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Brief History of the 501st, 502nd and 2nd Brigade (101st ABN DIV)

The 502nd, or "five-oh-deuce", was activated July 1, 1941 at Fort Benning, Georgia as the 502nd parachute infantry battalion, as an experimental unit formed to test the doctrine and tactics of parachute assaults. The 502nd 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 2nd Brigade of the 101st Airborne was activated at Fort Campbell, replacing the 1st Airborne Battle Group, 501st Infantry Regiment. The reorganization from the battle groups to brigades and battalions placed two battalions of the 502nd in different brigades of the 101st.



The 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry was in the 1st Brigade with 1-327th and 2-327th 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.

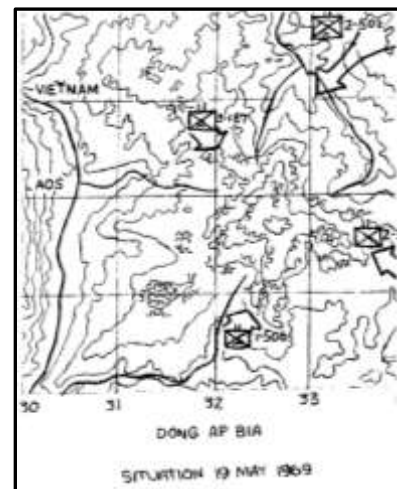


The new 2nd Brigade's original organic battalions were the 1st and 2d Battalions, 501st Infantry, and the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry. December 1967 the 501st, 502nd and 2nd Brigade deployed by C-141 aircraft and arrived at BIEN HOA Airbase on 13 December 1967. Over the next five years, Soldiers of 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.



During this week, in the span of 8 years since the 501st Infantry Regiment, 502nd Infantry Regiment and 2nd Brigade, 101st 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.)

- 19 May 1967 **Operation MALHEUR:** Four light contacts by the 2-502 IN BN resulted in 2 US WHA, 2 VC KIA (C) and 1 individual weapon captured. A/2-502 IN contact by the LRRP, 1BDE, 101st ABN DIV in 1 US KHA and 5 US WHA. (HQ, 1st Brigade, 101st ABN DIV; Combat Operations After Action Report, Operation MALHEUR; 02 September 1967)
- 19 – 21 May 1968 1-501 IN BN cordons THON LANG and XA NAU resulting in 65 NVA/ VC KIA and 2 NVA/VC PWs.
- 19 May 1969 Activity lessened in the AO as the 1-501 IN BN continued to push south toward LZ PROFESSIONAL.
- 19 May 1969 **Operation APACHE SNOW:** 2-3 ARVN BN moved by CH-47 at 0830 hours from HUE to LZ/PZ at FB CURRAHEE. From CURRAHEE the ARVN battalion was air assaulted at 1305H into a two-ship landing zone vicinity YD 341970 and began advancing up the ridge to an attack position approximately 500 meters from the crest.
- Following the move of the 2-3 ARVN BN three companies from the 2-501 IN BN were extracted from PZ in vicinity of FB AIRBORNE and assaulted into a landing zone vicinity YC333997 for the purpose of reinforcing the attack on DONG AP BIA. Their extraction was delayed due to a downed ship on the pick-up zone at 0930H, but by 1515H the air assault was completed. From the landing zone, the three US companies were to move to their attacking position vicinity YC 332992.
- The 1-506 IN BN encountered heavy enemy fire during the day as they progressed up the hill to their attack position. Air strikes were called in again and again on the enemy's location, in addition to artillery barrages. The 3-187 IN BN moving from the north encountered no enemy resistance. By later afternoon the three forces had discovered numerous enemy bodies in bunkers that had been collapsed by air strikes. The 1-506 IN BN moving north encountered bunker complexes as they continued up the hill fighting from bunker to bunker. C/1-506 IN working in conjunction with A/1-506 IN were faced with the problem of clearing out a complex of twenty bunkers to their front. By 1500H, contact became more intense and C/1-506 IN was in the lead and became very heavily engaged and took several casualties and C/1-506 IN was able to move. This leapfrog movement continued until dark when the contact tapered off. At the termination of the contact A/1-506 IN and C/1-506 IN were only 200 meters from the crest of the hill with B/1-506 IN slightly below them.
- The ARVN battalions – 4-1 and 2-1 - maneuvering in zone encountered moderate enemy contact with unknown size enemy forces. Contact lasted for a short period of time then terminated. (Narrative Operation APACHE SNOW; MG John M. Wright Jr. Commanding; 10 May – 7 June 1969)
- 19 May 1969 **Operation APACHE SNOW: Assault on DONG AP BIA "Hamburger Hill – Hill 937:** The 2-501 IN and the 2-3 ARVN were deployed into the area to apply pressure from all sides. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV, Office of the Commanding General; Summary of Action and Results; 24 May 1969)
- 19 May 1969 **Operation APACHE SNOW: Assault on DONG AP BIA "Hamburger Hill – Hill 937:** On this morning with the 1-506 IN on the south and the 3-187 IN on the north, the enemy positions were subjected to continuous artillery and TAC air fires. The 2-501 IN and the 2-3 ARVN were alerted to prepare to assist in the final sweep of the enemy's fortified positions surrounding the entire ridge line. By late afternoon an additional 175 enemy bodies had been accounted for. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV, Office of the Commanding General; Summary of Action and Results; 24 May 1969)
- 19 May 1969 **Operation APACHE SNOW:** 2-501 IN BN and the 2-3 ARVN were deployed into the area to apply pressure from all sides. (AAR-Hamburger Hill)
- 19 May 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** Activity lessened in the AO as the 1-501 IN BN continued to push south toward LZ PROFESSIONAL. (HQ, 1BDE, 101st ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)



- 19 May 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** 1-502 IN BN CP moved by UH1H from TAM KY to HAU DUC District headquarters. B/1-502 IN and D/1-502 IN moved by UH1H and CH-47 from TAM KY to an LZ located vicinity BT070065. The companies began to RIF to the east, supported by two RF/PF companies. A/1-502 IN, Recon and the 1st 81mm mortar platoon conducted C/A from TAM KY to vicinity 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/1-502 IN and Recon conducted operations to the east. The 1-502 IN BN detained and evacuated 17 VN for interrogation and relocation.
- 19 May 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** 1-502 IN BN entered the action on May 19 when they established a command post at HAU DUC. Meanwhile, their infantry companies and recon and mortar platoons conducted combat assaults by helicopter west of PROFESSIONAL and southeast of TIEN PHUOC. The object was to seize the high ground surrounding PROFESSIONAL and take the pressure off of the firebase and district headquarters at TIEN PHUOC. (Bitter Fighting in QUANG TIN, Roger Ables)
- 19 – 20 May 1970 The 2-501 IN BN completed battalion refresher training and prepared for redeployment into the Division AO. C/2-501 IN assaulted from PHU BAI Combat Base to FS/OB BRICK and prepared to receive artillery. On the 20th the remainder of the battalion moved by air to FS/OB BRICK to commence search operations in the TA TRACH River Valley and passed to the operational control of 1BDE. (Operation Report – HQ, 101st ABN DIV (AM), Period Ending 31 July 1970; 15 August 1970)
- 19 May 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** D/2-502 IN had been extracted from south of Hill 882 and was given the mission of screening north of FSB VEGHEL. While moving to the east, A/2-502 IN received fire from a small enemy delaying force. C/2-502 IN moving to the west to affect a link-up with A/2-502 IN encountered a small enemy force also acting as a delaying force. The enemy quickly disengaged from contact. One US Soldier was killed, while no enemy bodies could be found.
- 20 May 1967 **Operation Malheur:** Two light contacts by the 2-502 IN BN resulted in 3 VC KIA (C) and 1 individual weapon captured. (HQ, 1st Brigade, 101st ABN DIV; Combat Operations After Action Report, Operation MALHEUR; 02 September 1967)
- 20 May 1968 **Operation NEVADE EAGLE:** As part of Operation NEVADA EAGLE, B/1-501 IN, C/2-501 IN, D/1-502 IN, 2BDE, 101st ABN DIV engage an estimated NVA company while conducting a cordon and search of DONG GI TAY, five miles east of HUE. Casualties: US 12 WIA; enemy 62 KIA.
- 20 May 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** Nevada Eagle action intensified as Division paratroopers killed 103 NVA and captured 34 weapons. Exploiting intelligence information, members of B/1-501 IN trapped an enemy force in DONG GI TAY village northeast of HUE. Rapidly massing forces, three more rifle companies and on Popular Force (PF) platoon cordoned the village. The action continued throughout the night as early reports showed 57 enemy killed and 20 weapons captured. A second major action occurred when infantrymen from A/2-327 IN received a mortar attack and ground probe at their night defensive perimeter. Artillery and organic fire were immediately placed on the enemy force. A sweep for the area the next morning revealed 31 enemy dead and 12 weapons captured. (Rendezvous with Destiny (Volume 1, Number 2); July 1968)
- 20 – 21 May 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** Reacting to intelligence reports which indicated increased enemy activity in village of DONG GI TAY, 8km east of HUE (YD8321), B/1-501 IN conducted RIF operations to determine the exact location of the enemy. While moving north, B/1-501 IN engaged an estimated company. Companies A/1-501 IN, C/2-501 IN, and D/1-502 IN conducted a combat assault into the battle area and quickly formed a cordon around the enemy. B/1-501 IN was supported by 13 air strikes and 8", 155mm and 105mm artillery fires while exchanging SA/SW fire with the enemy. During 20 May, the companies killed 57 enemy and captured 20 weapons. Throughout the night 20-21 May, artillery illumination was provided and at day-break, after silencing mortar fire inside the cordon, B/1-501 IN and D/1-502 IN swept through the village. The results of the cordon operation which terminated at 211700MAY68 were: 12 US WIA, 62 NVA KIA, 2 NVA POW, 42 IWC, and 4 CSWC. (Operation Report, Lessons Learned, HQ 101st ABN DIV (AM); 26 December 1968)
- 20 – 21 May 1968 **Operation NEVADE EAGLE:** 1-502 IN BN continued the RIF operations and security mission of AN LO and QL #1. During these two days only, light contact was made. Results: Friendly: 1 WIA; Enemy: 4 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA (Escaped). D/1-502 IN while conducting the road sweep from AN LO to Camp EVANS spotted a mine but before they could remove it a civilian bus ran over it. Results: No injuries, bus heavily damaged.
- 20 – 21 May 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** 2BDE, 101st 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 plain's areas, and to seek out and destroy enemy forces and installations in the 2BDE AO. Contact was light with a total of 3 contacts. Today's statistics: 7 US WIA (1 medevac); Enemy assessment: 9 NVA KIA (BC), 19 M-1 Carbines, 3 AK-47's, 1 SKS, 1 RPG-2 launcher, 1 82mm mortar tube, 1 P-38 pistol, 10 82mm mortar rounds (Dest), 3 60mm mortar rounds (Dest), 5 B-40 rounds (Dest), 2 RPG-7 rounds (Dest) and 2100 rounds SA.

1-501 IN BN

A/1-501 IN occupied blocking position from vicinity YD844214 to YD838220. At 0400H received 3 60mm mortar rounds from the North. Artillery was fired on suspected enemy positions. Negative casualties; Negative enemy assessment. At 1010H, 1 squad was airlifted from YD842218 to bridge vicinity YD838177. A/1-501 IN conducted RIF operations to vicinity YD853203. At 17254H vicinity YD839210 found 5 NVA KIA (BC), 1 82mm mortar tube, 1 SKS, 2 AK-47's, 10 82mm mortar rounds, 3 60mm mortar rounds, 1 RPG-2 launcher, 5 B-40 rounds, 500 rounds SA. Established night position vicinity YD854203.

B/1-501 IN occupied a blocking position from vicinity YD838220, YD834223, to YD832218. At 2205H received several 82mm mortar rounds approximately 100 meters to their North. At 0400H, received 1 US WIA (medevac) from 60mm



mortar round that landed in A/1-501 IN position. Conducted RIF operation vicinity YD840215. At 1015H found 1 NVA KIA (BC) vicinity YD833219. At 1030H found 1 NVA KIA (BC) vicinity YD833218, 2 RPG-7 rounds, 1 AK-47, 1 P-38 pistol. At 1150H vicinity YD834217 captured 2 serious wounded NVA POW's. POW's died shortly thereafter becoming 2 NVA KIA (BC). At 1610H moved to a PZ vicinity YD840215 and B/1-501 IN (-) moved to COCO BEACH, A/1-501 IN, 3rd platoon to FSB MONGOOSE. Completed at 1715H.

C/1-501 IN (-) provided security for COCO BEACH installations and ambushed vicinity YD859308. C/1-501 IN, 1st platoon provided security at FSB MONGOOSE. At 0235H, C/1-501 IN, 3rd platoon at FSB MONGOOSE received 20 82mm mortar rounds. Artillery and 81mm counter mortar were fired on suspected enemy mortar positions vicinity YD809271. Results: 4 US WIA (Minor) from HHC personnel with TAC CP at FSB MONGOOSE. Negative enemy assessment. Secured minesweep N and S from FSB MONGOOSE. Approximately 1620H, C/1-501 IN, 2nd platoon from COCO BEACH and C/1-501 IN, 3rd platoon from FSB MONGOOSE moved by UH-1 to LZ vicinity YD781249. Moved to vicinity YD795252 and established a night position.

D/1-501 IN occupied a blocking position vicinity YD832218 to YD828211. Conducted RIF operations South to vicinity YD846200 and established night position with local ambush.

Recon platoon provided security at bridge vicinity YD838176. At 1130H moved by vehicle to FSB MONGOOSE and prepared defensive positions.

C/2-501 IN occupied blocking position vicinity YD828211 to YD837206. At 2245H engaged movement to their front with SA/AW and M-79. Negative enemy assessment. Remained in blocking position through the morning. At 1312H returned to OPCON of 2-501 IN BN and began moving to a PZ vicinity YD835205. At 1430H vicinity PZ found 19 M-1 carbines and 1600 rounds SA ammo.

2-501 IN BN

A/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD650253 with ambushes vicinity YD649247, YD659245, YD662241 and YD642258. Approximately 1200H moved from night position to vicinity YD672268 and moved by vehicles to HUE Bridges. At 1430H assumed mission of providing security for HUE Bridges from D/2-501 IN.

B/2-501 IN provided security for FSB PINKY (Pictured) and ambushed vicinity YD678256, YD692244, YD691249 and YD686249. Secured minesweep from FSB PINKY S to HUE. Moved to vicinity YD664253 and conducted platoon training in the attack of fortified villages vicinity YD674255 and then the village vicinity YD674243 following an artillery prep. Returned to FSB PINKY approximately 1400H.



C/2-501 IN returned OPCON of 2-501 IN BN at 1312H. At 1319H moved by UH-1 from PZ vicinity YD835205 to LZ vicinity YD655250. Closed LZ 1505H. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD662267. AT 1830H vicinity YD662242 a BBT grenade resulted in 1 US WIA (minor). Established a night position vicinity YD666243 with local ambushes.

D/2-501 IN provided security for HUE Bridges. At 2219 vicinity YD710222 received approximately 100 rounds of SA. Returned fire with organic weapons. Negative casualties; Negative enemy assessment. At 1430H when relieved in place by A/2-501 IN moved by vehicles to vicinity YD668260. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD653257. Established night position vicinity YD635255 with local ambushes.

Recon platoon secured LZ SATAN and established OP's vicinity YD638217 and YD643227. At first light OP's linked up and returned to LZ SATAN. At 1700H a patrol departed LZ SATAN to YD644223.

1-502 IN BN

A/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD750331 with ambushes vicinity YD755333, YD753325 and YD745335. Conducted RIF operations to vicinity YD728336. At 0855H, vicinity YD728336 received AW fire from vicinity YD734328. Results: 1 US WIA. Artillery was fired at enemy position with negative enemy assessment. Continued RIF operation to village vicinity YD715320, and then to vicinity YD715337. Established night position vicinity YD713340 with local ambushes.

B/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD718307. Provided security for ROME PLOW operations vicinity YD719310. Moved to a night position vicinity YD718308.

C/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD699292 with ambushes vicinity YD689292, YD691289 and YD703288. Remained in position vicinity YD699292 as a blocking force for RF/PF conducting RIF operations vicinity YD690275. (Results of RF/PF was 3 VC KIA (BC), 2 SKS, 1 AK-47). At 1120H C/1-502 IN conducted RIF operations to vicinity YD696286 and YD705205. Moved to PZ vicinity YD699293 and moved by UH-1 to vicinity AN LO Bridge and assumed bridge security mission. Closed 1830H.

D/1-502 IN provided security for AN LO Bridge and ambushed vicinity YD608315, YD606309 and YD601207. Secured minesweep N to vicinity YD590307. One (1) platoon provided security for rice harvest vicinity YD6029. At 1830H



conducted a combat assault to an LZ vicinity YD695315. Closed LZ 1905H. Established a night position vicinity YD694315 with local ambushes.

Recon platoon OPCON D/1-502 IN provided security for rice harvest vicinity YD626318. At 0825H vicinity YD634314 received SA fire from estimated 3 enemy. Engaged with SA and Artillery supported. Negative casualties; Negative enemy assessment. At 0903H vicinity YD636314 engaged 2-3 VC with SA. Negative enemy casualties. Returned to AN LO Bridge. Effective 1830H OPCON to C/1-502 IN.

2-17 CAV

TF SABRE (OPCON 1-501 IN BN) occupied a night position vicinity YD866276 with ambush vicinity YD860270 and LP vicinity YD867278. At 0420H, Alpha Troop received approximately 30 60mm and 82mm mortar rounds. Artillery was fired at suspected enemy position vicinity YD868260. Negative casualties; Negative enemy assessment. 1 PF Platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD839244 and returned, Alpha Troop, 3rd platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD887246 and returned. At 0941H vicinity YD834249 PF platoon captured 1 VC. Results: 1 VC POW. TF SABRE (-) improved defensive position at squadron operating base. At 1750H vicinity YD877263 PF platoon engaged 3 VC with SA and 81mm mortar supported. Negative assessment.

2BDE

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

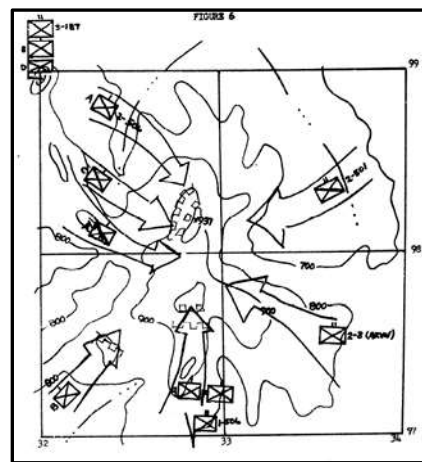
(Commanders Situation Report; 202001H May – 212000H May 1968; James J Waldeck, MAJ, IN., Kayo 3)

20 May 1969

Operation APACHE SNOW: Late in the morning (1000H) of 20 May, following an artillery preparation, the four battalions executed a coordinated assault on Hill 937.

3-187 IN BN

At 1100H, 3-187 IN BN with A/3-187 IN on the right, C/3-187 IN in the center and attached A/2-506 IN on the left, moved southeast for a coordinated attack on the hill when they received concentrated RPG and small arms fire. The attacking elements returned the fire with organic weapons and continued to fire and maneuver up the hill. As the elements approached the crest they again came under fire from the south, in addition to CS gas (it was later determined that the gas was errant friendly 40mm gas grenade). The attacking elements of the 3-187 IN BN returned fire with organic weapons and employed artillery, ARA, and gunship on the suspected enemy location (YC 324997) and continued with A/3-187 IN reaching the top of Hill 937 first at 1145 hours. The attacking force received additional fire as the enemy attempted to cover its withdrawal to the southwest into the 1-506 IN BN locations. The elements continued to return small arms fire and employed ARA, artillery, and gunships on the retreating enemy. The contact terminated at 1600 hours and a sweep of the area revealed seventy-eight NVA killed and one prisoner of war.



Throughout the day – 3-187 IN BN company commander noted – the noise level was so great that they could not as certain if friendly artillery was being employed, the crack of small arms fire drowned out any other sounds. The inability to use radios due to the noise level made it imperative that messengers be used to relay messages and directions to the forward elements. In addition, various colored smoke grenades were detonated by the NVA making it extremely difficult to place effective air strikes on the desired targets, and to control friendly fire.

1-506 IN BN

At 1055H, A/1-506 IN and C/1-506 IN moved north to assault the hill and encountered heavy enemy resistance. Elements continued to receive small arms, RPG, and mortar fire from the same location throughout the day. The companies involved returned small arms fire and employed ARA, artillery and gunships for support on suspected enemy locations. Contact was terminated at approximately 1600H, but the attacking elements continued to receive sporadic fire throughout the night. A sweep of the area revealed eight NVA killed.

2-501 IN BN

A/2-501 IN, B/2-501 IN, and C/2-501 IN while moving southwest up Hill 937 encountered no enemy resistance. As the elements continued to move, they discovered numerous huts and bunker complexes vacated by the retreating enemy.

2-3 ARVN BN

At 0715H, the 2-3 ARVN BN while moving northeast for the coordinated attack on Hill 937 encountered light enemy resistance and discovered moderate sized caches of assorted ammunition, in addition to a six-foot-wide road with a power cable which they followed to their objective. Continuing to advance toward the top of the hill they received concentrated small arms fire and employed air and artillery support of destroy the enemy location. Contact terminated at approximately 1600 hours and a sweep of the area was made revealing six NVA bodies and three AK-47's

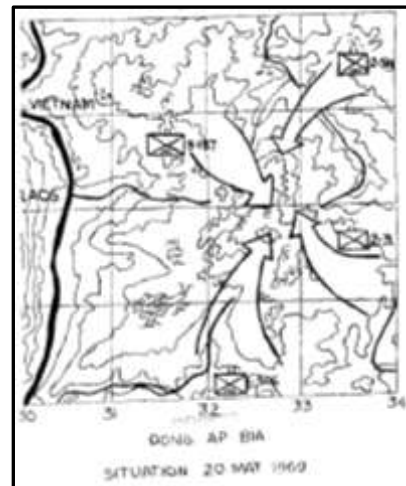


During the day PSYPO missions were conducted in the vicinity of DONG AP BIA entreating the enemy to give up and live or be destroyed. To bring out the pressure the defenders of DONG AP BIA were under, several shirts were captured with signs sewn on them demanding: "Kill Americans, Kill the Vietnamese: and "Stay and Fight and not Run".

As the attacking elements maneuvered up the hill, they encountered well prepared positions. The small bunkers they encountered were 4x4 foot with 8-16 inches of overhead cover, and were constructed of sod and logs, firing ports to the front and supplementary foxholes to the sides. The larger bunkers were 8x10x5 foot with one foot of overhead cover and were similarly constructed of sod and logs. These larger bunkers appeared to have been sleeping areas with fighting position to the front. One very unique feature of the bunkers discovered on DONG AP BIA was their tent link construction, forming an extremely strong fighting position. (Narrative Operation APACHE SNOW; MG John M. Wright Jr. Commanding; 10 May – 7 June 1969)

20 May 1969

Operation APACHE SNOW: Assault on DONG AP BIA "Hamburger Hill – Hill 937: 4 Battalions executed a coordinated assault on Hill 937. The 3-187 IN BN, with A/2-506 IN attached, assaulted the hill from the north; 1-506 IN BN from the south and southwest; the 2/3d ARVN from the southeast; and the 2-501 IN BN from the northeast. The 3-187 IN BN swept up the hill from the north, while the 1-506 IN BN and 2-501 IN BN blocked possible routes of escape. The 2/3d ARVN moved onto Hill 937 from the south. By 1200H Battalion objectives on the DONG AP BIA Ridge were taken. The determined enemy resistance disintegrated as friendly forces overran enemy positions resulting in total body count for 20 May was 109. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV, Office of the Commanding General; Summary of Action and Results; 24 May 1969)



20 – 21 May 1969

Operation LAMAR PLAIN: 1-502 IN BN continued to move to the east. The units detained and evacuated 22 VN. At 211900H, B/1-502 IN, 1st platoon while moving to a night ambush location vicinity BT146063, engaged 2 enemy with organic weapons at a range of 20 meters. Results: 2 NVA KIA, 1 IWC.

20 May 1970

The planned extraction of the 1-501 IN BN from vicinity FS/OB KATHRYN to PHU BAI COMBAT BASE to conduct battalion refresher training was postponed due to inclement weather.

The 2BDE continued to operate in the piedmont and to deploy mobile training teams to increase the capabilities of territorial forces. (Operation Report – HQ, 101st ABN DIV (AM), Period Ending 31 July 1970; 15 August 1970)

20 May 1970

Operation TEXAS STAR: Vicinity YD496069, A/2-502 IN and Recon platoon received intense small arms and RPG fire from three sides at 15 meters. The elements returned fire, employed ARA and maneuvered against the enemy. The Recon platoon began receiving hostile fire on three sides from RPG's, machine guns, and small arms fire. The enemy attempted to cut off the Recon platoon from A/2-502 IN. A/2-502 IN, 3rd platoon reinforced the Recon platoon and the combined forces assaulted the enemy positions. A heavy volume of fire was laid down by both sides. The enemy platoon was retreated after an hour, and although many blood trails were found, only one enemy body was left behind. The Recon platoon sustained three casualties. C/2-502 IN continued to move toward link up. Contact terminated at 1230H as the enemy fled leaving one KIA. US casualties were three KIA and nine WIA. (Operation Report – HQ, 101st ABN DIV (AM), Period Ending 31 July 1970; 15 August 1970)

20 May 1970

Operation TEXAS STAR: 1-502 IN BN continued operations in the sector Golf. Extensive SP and NA were employed with negative results.

20 May – 24 June 1971

1-501 IN BN moved to FB BRICK and its AO to operate there until 05 June 1971. The battalion then moved to Camp BROOKS, DA NANG, to secure ASP 107. During this time, the ASP was being secured, a combined platoon 2-501 IN BN, 51st ARVN worked with the battalion. From 22 June to 24 June, B/1-501 IN had one squad working with the 523 RF Company for combined ambush operations.

21 May 1967

Operation MALHEUR: Three light contacts by the 2-502 IN BN resulted in 4 VC KIA. (C) and 1 individual weapon captured. (HQ, 1st Brigade, 101st ABN DIV; Combat Operations After Action Report, Operation MALHEUR; 02 September 1967)



Operation NEVADA EAGLE: 2BDE, 101st 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 8 contacts. Today's statistics: 2 US WIA (medevac); Enemy assessment: 19 NVA KIA (BC), 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 NVA POW, 4 VC POW, 2 AK-47's, 2 SKS, 4 M-16's, 1 CHICOM sub-machine pistol and 2 RPG-2 rds. (Dest).

1-501 IN BN

A/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD854203 with ambush vicinity YD853205, YD853200 and YD857203. At 2045H ambush vicinity YD857203 engaged 3 enemy with SA and claymore mines. Results: 1 SKS. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD850198 and YD834238. At 1505H vicinity YD834237 engaged 1 enemy with SA. Negative enemy assessment. At 1658H vicinity YD832241 received SA fire from one enemy. Engaged with SA fire. Negative casualties; Negative enemy assessment. At 1710H vicinity YD832243 engaged 7 NVA with SA and artillery supported. Negative enemy assessment. Established a night position vicinity YD835243.

B/1-501 IN (-) provided security for COCO Beach installations vicinity YD845321 and ambushed vicinity YD866307. B/1-501 IN, 3rd platoon provided security for FSB MONGOOSE. At 0047H, B/1-501 IN, 3rd platoon received 10-15 60mm mortar rounds. Artillery was fired at suspected enemy position vicinity YD808272. Negative casualties; Negative enemy assessment.

C/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD795253. One (1) platoon conducted RIF operations to vicinity YD784232 and returned to YD795253. One (1) platoon conducted Rif operation to vicinity YD787238 and returned, and one (1) platoon conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD780242 and returned. Established night position vicinity YD795253.

D/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD846200 with ambush vicinity YD843204. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD847197 and YD890200. At 1250H one (1) platoon PF linked up with D/1-501 IN and remained until 1505H. At 1552H, D/1-501 IN conducted a combat assault from PZ vicinity YD828203 to an LZ vicinity YD782249. Closed LZ at 1715H and established night position.

Recon platoon ambushed vicinity YD795275 and YD787273. Returned to FSB MONGOOSE and improved defensive positions.

2-501 IN BN

A/2-501 IN provided security for HUE Bridges.

B/2-501 IN provided security for FSB PINKY and ambushed vicinity YD694236. At 0837H conducted a combat assault from PZ vicinity YD688257 to LZ vicinity YD590255. Closed LZ at 0944H. Conducted RIF operations South to vicinity YD602245, then North to YD603263. At 1717H conducted a combat assault from PZ vicinity YD605263 to an LZ vicinity YD673248. Closed LZ at 1823H and moved to a night position vicinity YD673252.

C/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD657253 with ambushes vicinity YD669247, YD661240, YD651249 and YD649246. C/2-501 IN returned to FSB PINKY and assumed security mission of FSB PINKY. At 1259H, one (1) platoon conducted RIF operations to vicinity YD693240 and returned.

D/1-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD635255 with ambushes vicinity YD627257 and YD642257. At 0750H following an artillery preparation conducted a combat assault from PZ vicinity YD635255 to LZ vicinity YD581259. Closed LZ at 0827H. Conducted RIF operations North to vicinity YD593254 and YD603268. At 1650H vicinity YD603264 received 4 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Artillery was fired on suspected enemy mortar position. Negative casualties; Negative enemy assessment. At 1715H vicinity YD604268, D/1-501 IN, 3rd platoon engaged approximately 30 NVA with SA/AW. Enemy fled to NE. Results: Negative casualties; Enemy assessment: 10 NVA KIA (BC), 1 AK-47, 2 RPG-7 rds. LFT supported resulting in 6 NVA KIA (BC). At 1907H vicinity YD596254, engaged 1 NVA with SA. Results: 1 NVA KIA (BC). Established a night position vicinity YD601260 with local ambushes. Total enemy assessment: 17 NVA KIA (BC), 1 AK-47, 2 RPG-7 rounds.

Recon platoon secured LZ SATAN and established OP's vicinity YD643228, YD643223 and YD653228.

Remarks: 1 PF platoon and 1 RF platoon occupied a blocking position vicinity YD609264 to YD606250 for operation conducted by B/2-501 IN and D/2-501 IN.

1-502 IN BN

A/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD713340 with ambushes vicinity YD719341 and YD707337. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD704314, SW to vicinity YD695304 and to PZ vicinity YD697317. At 1436H conducted a combat assault to LZ vicinity YD765312. Closed LZ 1517H. Established night position vicinity YD767309 with local ambushes.

B/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD718308 with ambush vicinity YD718304. Two (2) platoons conducted RIF operations vicinity YD705298, YD694300, YD720297 and returned to vicinity YD728308. At 1045H vicinity YD694305 received SA fire. SA/AW fire was returned. Contact broke at 1047H. Results: Negative casualties; Enemy assessment 2 NVA KIA (BC), 1 NVA POW, 4 VC POW, 1 AK-47, 3 M-16's, 1 SKS and 1 pistol. One (1) platoon secured ROME PLOW and bulldozer vicinity YD718308. Established night position vicinity YD718308.



C/1-502 IN provided security for AN LO Bridge and ambushed vicinity YD602309. At 2020H ambush engaged 2 VC with SA vicinity YD606311. Negative casualties; Negative enemy assessment. One (1) squad secured minesweep North to vicinity YD601310.

D/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD694315 with ambushes vicinity YD704314, YD693306 and YD684316. Conducted RIF operations vicinity YD685308 then South to a blocking position vicinity YD686304 for B/1-502 IN. Continued RIF operations to vicinity YD684313, YD678313 and YD669309. At 1545H, vicinity YD678313 received 3 M-79 rounds. Results: 2 US WIA (medevac). Established night position vicinity YD663300 with local ambushes.

Recon platoon OPCON to C/1-502 IN. Ambushed vicinity YD704314, YD684316 and YD597311.

2-17 CAV

TF SABRE, OPCON to 1-501 IN. Occupied night position vicinity YD867276 with ambush vicinity YD862268. At 0106H received approximately 10 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Negative casualties. One (1) platoon, Alpha troop, ARP and 1 tank platoon conducted RIF operations to vicinity YD852240, YD865237 and returned to night position. At 1915H, TF SABRE returned to OPCON of 2-17 CAV.

2BDE

HHC, Security platoon secured minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY. At 0745H vicinity YD661274 found 2 VC KIA (BC). (Commanders Situation Report; 212001H May – 222000H May 1968; James J Waldeck, MAJ, IN., Kayo 3)

21 May 1968

At 1230H, an NVA battalion augmented by personnel from a sapper demolition team, launched a daring ground attack against CAMP EAGLE, following the firing of more than 400 rounds of 122mm rockets, 82mm mortars, b-40, and B-41 ammunition into the Division headquarters area. The ground attack was staged at the southwest edge of the perimeter and was beaten back by headquarters troops of the 1BDE and members of the 2-502 IN BN and helicopter gunships. Fast thinking gunners from the 329th Artillery rolled in a 105mm Howitzer without sighting devices and killed 12 enemy at the edge of the wire with four anti-personnel rounds. At first dawn, a sweep of the area revealed 54 enemy bodies and 16 individual weapons captured. Additional ordnance uncovered included 40 satchel charges, 40 Bangalore torpedoes, and 50 RPG rounds. Damage to the base area was termed light. (Rendezvous with Destiny (Volume 1, Number 2); July 1968)

21 May 1968

CAMP EAGLE and FSB BOYD received a combined rocket and mortar attack. Light ground probes also occurred at several points along the CAMP EAGLE perimeter. Illumination supported the perimeter defense while artillery fires, light fire teams and UH-1D helicopters and AC-47 aircraft engaged known and suspected rocket and mortar positions. The attack began at 0033H and terminated at 0355H. During the attack the AN/MPQ-4 counter mortar radar and flash observation posts were successfully employed to locate enemy rocket/mortar positions. (Operational Report – Lessons Learned; HQ, 101st ABN DIV ARTY (AM); Reporting period ending 21 July 1968; 02 January 1969)

21 May 1969

Operation LAMAR PLAIN: 1BDE elements engaged in heavy contact as the 1-501 IN BN fought a day long struggle against a determined, well dug-in enemy. At 0500H, C/1-501 IN, vicinity BT164115, detected movement outside an NDP and engaged the suspected enemy with M-79 and hand grenades. A first light sweep disclosed 2 VC KIA. At 0642H, B/1-501 IN, vicinity BT165108, received intensive small arms and heavy machinegun fire from an enemy force of unknown size. The ensuing contact continued throughout the day. C/1-501 IN, D/1-501 IN and Recon/1-501 IN, vicinity BT165105, observed 4 NVA with a 12.7mm HMG and engaged the enemy position. At 1000H, D/1-501 IN joined the bitter fighting by engaging an enemy force in the area. The fighting continued throughout the day as the enemy tenaciously defended from steel-reinforced concrete bunkers. Tactical air, artillery, and Air Cav support was used throughout the fighting, but the ground units remained locked in close combat throughout the afternoon. As the elements disengaged, the enemy left 25 KIA on the battlefield with the 1-501 IN BN suffering 12 KIA and 46 WIA in the fight. Contact was scattered elsewhere in the AO as the ground elements began to uncover mute evidence of the effectiveness of the intensive air and artillery strikes throughout the AO. (HQ, 1BDE, 101st ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)

21 May 1969

Operation LAMAR PLAIN: Contact with the enemy was generally light and sporadic until May 21 when 1-501 IN BN units, northeast of Hill 187, made contact in the early morning. Fighting continued throughout the day as two companies and the recon platoon were ambushed. The fighting was concentrated around a small hill where the enemy occupied well-concealed spider holes, trenches, and steel-reinforced concrete bunkers.

By mid-afternoon, D/1-501 IN was scattered south and east of the hill. They were badly shot up and pinned down by heavy enemy fire. Worse, the location of one of their platoons was unknown. Recon also was hurting after losing its platoon leader, platoon sergeant, and several other men, leaving a Spec 4 rifleman in command. Bravo assaulted the enemy hill position from the northeast and sustained many casualties. They collected the dead and wounded and set up a CP and aid station.

C/1-501 IN, in reserve, was ordered to assault the hill late that afternoon. The third platoon stood up on line, shoulder-to-shoulder, and before the command to charge could be given, the enemy opened fire. Immediately, second platoon was ordered into the fight and the two platoons charged across a rice paddy toward the hill. Several men fell wounded in the paddy, and more at the base of the hill as from above, the enemy fired mortar, machine gun, and rocket-propelled grenades. As the men leaped over a stone wall and began to advance up the hill, the first platoon and company CP also came under attack. The enemy tried to encircle them.

Murderous fire brought down several more of C/1-501 IN men. But using grenades and fire and maneuver, they reached a second stone wall. Then they were fired on from every direction. Enemy soldiers wearing grass and tree limbs as



camouflage rose up from spider holes and trenches and charged from behind. The fighting became very close, often hand-to-hand.

There were many acts of personal courage. After taking out several enemy bunkers with light anti-tank weapons and spraying rifle and machine-gun fire into the trees where enemy soldiers had tied themselves with ropes, the 101st moved further up the hill toward a third stone wall, behind which there was a continuous line of spider holes interconnected by tunnels. To the left and right, behind the wall, were bunker and tunnel complexes. Each time a bunker was taken out, more enemy soldiers crawled through the connecting tunnels and trenches, pulled their dead away, and replaced them in the firing positions.

The beleaguered grunts finally fought their way to the top of the hill and destroyed the last of the enemy bunkers. They were exhausted, nearly out of ammo and water, and without radio contact with the CP. The two platoon leaders, 1LT Don Gourley and 1LT Dan O'Neill, made the decision to recover their wounded and withdraw from the hill. After getting the wounded off the hill, Gourley led a group back up the hill to recover the dead, but the tactical situation prevented their recovery efforts. Only with the help of guys from Bravo's third platoon were they able to police up their weapons and equipment and get their wounded to a makeshift assembly area and aid station. Helicopters, under enemy fire, took out the wounded well into the night. Evacuation of the remaining wounded and recovery of the dead were the priorities the next morning. During the day's fighting, the 1-501 IN BN had 12 men killed in action and 49 wounded.

Over the next dozen days, the enemy stalked the 101st units with well-placed mortar and sniper fire. Aircraft losses continued steadily. During this period, 18 men were killed and 54 were wounded. A 24-hour cease-fire was declared for May 30, Buddha's birthday. (Bitter Fighting In QUANG TIN, Roger Ables)

21 May 1969

Operation APACHE SNOW: The coordinated four battalion assault on 20 May resulted in the successful seizure of DONG AP BIA and rendered the 29th NVA Regiment combat ineffective. A systematic search and destruction of the bunker complex was initiated on 21 May, while pursuit operations were launched by the 2-17 CAV squadron followed with a ground pursuit by the 2-501 IN BN. The 2-501 IN BN encountered extensive bunker complexes in the vicinity YC3298 which it meticulously searched and destroyed while moving on a multiple platoon axes west to the Laotian Border.

The 1-506 IN BN continued to encounter pockets of resistance of platoon size elements in heavily fortified bunker positions along the southern ridges of DONG AP BIA which were eliminated with organic weapons, air and artillery support. Throughout the 21st, 1-506 IN BN accounted for forty-six NVA killed in these small unit actions.

The 2-3 ARVN BN made a detailed search of the high ground and the ridges to the east of DONG AP BIA. At the end of the day they had accounted for twenty-nine NVA killed.

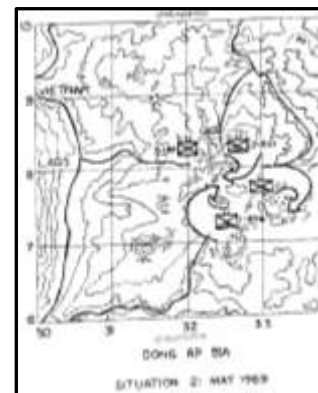
The 3-187 IN BN was extracted from the northern A SHAU VALLEY and inserted at FB BLAZE where they became OPCON to 2BDE. Following a short respite at FB BLAZE the battalion was placed on stand down status and its elements went to Eagle Beach for Rest and Recuperation.

The 2-506 IN BN deployed from the lowlands to the mountains of the northern A SHAU VALLEY in place of the 3-187 IN BN. A/2-506 IN BN and E/2-506 IN BN completed their air move to FB AIRBORNE with the rest of the Battalion to be deployed the following day.

The DONG AP BIA operation cost the enemy a total of 630 soldiers killed. In addition to these confirmed casualties, a prisoner of war captured during the operation indicated that 80% of the units in his unit were casualties. (Narrative Operation APACHE SNOW; MG John M. Wright Jr. Commanding; 10 May – 7 June 1969)

21 May 1969

Operation APACHE SNOW: Assault on DONG AP BIA "Hamburger Hill – Hill 937: Allied forces swept over the hill to check the enemy base area in detail. After ten days of hard fighting the 3-187 IN BN had earned a well-deserved rest and returned to the coastal plains. The 1-506 IN BN secured the abandoned enemy positions while the 2-501 IN BN conducted RIF operations to the west. The 2/3d ARVN conducted RIF operations to the east. Friendly reconnaissance of the area encountered only isolated and sporadic resistance. An additional 59 enemy killed were discovered and 89 weapons were captured. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV, Office of the Commanding General; Summary of Action and Results; 24 May 1969)



21 May – 7 June 1969

Throughout this period enemy contact decreased and discoveries of enemy caches increased as enemy elements withdrew from the area into Base Areas in Laos. 2-501 IN BN in conjunction with A/2-17 CAV following the capture of DONG AP BIA began pursuit operations west to the Laotian Border in order to destroy the remaining defenders of Hill 937. On 22 May, 2-506 IN BN with elements combat assaulted into FB AIRBORNE and conducted extensive search and reconnaissance in force operations in and around FB AIRBORNE to locate NVA Warehouse 54, known to exist in the area. (Operational Report – Lessons Learned, HQ, 101st ABN DIV, Period Ending 31 July 1969)



21 May 1970 1-501 IN BN moved by air from FSB EATHRYN to PHU BAI COMBAT BASE and began preparation for battalion refresher training. The battalion passed from the operational control of the 1BDE to OPCON of the 2BDE. The 3BDE assumed responsibility for the portion of the Three Forks area of the SONG BO River vacated by the extraction of the 1-501 IN BN as B/1-506 IN moved by air from FSB Rakkasan to FSB KATHRYN to provide security for the firebase and conduct local patrolling. The 1BDE continued combined operations southwest of HUE with the 2-502 IN BN and the 3-3 ARVN Regiment conducting operations against elements of two battalions of the 29th NVA regiment in the vicinity of FSB Veghel. (Operation Report – HQ, 101st ABN DIV (AM), Period Ending 31 July 1970; 15 August 1970)

21 May 1970 **Operation TEXA STAR:** D/1-502 IN, 3rd platoon at grid 699070 found on dud 155 round. 3rd squad found one dud 500lb bomb at grid 732037. An EOD team was requested. D/1-502 IN, 2nd platoon at grid 7320838 found two 4lb blocks of TNT. VN children turned in to US forces several 155mm HE rounds they had found. The rounds destroyed with C4 explosive.

21 May 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** In the morning a white team and pink team were employed to scout the gap between A/2-502 IN and C/2-502 IN. The white team bird took several hits from enemy positions east of A/2-502 IN, forcing it to land. The pink team LOH was also hit by enemy fire and forced to land. The bird had to be extracted, but there were negative casualties. At 1900H, A/2-502 IN and C/2-502 IN were linked up.

21 May 1971 A/1-501 IN, 3rd platoon spotted one enemy vicinity YD888941 and initiated fire. Results: 1 POW and one AK-47 captured.

21 May 1971 A/1-501 IN, 3rd platoon found cache of 21 B-40 rockets vicinity YD884944. Results: Destroyed.

21 May 1971 A/1-501 IN, 3rd platoon in the vicinity of YD885941 received small arms fire. Results: 1 US WIA.

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

22 – 23 May 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** 2BDE, 101st 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 plain's areas, and to seek out and destroy enemy forces and installations in the 2BDE AO. Contact was light with a total of 5 contacts. Today's statistics: 5 US WIA (3 medevac); Enemy assessment: 2 NVA KIA (BC), 3 VC KIA (BC), 1 SKS, 1 M-16, 3 82mm mortar rounds (Dest), 8 60mm mortar rounds (Dest), 1 flare pistol (Dest), 1 90mm BBT (Dest), 1000 rounds SA, 2000 lbs. cement and 625 lbs. rice.

1-501 IN BN

A/1-501 IN occupied a night position vicinity YD835243 with an ambush vicinity YD831244 and YD839242. One squad of A/1-501 IN, 3rd platoon with 1 PF platoon provided security at bridge vicinity YD838176. At 2130H, A/1-501 IN, 1st platoon began moving to a blocking position vicinity YD815263. At 0030H, A/1-501 IN (-) began moving to join A/1-501 IN, 1st platoon and established a blocking position from vicinity YD820270 to YD818262. At 1215H, A/1-501 IN (-) conducted RIF operation from blocking position to vicinity YD841231. At 1220H, vicinity YD823276 found 1 M-16. Established a night position vicinity YD841231.

B/1-501 IN (-) provided security for COCO Beach installation vicinity YD845320 and ambushed vicinity YD686300. B/1-501 IN, 3rd platoon provided security for FSB MONGOOSE. Platoon (-) provided security for minesweep N and S from FSB MONGOOSE. Elements of B/1-501 IN continued to improve defensive positions at COCO Beach and FSB MONGOOSE.

C/1-501 IN occupied a night position vicinity YD795253. At 0110H moved to a blocking position from vicinity YD815260 to YD805265. At 0620H had 18 detainees who were trying to leave village area. At 1225H C/1-501 IN departed cordon position and conducted RIF operations to vicinity YD802237. Established a night position vicinity YD802237.

D/1-501 IN occupied a night position vicinity YD781249. At 0030H began moving to a blocking position from YD806272 to YD805265. At 0950H conducted RIF operation SW thru village to vicinity YD808268 and YD791252. Established a night position vicinity YD792252.

Recon platoon at 0110H began moving from FSB MONGOOSE to a blocking position vicinity YD806272 to YD809275. At 0610H linked up with RF Company and elements began moving SE thru village. Search of the village by the Recon platoon produced the following: 40-50 lb. bags of cement, 5 100 lb. bags of rice and one (1) flare pistol (Dest). Recon platoon returned to FSB MONGOOSE, closed 1530H. (Note: RF Company found 10 100 lb. bags of cement and 1000 lbs. of rice).

2-501 IN BN

A/2-501 IN provided security for HUE Bridge and improved defensive positions.

B/2-501 IN occupied night positions vicinity YD673252 with ambushes vicinity YD671263, YD681246, YD674241 and YD666246. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD678235. B/2-501 IN (-) remained at YD67825, B/2-501 IN, 3rd platoon continued RIF operations to vicinity YD690230, YD693220, YD685220 and returned. Established a night position vicinity YD680241.

C/2-501 IN provided security for FSB PINKY and ambushed vicinity YD691233 and YD692224. Secured minesweep S to HUE. C/2-501 IN, 3rd platoon conducted RIF operations with 1 PF platoon to vicinity YD690254, YD698285 and returned to FSB PINKY.



D/2-501 IN occupied night position vicinity YD599253 with ambushes vicinity YD605265 and YD601260. At 2021H ambush vicinity YD605265 engaged 6 enemy with SA. Results: 2 NVA KIA (BC). Conducted RIF operations to vicinity YD602247, YD953250 and YD597260. At 1258H D/2-501 IN (-) conducted a combat assault from PZ vicinity YD597260 to LZ vicinity YD600273. Closed LZ at 1318H. D/2-501 IN, 3rd platoon remained vicinity YD597260. At 1320H vicinity YD595258 D/2-501 IN, 3rd platoon found 8 60mm mortar rounds, 125 lbs. rice, 1000 rounds SA and miscellaneous clothing. D/2-501 IN, 3rd platoon conducted RIF operations N and joined D/2-501 IN (-). Established night position vicinity YD596271 with local ambushes.

Recon platoon secured LZ SATAN and established OP vicinity YD629221. Squad (-) conducted a patrol to vicinity YD652202.

1-502 IN BN

A/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD677308 with ambushes vicinity YD770317, YD765310 and YD761307. Conducted RIF operations NW to vicinity YD772327, YD766324 and YD758315. Established night position vicinity YD781315.

B/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD718308 with ambush vicinity YD713313. Provided security for bulldozer operations vicinity YD724306 (ROME PLOW is presently down for maintenance). Established night position vicinity YD717311.

C/1-502 IN provided security for AN LO Bridge. Ambushed vicinity YD600310, YD604311, YD604310 and YD613313. Secured minesweep N to vicinity YD601310. Improved defensive positions vicinity AN LO Bridge.

D/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD663300 with ambushes vicinity YD667302, YD663295 and YD650298. Conducted RIF operations to vicinity YD660307, YD666300, YD666295, YD663297 and YD654295. At 0855H vicinity YD660307 a detonated BBT grenade resulted in 2 US WIA (medevac). At 1000H vicinity YD657307 engaged 1 VC with SA. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 SKS. At 1200H vicinity YD666297 a detonated BBT grenade resulted in 1 US WIA (medevac). At 1225H vicinity YD667297 engaged 2 VC with SA fire. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1456H vicinity YD658293 received 4 rounds of sniper fire. Returned fire with SA. Results: Negative casualties; Negative enemy assessment. At 1650H vicinity YD657295 found and destroyed 1 BBT 90mm round. Established night position vicinity YD649303 with local ambush.

Recon platoon OPCON C/1-502 IN.

2BDE

HHC Security platoon secured minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

(Commanders Situation Report; 222001H May – 232000H May 1968; James J Waldeck, MAJ, IN., Kayo 3)

22 May 1968

B/1-502 IN while on a RIF vicinity 694305 received fire from the village. After returning fire and artillery, they swept the area and found 2 NVA KIA (BC) and captured 5 NVA/VC POW's in their bunkers. D/1-502 IN fired artillery on suspected enemy positions then swept thru the area and found 3 VC KIA and 1 NVA KIA. Results: Enemy: 3 NVA KIA (BC), 5 POW.

22 May 1969

Operation LAMAR PLAIN: Moderate enemy activity continued in the AO as scattered contacts of varying intensity ground and air were reported. At 0530H, D/1-501 IN, vicinity BT162106, engaged and killed an NVA soldier moving outside the NDP. At 0850H, Recon/1-501 IN, vicinity BT141052, captured one VC attempting to hide in a trench. At 0925H, B/1-502 IN, vicinity BT141502, received small arms fire, resulting in 1 US WIA; the element returned fire. At 1100H, B/1-502 IN, vicinity BT136059, received machine gun fire from a concealed position, resulting in 1 US KIA; the elements returned fire, but they enemy broke contact. At 1315H, B/1-502 IN, vicinity BT140046, found the remains of 5 NVA killed by an airstrike conducted the previous day. At 1407H, vicinity BT165110, found the body of one NVA who had been killed in an earlier skirmish. At 1455H and 1457H, two Brigade aircraft were hit by ground fire; a LOH from 2-320 ARTY was hit vicinity BT215161 and a UH-1H C&C ship of 1-501 IN BN was hit vicinity BT165110 with a total of 3 US WIA. At 1910H, B/1-501 IN, vicinity BT162109, observed 2 NVA in an open field; engaged the enemy with M-79 fire, killing one. At 2018H, 1-501 IN BN, Recon platoon vicinity BT128068, observed a small enemy force and engaged them with small arms, accounting for 2 NVA KIA. (HQ, 1BDE, 101st ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)

22 May 1969

Operation APACHE SNOW: On 22 May, the 1-506 IN BN continued to systematically search and destroy the bunker complexes of DONG AP BIA and adjacent areas, in addition to destroying points of resistance and accounting for fifty-four enemy killed. The 2-506 IN BN deployed from FB BLAZE to FB AIRBORNE – B/1-506 IN at 1121H, C/1-506 IN at 1126H and D/1-506 IN at 1455H – and continued search and destroy operations in all directions around FB AIRBORNE encountering a large enemy base camp area.

2-501 IN BN continued ground pursuit operations against the retreating enemy forces, following the 2-17 CAV squadron's pursuit. While on the pursuit west to the Laotian Border the battalion continued to search the extensive bunker complexes vicinity YC3298 that was discovered the previous day.

2-3 ARVN BN was given the task of searching and destroying enemy in the area bounded by coordinates YC3399, YC3599, YC3595 and YC3395. While patrolling the area they discovered a large ammunition and weapons cache which they evacuated. (Narrative Operation APACHE SNOW; MG John M. Wright Jr. Commanding; 10 May – 7 June 1969)



22 - 24 May 1969

Operation APACHE SNOW: Assault on DONG AP BIA "Hamburger Hill – Hill 937: Operations cost the enemy a total of 630 NVA KIA. In addition to these confirmed casualties, a PW captured during the operations indicated that 80% of the units in his area were casualties. The 2-501 IN BN and the 2-3 ARVN continued search operations in the vicinity of Hill 937, accounting for 77 NVA killed and 3 crew served weapons captured. The search operation continued on the 23d of May with 1-506 IN BN finding 10 more NVA bodies and the 2-501 IN BN finding 3 bodies. On 24 May, the 1-506 IN BN discovered 51 individual weapons and the 2-501 IN BN found 1 NVA KIA. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV, Office of the Commanding General; Summary of Action and Results; 24 May 1969)

22 May 1969

Operation LAMAR PLAIN: A/1-502 IN accounted for 5 detainees. At vicinity BT141062, B/1-502 IN made contact with an estimated enemy platoon in bunkers. Results: 1 US KIA, 1 VN WIA and 5 NVA KIA. 1-502 IN BN, Recon platoon captured 1 VC POW hiding in a trench vicinity BT128068 and at BT1206065 captured three VC. At 2018H, 1-502 IN BN, Recon platoon at grid BT131068 engaged three enemy with small arms fire killing 2 NVA.

22 May 1970

Operations TEXAS STAR: FB ARSENAL personnel spotted a light at grid 789062. MTT #15 and RF platoon 142 observed three VC/NVA the night prior. They made a sweep of the area and found three bunkers with signs of recent use. In the bunkers, some equipment was found. They destroyed the bunker and back logged the ammo and hand grenades they found.

22 May 1970

Operation TEXAS STAR: Artillery was employed against the known enemy bunkers, utilizing 8", 105 and 155mm artillery batteries.

22 May 1971

C/1-501 IN securing FB RIFLE was hit by ground attack of 30 NVA sappers. Also received 30-40mm mortar rounds. Results: 7 enemy KIA, 1 US KIA, 7 US slightly WIA, 21th 2 Engineers WIA. In addition, the following equipment was captured: 6 rucksacks, three AK-47's, two pistols, one RPG launcher, 30-40 satchel charges and numerous RPG rounds.

22 May 1971

A/1-501 IN, 2nd platoon had a MA detonate vicinity YC882946. Results: 1 enemy KIA, 1 AK-47 captured.

23 May 1967

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

23 – 24 May 1968

Operation DELAWARE: TF 2BDE, 101st ABN DIV continued to conduct offensive operations in support of Operation DELAWARE to locate and destroy VC/NVA forces, bases and logistics in the coastal plains area. Contact was light with a total of 9 contacts. Today's statistics: Friendly losses – 1 US KIA, 6 US WIA (5 medevac); Enemy assessment – 9 NVA KIA (BC), 7 VC KIA (BC), 6 AK-47's, 1 M2 Carbine, 1 LMG, 1 RPG-2 launcher, 1 SKS and 350 rounds SA.

1-501 IN BN

A/1-501 IN occupied NDP vicinity YD688268 with ambushes vicinity YD674273, YD675275, YD680276 and YD683274. At 2000H vicinity YD680276, ambush engaged 15 to 20 NVA. Negative casualties; Enemy assessment – 7 NVA KIA (BC), 4 AK-47's and 1 M2 carbine. During the day remained at NDP, conducted maintenance and local patrols. Established NDP vicinity YD678272 with local ambushes.

B/1-501 IN occupied NDP vicinity YD608265 with ambushes vicinity YD613259, YD606260, YD611271 and YD605267. During the day conducted local patrolling with negative results. Established NDP vicinity YD618274 with local ambushes.

C/1-501 IN OPCON 2-17 CAV

D/1-501 IN occupied NDP vicinity YD65025 with ambushes vicinity YD643250, YD656252 and YD649256. Conducted RIF operations to vicinity YD661245. Established NDP vicinity YD657247 with local ambushes.

Recon platoon provided minesweep security N and S from LZ SALLY.

2-501 IN BN

A/2-501 IN maintained a blocking position vicinity YD745305 until 1100H. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD735301, YD729304 and to NDP vicinity YD712312. Negative contact.

B/2-501 IN at 0705H vicinity YD69131 received 8 60mm mortar rounds with negative casualties. Artillery fired on suspected enemy position. Negative assessment. Conducted RIF from YD691312 to vicinity YD680310, YD675310 to YD668311. At 1157H vicinity YD674310 received 10 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Results: 1 US WIA (medevac). At 1958H vicinity YD668311 received approximately 6 rounds of 60mm mortar fire, negative casualties. Totals: 1 US WIA (medevac); Negative enemy assessment.

C/2-501 IN conducted RIF NW to vicinity YD715330. At 0937H vicinity YD720320 received AW fire. Returned fire. Negative casualties; Negative enemy assessment. Continued RIF operation to vicinity YD724324.

D/2-501 IN at 0830H D/2-501 IN conducted RIF operation through hamlet vicinity YD748306 following artillery preparation. Negative contact. At 1125H vicinity YD738302. At 1120H had 1 US WIA (slight) from fragments of friendly thrown grenade. Totals: 1 US WIA; Enemy Losses – 2 NVA KIA (BC).

Recon platoon provided security for B/1-321 ARTY at QUANG DIEN.



2-17 CAV

C/1-501 IN OPCON to 2-17 CAV provided security for AN LO Bridge. At 2140H vicinity YD619300 ambush engaged 2 VC. Results: 2 US WIA (1 medevac); Enemy assessment – 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 SKS. At 1158H vicinity YD490446 received sniper fire from estimated 1 enemy. Negative casualties. Conducted platoon size RIF operation NE and SW of AN LO Bridge. Totals: 2 US WIA (1 medevac); Enemy assessment – 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 SKS.

2BDE

HHC Security platoon provided security for FSB BELCHER. At 1330H moved to vicinity YD605316.

(Commanders Situation Report; 232001H May – 242000H May 1968; James J Waldeck, MAJ, IN., Kayo 3)

23 – 25 May 1968

1-502 IN BN made light contact throughout the period while conducting RIF and security missions throughout the AO. Results: Enemy: 1 WIA BBT, 8 VC KIA (BC).

23 May 1969

Operation LAMAR PLAIN: All units continued RIF operations in the area and contact continued as the sweeping forces ferreted out small enemy forces. At 0850H, a logistics aircraft for 1-501 IN BN, vicinity BT163108, received small arms fire which wounded one crewman. At 1100H, B/1-501 IN BN, vicinity BT163108, engaged an enemy force hidden in bunkers; the unit employed small arms fire and tactical air, resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 US WIA. At 1115H, Recon/1-502 IN, vicinity BT125054, captured 1 NVA soldier and discovered the remains of 1 VC killed by an earlier airstrike. At 1353H, B/1-501 IN, vicinity BT161111, received unknown caliber mortar fire and M-79 fire, resulting in 3 US KIA and 7 US WIA; the element returned fire and negative assessment. (HQ, 1BDE, 101st ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)

23 May 1969

Operation APACHE SNOW: All units continued missions in their respective areas of operation. The 1-506 IN BN continued its search and destroy operations of the bunker complexes of DONG AP BIA and adjacent areas, silencing pockets of resistance and discovering ten additional NVA bodies. They also found trees with the bark stripped off and inscriptions written with magic markers telling the NVA soldiers to “stay and fight, this is a good place to fight from”. The 2-506 IN BN which was conducting reconnaissance in force operations and saturation patrols in the vicinity of FB AIRBORNE, encountered light enemy resistance composed of two to three NVA soldiers in groups in addition to a bunker complex and miscellaneous equipment. The 2-501 IN BN continued their pursuit west to the Laotian Border and continued to search and destroy and extensive bunker complex discovered two days previously finding additional NVA bodies. The 2-3 ARVN BN continued reconnaissance in force operations in their area of operation concentrating on the south-central portion of the A SHAU VALLEY. Also, on the 23rd, the 4-1 ARVN BN discovered forty huts containing four 60mm mortar tubes, one RPG-2 launcher, one RPG-7 launcher and seven NVA killed by air strikes. (Narrative Operation APACHE SNOW; MG John M. Wright Jr. Commanding; 10 May – 7 June 1969)

23 May 1969

Operation APACHE SNOW: On this morning in the vicinity of YC320988, D/2-501 Inf was conducting a RIF operation in its assigned AO. As the lead element began to move to high ground in the vicinity of the coordinates above, they encountered a heavy volume of small arms, RPG, satchel charges, and grenade fire. Gunships from a cavalry team and artillery were immediately employed and D/2-501 IN BN moved in to search the area. This search of the immediate area indicated a dug-in platoon size position with 3 NVA KIA (BC). Friendly casualties were 1 US KIA and 8 US WIA. Terrain was typical of the entire AO, the low ground had heavy underbrush with patches of trees and small streams running throughout the area. The high ground was covered with double and triple jungle canopy. (HQ, 2-501 IN; Combat Operation After Action Report, Operation Apache Snow, 22 June 1969)

23 May 1969

Operation LAMAR PLAIN: The 1-502 IN BN continued operations west of FSB PROFESSIONAL vicinity BT173077. D/1-502 IN discovered and destroyed an unoccupied enemy base area containing a quantity of food and clothing. The 1-502 IN, Recon platoon, operating in vicinity of BT125054 detained 48 Vietnamese, captured one NVA POW and one VCS; a search of the area revealed 600lbs of rice. All individuals were evacuated to the 1BDE at TAM KY. Interrogation of the NVA POW revealed that he was a member of the 208th NVA Regiment.

23 May 1970

Operation TEXAS STAR: C/1-502 IN spotted light blinking to SE of their position at YD775043. No other significant events occurred today.

23 May 1970

Operation TEXAS STAR: At 0940H, vicinity YD499069 a sweep of the bunker complex began from the artillery fire on the 22nd. A/2-502 IN reinforced C/2-502 IN and swept across the complex with no resistance. The artillery had successfully eliminated this enemy force. A complex of 20 bunkers 4'x3'x4' and 12 hooches were secured and the bodies of 12NVA were uncovered from the rubble. Mortar rounds, small arms ammo, RPG rounds and assorted documents were discovered in the complex area. (Operation Report – HQ, 101st ABN DIV (AM), Period Ending 31 July 1970; 15 August 1970)

24 May 1967

Operation MALHEUR: Two light contacts by the 2-502 IN BN resulted in 2 VC KIA (C) and 1 individual weapon captured. (HQ, 1st Brigade, 101st ABN DIV; Combat Operations After Action Report, Operation MALHEUR; 02 September 1967)

24 – 25 May 1968

Operation NEVADA EAGLE: 2BDE, 101st 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 plain's areas, 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: 1 US WIA (medevac); Enemy assessment – 2 NVA KIA (BC), 700 lbs. of rice.



1-501 IN BN

A/1-501 IN (Working with 1 PF platoon) occupied night position vicinity YD825227 with ambushes vicinity YD818225 and YD828230. Conducted RIF operation to vicinity YD822257, YD853206 and YD852198. Established a night position vicinity YD848207.

B/1-501 IN (-) provided security for COCO Beach vicinity YD845320 and ambushed vicinity YD869300. One (1) platoon secured FSB MONGOOSE and provided security for minesweep N and S from FSB MONGOOSE.

C/1-501 IN (Working with 10 PRU personnel) from night position vicinity YD829218 conducted RIF operation NW to vicinity YD8123.

D/1-501 IN (Working with 1 PF platoon) from night position vicinity YD843204 conducted RIF operations to vicinity YD7921 and YD7922.

Recon platoon provided security for LZ SATAN. Closed out LZ SATAN at 1630H and returned to FSB PINKY by UH-1. Closed at 1650H.

2-501 IN BN

A/2-501 IN provided security for HUE Bridges and improve defensive positions.

B/2-501 IN (Working with 1 PF platoon) from night position vicinity YD666259 conduct RIF operation W to SONG BO River then along the E bank vicinity YD606248 and YD610270.

C/2-501 IN (-) provide security for FSB PINKY and conducted minesweep from FSB PINKY to HUE. Reinforced C/2-501 IN, 2nd platoon securing OP/FSB T-Bone and improve defensive positions. One (1) platoon from FSB PINKY move to vicinity YD692239, join 1 PF platoon and conduct RIF operation vicinity YD693225 and return to FSB PINKY.

D/2-501 IN from night position vicinity YD595269 conduct RIF operation vicinity YD5926, YD6026 and YD6027.

Recon platoon stand-down at COCO Beach.

1-502 IN BN

A/1-502 IN (Working with 1 PF platoon) occupied night position vicinity YD746329 with ambushes vicinity YD737314, YD740326 and YD740336. A/1-502 IN (-) conducted RIF operation vicinity YD732326 and established a blocking position to the N. One (1) platoon with 1 PF platoon conducted RIF to the S from vicinity YD728335. Continued RIF operation to vicinity YD715330 and YD715340. At 0746H vicinity YD732326 received sniper fire. SA fire returned and artillery supported. Negative casualties; Negative enemy assessment. Established night position vicinity YD713339 with local ambushes.

B/1-502 IN occupied a night position vicinity YD717311. Provided security for bulldozer working vicinity YD723313. At 1100H vicinity YD724314 found graves containing 2 NVA KIA (BC). Returned to night position vicinity YD717311.

C/1-502 IN provided security for AN LO Bridge and ambushed vicinity YD619310, YD603311, YD603310 and YD609312. Secured minesweep to vicinity YD599309.

D/1-502 IN occupied night position vicinity YD657313 with ambushes vicinity YD658305 and YD669308. Conducted RIF operation vicinity YD664288, YD677298. Established night position vicinity YD691312.

Recon platoon OPCON C/1-502 IN.

2BDE

HHC Security platoon secured minesweep N and S from LZ SALLY.

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

24 May 1968

Operation NEVADA EAGLE: First major contact was made by C/1-508 IN and 3BDE, 82nd ABN DIV during its RIF to the south of FSB STRIKE. It engaged an estimated NVA company, possibly guarding the 90th NVA Regiment Headquarters resulting in 2 NHA including the Commander of C/1-508 IN. After several attempts had been made to retrieve their MHA's C/1-508 IN was assisted by B/2-502 IN finally retrieving their MHA's. A/2-502 IN and C/2-502 IN were reoriented to conduct RIF along ridgelines running generally N-S. A/2-502 IN ran into an estimated NVA platoon during this time.

24 May 1969

Operation LAMAR PLAIN: Activity decreased in the AO with only three minor contacts being reported. At 0830H, a Brigade LOH reconnaissance team, vicinity BT138068, engaged 3 VC with ARA support, accounting for 3 VC KIA. At 1425H, B/1-501 IN, vicinity BT158112, had 1 US KIA by small arms fire from an undetermined size enemy force. At 1615H, B/1-501 IN, vicinity BT154106, again received small arms fire, resulting in 1 US KIA and 2 US WIA; the unit returned fire with negative assessment. (HQ, 1BDE, 101st ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)



24 May 1969 **Operation APACHE SNOW:** The operation continued as in the previous day with significant activities being the destruction of bunker complexes of DONG AP BIA and discovered by the 1-506 IN BN of fifty-one individual weapons. The 2-501 IN BN continued pursuit of the enemy west to the Laotian Border turning north along the border and then back to the east (Narrative Operation APACHE SNOW; MG John M. Wright Jr. Commanding; 10 May – 7 June 1969)

24 May 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** Enemy contact was made by the 1-502 IN BN, Recon platoon at 0520H. The Recon platoon observed moving lights approximately 1800 meters to the north of their NDP. The target, vicinity BT128065 was engaged with 300 rounds of Artillery. At first light, the area was checked and revealed 5 VC KBA. At 0830H, vicinity Bt380069, ARA engaged three VC in a small hut and bunker complex resulting in 3 VC KBA.

24 May 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** A/1-501 IN and D/1-501 IN moved by air to FSB KATHRYN and passed to the operational control of the 1-506 IN BN to conduct patrol operations north and south of the firebase. This movement was made in reaction to increased enemy activity in the area. (Operation Report – HQ, 101st ABN DIV (AM), Period Ending 31 July 1970; 15 August 1970)

24 May 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** 1-502 IN BN, Recon platoon found a 155mm round on a trail located at grid 702112. An EOD team was sent in to destroy it. Look magazine correspondent visited FB BIRMINGHAM to get information for an article today. C/1-502 IN spotted intermittent flashes at grid 761056.

24 May 1970 **Operation TEXAS STAR:** The final police of the area was completed and 2-502 IN BN relocated its forces in a new AO east of the SONG BO River.

24 May 1971 1-501 IN BN woodcutter truck hit by MA vicinity YD902028. Results: 3 Civilian KIA and 5 civilian WIA.

24 May 1971 A/1-501 IN, 2nd platoon contact with 3-4 enemy vicinity YC880949. The contact was made after finding hootch 12x7' with bunker underneath. Results: 1 NVA KIA and 1 US WIA.

24 May 1971 C/1-501 IN, 2nd platoon 4th squad CP received 8-10 rounds small arms fire. Employed 21 rounds 81mm and 18 rounds 105. Negative results.

25 May 1967 **Operation MALHEUR:** Five light contacts by the 2-502 IN BN resulted in 2 US WHA, 5 VC KIA (C) and 2 radios captured. (HQ, 1st Brigade, 101st ABN DIV; Combat Operations After Action Report, Operation MALHEUR; 02 September 1967)

25 May 1968 **Operation CARENTAN II:** The Screaming Eagles of the 101st ABN DIV continued their pursuit of the enemy in Operation CARENTAN II, killing 72 enemy and capturing seven weapons in scattered action. The largest action took place near PHA TAM GIANG BAY five miles north of HUE. A/1-502 IN surprised a reinforced NVA platoon. The paratroopers forced the enemy to withdraw to positions on the bay. Small arms fire and supporting artillery drove the enemy from his position and contact was lost. Forty-one NVA soldiers were killed in the battle. Thirty-one additional enemy were killed in widely scattered actions the same day.

25 May 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** All units continued RIF operations in their respective AO as the enemy increased ground-to-air fire and continued to resist in the face of increasing pressure. At 0945H, A/1-502 IN, vicinity BT153117, suffered 2 US WIA by small arms fire from an unknown enemy force. At 1120H, a logistics aircraft for B/1-501 IN, vicinity BT155118, had 1 US WIA from ground fire. At 1309H, Recon/1-502 IN, vicinity BT125045, found the remains of 2 NVA killed by an earlier airstrike. At 1620H, A/1-501 IN, vicinity BT165098, engaged an enemy force with small arms. The alert soldier quickly maneuvered and over-ran an enemy 82mm mortar position, killing 6 NVA and capturing 1 NVA who was identified as the squad leader. Additionally, the aggressive company claimed 3 WC and the complete 82MM mortar. At 1825H, B/1-501 IN, vicinity BT153117, had 2 US WIA from small arms fire; the element returned fire but the enemy broke contact with negative assessment. At 1850H, Recon/1-502 IN, vicinity BT136045, engaged and killed 1 NVA and, at 1915H, C/1-501 IN, vicinity BT164115, closed out the day's activities when it discovered 1 VC KIA from an earlier clash. (HQ, 1BDE, 101st ABN DIV; After Action Report, Operation LAMAR PLAIN; 15 September 1969)

25 May 1969 **Operation APACHE SNOW:** The operation continued with little change from the previous day. B/2-501 IN became involved at 1245H with an estimated enemy squad while on reconnaissance in force operations near the Laotian Border. The contact continued throughout the day with small arms, artillery, and gunship adding support, resulting in one NVA killed. (Narrative Operation APACHE SNOW; MG John M. Wright Jr. Commanding; 10 May – 7 June 1969)

25 May 1969 **Operation LAMAR PLAIN:** A/1-502 IN captured on VC POW vicinity BY118078. The POW was slightly wounded and was carrying an NVA rucksack. In the vicinity of BT128068, A/1-502 IN apprehended 18 VN. All detainees and the POW were evacuated to TAM KY. B/1-502 IN located vicinity BT132068 detained and evacuated four VN. At 1909H, Recon platoon engaged one enemy moving on a trail from south to north at an estimated range of 100 meters. Results: 1 VC KIA.

25 May 1971 C/1-501, 1st platoon found a fresh blood trail in the vicinity of YC900955. Results: 1 NVA WIA and 1 AK-47 captured.

25 May 1971 A/1-501 IN, 3rd platoon in the vicinity of YC887950 found 5 bunkers, recent activity 24-36 hours. The bunkers were 2x9x6' with trail-oriented East-West.



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

1 x Medal of Honor (1 x Posthumously)
 3 x Distinguished Service Cross
 14 x Silver Star Medal (6 x Posthumously)
 1 x Bronze Star Medal with Valor
 24 x Bronze Star Medal (23 x Posthumously)
 79 x Purple Heart Medal (39 x Posthumously)
 1 x Soldiers Medal
 35 x Air Medal
 2 x Died of Non-Hostile Injuries or Illness

19 May 1967



SP4 Dale E. Wayrynen (B/2-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death while on combat operation when he jumped on a hostile grenade to save the lives of three of his friends while on Hill 424, 13km W-SW of DUC PHO, in the QUANG NGAI Province, Republic of Vietnam.

19 May 1968

1LT Roger G. Stallard (C/2-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal 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)

19 May 1968



SGT Eugene M. Sutton Jr. (C/2-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from small arms fire while on combat operation when unit came under hostile force at a NDP near FSB VEGHEL, 15 miles SW of HUE in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

19 May 1969

The following Soldiers from A/1-502 IN:

CPT Charles R. Scribner	1LT Robert S. Johnson	1LT Ronald D. Moffitt	1LT John D. Sorge
2LT Donald A. Bailey	1SG Emory D. Wise	PSG Francis L. Demory	PSG Jack Godfrey
PSG Ernest J. Romer	SSG James E. Dolougherty	SSG Rodney K. Green	SGT Stephen J. Aulph
SGT Willis A. Black	SGT John T. Borgers	SGT Joseph P. Carolina	SGT Alvin C. Gaines
SGT William R. Garner	SGT Norman L. Horeter	SGT Morris J. Jackson	SGT Martin L. Long
SGT John A. Mc Dannel	SGT James H. Manning	SGT Arthur E. Robinson	SGT Jesse E. Seiffert
SGT James M. Thompson	SGT Richard I. Van Alstine	SGT Jimmy D. Wilkerson	SGT Richard T. Wilson
SGT Howard L. Wood	SP4 George W. Baker	SP4 Joseph G. Bigger	SP4 Samuel Calderon
SP4 Ronnie L. Carroll	SP4 Russell B. Carson	SP4 Phillip N. Cawthon	

Was awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Orders Number 8976; 17 July 1969)

19 May 1970



SGT Billy R. Lucas (C/2-502 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medals and Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from multiple fragmentation wounds while on combat operations when a hostile force was encountered on Hill 714, NW of FSB VEGHEL, in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.



20 May 1968



SGT Michael Gillard (D/2-501 IN) died from injuries received when a fire truck pinned him to a bridge, he was guarding in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

20 May 1970



CPL Roy L. Carter (A/2-501 IN) received the Bronze Star Medal (Posthumously) died from Non-hostile causes as a ground casualty in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

20 May 1970



SSG Tony R. Ward (A/2-501 IN) died from Non-hostile causes as a ground casualty in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

20 May 1970



SGT Ralph T. Mueller (A/1-501 IN) received the Bronze Star Medal (Posthumously) died from Non-hostile causes as a ground casualty in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

20 May 1970



CPL Robert E. Cain (E/2-502 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from multiple fragmentation wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered while on the NE slope of Hill 882, 14km E-NE of A LUOI Village, in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

20 May 1970



CPL John A. Claggett, (E/2-502 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 multiple fragmentation wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered while on the NE slope of Hill 882, 14km E-NE of A LUOI Village, in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

20 May 1970



SGT Gary W. Gear (E/2-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from multiple fragmentation wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered while on the NE slope of Hill 882, 14km E-NE of A LUOI Village, in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

21 May 1968

SSG Richard A. Paquette (C/1-501 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wound received during actions in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101st Air CAV DIV; General Order Number 4616)

21 May 1968

SGT John B. Pond Sr. (C/1-501 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wound received during actions in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101st Air CAV DIV; General Order Number 4616)



21 May 1968

SP4 Paul W. Garnine (A/2-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wound received during actions in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101st Air CAV DIV; General Order Number 4616)

21 May 1968



SGT Billie R. Acree (C/2-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from artillery, rocket, mortar wounds while at base camp when CAMP EAGLE on route 546, 8km SE of HUE Citadel came under hostile rocket attack in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

21 May 1968



SGT Charles P. Brown (C/2-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death while at a defense position when hit by fragment from hostile rocket while at base camp when CAMP EAGLE on route 546, 8km SE of HUE Citadel came under hostile rocket attack in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

21 May 1968



2LT John P. Brown (HHC/2-502 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 wounds while at base camp when CAMP EAGLE on route 546, 8km SE of HUE Citadel came under hostile rocket attack in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

21 May 1968



PFC Vincent J. Caravello (E/2-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from fragments wounds while at base camp when CAMP EAGLE on route 546, 8km SE of HUE Citadel came under hostile rocket attack in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

21 May 1968



PFC Michael F. Deeny III (A/2-502 IN); was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from artillery, rocket, mortar wounds while at base camp when CAMP EAGLE on route 546, 8km SE of HUE Citadel came under hostile rocket attack in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

21 May 1968



CPL Larry M. Gross (C/2-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from artillery, rocket, mortar wounds while at base camp when CAMP EAGLE on route 546, 8km SE of HUE Citadel came under hostile rocket attack in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

21 May 1968



SP4 James Johnson Jr. (B/2-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from metal fragment wounds while at base camp when CAMP EAGLE on route 546, 8km SE of HUE Citadel came under hostile rocket attack in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.



21 May 1968



PFC Leonard D. McGinnis (B/2-502 IN); was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in their deaths from artillery, rocket, mortar wounds while at base camp when CAMP EAGLE on route 546, 8km SE of HUE Citadel came under hostile rocket attack in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

21 May 1968



SSG Jerry E. Spicer (HHC/2-502 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 wounds while at base camp when CAMP EAGLE on route 546, 8km SE of HUE Citadel came under hostile rocket attack in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

21 May 1968



PFC Charles E. Walthall (B/2-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death while at a defense position when hit by fragment from hostile rocket while at base camp when CAMP EAGLE on route 546, 8km SE of HUE Citadel came under hostile rocket attack in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

21 May 1969

The Following Soldiers from B/1-501 IN:

SP4 Richard F. Sengo SP4 Robert H. Anderson Jr. PFC Walen R. Sumrow

Was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wounds received from action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Order Number 7673)

21 May 1969

The Following Soldiers from C/1-501 IN:

1LT Valentine J. Zapert SP4 Roy E. Huckaby SP4 Gary W. Elliott
PFC Rickey L. Larsen PFC Henry F. Ybarra

Was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wounds received from action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Order Number 7673)

21 May 1969

The Following Soldiers from D/1-501 IN:

1LT Ronald L. Black SP4 Gerard P. Winka SP4 Kenneth L. Bowles
SP4 Robert E. Ross PFC Thomas J. Smith PFC Paul DiGerolamo

Was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wounds received from action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Order Number 7673)

21 May 1969

PFC Richard L. Costerisan (E/1-501 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wounds received from action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Order Number 7673)

21 May 1969



SGT LC Carter (D/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 from small arms gun fire wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered in the vicinity of hill 270, 6km E-SE of TIEN PHUOC, in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

21 May 1969



CPL Patrick R. Diehl (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 from small arms gun fire wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered in the vicinity of hill 270, 6km E-SE of TIEN PHUOC, in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.



21 May 1969



PFC Louis E. Fenceroy (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 from small arms gun fire wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered in the vicinity of hill 270, 6km E-SE of TIEN PHUOC, in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

21 May 1969



CPL Michael M. Hatzell (D/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 from small arms gun fire wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered in the vicinity of hill 270, 6km E-SE of TIEN PHUOC, in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

21 May 1969



SP4 Charles E. Hawkins Jr. (D/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 from small arms gun fire wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered in the vicinity of hill 270, 6km E-SE of TIEN PHUOC, in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

21 May 1969



SP4 Edward J. Hogan (D/1-501 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 wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered in the vicinity of hill 270, 6km E-SE of TIEN PHUOC, in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

21 May 1969



PFC Thomas P. Jackson Jr. (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 from small arms gun fire wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered in the vicinity of hill 270, 6km E-SE of TIEN PHUOC, in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

21 May 1969



PFC Lee A. Napier (C/1-501 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 wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered in the vicinity of hill 270, 6km E-SE of TIEN PHUOC, in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

21 May 1969

SP4 Fletcher J. Nowlin Jr. (HHC/1-501 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wounds received from small arms gun fire wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered. He was admitted to a military medical facility, placed on the SI list and then on the VSI list, and later expired on 03 June 1969.

21 May 1969



PFC Edison R. Phillips (B/1-501) 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 wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered in the vicinity of hill 270, 6km E-SE of TIEN PHUOC, in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.



21 May 1969



SFC Pedro A. Rios (D/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 from small arms gun fire wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered in the vicinity of hill 270, 6km E-SE of TIEN PHUOC, in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

21 May 1969



PFC James I. Sanford (D/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 from small arms gun fire wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered in the vicinity of hill 270, 6km E-SE of TIEN PHUOC, in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

21 May 1969



SP4 Keith N. Starnes Jr. (D/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 from small arms gun fire wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered in the vicinity of hill 270, 6km E-SE of TIEN PHUOC, in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

21 May 1970



SGT Larry J. Kirkland (D/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 from small arms gun fire wounds while he was returning to a night defensive position when he was mistaken for a hostile force and fired upon by friendly force in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

22 May 1969

The following Soldiers from C/1-501 IN:

SSG Kenneth E. Buesing

SP4 John P. Sansone

Was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wounds received in action in combat. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Order Number 7032)

22 May 1969



PFC Errol W. Perreira (B/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 multiple fragmentation wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered 9km S-SE of TIEN PHUOC in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

22 May 1971



SGT Armando M. Zepeda (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 from other explosive device wounds while at an artillery firing position when the area came under attack by hostile force in the TA TRANG River Valley 14 KM North of RUONG RUONG, THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

23 May 1969



CPL Robert L. Boese (E/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 from multiple fragmentation wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered 5 KM E-SE of TIEN PHUOC, in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.



23 May 1969



SP4 Roy C. Newsome (B/1-501 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from multiple fragmentation wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered 5 KM E-SE of TIEN PHUOC, in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

23 May 1969



PFC Robert J. Randall Jr. (E/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 from artillery, rocket, mortar wounds while on a combat operations when a hostile force was encountered 5 KM E-SE of TIEN PHUOC, in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

24 May 1968



1LT Michael L. Deane (HHC 2-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from artillery, rocket, mortar wounds while at base camp when CAMP EAGLE on route 546, 8km SE of HUE Citadel came under hostile rocket attack in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam. 1LT Deane was admitted to a military hospital, placed on the SI list, then transferred to a Navy hospital ship, and later expired.

24 May 1969



SP4 Charles R. Jones (E/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 from multiple fragmentation wounds while on a combat operation when a hostile force was encountered 5km SE of TIEN PHUOC in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

25 May 1968

The Following Soldiers from D/1-502 IN:

SSG Thomas L. Partin

SP4 Glenn A. Gentile

SP4 Michael J. Jercens

Was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wounds received from action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101st Air CAV DIV; General Order Number 4616)

25 May 1968



CPT Jackie P. Justice (D/1-502 IN) (1-OLC) was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wounds received from action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101st Air CAV DIV; General Order Number 4616) (Amendment Order No. 5578)

25 May 1968



SGT Jessie C. Alba (D/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 from wounds received while on combat operation when came under hostile mortar attack in the THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam. SGT Alba was admitted to a military hospital and placed on the VSI list where he expired shortly thereafter.

25 May 1969



PFC Mario Lamelza (A/1-501 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 wounds while on combat operation when a hostile force was encountered 6km SE of TIEN PHUOC in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.



25 May 1969



SP4 Ralph A. Vitch (A/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 from small arms gun fire wounds while on combat operation when a hostile force was encountered 6km SE of TIEN PHUOC in the QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam.

25 May 1969

The Following Soldiers from B/2-501 IN:

SGT Timothy D. Ward
SP4 Michael B. Altizer

SGT Gary L. Vaneteen
PFC Walter Marshal Jr.

SGT Brian S. Williams

Was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wounds received from action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 85th Evac, Hospital, (SMBL); General Order Number 54, 26 May 1969)

25 May 1969

The Following Soldiers from B/2-501 IN:

1LT Bohdan G. Kopystianskyj
SP4 Paul S. Pawlak
PFC Monte W. Haugland

SGT Brian S. Williams
PFC Walter Marshal Jr.
PFC Billy J. Stracener

SP4 Michael B. Altizer
PFC Garry A. Crocker
PFC Milton J. Royal

Was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for military merit and for wounds received from action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Order Number 6546, 9 June 1969)



STRIKE HISTORY (Citation's and Awards):

20 May 1970



CPL John A. Claggett (E/2-502 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal (Posthumously) for gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 20 May 1970. Private Claggett distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman in Company E, 2nd Battalion (Airmobile), 502d Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, during combat operations in THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam. While approaching an enemy bunker complex, Private (promoted to CPL posthumously) Claggett's platoon received intense hostile fire. Despite the heavy volume of hostile fire directed against him, Private Claggett maneuvered against the insurgents and returned fire. He moved to an open position and remained there, placing suppressive fire on the enemy until one of his comrades threw a hand grenade into an enemy bunker. Private Claggett then assaulted the bunker nearest him and was mortally wounded by hostile automatic weapons fire. Private Claggett's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

20 May 1970



SP4 Gary W. Gear (E/2-502 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal (Posthumously) for gallantry in action while engaged in military operation involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 20 May 1970. Specialist Gear distinguished himself while serving as a machine gunner in Company E, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 502d Infantry, during combat operations in THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam. While approaching an enemy bunker complex, Specialist Gear's platoon received intense hostile fire. Despite the heavy volume of enemy fire, Specialist Gear rushed forward with his weapon and returned suppressive machine gun fire on the enemy positions. Shortly thereafter, Specialist Gear was wounded by hostile fire. Despite his wounds, he continued firing and continued moving forward ahead of the rest of the men. He maneuvered from position to position under hostile fire in spite of his wounds to provide covering fire for his comrades. While maneuvering against the insurgents, Specialist Gear was mortally wounded by a command-detonated anti-personnel mine. Specialist Gear's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV (AM), General Orders Number 8213; 21 July 1970)

20 May 1970



1LT James T. Hill (E/2-502 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal (1-OLC) for gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 29 April 1970. Lieutenant Hill distinguished himself while serving as a platoon leader in Company E, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 502d Infantry, during a reconnaissance mission near Fire Support Base Veghel, Republic of Vietnam. When the forward element of his platoon was ambushed by a well-entrenched enemy force, Lieutenant Hill immediately led an assault on the enemy bunkers, destroying one bunker as his platoon advanced on other enemy positions. Lieutenant Hill then called for and adjusted artillery on the remaining fortifications. His actions contributed greatly to the routing of the enemy force. Lieutenant Hill's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Orders Number 10386; 12 September 1970)

20 May 1970



SGT James P. Brinker (E/2-502 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor (2-OLC) for heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 20 May 1970. Sergeant Brinker distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman in Company E, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 502d Infantry, during combat operations in THUA THIEN Province, Republic of Vietnam. While conducting an on-line assault on a well-fortified enemy bunker complex, Sergeant Brinker's platoon was pinned down by intense hostile small arms and automatic weapons fire. Maneuvering to an unprotected position, Sergeant Brinker intentionally drew the enemy fire to himself, enabling a comrade to engage the bunkers at close range with hand grenades. Despite the enemy fire, Sergeant Brinker charged a hostile emplacement, quickly silencing it with hand grenades. His actions contributed immeasurably to the routing of the enemy. Sergeant Brinker's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV (AM), General Orders Number 8925; 10 August 1970)

21 May 1967

SFC Edgar C. Burkhalter Jr. (A/2-502 IN) was awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an armed hostile force. Sergeant First Class Burkhalter distinguished himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with an armed hostile force on 21 May 1967 near DUC PHO, Republic of Vietnam, while serving as a member of Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. During a resupply mission one of the resupply helicopters crashed while attempting to take off and several men were pinned under the wreckage. Sergeant Burkhalter, realizing the great danger of the aircraft catching fire with ammunition and explosives aboard, rushed to the aid of the stricken men. As Sergeant Burkhalter neared the wreckage, it started to smoke and then caught fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety and at the risk of his life, he moved to the tail assembly and by sheer strength lifted it and held it until the men were pulled free from the wreckage and to safety. Only then did he set the aircraft down and moved away from the intense heat. Had it not been for Sergeant Burkhalter's courage, two men would have burned to death. Sergeant Burkhalter's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army (HQ, IFFV, General Orders Number 977; 22 December 1967)



21 May 1969



SP4 Santiago J. Erevia (C/1-501 IN) was awarded the Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Specialist Fourth Class Erevia distinguished himself on 21 May 1969 while serving as a radio-telephone operator with Company C, 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), during a search and clear mission near TAM KY City in the Republic of Vietnam. After his platoon had penetrated an enemy defensive perimeter, Specialist Erevia was delegated to remain behind and care for the wounded while the rest of the platoon pushed on against the adversary. As Specialist Erevia began administering first aid to the battle casualties, their position came under heavy fire from a line of enemy bunkers to his left front.



Without hesitation, Specialist Erevia crawled from one wounded man to another gathering weapons and ammunition. Armed with two M-16 rifles and several hand grenades, he then rose to his feet and charged directly into the fire of the hostile gun emplacement, discharging suppressive fire on the enemy as he ran. Once near the first bunker, Specialist Erevia edged his way up to the emplacement under intense fire from the other bunkers and unleashed a grenade on its defender. He then maneuvered to the second and third bunkers employing the same tactics and destroyed both fortifications and their occupants with well-placed grenades. His supply of hand grenades now exhausted, Specialist Erevia fought his way to the final bunker, running and firing both M-16 rifles simultaneously, and killed the fortification's defender with point-blank fire. Having single-handedly destroyed four enemy bunkers and their occupants, Specialist Fourth Class Erevia then returned to the soldiers charged to his care and resumed treating their injuries. Specialist Fourth Class Erevia's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army. (General Orders: Headquarters, U.S. Army Vietnam, General Orders No. 4500 (December 22, 1969 * Original Order for DSC; upgraded to Medal of Honor and presented on March 14, 2014)

21 May 1969



1LT Daniel L. O'Neill (C/1-501 IN) was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam, while serving with Company C, 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile). First Lieutenant O'Neill distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 21 May 1969 while serving as platoon leader on a search and destroy mission. His unit was ordered to attack a heavily-fortified hilltop position near the city of TAM KY. A large open rice paddy lay between his position and the objective. Immediately upon initiating the attack, his platoon was subjected to heavy enemy automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenade fire. Employing fire and maneuver, he began to move his platoon forward. Realizing that his men were reluctant to move because of the heavy volume of enemy fire, Lieutenant O'Neill began to move up and down the line shouting encouragement. He then took the lead and led his platoon across the rice paddy to the base of the enemy positions. Employing hand grenades and close fighting, his platoon broke through the initial enemy bunkers and continued to ascend the hill. He then realized that his platoon was receiving fire from its flanks and rear as well as from the enemy positions to the front. Temporarily halting his platoon, he directed the destruction of the enemy positions to his flanks and rear with light antitank weapons and hand grenades. He then renewed the assault, called for and redistributed ammunition, and led the final assault to the top of the hill, eliminating the final pockets of enemy resistance. Ordered to withdraw from the hill to reinforce another platoon, he effectively led his men against the insurgents and rescued the besieged elements. Lieutenant O'Neill's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. (HQ, USARV; General Orders Number 499; 22 February 1970)

21 May 1969

SP4 James P. Glemser (C/1-501 IN) was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam, while serving with Company C, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry, 101st Airborne Division. Specialist Four Glemser distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 21 May 1969 while serving as a radio telephone operator during a search and clear operation near the city of TAN KY, QUANG TIN Province. While maneuvering against well-fortified North Vietnamese bunker complexes, his patrol came under intense small arms and automatic weapons fire. As his platoon advanced, an enemy soldier hurled a grenade from his spider hole towards Specialist Glemser and his platoon sergeant, seriously wounding the sergeant. Amid intense enemy fire, Specialist Glemser crawled towards the casualty. After reaching the wounded man, he applied a dressing to his wounds and dragged him to a safer position. Then, Specialist Glemser assaulted the enemy soldier's spider hole, successfully eliminating the foe. Returning to the wounded sergeant, Specialist Glemser carried him 100 meters across a fire-swept rice paddy to the safety of his team's perimeter. Specialist Four Glemser's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. (HQ, USARV, General Orders Number 2033; 12 June 1971)



21 May 1969



1LT Donald F. Gourley Jr. (C/1-501 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 21 May 1969. Lieutenant Gourley distinguished himself while serving as platoon leader in Company C, 1st Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry. Company C was ordered to attack a heavily fortified enemy hill near TAM KY in QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam. Lieutenant Gourley promptly organized his platoon and deployed it in preparation for the attack. A large open rice paddy lay between his position and the objective. Immediately upon initiating the attack, his platoon received intensive fire from enemy automatic weapons and rocket propelled grenades. Lieutenant Gourley immediately began to move his platoon forward employing fire and maneuver. Noting the reluctance of his troops to subject themselves to the enemy's fire and cross the open rice paddy, he left his covered position and moved up and down the line directing and encouraging his men. He led his platoon across the rice paddy toward the enemy position. Upon reaching the base of the enemy held hill, the insurgents began a heavy barrage of hand grenades, which inflicted numerous casualties. Lieutenant Gourley led the assault on the enemy positions, and the 2nd platoon broke through the first line of enemy entrenchments and continued to ascend the hill. Upon reaching the crest of the hill, his platoon again came under intense fire from additional enemy positions. With the ammunition supply becoming rapidly depleted, Lieutenant Gourley moved from position to position redistributing the remaining ammunition. He then led the final assault to the top of the hill, eliminating the final pockets of enemy resistance. At this time the reserve platoon of his company came under attack and Lieutenant Gourley's platoon was ordered to withdraw from the hill and reinforce another platoon. Remaining behind with a small force, he covered his platoon as it evacuated its casualties and withdrew to reinforce the second platoon. The enlarged unit was able to repel the enemy attack. At this time Lieutenant Gourley realized that one of his men was missing. Having determined that the man was lying wounded about a third of the way up the initial objective, he moved to the open location of the wounded man and brought him safely back. Lieutenant Gourley's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with himself, his unit, and the United States Army. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Orders Number 15088; 22 December 1969)

21 May 1969



SGT Elmer O. Neises (C/1-501 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 21 May 1969. Sergeant Neises distinguished himself while serving as a squad leader in Company C, 1st Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry, near the city of TAM KY, Republic of Vietnam. During a search and clear mission, Sergeant Neises subjected himself to the hostile fire as he rushed an enemy position and destroyed it with hand grenades. Sergeant Neises, seeing that the enemy force had his platoon in a cross fire, he picked up several anti-tank weapons and advanced on an insurgent machine gun position with two of his fellow Soldiers. He crawled toward the position despite receiving hostile fire and placed suppressive fire on the insurgents, allowing his comrades to destroy the hostile positions. His courageous actions during the intense enemy contact contributed greatly to the success of the mission. Sergeant Neises' personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV (AM); General Orders Number 4933; 4 May 1970)

21 May 1969

SSG Kenneth E. Buesing (C/1-501 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 21 May 1969. Sergeant Buesing distinguished himself while serving as a squad leader in Company C, 1st Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry, during search and clear operation near TAM KY, Republic of Vietnam. While maneuvering against a heavily fortified North Vietnamese Army bunker complex, two platoons of Company C were subjected to heavy machine gun fire from the left flank. Volunteering to neutralize the enemy position, Sergeant Buesing crawled through intense enemy bunker. When two light anti-tank weapons silenced the hostile machine gun but failed to neutralize the bunker, Sergeant Buesing again subjected himself to enemy small arms fire to crawl closer to the bunker and destroy it and its occupants with hand grenades. Sergeant Buesing's action saved the lives of many of his comrades and enabled his element to advance. Sergeant Buesing's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Orders Number 4981; 06 May 1970)

21 May 1969

SP4 Michael C. Tomaszewski (D/1-501 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 21 May 1969. Specialist Tomaszewski distinguished himself while serving as a squad leader in Company D, 1st Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry, during a search and clear operation near TAM KY in Quan Tin Province, Republic of Vietnam. Specialist Tomaszewski was maneuvering with his unit against a well-entrenched enemy force occupying a hillside position. Suddenly his element was subjected to the intense fire of an enemy bunker complex, and several men were wounded and remained open to hostile fire. Specialist Tomaszewski then led his machine gun team forward in an attempt to place suppressing fire on the enemy. Crawling forward into the heavy enemy fire, he placed his life in the hands of the determined insurgents in order to maneuver his men. While he provided covering fire, the other men of his platoon evacuated the wounded to safety. With this accomplished, the men of Company D attempted to assault and destroy the enemy positions. In the ensuing battle, Specialist Tomaszewski's platoon leader was wounded and evacuated. Immediately assuming command, he led his men against the insurgents throughout the remainder of the day and kept command of his platoon until a new platoon leader was assigned several weeks later. His outstanding courage and professional leadership were an inspiration to all his men and undoubtedly contributed to the saving of many lives as well as being a major factor in the success of the assault on the enemy positions. Specialist Tomaszewski's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Orders Number 14828; 15 December 1969)



21 May 1969



1LT Valentine J. Zapert (E/1-501 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 21 May 1969. Lieutenant Zapert distinguished himself while serving as platoon leader, reconnaissance platoon, Company E, 1st Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry, during a reconnaissance in force operation near TAM KY, in Quan Tin Province, Republic of Vietnam. Lieutenant Zapert volunteered to take his platoon and relieve Company D, which had sustained numerous casualties while engaging a well-entrenched enemy force. While attempting to reach the company's location, Lieutenant Zapert's platoon suddenly came under intense enemy machine gun fire. Reacting immediately, he charged through the heavy fire and silenced the enemy position, killing the three-man crew and capturing the weapon. Utilizing several of his men in this position, he directed them to place suppressive fire upon the enemy as he and the remainder of his men went forward. While advancing on Company D's location, Lieutenant Zapert was wounded by an enemy hand grenade, which temporarily impaired his vision and hearing. Ignoring his wounds, he subjected himself continually to the intense fire as he directed evacuation of the dead and wounded. As he directed medical evacuation operations, he was again wounded in the leg by small arms fire. Quickly bandaging his wound, he evacuated the casualties to a secure area beyond the reach of enemy fire. Only when all of the men had been treated and evacuated did he agree to leave the field of battle. His personal bravery and dynamic leadership resulted in the killing of several enemy, the capturing of a large caliber enemy crew served weapon, and the saving of many lives. Lieutenant Zapert's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Orders Number 15207; 30 December 1969)

22 May 1968



1LT Thomas W. Trabert (D/2-501 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 22 May 1968. First Lieutenant Trabert distinguished himself while serving as Platoon Leader for the 2d Platoon, Company D, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry, while on a search and clear operation along the SONG O AU River near HUE, Republic of Vietnam. Lieutenant Trabert was in command of a three-man patrol which was in search of traces of enemy activity and provided security for the rest of the platoon. Shortly after crossing the stream, Lieutenant Trabert observed a North Vietnamese Army platoon preparing its night position. Lieutenant Trabert then maneuvered his small patrol into position in order to lead it in an attack upon the unsuspecting enemy force while leading the grenade and small arms assault upon the enemy, Lieutenant Trabert received a painful hand wound, but continued against the entrenched enemy. Having taken the initiative from the enemy, Lieutenant Trabert then called in and directed helicopter gunship fire upon the enemy positions. A sweep of the battle area revealed seventeen enemy casualties, numerous weapons, and evidence of several wounded enemy Soldiers. Lieutenant Trabert's actions resulted in the reduction of the enemy force to an ineffective fighting unit. First Lieutenant Trabert's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Orders Number 2499; 19 March 1969)



22 May 1969



PFC Errol W. Perreira (B/1-502 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal (Posthumously) for gallantry in action on the Republic of Vietnam on 22 May 1969. Private Perreira distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman in Company B, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry, while on a reconnaissance in force operation south of DA NANG, Republic of Vietnam. The Second Platoon was caught by intense fire from concealed enemy positions. The initial volley of fire wounded the Kit Carson Scout attached to the platoon. Private Perreira, disregarding his own safety, went to the aid of the wounded man through intense enemy fire to move him to safety. He then rejoined his element, which was maneuvering on the enemy position. It soon became apparent that the platoons organize weapons and determination would not be sufficient to overcome the strongly emplaced enemy. It was decided to move back so that artillery and gunships could be utilized. Private Perreira stayed forward as the platoon started to move back, giving them covering fire with his own weapon. Once the platoon had pulled back a short distance, he made one last attempt to dislodge the enemy. He stood up and threw a grenade into the enemy machine gun position. He was mortally wounded in this effort, which destroyed the position of the enemy weapon. PFC Perreira's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Orders Number 9082; 19 July 1969)

23 May 1968



CPT Jackie P. Justice (D/1-502 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 23 May 1968. Captain Justice distinguished himself while serving as Commanding Officer of Company D, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry on a combat operation in the village of AP DONG BAO, Republic of Vietnam. During the late morning hours, a Viet Cong force attacked the Second Platoon, and Captain Justice moved quickly through the danger area to reach his lead element. Throughout the ensuing battle, he personally directed the retaliatory fire of his men and was most instrumental in repulsing the Viet Cong attack. That afternoon, Captain Justice and his element swept the battle area to check for enemy casualties. After he returned to his former position, the headquarter element received intense hostile sniper fire. Captain Justice set up a base of fire and directed an orderly withdrawal to the main body of the company. Upon reaching the perimeter, Captain Justice directed the retaliatory artillery and helicopter gunship fire upon the enemy positions. Captain Justice's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Orders Number 9704; 21 November 1968)



25 May 1969



PFC Mario Lamelza (A/1-501 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal (Posthumously) for gallantry in action while engaged in military operations against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 25 May 1969. Private Lamelza distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman with Company A, 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry, during a combat mission in QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam. On the cited date, the lead platoon of Company A came under an intense volume of small arms and automatic weapons fire from well-fortified enemy bunker complexes. Private Lamelza maneuvered across the rice paddy to within fifteen meters of an enemy machine gun position. After eliminating this bunker with a hand grenade, he moved through the brush to the next enemy position. Then, with complete disregard for his own safety, he stood up and killed the occupants of the second bunker with rifle fire. While attempting to maneuver on the third enemy position, he suffered fatal gunshot wounds. Private Lamelza's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Orders Number 8796; 13 July 1969)

25 May 1969



SP4 Ralph A. Vitch (A/1-501 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal (Posthumously) for gallantry in action while engaged in military operations against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 25 May 1969. Specialist Vitch distinguished himself while serving as a team leader with Company A, 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry, during a combat mission in QUANG TIN Province, Republic of Vietnam. On the cited date, the lead platoon of Company A came under an intense volume of small arms and automatic fire from well-fortified enemy bunker complexes. When Specialist Vitch saw a fellow Soldier wounded, he immediately rushed to his aid. Braving intense enemy fire, Specialist Vitch found that he was unable to save the fatally wounded Soldier. Without regard for his own safety, Specialist Vitch maneuvered on one of the bunker positions. On reaching grenade distance, he repeatedly threw grenades into the bunker, but the enemy Soldiers held and continued to fire at him. He then charged the position and killed its occupants with rifle fire. He then directed his attention to the second enemy position, but before he could maneuver within grenade range, he was mortally wounded by gunshot fire. His conspicuous gallantry contributed to the killing of six North Vietnamese Soldiers and the capture of another. Specialist Vitch's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Orders Number 9240; 21 July 1969)



ACRONYMS

ACAV: Armored Cavalry
ACD: Air Cavalry Division
AD: Americal Division
AD: Airborne Division (Would be after numeric numbers)
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))
BDE: Brigade
BN: Battalion
BSM: Bronze Star Medal
BBT: Booby Traps
CA: Combat Assault
CANOPY: Heavily Wooded Terrain
CAV: Cavalry
CO: Company
CP: Command Post
DIV: Division
DSC: Distinguished Service Cross
DZ: Drop Zone
ENG: Engineer
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
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
RVN: Republic of Vietnam
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

