YOUNG and resulting in 1 US WIA. (HQ, 1BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)

28 June 1969

**Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** C/1-502 and D/1-502 IN conducted assessment of B-52 bomb strike damage vicinity AS925975. D/1-502 IN discovered 17 bicycles, 2 boxes containing a total of 6 AK-47's and 6 82mm mortar rounds. Vicinity AS934956, D/1-502 IN was engaged by undetermined size enemy force. Results: 1 US WIA, 1 VN Scout KIA. Recon engaged an undetermined number of NVA with negative results of 1 NVA KIA.

28 June 1970

**Operation TEXAS STAR:** B/1-502 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon found two graves at 726016. Both graves are about two weeks old and the person appeared to have died of shrapnel wounds. At location 730059 recon team #1 found sleeping places for several persons and a variety of equipment. B/1-502 IN, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon at 721013 found a 122mm rocket and warhead. The signs in the area indicated recent use within the last two to three days.

28 – 29 June 1971

**Operation LAM SON 720:** 2-502 IN BN moved to FB TENNESSEE (VIC YC 5596) to conduct operations in that area. B/2-502 IN and a forward TOC were located on FB TENNESSEE. The other companies of the STRIKE Force CA'd into the area surrounding FB TENNESSEE on 28 June. From the onset of this operation there were numerous signs of enemy activity. D/2-502 IN found fresh footprints, bunkers, and a tunnel. C/2-502 IN found some bamboo hootches; A/2-502 IN discovered very fresh footprints of 1 NVA and tracks of one dog. These operations were not without price.

29 June 1967

**Operation MALHEUR:** Four light contacts by the 2-502 IN BN resulted in 1 US KHA, 3 US WHA, and 2 VC KIA (C). (HQ, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; Combat Operations After Action Report, Operation MALHEUR; 02 September 1967)



29 June 1968 A/1-502 IN conducted RIF vicinity with PF's. Captured 1 VC and SKS, found 2 tons of rice and 1 VC KIA by artillery. B/1-502 IN continued working with Rome plow. Rome plow destroyed 500 meters of hedgerow, 400 meters and 100 meters of village and 83 bunkers.

29 June 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** Activity was light in the LAMAR PLAIN AO with the day marked by a sharp clash in the 1-502 IN BN AO. At 0835H, D/1-502 IN, vicinity AS932955, received intensive small arms, machinegun and RPG fire from an unknown size enemy force at a range of 75 meters. D/1-502 IN returned fire and employed gunships and ARA in support. The enemy broke contact and fled, leaving behind 4 NVA KIA and two individual weapons. D/1-502 IN suffered 2 US KIA and 7 US WIA (E) in the close, intense fighting. At 0955H, B/1-502 IN, vicinity BS025969, engaged and killed alone enemy soldier. At 1615H, D/2-502 IN, vicinity AS935956, found and SKS. (HQ, 1BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)

29 June 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** Vicinity BS025969, B/1-502 IN engaged and killed 1 NVA. D/1-502 IN made contact with a NVA platoon in bunkers vicinity AS926955 and employed ARTY, ARA, tactical air support and organic weapons. Results: 5 NVA KIA, 2 IWC, 2 US KIA, 7 US WIA.

29 June 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** 2-502 IN BN ended refresher training at Camp EAGLE; the battalion minus A/2-502 IN redeployed by vehicle to AO and occupied FSB BASTOGNE. A/2-502 IN continued refresher training. The battalion assumed responsibility for area uniform, security of the firebase and initiated search and attack patrols in the vicinity of the firebase. The 1-501 IN BN moved from FSB BASTOGNE to PHU LOC District, passed to the operational control of the 2BDE, and assumed responsibility for area ZULU and security of FSB LOS BANOS and FSB TOMAHAWK. (HQ, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; Operational Report; Period ending 31 July 1970; 15 August 1970)

29 June 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** D/1-502 IN, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon located at YD849046 received incoming rounds 25 to 50 meters from their location. No casualties were sustained during the shelling.

29 June 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** 2-502 IN BN ended refresher training and the Battalion minus A/2-502 IN returned to AO and occupied FSB BASTOGNE. A/2-502 IN continued refresher training.

30 June 1967 **Operation MALHEUR:** One company of the 2-502 IN BN conducted an airmobile raid into an area in which considerable enemy activity had been taking place as reported by the LRRP platoon. The unit made 6 contacts resulting in 1 US WHA, 6 VC KIA (C), 6 detainees, 1 individual weapon captured and a 1 ton of rice destroyed. The unit then conducted an airmobile extraction returning to their assigned portion of Zon AO. (HQ, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; Combat Operations After Action Report, Operation MALHEUR; 02 September 1967)

30 June 1967 **Operation MALHEUR:** C/2-502 IN received sniper fire from a well concealed enemy vicinity BS591495. A CS gas grenade was requested. The CS gas grenade drop commenced 300730H, with a total of 630 M7A3 CS Grenade being dropped on the target. The grenades were dropped in two sorties and 15 low level (100-20 feet) passes. Strike was directed by unit on the ground and Command and Control helicopter. 252 grenades were dropped on likely routes of withdrawal, while the remaining 378 were dropped on the sniper position. A very heavy concentration was produced in the vicinity of each drop, but calm wind conditions allowed agent cloud to rise instead of producing desired downwind coverage. C/2-502 IN assaulted the enemy positions following the strike.

30 June 1968 A/1-502 IN set up blocking positions on NW side of village vicinity YD6832, while PF's swept through, from SE, resulting in 3 VC KIA, 5 VC captured. C/1-502 IN had 1 KIA and 1 WIA by BBT.

30 June 1968 Paratroopers from the 2BDE continued to tax the enemy's rice holdings as Airborne units from B/1-501 IN seized an additional 21,000 pounds of rice. This brought the Operation NEVADA EAGLE rice total to 253 tons captured. (Rendezvous with Destiny; Volume 1, Number 3; Fall 1968)

30 June 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** All units continued RIF operations in the AO as activity continued a minor scale; the enemy was apparently avoiding decisive contact. At 1415H, D/1-502 IN observed two NVA swimming in the river; the element engaged the swimmers, killing 1 NVA. At 1705H, C/1-502 IN, vicinity AS961960, received enemy small arms fire that resulted in 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA; the element returned fire with negative assessment. (HQ, 1BDE, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)

30 June 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** A/1-502 IN was extracted to CHU LAI Beach for stand-down. B/1-502 IN continued security of ARTY at old HAU DUC and secured PZ for A/1-502 IN. C/1-502 IN RIF to east along stream bed and vicinity AS981160 received small arms fire resulting in 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA. D/1-502 IN engaged 2 NVA in stream vicinity AS931966 resulting in 1 NVA KIA. At 1930H, Recon platoon discovered a but on a main trail vicinity 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.

30 June 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** FSB BIRMINGHAM received three incoming 122mm rockets. Results: 1 US WIA, 1 damaged water truck. B/1-502 IN had 1 soldier killed by misdirected friendly fire vicinity 724025.



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**During this week, in the span of 8 years since the 501<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment, 502<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division deployed in support of the Vietnam War the following awards were awarded to the service members during combat operations.**

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1 x Silver Star Medal  
2 x Bronze Star Medal with Valor  
7 x Bronze Star Medal (7 x Posthumously)  
11 x Purple Heart Medal (10 x Posthumously)  
1 x Died of Non-Hostile wounds or Illness

24 June 1968



CPL Andrew A. Lang (C/1-501 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death while on combat operation when hit by fragments from hostile booby trap in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

25 June 1969



SGT Carl E. Janowsky Jr. (B/1-501 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal (Posthumously); SGT Janowsky died from malaria in an unknown province, Republic of Vietnam.

25 June 1970

PFC Lloyd N. Armstrong (A/1-502 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor for heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam.

25 June 1970

SP4 Johnnie A. Taylor (A/1-502 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor for heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam.

27 June 1968



SGT Ronald J. Ymbras (B/1-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (1-OLC) for military merit and for wounds received in combat in action against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (General Orders Number 240; 10 January 1969)

28 June 1968



SP4 Edward M. Heiser (D/1-502 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death while on a combat operation when he was hit by fragments from a hostile booby trap in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

29 June 1967



SP4 Junior B. Pack (A/2-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death while on a reconnaissance patrol when he was hit by hostile automatic weapons fire in the QUANG NGAI Province, Republic of Vietnam.

29 June 1968

PFC Wilson B. Brown (B/1-501 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death while outside base camp perimeter when mistaken for hostile force in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.



29 June 1969



PFC Gregg C. Hinderks (D/1-502 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from small arms gun fire during and engagement in the TRANH River Valley 7km W-SW HAU DUC, in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

29 June 1969



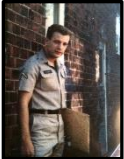
2LT Robert D. Paulus (D/1-502 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from small arms gun fire during and engagement in the TRANH River Valley 7km W-SW HAU DUC, in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

29 June 1969



2LT Daniel K. Wapinski (D/1-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from multiple fragmentations during and engagement in the TRANH River Valley 7km W-SW HAU DUC, in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam. 2LT Wapinski was admitted to a military medical facility and expired shortly thereafter.

30 June 1969



SP4 Gerard J. Flieger (C/1-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from small arms gun fire 11km SE of HIEP DUC Village in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

30 June 1970



CPL Phillip M. Horst (B/1-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death while on a combat operation when mistaken for a hostile force and fired upon by friendly forces from FSB BIRMINGHAM, in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

30 June 1971



SSG Gary L. Lewis (C/2-501 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds which resulted in his death while he was enroute to a night defensive position when a booby trap detonated 10km E-SE of PHU LOC in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.



## STRIKE HISTORY (Citation's and Awards):

28 – 29 June 1969

CPT Henry E. Hammond Jr. (D/1-502 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam during the period of 28 June 1969 through 29 June 1969. Captain Hammond distinguished himself while serving as Commanding Officer, Company D, 1st Battalion (Airmobile), 502d Infantry, during a combat operation near TAM KY, Republic of Vietnam. During a reconnaissance in force mission, an enemy force of unknown size ambushed the lead element of his company. Captain Hammond quickly moved forward and directed the platoons against the enemy positions. He then called in aerial rocket artillery and tube artillery to relieve pressure on a pinned down platoon. During the ensuing battle, he repeatedly subjected himself to a heavy volume of hostile fire as he moved from position to position in order to direct the movements of the assaulting platoons. His courageous actions and aggressive leadership contributed greatly to the success of the mission. Captain Hammond's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. (HQ, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV; General Orders Number 1217; 4 February 1970)



# ACRONYMS

ACAV: Armored Cavalry  
AD: Americal Division  
AD: Airborne Division (Would be after numeric numbers)  
Amtrac: Marine Amphibious Tractor  
AO: Area of Operations  
ARA: Aerial Rocket Artillery  
ARCOM: Army Commendation Medal  
ARVN: Army of the Republic of Viet Nam (also known as the South Vietnamese Army (SVA))  
BAR: Browning Automatic Rifle  
BDE: Brigade  
BN: Battalion  
BSM: Bronze Star Medal  
BBT: Booby Traps  
CA: Combat Assault  
CANOPY: Heavily Wooded Terrain  
CO: Company  
CP: Command Post  
DSC: Distinguished Service Cross  
DZ: Drop Zone  
FSB: Fire Support Base  
HQ: Headquarters  
IED: Improvised Explosive Device  
IFFV: I Field Force Vietnam  
IN: Infantry  
KBA: Killed by Air or Artillery  
KHA: Killed by Hostile Action  
KIA: Killed in Action  
KNHA: Killed by Non-Hostile Action  
LZ: Helicopter Landing Zone  
MI: Military Intelligence  
MOH: Medal of Honor  
MP: Military Police  
NDP: Night Defensive Position  
NPF: Vietnam National Police Field Force  
NVA: North Vietnamese Army  
OBJ: Objective  
OP: Observation Post  
PAVN: People Army of Vietnam  
POW: Prisoner of War  
PF: Popular Forces  
PZ: Helicopter Pick-up Zone  
Recon Platoon: Reconnaissance Platoon  
RIF: Reconnaissance in Force  
RF: Regional Force  
ROK: Republic of Korea  
SA: Situational Awareness  
SIGINT: Signal Intelligence  
SSM: Silver Star Medal  
"STRIKE FORCE": 2d Battalion, 502d Infantry  
SVA: South Vietnamese Army  
TF: Task Force  
TOC: Tactical Operations Center  
USARV: United States Army Vietnam  
USARPAC: United States Army Pacific  
WIA: Wounded in Action  
WHA: Wounded by Hostile Action  
WNHA: Wounded by Non-Hostile Action  
"V": Valor  
VC: Viet Cong

